

## Fellowship Group

On 18<sup>th</sup> April eleven members met at Jenny Pedley's home.

We were pleased to welcome Joan Cocker as a new member, and Robin back with her moon boot - we pray that will soon be discarded. It was lovely to have Betty with us again. Apologies were received from Jan, Anne Morley & Marie.

Kaye & Ross celebrated communion and led us in prayer for absent members, others in need of comfort and healing, needs of the Parish, and the state of the world.

It was decided that money in our Claytons tin would be used to buy items for Samaritan's Purse boxes.

An uplifting time was spent sharing Bible tests we found helpful. Listed are some you also may find helpful and inspiring:

Zephaniah 3: 17	Hebrews 12: 2
Proverbs 3: 5 - 6	Matthew 6: 25 - 34
Acts 6: 31	Mark 11: 20 - 26
Jeremiah 29: 11	Psalms 139: 1 - 18
Deuteronomy 33: 37	Psalms 100: 1 - 5
1 Corinthians 10:13	

Next meeting will take the form of a Bible quiz, and will again be held at Jenny Pedley's, on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. (Thanks Jenny) All welcome, men and women.

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## Today's Smile

Old Harry was on his deathbed, his wife holding his hand.

He said: "Doris, you were with me through the Great Depression."

"Yes, Harry," said his wife.

"And you were with me through the worst thoughts in the '50s and the '80s."

"Yes, Harry."

"And you were with me when the farm got burned out by the bushfires in the '90s. And last year, you were still changing in there with me when the bank foreclosed on our mortgage and we lost the farm."

"Yes, Harry."

"And now, here you are with me today, when I'm just about to die."

"Yes, Harry."

"You know, Doris," he whispered, "I'm beginning to think that you're nothing but a jinx and bad luck for me."

## Amusing Thoughts

Why is there an expiration date on sour cream? Does old sour cream go good?

When you try to show that something doesn't work, it will.

Sometimes I wake up grumpy; other times I let him sleep.

I was having lunch with Bobby Fischer, the former world chess champion, and the table had a chequered tablecloth. It took him two hours to pass the salt.



14<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

Gracious God,

We thank you for adopting us into your family through the miracle of your grace, and for calling us to be brothers and sisters to each other.

Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers: who cared for us when we were helpless, comforted us when we were hurt, whose love and care we often took for granted

Today we pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother, those who never knew their biological mother and now yearn for her, those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love, and the families separated by war or conflict. Lord, give them special blessings.

Keep us united with you and with each other, so that we can be and become all that we are meant to be. Amen.



### *Praise for:*

- ✠ Sharing fellowship with our Parish family and Tim & Emma at Riverlinks Together
- ✠ Anne has recovered from her pulled shoulder muscle and is back in the office, and Jan has recovered from her fall
- ✠ The 32 grocery items we were able to deliver to City Mission this week. Please continue to support the Mission prayerfully and practically as they meet the needs of so many people in our community. Praise for the confirmation of ongoing funding for Missiondale
- ✠ The return of the kidnapped girls in Africa. Pray they would be able to deal physically and mentally with all that has happened

### *Pray for:*

- ✠ Ellie who has had surgery. Continue to pray for her ongoing treatment
- ✠ Ken, Greg & Anne as they prepare the Parish budget for 2017/18
- ✠ Our Parish, members & staff
- ✠ All who are not feeling 100%
- ✠ Those making big decisions in their lives
- ✠ Starving millions in Africa. May a solution be found quickly

### *Continue to pray for:*

- ✠ All with ongoing daily needs
  - ✠Margot ✠Robin ✠Rona ✠Bill & Bev
  - ✠Dick & Jo ✠Joan Wilkins ✠Betty ✠Alison
  - ✠Roger & Julianne ✠Connie ✠Marie
  - ✠Ian, Helen & Sarah ✠Bill, Jan & Rob
  - ✠Emily ✠Trish, Louise, Issy & Josh ✠June
  - ✠Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake

It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother. That's why the world calls her Grandmother! Grandmothers are so lovely. They are kind, full of fun, and always there when you need a hug.

### *What's going on?*

**Fellowship Group** - 2pm this Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, meeting at Jenny Pedley's home

**Crafty Circle** - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10am in St David's Hall, Riverside. New crafters are always welcome!

**National Day of Thanksgiving** - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Be sure to thank God and others on this day. NDOT cards available from Koorong

**SYNOD** - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside

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### *Plant & Book Sale*

Many thanks to those who donated plants and books, and gave money for the stall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks to all the helpers on the day.

We raised \$405.45 for the work of CMS.

It was a great suggestion thanks Connie!!!

Watch out for the next surprise fundraiser.

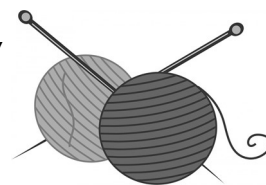
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### *Knitting*

Mission Without Borders are no longer taking knitting to send to Eastern Europe as the freight costs have become out of reach.

If you wish please knit some beanies for the Bell Bay Seafarer's Mission.

Jan will investigate a new outlet for knitted items.



### *Services for the coming weeks:*

Today

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

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### *Home Groups*

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm



**Ian Morley - 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Jo Janes - 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Norman Lawrence - 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Marie Igglesden - 8<sup>th</sup> May**

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