

## Just for laughs

This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and George said, "No," and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all."

Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

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From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

Two highlights from last week. First, a busy visit to the Diocese from Canon Dr Jill Firth, who is a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne and teaches Old Testament on the faculty of Ridley College. Jill led an exceptionally good "Day in the Psalms" at Howrah on Thursday. We traversed the whole book of Psalms exploring different themes. I think all who went learnt a lot but also found it spiritually uplifting. Thursday evening saw more than 20 women join Jill for a discussion about vocational ministry. Again it was an excellent night. Jill then spent the weekend speaking at the Anglican Women's Retreat at Blackman's Bay. We give thanks to God for her ministry among us.

Second, it was announced yesterday that the Revd Joshua Skeat will take up a full-time appointment in the Parish of Deloraine on Wednesday November 15 with his induction service at 6pm. He will be missed from the Riverlinks team, but I am sure will make a significant contribution to the future life and health of Deloraine. Please pray for Josh and Naomi and their children as they make the transition.

On Friday night, I was pleased to speak at the Ridley College Annual Dinner in Melbourne. We are honoured to partner with them in all levels of theological education in the Diocese. It was wonderful to share some of the exciting things happening in Tasmania.

Please join me in giving thanks for:

- Jill Firth's visit and especially the 20+ women who came to the session to consider vocational ministry.
- Josh and Naomi Skeat and the Parishes of Riverlinks and Deloraine.
- Ridley College training people for ministry.
- Jane Lamont's faithful locum ministry in Deloraine
- Please pray:
  - That God would continue to raise up women and men for vocational Christian ministry.
  - For the Skeats as they prepare to commence ministry in Deloraine and for the Parish to receive them warmly.
  - For Ridley College to continue to grow from strength to strength.

Richard



15th October

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**

## Working for food

'Don't work for food that spoils. Work for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give you this food.'

(John 6:27)

*As you work today to put food on the table, don't forget the more important food, the food that gives eternal life. Look to Jesus to give you this food.*

## Let's pray.

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food I enjoy every day. Keep providing me with the food that gives eternal life.

## *Praise for:*

- † The many boxes packed and ready for Samaritan's Purse. Praise for Josie and her team who sort ready for distribution, for the faithfulness of Connie & her volunteers to fill them. Pray for the children who receive the boxes & the blessing this brings
- † Opportunities during this Seniors Week to witness & minister to friends, neighbours and the community

## *Pray for:*

- † Friends, neighbours & family members who struggle with mental health issues. Pray they would have victory over the disease, or where that is not possible that they would find ways and mechanisms to cope
- † All caring for other people during this Carers Week. Pray for patience, love and strength, as well as rest and respite
- † Josh & Naomi, Elizabeth, Lachlan & Caleb as they prepare to move. Pray especially for Josh in his last weeks of ministry
- † The Ministry Leaders conference being held in Grindelwald this week. Pray for all of our clergy who attend
- † "Music for the mind & soul" and Ambulance info session being held in Riverlinks during Seniors Week. Pray for good attendance at the events, for those who are speaking, and the workers who make these events possible by setting up, cleaning up, etc.

## *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

## *What's going on?*

**Shared Luncheon** - TODAY 12 for 12:30pm at June Hazzlewood's home, 113 Cormiston Road, Riverside. It's Spring, the sun is shining, so let's all get out and make the most of it

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

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

**Have You No Shame?** - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30am to 4pm at St Aidan's East Launceston. A workshop in understanding shame & honour in the Bible and present day culture. No charge, BYO lunch. RSVP to the Parish office 6324 0039

**Riverlinks Together** - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at St Aidan's East Launceston

**West Tamar Parish Floral Festival** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am to 3pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Beaconsfield. Floral art, fair stalls, guest speaker at 1pm - "Alexander North: the architect of Holy Trinity"

**Launceston Combined Churches Worship Event** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Door of Hope, South Launceston. This will be a great opportunity for us all to be United in spirit and mind for our city, state, nation & world

**MST Retreat** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Moving Mountains Together** - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm at Trevallyn Bowls Club. Speaker John Zeckendorf, the first Tasmanian to summit Mt Everest, will be speaking at this Scripture Union event. Tickets \$40. Book online at [www.sutas.org.au/dinners](http://www.sutas.org.au/dinners)

**Christmas Lunch** - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 12 for 12:30pm at Trevallyn Bowls Club. Two course meal, \$25pp. Payment with bookings by 20<sup>th</sup> November to Mary 6331 6568

## *Services for the coming week:*

*Today*

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October*

2:00 pm Cadorna

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October*

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October*

10:45 am Regis Aged Care service, Legana

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

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## *Home Groups*

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

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## *A different serenity prayer*

God,

grant me the serenity to stop beating myself up for not doing things perfectly, the courage to forgive myself because I'm working on doing better, and the wisdom to know that you already love me just the way I am.

Amen.