

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

The highlight of last week was the Ordination of Ruth Hanlon, Jennifer Hercott, and Susan Willis to the Priesthood. We had a wonderful celebration, and it was great to see so many folk gathered at St David's. On Sunday I was able to be present at the 200th Anniversary of the first service at St David's. We had a good old fashioned BCP service and a rousing sermon written by Robert Knopwood and delivered by the Dean. There were a number of other challenges last week relating to the Royal Commission, and I thank you for your prayers for all concerned.

Please join me in giving thanks to God:

- For Ruth, Jennifer and Susan, and their ordination
- For 200 years of faithful ministry at St David's and its witness to Christ in Hobart
- For Dean Richard and his team
- For the opportunity to highlight Faithfulness in Service this coming Sunday

Please pray for:

- The newly ordained Priests, that they will exercise their ministry faithfully.
- The ministries of St David's Cathedral, that they will be fruitful in proclaiming Christ to Hobart, and being a place for the Diocese to gather for worship.
- The Diocesan Senior leadership team meeting today and tomorrow
- The ongoing response to the Royal Commission CEBS Report.

Richard

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Jerry was recovering from day surgery when a nurse asked him how he was feeling.

"I'm OK but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse.

"OOPS!"

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

Thomas Edison

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

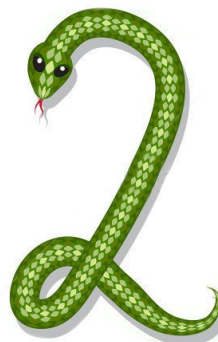
George Carlin

After the flood was all over and Noah lowered the ramp of the ark for all the animals to leave, he told the animals, "To go forth and multiply."

All the animals left except two snakes who lay quietly in the corner of the ark.

"Why won't you go forth and multiply?" demanded Noah.

"We can't," answered the snakes. "We're adders."



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committed to Christ and making him known**

Faithfulness in Service Sunday

*Almighty God,
Lord of truth and grace
hear our prayers for the Royal Commission into
Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.*

*Grant the Commissioners wisdom and strength,
the patience to weigh testimony,
insight to pose questions,
and success in all their deliberations
for the health of our nation.*

*Above all, most merciful Father.
grant to the victims of abuse
the courage to tell their stories,
strength to endure pain,
and healing for their wounds.
In their sorrow, give them your peace.*

*And refine your people, Sovereign Lord
by the light of your truth expose in full
the darkness in our institutions.
Inspire remorse and establish justice.
Forgive us.
By your Spirit renew us,
for the good of all,
and the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

Praise for:

- ✚ The opportunity this Friday to share with Christians from around the world for World Day of Prayer. Praise that Susan from St Francis' church is still with us to share in another WDOP service
- ✚ Connie, Jan, Graeme, Ken and the many others who quietly work in our churches without expectation of recognition. Matthew 25:21

Pray for:

- ✚ Bev Percey as she copes with changes to her medication
- ✚ Bishop Richard as he deals with difficult situations, and as he prepares for the vision consultations in each region
- ✚ Tim, Emma & family as they travel around the state on deputation for CMS
- ✚ Lindy in the Primary Schools and Cecily in the High School, that God would sustain them and give them wisdom in all that they do and say
- ✚ Relief from the anxieties felt by children e.g. "Will I miss something?", "Am I good enough?", "What will they think of me?"
- ✚ Relief of bitterness that children feel at times of family break up, when children go between parents, Mondays and Fridays in particular
- ✚ Remember to pray and keep it up (collective prayer) 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ✚ *Continue to pray for:*
- ✚ June Hazzlewood; Emily Oakley
- ✚ Pray daily for those with ongoing needs
 - ✚ Margot ✚ Robin ✚ Rona ✚ Bill & Bev
 - ✚ Dick & Jo ✚ Joan Wilkins ✚ Betty ✚ Alison
 - ✚ Roger & Julianne ✚ Connie ✚ Marie
 - ✚ Ian, Helen & Sarah ✚ Trish, Louise & Issy
 - ✚ Tim & Emma, Sophie & Jake ✚ Bill & Rob

What's going on?

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening - This Tuesday 28th February from 5:30pm at St Oswald's. Cost : donation to missions

World Day of Prayer - This Friday 3rd March, 10am at St Oswald's Trevallyn. Morning tea in the hall will follow the service. Please come along and support this wonderful opportunity to share in prayer with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world

Vision Consultation with Bishop Richard - Saturday 18th March from 10am to 4pm, at St John's Launceston. Morning Tea will be provided but you are asked to bring your own lunch. This consultation is for Clergy, Lay Ministers, Parish Leaders, and anyone else who would like to have some input in developing our strategic directions for the future. You must register online if you plan to attend: fix.yt/northern-vision-consultation

Connect Children's Ministry Conference - Saturday 18th March, 9am to 3:30pm at Scotch Oakburn College Newstead. Keynote address from Sue Bluett, "Generational Connections: growing disciples across all the ages". More info at www.facebook.com/TasCMN & register online at goo.gl/7NX2ly

200 Years of the Bible Society Celebration - Sunday 19th March, 2:30pm at St John's, 157 St John Street Launceston. Bp Richard Condie will be the guest speaker.

Launceston Easter Community Festival - 14th to 16th April at multiple programmes in various locations around the city. Check the website for full programme and locations www.launceston.org.au

Easter Festival - 14th to 16th April at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 1st March Ash Wednesday

10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St Oswald's

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 5th March

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Home Groups

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bev Percey - 4th March

We don't stop playing because we
grow old;

we grow old because we stop playing

