

Bishop's Weekly Prayers

Dear Friends,
Last week I met with the Heads of Churches in Tasmania. This is a great group of like-minded people, who are praying for revival and the outpouring of God's spirit across the state. We were discussing upcoming legislation on euthanasia, and other issues of concern. It is a privilege to pray with and for them. I spent Wednesday with a cohort of clergy in the first few years of their ordained ministry. It was a stimulating time with a terrific bunch of people. Friday night I attended the 125th Celebration of St Michael's Collegiate school at Government House. On Saturday 80 people joined me for the Vision Consultation at Bellerive. It was an exciting and challenging day with lots of great input (lots of work for me!!). This week I am at the National Bishops' Meeting in Queensland. Please uphold us in prayer.

Join me in giving thanks for:

- The heads of churches in Tasmania
- Our younger clergy
- 125 years of education at St Michael's Collegiate School
- Those praying for and working on our Diocesan Vision

Please pray:

- That the leaders of our churches will stay true to the Gospel, and lead with integrity and prayerfulness.
- For our younger clergy that they will commit to life-long growth in skill and godliness.
- That Collegiate will be a place of good education and life transformation for its students.
- That God would show us where he wants us to go as a Diocese, and that he will guide the Vision discernment process.
- For the National Bishops' Meeting for truth, grace, courage and faithfulness.

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World Day of Prayer

On Friday 3rd March about 40 people from four different churches met for WDOP.

This service was prepared by the people of the Philippines.

Children from Riverside Primary and St Anthony's Schools took part in the service, and Alan Harris delivered a meaningful message.

This was followed by morning tea.

A good day for all concerned!



"We're definitely being downsized."



12th
March

Information & Church family news
for the congregations of
St David's & St Oswald's

RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

Lord,
You delight in bringing kindness, justice and righteousness to earth and we choose today to join you in that.
Give us the courage to remain open, aware and engaged with a broken world, even when it overwhelms us and requires personal sacrifice. Give us the wisdom and will to make eternal, Kingdom-focused choices today; knowing that the fullness of life you came to bring us lies not in this transient, earthly life, but in seeing your Kingdom come.
On earth as it is in heaven.

As I prepare now for God's tomorrow, the key thing I do is **choose**. I choose to be aware and remain engaged when it would be easier to turn away and check out; I choose to really see, hear and love my neighbour when it would be easier to ignore them or build a wall; I choose to let my heart break when I see poverty, injustice and conflict; I choose to know that it spurs me to act; and I choose to live today with my focus on the unseen, eternal things of God's Kingdom when it is tempting to focus on the immediate and material.

Praise for:

- † Mary and her team for the excellent presentation for World Day of Prayer
- † All of us working in every-member ministry

Pray for:

- † Margot, Betty, Rona and all our other friends and relatives in nursing homes, for their well-being and peace of mind. Pray also for the caring staff
- † All those who care for loved ones at home
- † Those who are travelling over the long weekend
- † God's grace to be truly flowing through Lindy's work in the schools
- † Healing in and between all those in need
- † Intuition, that knowing God's plan and purpose Lindy will have the intuition to know when to speak and when to listen
- † James & the Children's Ministry Network team as they host the Connect Conference this Saturday
- † The Bishop's Vision Consultation this Saturday, for good attendance and active participation, so that we would all be a part of the future Diocesan vision
- † Women worldwide, for those living in extreme poverty & in oppressed countries, and those who are working to lift oppression & relieve poverty

Continue to pray for:

- † 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
 - † June † Emily

What's going on?

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 15th March, 2pm at Robin's for a "show and tell" day

Aged Care Information and Q&A - THIS WEDNESDAY 10am to 12 noon at St Aidan's East Launceston, presented by Anglicare. Morning tea will be provided. RSVP to the Parish office 6324 0039

Vision Consultation with Bishop Richard - THIS 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: tix.yt/northern-vision-consultation

Connect Children's Ministry Conference - THIS Saturday 18th March, 9am to 3:30pm at Scotch Oakburn College Newstead. Register online at goo.gl/7NX2ly

James needs donations of about four slices for the Connect Conference this Saturday, and also people to volunteer. Volunteers are needed to prepare tea & coffee, set out the morning tea, collect lunch, and to do some cleaning up afterwards. If you are able to help please call James on 0407 325275

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

Crafty Circle - Thursday 23rd March, 10am in St David's hall. New crafters always welcome!

Music on the Green & Fair - Sunday 26th March, 11am to 3pm at PresCare Legana. Featuring "the Roller Rockers" & lots of stalls

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

Wednesday 15th March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Thursday 16th March

10:45 am PresCare

Sunday 19th 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

Books! Books! Books!

The hall library has a great range of books for you to read - these are free, but if you would care to give a donation to either BCA for Riverside Schools Chaplaincy in the boxes provided on one of the bookshelves.

