

Just For Laughs

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates.

St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

"Okay," the man says, "I attended church every Sunday."

"That's good," says St. Peter, "That's worth two points."

"Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church."

"Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?"

"Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."

"Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point," he says.

"Hmmm...," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."

"That's wonderful," says St. Peter, "that's worth three points!"

"THREE POINTS!!!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Bingo, 100 points! Come on in!"

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

Thanks for those who prayed last Monday when I was on the ABC Radio in conversation on same-sex marriage. I think it was conducted in a really positive way.

Last week I had a day with our Senior Ministers in Ross thinking about team leadership. Thursday I led a service and hosted lunch for our retired clergy in Hobart. I announced there that the Revd Charles Fehre, who has been chaplain to the retired clergy for many years, is stepping down from the role, and Canon John Langlois has accepted my invitation to take up the post. John preached at the service. We give thanks to God for Charles and his faithful service.

On Saturday I attended some of the Tasmanian Council of Churches AGM in Launceston, before a meeting with the leaders of Deloraine Parish discussing the future of their ministry, and on Sunday morning visited the Parish of Sheffield for a lively service among the saints. Sunday night I spoke to packed house of men from St Clements in Kingston about disciple-making.

I especially want to encourage you to pray for schools this week, and in particular, our Anglican Schools, during the same-sex marriage postal survey. We need to pray that they are safe places for children and staff, some of whom feel vulnerable at this time.

Of course, this week, we are readying ourselves for the Bishop's Training Event on Saturday.

Give thanks for:

- Our retired clergy and their faithful service.
- Charles Fehre's ministry to retired clergy, and for John Langlois' appointment
- The Parishes of Deloraine, Sheffield and Kingston
- Our Anglican Schools

Please pray:

- For our nation as it discusses the redefinition of marriage, and especially students and staff in our schools.
- For the Parish of Deloraine as it charts a fresh season for the future.
- That the Parish of Sheffield will find ways to minister effectively, and that the ministry to men in Kingston will flourish.
- For the Bishop's Training event this coming Saturday, for good attendance and much fruitful learning.

Every blessing,
Richard



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for the congregations of
St David's & St Oswald's

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One thing is necessary

'Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, but only one thing is necessary.'

(Luke 10:41)

In all the worries, concerns and responsibilities of today try to find and focus on the one thing that is necessary. What is the one thing, more than anything else, that Jesus wants you to do today?

Let's pray.

Lord Jesus, amid all the things that I need to do today help me find the one thing that is really necessary.

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Praise for:

✝ Our freedom and life here in Australia, and the reasonably safe life we have here in Tasmania

Pray for:

✝ Complete healing for Rob Menzie & Jo Janes

✝ June Hazzlewood who is having further trouble with her vision

✝ Refugees fleeing violence and natural disasters in so many countries

✝ Good attendance at the service at St Aidan's next Sunday. Praise for this extra opportunity to share with each other's congregations

✝ Vulnerable people in our community who are suffering under discrimination

✝ Lifeline, Beyond Blue & other organisations ministering to people with suicidal thoughts

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
✝Paul & Jenn Cavanough

Fellowship Group

Eight of us met at St Oswald's on Wednesday. Apologies from others unable to attend. The afternoon began with some chat, followed by holy communion and prayer.

Arrangements for Christmas lunch were discussed, with a tentative date of November 27th suggested, with venue the Trevallyn Bowls Club.

Fellowship Group now in recess until February.

What's going on?

Ageing Well: Use it or lose it! - This Wednesday 27th September, 2pm to 4pm at Aldersgate Village, Newnham. To book call 6323 8200. This is a free community info session presented by Uniting AgeWell

Combined Service with St Aidan's - Next Sunday 1st October, 10am at St Aidan's East Launceston. There will be no service held at St David's

Bible Society's 200th Anniversary Thank You Event - Wednesday 4th October at St Aidan's East Launceston, 10:45am for an 11am start. RSVP to Tashi tashi.columbro@biblesociety.org.au or 0298705677 by 25th September

Morning Tea for Bill Percey's 80th Birthday - Bill's family will be providing a special morning tea on Sunday 8th October after the service at St David's. Please stay to eat, share and celebrate this special milestone with him

Blessing of the Pets - Sunday 8th October, 12 noon at Holy Trinity, Launceston. Free sausage sizzle. All pets receive a blessing certificate. *Please put your pet on a leash or in its carrier*

Seniors Week in Riverlinks:

Music for the Mind & Soul - Healing service sharing with Monte Mumford & Linda Nicolls, Wednesday 18th October, 10am at St Oswald's. Followed by refreshments

Ambulance Service Info - Friday 20th October 10am in St David's hall & followed by morning tea. Gold coin donation

The Second Coming Convention - 12th to 15th October, at Seahorse World, Beauty Point. Speaker is Peter Jackson from Herald of Hope Ministry. Cost for the weekend is by donation. For more info or to register: Ray Hawkins 6383 4757 or ray.haw3819@bigpond.com

Have You No Shame? - Saturday 28th October, 9:30am to 4pm at St Aidan's

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 27th September & 4th October

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 1st October

10:00 am Holy Communion combined service at St Aidan's East Launceston

Sunday 8th October

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



John Doherty - 25th September

Anne Doherty - 28th September

Felix Oakley - 5th October

Bill Percey - 7th October

Don't forget daylight saving starts next weekend. Put your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night so you won't be late for church!

