

Bishop's Weekly Prayers

Dear Friends

Most of last week was taken up in my preparation for the Royal Commission which continues to meet this week. But on Saturday we had a wonderful Vision consultation meeting in Launceston with nearly 100 people attending. I am starting to get a real feel for where people's thinking is at on this project.

On Sunday morning I was at St John's Launceston preaching on the Exodus and confirming 6 young adults. It was a great celebration. On Sunday afternoon it was my privilege to preach at the 200th birthday of the Bible Society in Launceston. Sunday also marked one year since my ordination and installation as Bishop of Tasmania. I am very grateful to God for his leading and provision over the last year and thank him for the great gift of ministering here. Today I am appearing before the Royal Commission on a panel about Anglican Schools.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- The privilege to discern the future direction of the diocese through the Vision process.
- The six confirmees at St John's.
- The faithful ministry of the Bible Society over 200 years.

Please pray:

- For the six confirmees to grow in their faith especially in the next few months.
- That the Bible Society will continue to fulfil the vision to distribute the scriptures to those who don't have access to them in Australia and beyond.
- For Bishop Chris and me as we appear before the Royal Commission today and for the work of the Commission in making Australia a safer place for children.

Warmly in Christ
Richard

Fellowship Group

7 members met at Ann Collings' home on March 15. A new member, Marie Stanton, was welcomed, and apologies were received from Anne M, Jan, Jo, & Robin who has broken a bone in her foot.

Ross & Jenny celebrated extended communion from the healing service.

Prayers were said for absent members, and for Lindy in her work as Chaplain in Riverside Primary School.

We were pleased that Betty was again able to join us.

At show and tell we:

- learnt of the running of the Capstone College at Poatina which helps teens who have fallen through the education network
- browsed through a photo album of pictures from baby to marriage
- wondered at the durability of a hundred year old evening dress and a ninety year old baptism drees, bonnet & panties
- heard of the loving care of a Christian lady for a complete stranger

The afternoon ended as usual with a cuppa and cake.



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RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

Lord,

As night falls, as the hunger of the fast grows, keep us hungry for your justice and mercy, and mindful of your persistent love for us.

As we contemplate darkness, as women and men struggle in labour and ache in desperation, remind us that their *shalom* is as important to you as ours in this family that you have made possible.

As we wait eagerly for you, our eternal dawn, fill us with the hopeful excitement, imagination and faith of children as we work joyfully towards your Kingdom.

On earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

Traditional suburbs meet rising apartment towers where I live, while convenient consumerism obscures disadvantage and tomorrow's consequences, and busy people like me often ignore neighbours in their midst, let alone those living an ocean away.

Amidst all this, I'm thanking God for the people and circumstances He keeps using to challenge my thoughts about what is enough in my life and who I truly treat as my neighbour.

I'm keeping hope for God's tomorrow by helping my neighbourhood churches build links towards local justice, community, simple living and food, and enjoying the opportunities that emerge to learn and share with others about God's better tomorrow elsewhere.

Praise for:

- † Josh as he begins regular preaching around the Parish, and for the welcome rest this will give to our other preachers
- † Bishop Richard's consultative process with Anglicans around the state
- † That there were no fatalities from the recent earthquake in Bali
- † Relief from the recent unseasonable heat

Pray for:

- † Ministry Support Team & Parish Council as they meet for their annual retreat this Saturday
- † An opportunity to serve the school by providing morning tea to the school staff
- † New ideas for Lindy that will excite and enthuse the children in all of the many activities she does with them, especially in SUPA Club and in the Christmas & Easter presentations
- † Openness to all, that all Lindy does will be inclusive
- † People of Peru as they are inundated with flood waters
- † All those in our congregations with health problems which we may not be aware of
- † The start of Autumn rains
- † City Mission would receive the additional resources they require to fulfil client needs

Continue to pray for:

- † Robin as she rests her broken foot
- † 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?

Music on the Green & Fair - 11am to 3pm today at PresCare Legana. Featuring "the Roller Rockers" & lots of stalls

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

God's Design Genius - Monday 3rd April, 6pm fundraising dinner for Creation Discovery Centre. Spanish paella made by Chef Edrick Corben-Banks, music by Peter Shurley, & Dr Andy MacIntosh will speak on how real science confirms the Bible. At Trevallyn Life Church. \$70 pp, bookings essential 0423 243211. Also Tuesday 4th April, 6:30pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 125 Talbot Rd South L'ton, Dr Andy MacIntosh & Creation Research's John Mackay will be speaking. Free admission

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

Crafty Circle - Thursday 13th April, 10am in St David's hall

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 April we will share from a loaf of bread made from a single batch of dough as part of a statewide initiative to join all Tasmanian Christians together in communion

Launceston Easter Community Festival - 14th to 16th April at multiple programmes in various locations around the city

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 29th March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 2nd April

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

Plant & Produce Stall

Some of us are potting plants to be sold on a stall outside St David's at a date to be advised (soon!). We plan to also sell veggies and cut flowers.

So please pot up your plants and join us to make this a worthwhile project for missions.

Please let Connie know you are participating 6327 3120.

