

## From the Bishop

Dear Friends

Last week, the Emerging Leaders Cohort met in Campbell Town for a professional development day. We joined with some other new Rectors to review our Safe Church responsibilities. This is all part of our Vision objective to have a transparent culture of safety for all. I also met with the Heads of Churches, the Diocesan Mission support team, and spoke at the Launceston Church Grammar School Founders' Day Service at St John's.

I was pleased to see many parishes involved in the Lot of Light Reading project. How wonderful that the whole of the scriptures were read in public last week at St David's, shining God's light into a dark world. He promises in Isaiah 55 that his word will not return empty, but accomplish that which he purposes. Pray that it would bear fruit. Please continue to pray for the light of Christ in our cities and towns, especially in the last days of Dark Mofo.

Join me in giving thanks for:

- Our younger leaders in the Diocese
- The Culture of safety we already share in our churches.
- 171 Years of Anglican Education at Launceston Church Grammar.
- The freedom to read God's word in public.

Please pray:

- That our culture of safety would be embedded in our leadership, governance and culture.
- For our schools to develop as places where disciples of Jesus are made.
- For the appointment of a new Principal for the Church Grammar School, who will lead good Anglican education in Launceston.
- For God to reap a great harvest from his word.

On a personal note: Helen and I are going away for 5 weeks for some work and a few weeks of vacation. No Monday prayers from me during that time.

Warm wishes,

Richard

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## The Husband Store

A woman visited a store in New York City that offers free husbands. At the entrance, there are instructions posted that say: "You may visit this store **ONLY ONCE!** There are 6 floors to choose from. You may choose any item from a particular floor, or may choose to go up to the next floor, but you **CANNOT** go back down except to exit the building!"

So the woman went shopping on the first floor and read a sign that said, "Floor 1 – These men have jobs." "Great!" she thought, but still decided to keep going.

She went to floor 2 and read a sign that said, "Floor 2 – These men have jobs and love kids." She thought, "These guys would make good husbands," but now she was curious what other options were available, so she kept going.

On Floor 3 a sign said, "These men have jobs, love kids and are extremely good looking." "Each floor is only getting better," so she kept going.

The next sign said, "Floor 4 – These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead gorgeous and help with housework." "Oh, mercy me!" she exclaims. "I can hardly stand it!" but she had to see what else was available, so she continued on.

On Floor 5 the sign read, "These men have jobs, love kids, are drop-dead gorgeous, help with housework and have a strong romantic streak." It was all she could do not to pick a husband from floor 5 but there was still one more floor to go so she continued on, assuming it could only get better.

When she arrived on Floor 6, the sign read, "You are visitor 71,456,012 to this floor. There are no men on this floor. This floor exists solely as proof that you are impossible to please. Thank you for shopping at the Husband Store."



**25<sup>th</sup> June**

Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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committed to Christ and making him known**

## Requests

Each morning you listen to my prayer,  
as I bring my requests to you  
and wait for your reply.

*(Psalm 5:3)*

*God is always listening, waiting  
to hear and answer your requests.  
Ask him for what you need and  
wait confidently for his reply.*

*Let's pray.*

**T**hank you, Lord, for always being  
there to listen to my prayers.  
Respond to my requests in the  
way that is best for me.

## Praise for:

- † All of us who keep well and who are able to give their time to assist others
- † Miriam's scan results were very positive and there has been no recurrence of the cancer in her neck
- † The food and shelter we enjoy. Pray for those who are less fortunate, and pray that we would be generous with our blessings

## Pray for:

- † Joan Wilkins' family
- † Bill and Robert, and all others who suffer in the colder weather
- † Our joint services with St Aidan's over the Winter, that both congregations will support each other in attendance
- † Healing services would be well attended during the Winter months also
- † All victims of terrorism worldwide
- † People who are in abusive situations at home. Pray for intervention for them and understanding from those around them
- † Doctors Without Borders (MSF) and the wonderful medical work they do in so many parts of the world, especially in Syria at this time. Pray especially for their safety

## Continue to pray for:

- † Marie's home in Legana would sell soon
- † Ellie, Helen & George
- † Dick, Jo and Stephen. Praise that we were able to see Dick in church last Sunday
- † All with ongoing daily needs
  - †Margot †Robin †Rona †Bill & Bev
  - †Dick, Jo & Stephen †Ellie †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?

**"Understanding Dementia" Community info session** - This Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm to 4pm at Aldersgate, 12-22 Hobart Road, Kings Meadows. Attendance is FREE. These free community information sessions are hosted by Uniting AgeWell and are held on the last Wednesday of each month from May to November

**Crafty Circle** - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 10am in St David's Hall, Riverside

**Combined Winter Services** - First combined service with St Aidan's will be next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at St David's

**Colin Buchanan Live in Concert** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4:30pm at Door of Hope, South L'ton. Tickets \$12.95 from Koorong Bookstore, children under 2 free

**Bible Society Morning Tea** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10am to 12noon at Tailrace Centre, Riverside. Special guest Wee Seng Kua, Director of UBS China Partnership, will be speaking. \$10 per person, RSVP to 1300 242537 or register online [www.bibleinchina.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.bibleinchina.eventbrite.com.au) before 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Israel Tour: Expressions of Interest** - Bishop Richard & Helen Condie are considering leading a tour of biblical sites in Israel, Palestine and Jordan around June 22 – July 9, 2018. The tour would take in places like: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, Megiddo, Jaffa, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea, Petra and some other places. Each day would include opening the scriptures & learning about life in Bible times. The cost would be around \$5,000 plus airfares (allow \$2-3,000) per person. If you are interested in coming on this tour, please fill out your details online at: [www.eepurl.com/cS7yeT](http://www.eepurl.com/cS7yeT) (Please note this is only an expression of interest at this stage)

## Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's combined with St Aidan'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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## Grandma

A nan is such a worthy being  
She's always close at hand  
And if you have a problem  
She'll always understand  
She may be just sitting there knitting  
Or reading library books  
She may be picking up a stitch  
Or losing crochet hooks  
But beneath the laughter and wrinkles  
And those numerous cups of tea  
Beneath those lovely light grey curls  
There's a heart that does love me