

A Psalm for Seafarers

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
- ³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.
- ²³ Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.
- ²⁴ They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep.
- ²⁵ For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.
- ²⁶ They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away.
- ²⁷ They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.
- ²⁸ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
- ²⁹ He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.
- ³⁰ They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.
- ³¹ Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
- ³² Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 ^{NIV}

Yo Ho Ho ... some nautical funnies

Why do seagulls fly over the sea?

Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels

What's a pirate's favourite letter?

You may think it's the RRRRR, but it's the C that they're in love with! Aye

How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?

A buck-an-ear

Why do young pirates always fail when saying the alphabet in kindergarten?

Because their fathers insist that there are seven Cs

Why is pirating addictive?

They say once ye lose yer first hand, ye get hooked

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?

A nervous wreck

Susan's husband died, so she went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. The gentleman at the counter, after offering his condolences, asked Susan what she would like to say.

Susan replied, "Just write, 'Gordon died.'"

The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Gordon died?' Surely, there must be something more you'd like to say about him. If it's money you're concerned about, you are paying for the first five words in the basic rate anyway. We really should say something more."

So Susan pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "OK then. Write 'Gordon died. Sailboat for sale.'"



9th July

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**

Sea Sunday

Almighty God,
today we remember those whose lives are lived on your great oceans. For those who go down to the sea in ships, we give thanks; they enrich our lives at great personal cost. May they daily feel the strength of your protection, the warmth of your presence and the love of your relationship as they seek hope of safe passage.
May you join the crews of every ship that sails the oceans, bringing peace and harmony to your children. May your presence counsel the down-hearted, heal the sick and bind together seafarers of all nationalities, cultures and faiths so that they can live in harmony despite their differences. We pray for families awaiting the return of seafarers; allow your grace and peace to dwell in their homes and their hearts until they are reunited with their loved ones.
This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who calmed the wind and waves. Amen.

Praise for:

- ✠ Ellie's surgery went well, and she has had no seizures since the operation. Pray for improvement in her vision & that the seizures would not return. Continue to pray also for Helen & George
- ✠ Seafarers on this Sea Sunday, for the work merchant sailors do in transporting goods all around the world, for fishermen trawling the oceans for our food, and for our Naval & Coast Guard personnel who protect us
- ✠ The blessing of the Healing service each week. Pray for all who attend for healing & encouragement
- ✠ Marie's house is under contract, and she has a contract on a unit in Legana
- ✠ The great turn out of people last Sunday for the first combined service of St David's & St Aidan's congregations

Pray for:

- ✠ Travelers: Graeme & Norma; Ken & Jenny; Ann & David, especially as Ann recovers from a bad cough
- ✠ Sheldon would receive much needed help
- ✠ Paul Cavanaugh who has finished work earlier than planned due to his health, & Stephen Carnaby as he learns the ropes in the role of Director of Ministry Services
- ✠ Safety for seafarers in dangerous waters, both from weather and piracy; and for all those who have been taken hostage, that they would be released unharmed
- ✠ Robin during this cold weather

Continue to pray daily for:

- ✠ ✠Margot ✠Ellie ✠Robin ✠Rona ✠Bill & Bev ✠Dick, Jo & Stephen ✠Betty ✠Alison ✠Emily ✠Roger & Julianne ✠June ✠Laurice ✠Marie ✠Ian, Helen & Sarah ✠Bill, Jan & Rob ✠Louise, Issy, Josh & Sarah; Martin; Tamara Lauren & Trish ✠Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake

What's going on?

Bell Bay Seafarers' Mission Sea Sunday Service - 2:30pm TODAY at Cornerstone Church, Gordon Square, George Town

Crafty Circle - Thursday 13th July, 10am in St David's Hall, Riverside. New crafters are always welcome

Cursillo Men's & Women's 31 Weekends - Mens': 13th to 16th July & Women's: 20th to 23rd July at Orana

Boots'n'All Visuals Night - Saturday, 22nd July, 7:10pm for mingle and chat and a 7:30pm start of the show. In St John's Parish Centre. Light supper provided

Managing Anxiety & Depression and "**Grief & Loss**" - Wednesday 26th July, 2pm to 4pm will be held at Uniting AgeWell Aldersgate Village, 3 Tallentire Road, Newnham. This is a FREE community information session

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 30th July, 10am at St David's. Guest speaker Scott Sargent

Messy Meet Up - 5th August, 3pm to 7:30pm at North Launceston Uniting Church, 128-132 Hobart Road, Newnham. Cost \$6 per person to offset the cost of food. For more info contact James Oakley 0407 325275

Tasmanian Bible Forum - 10am to 3pm on Saturday 19th August at St Aidan's East L'ton. Cost \$20 includes morning tea and lunch. Bishop Richard Condie will again be speaking. Register with the Parish office by 11th August

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 27th August, 10:30am at St MM's, George Town

Funerals: Planning, things to know - Wednesday 30th August, 2pm to 4pm at Uniting AgeWell, Aldersgate, 12-22 Hobart Road, Kings Meadows. Speakers from Finney Funerals, Foley Funerals & Ian Wheeler. This is a free community information session

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

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

Monday 10th July

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 12th July

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 16th July

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
Norma Barwick
13th July**



A good memory is one that can remember the day's blessings and forget the day's troubles