

Words of wisdom ...

A word to the wise isn't necessary. It's the stupid ones that need the advice.

Don't smoke too much, drink too much, eat too much or work too much. We're all on the road to the grave -- but there's no need to be in the passing lane.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.

Advice is like castor oil, easy to give, but dreadful to take.

Whatever you are doing, always give 100%. Unless you're donating blood.

... & on marriage ...

Marriage is an alliance of two people. One of whom never remembers birthdays and the other who never forgets them.

A foolish man tells a woman to stop talking.
A wise man tells a woman she looks beautiful when her lips are closed.

They say when a man holds a woman's hand before marriage it's love. When he holds her hand after marriage it's self-defense.

Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other is the husband.

Fine. This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

Bishop's Prayer & Praise

Dear Friends

Last week I had a tour of Glenview Homes and met with their board, hearing about their first-in-Australia plans to establish a village dementia care unit – Korongee. Please pray for them, and the Christian witness that happens in the homes and services they provide.

On Wednesday I spent a wonderful day with some of our chaplains. The morning in the Royal Hobart Hospital with a group of Anglican Chaplains, and met some of the senior management team and in the afternoon with the Prison Chaplaincy team and the senior management of the Prison Service. These are both terrific front-line ministries in our Diocese, and I hope are regularly in your prayers, along with our Vision object to “grow missional chaplaincy in hospitals, aged-care facilities and prisons”.

Thursday was spent at Ridley College in Melbourne visiting students and faculty, and preaching in Chapel.

Please also continue to pray for our nation as we approach the plebiscite on marriage. Pray especially for people in our churches and communities who may feel very vulnerable during the debate. Please pray that we will listen first before we speak, and when we speak, we will do so with love.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- Glenview Community Services, and especially the Korongee development
- Our Chaplains in hospitals and prisons
- The work of Ridley College, and the many Tasmanian Anglicans studying there and on-line

Please pray:

- That God would increase our opportunities for missional Chaplaincy in hospitals, aged-care facilities, and prisons
- For Ridley College in its preparation of students for vocational ministry
- That God would raise up more people to offer for vocational ministry, especially ordination
- That God would enable each one of us to speak winsomely & graciously about his vision for marriage.
- For the protection of vulnerable people during the marriage debates
- For the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in Hobart this coming Wednesday

Warm wishes. Richard



Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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What to treasure

'Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven.'

(Matthew 6:19,20)

There are things that are more important than money and possessions. Nurture your relationship with God.

Let's pray.

God, teach me what is most important in life. Help me set my heart on you.

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Praise for:

- † Rob Menzie has a new assessment, and pray it will result in early surgery
- † Our new church members, and may there be many more
- † Our democracy and the freedom to express our opinions publicly
- † The recent rain that is filling up our dams & reservoirs

Pray for:

- † Joan Cocker who has a bad case of 'flu in addition to the severe pain in her shoulder
- † Marie who has hurt her back
- † Betty Gurr whose leg is not healing fully
- † Others suffering from nasty 'flu this season
- † Parish Annual meeting next Sunday. Pray for a harmonious meeting which reflects our love & respect for each other, even through what can be very different points of view
- † Pray for all who are standing for Parish Council, & praise for those who have served
- † Paul Cavanough
- † Prison Chaplains as they minister to inmates; prisoners as they serve their time, especially all who are sincerely trying to rehabilitate; their families who suffer as a result of their choices & actions
- † Victims of crime, particularly those living & dealing with post traumatic stress

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?

Shared Lunch - 12noon TODAY at Bill & Bev Percey's home, 40 Richard Street Prospect - call 63447102 if you need directions. Bring lunch to share & a donation to missions

Building a Discipling Culture - This Tuesday 22nd August, 5th September & 19th September. A series of training evenings on tools & principles for everyday disciples

CMS Prayer Breakfast - This Saturday 26th August, 8am at St John's Launceston

Riverlinks Together & Parish Annual Meeting - Sunday 27th August, from 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town, with a shared lunch to conclude

Stephen Atkins in Concert - Sunday 27th August, 2:30pm at the Cornerstone Family Church, Gordon Square 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

Combined Service with St Aidan's - Sunday 3rd September, 10am at St David's Riverside

Men's Bible Conference - Saturday 9th September, 10am to 3pm at The Branch Christian Church, Kings Meadows. Cost \$25, book by phoning Ben 6334 8145

Bishop's Training Event - Saturday 23rd September at Hutchins School, Sandy Bay. Register early to avoid missing out, online at: www.bishopstrainingevent.com

PeaceWise Training Days - "Everyday Peacemaking" on Saturday 23rd September, and "The Heart of Peacemaking" on Monday 25th September, at Punchbowl Christian Centre. Register online at peacewise.org.au/events

Services for the coming weeks:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 23rd August & 31st August

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 27th August

10:30 am Riverlinks Together at St MM's George Town

11:45 am Parish Annual Meeting followed by a shared lunch

Sunday 3rd September

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

Home Groups

Collings'	Tuesday 1:30pm
Igglesden's	In recess until September
Pedley's	Tuesday 7:30pm

Fellowship Group

On Wednesday 16th August, eight of us shared in a pleasing afternoon at St Oswald's hall, commencing with Holy Communion and followed by prayer.

Special prayer was offered for Heather (Kathy's friend) who is having tests for an embolism and is really unwell. We also prayed for Kathy's son Matthew (damaged coccyx) and daughter-in-law Valerie (migraines). Prayer was also offered for Ellie, Jo & Dick, Richard Menzie, Marie Igglesden and Joan Cocker.

After this, goods were sorted and Samaritan's Purse boxes were filled, & afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. These are wonderful, friendly afternoons and all are welcome to come along.