

## Bishop's Weekly Prayers

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your prayers last week. The Anglican Church hearing before the Royal Commission went quite well. Bishop Chris Jones and I particularly welcomed your prayers on Monday. I was able to visit my kids in Melbourne on Tuesday, and attend a Board meeting for Launceston Church Grammar on Wednesday who are beginning a search for a new Principal. Thursday I was preparing for Diocesan Council, meeting with the Diocesan Ministry Support Team, and also visiting the Anglicare Board. On Friday I went to a Breakfast to launch Church Together on May 28, and Saturday night to a wonderful concert at St David's Cathedral marking 200 years of the laying of the foundation stone. The evening had the world premiere of a remarkable piece of music written for St David's. I also managed some time off, picking and preserving fruit from the garden. Refreshed and ready for a new week.

Join me in giving thanks for:

- Answered prayer at the Royal Commission
- The work of Launceston Church Grammar School, and Anglicare,
- And 200 years of ministry at St David's.

Please pray:

- That we would continue to put into practice what was raised at the Royal Commission.
- That our Anglican Schools would strive together to be safe places for children to learn.
- For a great Christian Principal for LCGS.
- For Anglicare as they pursue integrated mission in a caring Christian framework.
- For growth in the Diocesan Vision, that we might be an outward focused disciple-making church.

Richard

## 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.



## BCA & Leprosy Mission Boxes

Don't forget April is collection time for mission boxes. Please bring your boxes in to the Parish office before the end of this month.



A city slicker was taking a walk in the country. In a field he noticed something that intrigued him. Why doesn't this cow have any horns? So he asked the local farmer.

"Well sir, cattle can do damage with their horns so we usually keep them trimmed down with a hacksaw. You can also treat young calves so their horns never grow. And some breeds don't have any horns at all," the farmer replied.

Then the farmer continued, "But this cow doesn't have any horns because it's a horse!"

2<sup>nd</sup> April



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for the congregations of  
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Creator God,  
Take our Lenten offerings and make them radical;  
grow their actions; enable their impact.  
As we prepare for tomorrow, may your will be done.  
*On earth as it is in heaven.*  
Amen.

In the seasons of the year, Lent is a time of emptying. Many of us spend the 40 days simplifying - practicing Lenten rituals of restraint and moderation. But how I yearn for a deeper preparation; one worthy of the journey to the cross, the empty tomb and the upper room. I long for a global fast from violence; a hold on discrimination; an embargo on greed. The emptying of privilege and power is the Lent that honours the cross. Nonetheless I will fast in my own meagre way, with the expectation that in Christ's tomorrow these small moderations will indeed be the things that break the bonds of violence, discrimination and greed.

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## Praise for:

- ✠ Much needed rain we have been having, and the cheery sunshine in between
- ✠ All who work together in our every member ministry
- ✠ Our family and friends who are about us

## Pray for:

- ✠ Everyone affected by Cyclone Debbie with loss of property and income, and the worry of the continuing rain & flooding. Pray for SES workers, especially the Tasmanian contingent, and Armed Forces personnel who are assisting with the huge clean up
- ✠ Protective behaviours, that Lindy will be able to build up children and the school to keep themselves safe
- ✠ That Lindy will have the wisdom to answer questions in a right and Godly way
- ✠ The RUMad social justice group that Lindy coordinates
- ✠ Those who are searching for God and a purpose in their lives
- ✠ Refugees who have fled or are fleeing from their homelands. Pray for those in detention centres suffering in limbo
- ✠ The two warring tribes in South Sudan would cease to fight for supremacy & work together to bring Christ back to their nation

## ✠ Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Robin would continue to improve
- ✠ City Mission and the needs in our community which they are struggling to meet. Pray we and others will be generous in contributing
- ✠ 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?

**God's Design Genius** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10am in St David's hall

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

**Good Friday service** - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 10am at St David's

**Launceston Easter Community Festival** - 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April. Some highlights include: -

**Multicultural Dinner** at Salvation Army, Elizabeth Street, 6:30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> April. \$15pp or \$50 family (up to 5) with Sudanese, Syrian & Chinese food plus cultural entertainment

**Face to Face Citywide Gathering** on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at Door of Hope

**Children's & Family Fun Day** on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 11am to 3pm on the lawn in front of QVMAG, with "Riverlinks Café". If you are available to help by making cups of tea & coffee and chatting with parents, please contact Anne 63240039

**Check the website for the full programme**  
[www.launceston.org.au](http://www.launceston.org.au)

**Breaking Bread Together** - Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April in our usual Holy Communion service

**Easter Festival** - 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone

## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

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## Home Groups

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

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## Happy Birthday

Rona Blyth

6<sup>th</sup> April



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## Mission Donations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our mission giving during this financial year. So far we have raised \$100 for City Mission (Harvest Festival) & \$532 for RPS & RHS Chaplaincy (including \$151 from Pancake Night).