

Why God Made Hugs

Everyone was meant to share
God's all-abiding love and care;
He saw that we would need to know
A way to let these feelings show
So God made hugs - a special sign,
And symbol of His love divine,
A circle of our open arms
To hold in love and keep out harm.
One simple hug can do its part
To warm and cheer another's heart.
A hug's a bit of heaven above
That signifies His perfect love.

Jill Wolf



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Random Ridiculousness

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

Two clowns are eating a cannibal. One turns to the other and says, "I think we got this joke wrong."

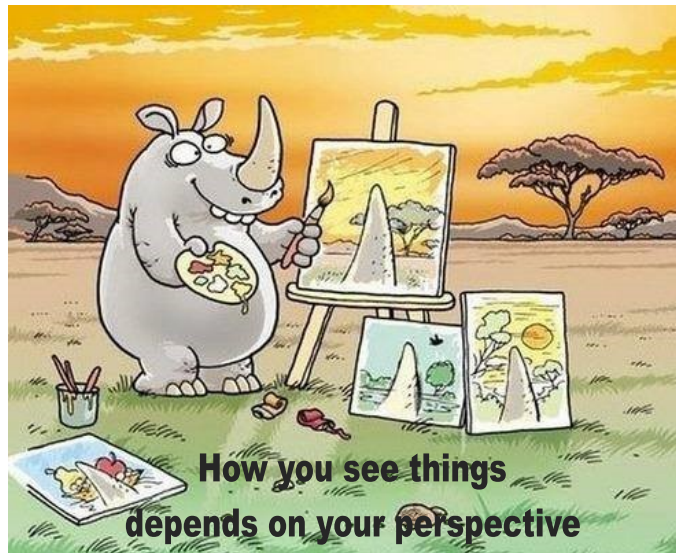
I bought my friend an elephant for his room. He said "Thanks."
I said "Don't mention it."

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

So what if I don't know what Armageddon means? It's not the end of the world.

What's the difference between a good joke and a bad joke timing.

How many optometrists does it take to change a light bulb?
Is it one or two?
One ... or two?



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

VISION PRAYER

Glorious Father,
God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
give to us the spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that we may know you better.
Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance in your holy people, and your incomparably great power for us who believe.
Please make us to be a church for Tasmania, to bless those around us, that Christ may be known and glorified through us.
Please help us to make disciples of Jesus in all that we do through confident flourishing parishes, partnerships with Anglican agencies and schools, missional chaplaincy, and by being a people of blessing in our communities.
We ask this for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Praise for:

- ✠ We are here to worship & share with each other as a whole Parish
- ✠ All those filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, especially Connie, Mary and their helpers
- ✠ Mothers, fathers & grandparents who care for young children
- ✠ Our new church cleaner & her “new broom”

Pray for:

- ✠ CMS workers here and overseas. Pray for Scott as he represents CMS around the state, and pray especially for Tim & Emma who have now returned to SE Asia
- ✠ Volunteers in all walks of life. Praise for their willingness to give up their own time and resources to support others
- ✠ Local charitable organisations supported by the Winter Relief Appeal - City Mission, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul & the Benevolent Society
- ✠ The homeless around our state. For all who are sleeping rough, and for those who are in unsafe situations. Remember also those who are forced into “couch surfing” and are not always counted among the homeless

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

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 ^{NIV}

What's going on?

Welcome to Riverlinks Together!

Our guest speaker today is Scott Sargent, State Director of CMS.
Please stay for a shared lunch in the hall following this morning's service

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

Crafty Circle - Thursday 10th August, 10am in St David's Hall, Riverside. All welcome

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 Mary Mag's, George Town

Public Talk by Dr John Dickson - Tuesday 29th August, 7:30 to 9pm at Stanley Burbury Theatre UTAS Sandy Bay. “For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined.” Get your tickets online from: goo.gl/HyWDBh

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

Men's Bible Conference - Saturday 9th September at The Branch Christian Church, Kings Meadows

Bishop's Training Event - Saturday 23rd September at Hutchins School, Sandy Bay. Registrations essential online at www.bishopstrainingevent.com

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Riverlinks Together at St David's

Wednesday 2nd & 9th August

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 6th August

10:00 am St Aidan's East Launceston
Combined Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August

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

Home Groups

Collings'	Tuesday 1:30pm
Igglesden's	Tuesday 1:45pm
Pedley's	Tuesday 7:30pm



Lachlan Skeat - 31st July

David Collings - 3rd August

Josh Skeat - 6th August

May your days be many and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings descend upon you.
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.