

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

Last week saw the release of the result of the marriage survey. According to 1 Tim 2:1-2 we should pray for our government, especially as we move towards legislation for same-sex marriage that it may be drafted for the good of all. Please also pray for our political leaders here in Tasmania; I have met with a number of them in recent weeks, and am struck by how hard their job is, and how much wisdom they need.

Please pray for Josh Skeat who was inducted as Priest in Charge of St Mark's Deloraine last Wednesday. On Sunday I was with the good folk of the Parish of Cressy. Please pray for them and The Revd Alan Bulmer as they grapple with doing mission in a rural area.

Join me in giving thanks for:

- Our democratic processes, and those over us in government.
- The Revd Josh and Naomi Skeat and the Parish of St Mark's Deloraine.
- The Revd Alan Bulmer and the Parish of Holy Trinity Cressy.

Please pray:

- For all in authority, "that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way".
- That God would raise up more believers to serve him in public life.
- For Josh as he settles in to his new role in Deloraine.
- For the Parish of Cressy as they grapple with the realities of ministry in a small rural community, and for Alan Bulmer to juggle his varied responsibilities well.

Warm wishes,
Richard

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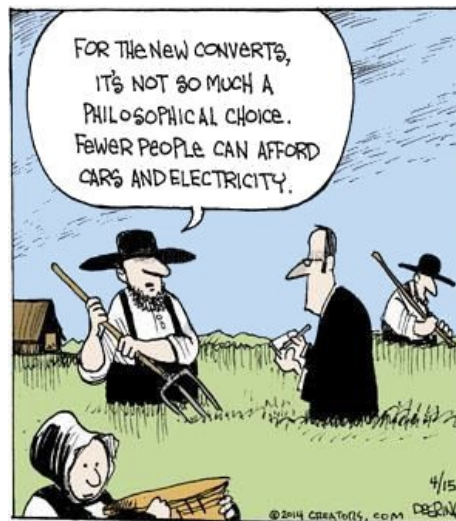
An Amish girl and her mother were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again.

The girl asked, "Mother, what is this?"

The mother, never having seen an elevator, responded, "I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is."

While the girl and her mother watched with amazement, an old man in a wheelchair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the man rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the girl and her mother watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until the last number was reached, and they watched some more as the numbers began to light in reverse order. The walls opened up again and a hunky young man stepped out.

The mother, not taking her eyes off the young man, said quietly to her daughter, "Go get your father."



Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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Growing a community of faith



Pilate called Jesus over and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ...

Jesus answered, "My kingdom doesn't belong to this world. If it did, my followers would have fought to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. No, my kingdom doesn't belong to this world."

"So you are a king," Pilate replied.

"You are saying that I am a king," Jesus told him. "I was born into this world to tell about the truth. And everyone who belongs to the truth knows my voice."

John 18:33b, 36-39 ^{CEV}

Praise for:

- † Laurice turning 90 this week. We pray she has a wonderful birthday celebration with family and friends!
- † Meetings this week with Bishop Richard and Rev Sandy Jones. Praise for the spirit of unity in our Parish
- † Opportunity to share and celebrate with each other as Christmas approaches

Pray for:

- † Rain would fall in drought affected areas
- † Disaster zones around the world - floods, fires, volcanic eruptions, war. Pray for those people affected and the aid agencies that are assisting
- † Euthenasia bills being debated in Victoria and New South Wales, that the will of God will be done through these politicians
- † The resignation of Robert Mugabe and pray that Zimbabwe would now have a more stable and humanitarian government
- † Continued healing for Jan & Bill, Ian & Anne, Jo Janes
- † Generosity of parishioners as we gather items under the Christmas tree for donating to City Mission

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

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:4 NIV

What's going on?

Christmas Lunch - 12 for 12:30pm tomorrow at Trevallyn Bowls Club

Residential Care Community Info Session - This Wednesday 29th November, 2pm to 4pm at Aldersgate Village, Newnham. Considering Residential Care? This free information session will give you tips and guidelines of what to ask and look for. To book call 6341 1400

A Tasmanian Night of Worship - Saturday 2nd December, 7 to 9pm at St Aidan's East Launceston. Worshipping Jesus together through contemporary Tasmanian worship songs and some old favourites. Includes a short sermon from Andrew Morris

Christmas Carol Service with RPS Choirs - Sunday 10th December at St David's Riverside

Traditional Carol Service - Sunday 17th December, 7pm at St Mary Magdalene's George Town. Supper will follow

Usual Unusual Christmas Service - Tuesday 19th December, 7pm will be held at St Mary Magdalene's, George Town, & supper after

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve - 9pm at St Oswald's

Christmas Day - 9am at St David's

CMS SummerView - 11th to 14th January 2018, at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell. Book online at www.cms.org.au/tas/summerview
Bible Teachers: Peter Rodgers – Int'l Director of CMS Aust & former CMS missionary; and David Williams – Principal St Andrew's Hall & former missionary, plus David and Prue Boyd CMS Missionaries on home assignment

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 29th November

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 3rd December

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Home Groups

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm



Mary Bonnily - 26th November

Bill Menzie - 29th November

&

**Laurice Whiddon - 30th November
turning 90!**

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