

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh

When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!
Success is failure turned inside out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt

And you never can tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems afar
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit!

**Be strong. Take courage.
Don't be intimidated.
Don't give them a second thought
because God, your God,
is striding ahead of you.
He's right there with you.
He won't let you down;
he won't leave you.**

Deuteronomy 31:6 ^{MSG}

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What's that sound?

A man is driving down the road and breaks down near a monastery. He goes to the monastery, knocks on the door, and says, "My car broke down. Do you think I could stay the night?" The monks graciously accept him, feed him dinner, even fix his car.

As the man tries to fall asleep, he hears a strange sound. The next morning, he asks the monks what the sound was, but they say, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk." The man is disappointed but thanks them anyway and goes on his merry way.

Some years later, the same man breaks down in front of the same monastery. The monks accept him, feed him, even fix his car. That night, he hears the same strange noise that he had heard years earlier.

The next morning, he asks what it is, but the monks reply, "We can't tell you. You're not a monk."

The man says, "All right, all right. I'm **dying** to know. If the only way I can find out what that sound was is to become a monk, how do I become a monk?"

The monks reply, "You must travel the earth and tell us how many blades of grass there are and the exact number of sand pebbles. When you find these numbers, you will become a monk."

The man sets about his task. Forty-five years later, he returns and knocks on the door of the monastery. He says, "I have travelled the earth and have found what you have asked for. There are 145,236,284,232 blades of grass and 231,281,219,999,129,382 sand pebbles on the earth."

The monks reply, "Congratulations. You are now a monk. We shall now show you the way to the sound."

The monks lead the man to a wooden door, where the head monk says, "The sound is right behind that door."

The man reaches for the knob, but the door is locked. He says, "Real funny. May I have the key?" The monks give him the key, and he opens the door.

Behind the wooden door is another door made of stone. The man demands the key to the stone door. The monks give him the key, and he opens it, only to find a door made of ruby. He demands another key from the monks, who provide it. Behind that door is another door, this one made of sapphire.

So it went until the man had gone through doors of emerald, silver, topaz, and amethyst.

Finally, the monks say, "This is the last key to the last door." The man is relieved to no end.

He unlocks the door, turns the knob, and behind that door he is amazed to find the source of that strange sound.

But I can't tell you what it is because you're not a monk.



Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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

Mercy

The LORD can always be trusted
to show mercy each morning.
(Lamentations 3:23)

*In times of hardship and grief
God's mercy is there for you each
morning to help you carry on.*

Let's pray.

Lord, show your mercy to me
today. Help me carry on
despite difficulties.

Praise for:

- ✠ Last Sunday's harmonious annual meeting and the fellowship we shared
- ✠ The Tasmanian Bible Forum at St Aidan's, for great teaching from Bp Richard and his vision for Tasmania
- ✠ All those who supported the Examiner Winter Relief appeal, and all who contribute to our grocery basket at St David's for City Mission
- ✠ Spring weather, sunshine & blossoms

Pray for:

- ✠ Jo Janes following her hip operation last Tuesday. Praise that the orthopedic surgeon was able to perform it so quickly
- ✠ Ian Morley's sciatic pain
- ✠ Bill & Jan who are suffering from bad arthritic pain, and for Rob who is still waiting for his operation
- ✠ Marie is experiencing bad back pain again. Pray for her home group while in recess
- ✠ The same sex marriage plebiscite
- ✠ The girl who was shot, and her family
- ✠ Our incoming Parish Council which includes two new faces
- ✠ The Diocese as they seek a new Registrar and assistant in the lead up to Robert Wallace & Lesley Metcalfe's retirement

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Joan Cocker; Paul Cavanough
- ✠ †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?

Welcome to our shared service today. Please stay for a 'cuppa' in the hall after the service

Redefining Marriage: Consequences and Casualties Forum - This Wednesday 6th September, 7:30-9pm at Legana Christian Church, 1 Gerrard Cl, Legana. A collection will be taken on the night. RSVP to mark.brown@acl.org.au

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

Spring Fling Morning Tea - Tuesday 12th September, 10am at St Mark-on-the-hill Anglican Parish, South Launceston. \$7pp with proceeds to Overseas & Northern Outreach. Prize for the best Spring bonnet

Fellowship Group - Wednesday 20th Sept.

Bishop's Training Event - Saturday 23rd September at Hutchins School, Sandy Bay. Time is running out! Register online today 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

Ageing Well: Use it or lose it! - Wednesday 27th September, 2pm to 4pm at Aldersgate Village, Newnham. To book call 6341 1400. This is a free community information session presented by Uniting AgeWell

Combined Service with St Aidan's - Sunday 1st October, 10am at St Aidan's East L'ton

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 29th October, 10am at St Aidan's East Launceston

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Wednesday 6th September

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 10th September

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

Home Groups

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's In recess until further notice

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm



BCA & Leprosy Mission box collection is coming up soon. Please bring you collection boxes in to the office during September for monies to be sent in October.

**Bow down and worship the LORD our Creator!
The LORD is our God, and we are his people,
the sheep he takes care of in his own pasture.**

Psalm 95:6,7 ^{CEV}