

From the Bishop

Dear friends,

Last week was spent mainly in preparation for Synod. On Sunday I was in Deloraine, preaching on the Holy Spirit, and attending a Parish meeting. I was so encouraged to see a Parish grappling with the challenges that are before them, honestly and courageously. Like many Parishes in Tasmania, they are grappling with the need for change. Please pray that they, and many like them, will take clear steps to a flourishing ministry future.

This week I am calling for Tasmanian Anglicans to pray for the defeat of the Euthanasia legislation that will come before our Parliament on Wednesday. We know that God is the giver of life, and that suicide however described is against God's will. I am also concerned for the effects of this legislation on the vulnerable elderly, disabled and mentally ill. We don't want any pressure subtle or otherwise, on people to end their lives prematurely. Please join me in praying that God will move in the Parliament this week. Paul wrote to Timothy:

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. (1 Tim 1:1-2)

Give thanks for:

- Our Synod reps preparing to meet in 2 weeks time
- The Parish of Deloraine and their planning for the future.

Please pray:

- For more Parishes to grapple with the big questions of viability and growth, and to make bold faith-filled decisions.
- For Clergy and other ministry leaders meeting in Campbell Town on Tuesday.
- For our Parliamentarians as they debate Euthanasia this week.
- For the defeat of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill in the Parliament.

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Golfer's Nightmare

Father Norton woke up Sunday and, realising it was an exceptionally beautiful morning; decided he had to play golf. So he told the associate priest he was sick and persuaded him to conduct mass for him that day.

When Father Norton arrived at the first tee, he was alone - it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church.

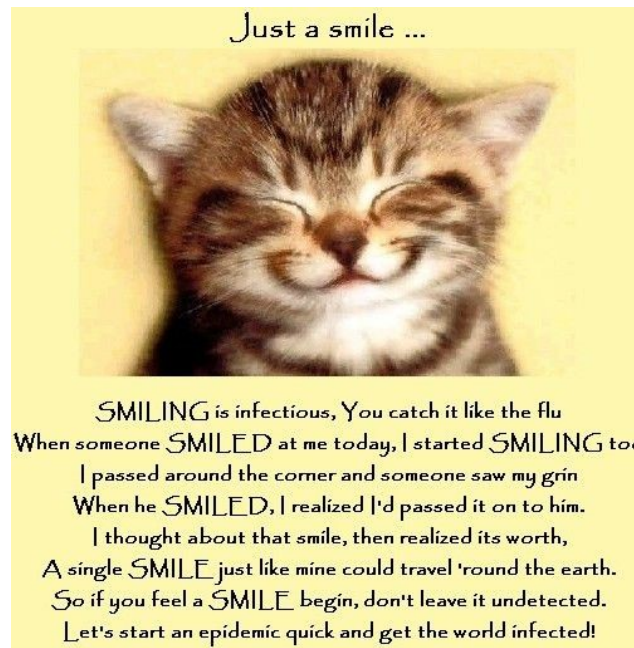
Looking down from above, St Peter leaned over to the Lord and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then, Father Norton hit the ball. It shot straight towards the pin dropping just short of it, it rolled on and fell into the hole, a 380m hole-in-one!

St Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord replied, smiling, "Who's he going to tell?"

& congratulations to Ken who made a hole-in-one at Exeter (*on a Tuesday!*)



28th May

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**

Alert

We don't live in the night or belong to the dark. Others may sleep, but we should stay awake and be alert.

(1 Thessalonians 5:5,6)

*God may have an unexpected
pleasure in store for you today.
There may be something special
he wants you to do for someone.
Be awake and alert, ready to
recognise and receive whatever
he gives you.*

Let's pray.

God, keep me awake and alert,
ready for the good things you
have planned for me today.

Praise for:

- † All who work so hard for our local school Chaplaincy, and the relationships they have with teaching staff
- † Everyone supporting the City Mission food drive “Mission Possible”
- † The teaching and fellowship of our home groups and their dedicated leaders
- † The defeat of the voluntary assisted dying bill in parliament this week

Pray for:

- † That Connie will soon be 100% well again. Praise for the work she does in filling shoe boxes, and lets all help her with donations
- † A working solution to the combined services over Winter
- † All those needing extra care as they age, and for Rona as she struggles to accept her situation
- † Safe travel for our church family heading interstate and overseas
- † The Bishop, Diocesan staff, Clergy & Parish delegates, Riverlinks delegates Kaye, Helen & Brian, and Anne, all attending SYNOD this Friday & possibly Saturday also
- † The people of Manchester and all those suffering from the latest terror attack. Pray for all the other countries who are experiencing daily terror attacks resulting in the mostly unreported deaths of many, many people

Continue to pray for:

- † Our church family who need daily prayer:
 - †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

What's going on?

“Advanced Care Planning” and “Power of Attorney & Wills” Community information sessions - This Wednesday 31st May, 2pm to 4pm at Aldersgate Village, 3 Tallentire Road, Newnham. Attendance is FREE. This is the first in a series of free community information sessions hosted by Uniting AgeWell which will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from May to November. On 28th June the topic will be “Understanding Dementia”

RHS Local Chaplaincy Committee Meeting - 3:30pm Wednesday 31st May, RHS staff room

SYNOD - Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd June at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside

Secondhand Women's Clothing Missions Fundraiser - Saturday 3rd June, 9:30am to 4pm at St John's Rectory. This sale follows the Monthly Women's Breakfast at St John's

Crafty Circle - Thursday 8th June, 10am in St David's Hall, Riverside

Fellowship Group

14 members met at Jenny Pedley's on 17th May. It was lovely to welcome Helen back after a long break, and Joan & Marie to their second meeting. Kaye celebrated Holy Communion followed by prayers. Jan sent an apology.

Ann Collings gave a report on Capstone College at Poatina. There are now 4 students participating and others enrolled. The use of phones & iPods in class has greatly stimulated these students.

The money in the claytons tin to buy items for Samaritan's Purse boxes is growing steadily.

Ann Collings entertained us with an interesting Bible quiz, which really made us scratch our heads. Anne Morley and Ross Gregory were winners with 14/20. The prize was an extra piece of cake at afternoon tea.

The next meeting will be held on 21st June, 2pm at Robin's home. Joan Cocker will present her “life story”. All welcome.

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 31st May

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

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
Ann Collings
31st May

Every year gives us the chance
to love, to dream, and to
become more than we ever
imagined.

