

Bishop's Weekly Prayers

Dear Friends,
Thanks for your prayers for the Bishops' meeting last week. A lot of business got done, friendships were strengthened, and conversations were had about important matters of church life. I also managed a quick visit to Brisbane to see my Mum which was nice. The weekend was spent on the North-West Coast. I had the privilege of inducting the Revd Joel Nankervis as Priest in Charge of Circular Head. This is the first time in almost 20 years since the Parish has had full time stipendiary ministry. The appointment was made possible by a new ministry grant from the Diocesan Council, and the generous contribution of other parishes in the Diocese. On Sunday I worshipped with the Bridge of Hope Parish in Port Sorell. It was encouraging to see them training the congregation in how to share their faith in the Sunday service.

Give thanks for:

- The Australian Anglican Bishops
- Joel Nankervis and his willingness to serve in Circular Head, and the faithful folk of that Parish.
- The New Ministry Fund supporting him
- Bridge of Hope Parish

Please pray:

- That the Bishops will keep the mission of Christ at the forefront of their minds as they lead.
- For Joel and Lyn to settle into Circular Head well, and that their ministry will be fruitful for the gospel.
- That many parishes will train up their people to share their faith as we continue to focus on making disciples.
- For the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse which will meet this Friday and into next week, for the final hearing on the Anglican Church. Please pray for my preparation to appear on Monday next.

Richard

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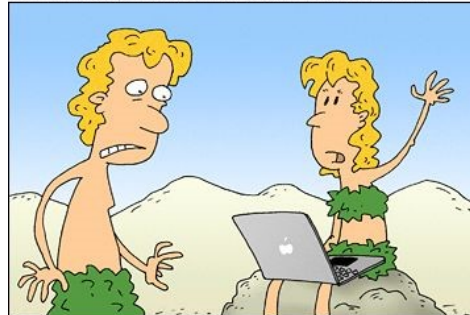
April is collection time for mission boxes. Please bring your boxes in to the Parish office before the end of the month.



The City Mission is in desperate need of non-perishable goods. Let's make it our Lenten mission to assist them to build their stock back up again.

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple. But with extremely limited memory - just one byte. Then everything crashed!

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Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See Genesis 3) 01-19-2009
I KNOW WE CAN'T AFFORD IT BUT THAT SERPENT IS SO CONVINCING AND YOU KNOW I CAN'T RESIST APPLES



19th
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,
We thank you that your Kingdom has come to us in the here and now.
We ask that your power will enable us to bring life and light as we wrestle against evil and structures which destroy the dignity of those who are made in your image.
Energise us with your joy as we bring the hope of Christ to those who need a Saviour.
On earth as it is in heaven.

The message of the Kingdom informs us of who we are now. One can bring the future into the present and say: 'Where God is, is heaven'. It means that whatever God is about, we are about. If it is healing the sick, releasing the captive, speaking truth to power or restoring human dignity by reminding people that they are made in the image of God, then that's what we do. If it is about the hope of salvation, perpetuating joy, a non-naïve engagement with evil structures and trying to dismantle them in the name of Christ, then that is heaven and that's what we need to be about.
'Thy Kingdom come' leaves room for immense optimism, hope and energy to deal with intractable things that are happening right now. It is a fantastic prayer which doesn't evade real practical issues or evil but instils hope for the future as we live in the now.

Praise for:

- ✠ The ministry of the Bible Society over the last 200 years. Pray for them as they deal with the backlash of their 'Keeping it Light' campaign
- ✠ The rain on Thursday morning which was badly needed
- ✠ Bishop Richard as he continues getting to know us all. Praise for his inclusiveness in developing his Vision in consultation with all Parishioners
- ✠ All those working to make life better for children

Pray for:

- ✠ Robin as she rests her injured ankle in hospital
- ✠ Jesus to be obvious in all that we say & do
- ✠ Any gift that we have we can share with children - our own and others
- ✠ Love to underpin every part of our lives
- ✠ Stable government Australia-wide
- ✠ That children will be taught respect for others and that bullying would cease
- ✠ All refugees, especially for those facing starvation in Africa. Pray that people will be generous in giving & that governments will cooperate with aid agencies
- ✠ Everyone suffering from challenging weather worldwide
- ✠ *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?

200 Years of the Bible Society Celebration - 2:30pm TODAY 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

Parish Council & Ministry Support Team Retreat - Saturday 1st April

God's Design Genius - Monday 3rd April, 6pm fundraising dinner for Creation Discovery Centre. Feast on Spanish paella from award winning Chef Edrick Corben-Banks, hear violin maestro Peter Shurley play, & Dr Andy MacIntosh will speak on how real science confirms the Bible. At Trevallyn Life Church, 34 Pitt Ave Trevallyn. \$70 per person, bookings essential 0423 243211.

Tuesday 4th April, 6:30pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 125 Talbot Road South Launceston. Free, no bookings required. Hear from Dr Andy MacIntosh and International Director of Creation Research John Mackay.

For more info on either function please contact Craig Hawkins 0487 343348

Walk for Justice for Refugees - Palm Sunday, 9th April. BYO picnic in Princes Square at 12:30pm with the walk leaving from there at 2pm and finishing in City Park where a multi-cultural celebration will be held near the Hart Conservatory

Shared Passover - Thursday 13th April, 5:30 for 6:00pm at St Aidan's, East Launceston. RSVP to Jo 0408 441938

Good Friday service - Friday 14th April, 10am at St David's

Breaking Bread Together - Easter Sunday 16th

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 22nd March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 26th 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 to

Graeme

Barwick



24th March

In God you have been

enriched every day