

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

On Saturday morning, I was privileged to speak at the Graduation Ceremony for St Andrew's Hall, which is the training college for CMS Australia. Nine missionary units had spent 5 months in training, and will now go on to serve God in a variety of locations around the world. We are pleased to have a strong relationship with CMS here in the Diocese as they work to see "a world that knows Jesus".

On Saturday evening the leaders for Anglican Camping Tasmania summer camps were commissioned for the summer season. Please pray for lots of campers, and for many opportunities to share Jesus with young people in our state. On Sunday, I was able to attend and preach at three services at St Mark's Bellerive. So wonderful to see a church brimming with people of all ages! Please pray for them as they wait the appointment of a new Rector.

Join me in giving thanks to God for:

- CMS Australia and the new missionaries, and for our Tasmanian branch
- The Anglican Camping Tasmania leaders
- St Mark's Bellerive and especially Sam Pursell as locum

Please pray:

- That God would raise up more people to give and go to cross-cultural mission opportunities at home and abroad.
- For God's blessing on CMS in Australia and here in Tassie and for our state director Scott Sargent
- For the Summer Season of Anglican Camping that many young people will come to know Jesus.
- That St Mark's Bellerive will continue to flourish, and that the right Rector will be appointed.
- For the Diocesan Ordination Advisory Conference to be held this Friday and Saturday, and especially for the five candidates applying for Ordination.

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Richard

Just For Laughs

A teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses.

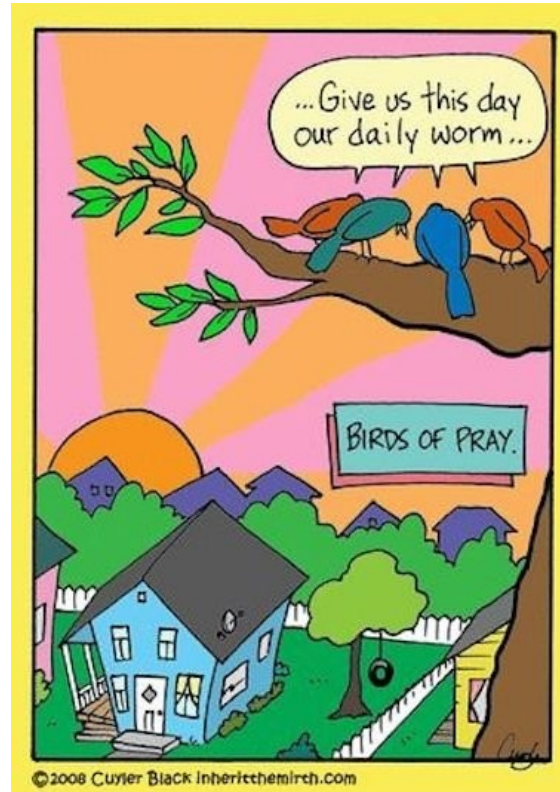
She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

I used to have a handle on life, but it broke!



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Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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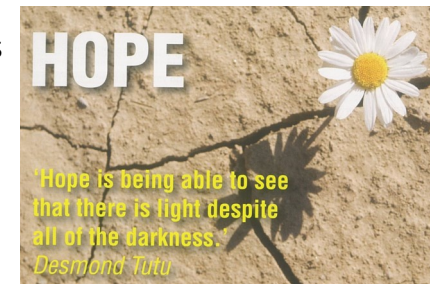
**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

What is Hope?

Hope is connected to the experience of the ancient Israelites, who were frequently under the rule of foreign empires. Their Prophets promised that one day a Saviour would come to set them free, and this hope for the future helped them to persevere in difficult circumstances.

Hope is often linked optimism about the future. Like joy, it can be an anchor during adversity.

What if hope was based on fact, if it was unshakeable, based on something that sustains you despite the trials and tribulations that life often throws at us?



Praise for:

- † Jan's eye operation went very well
- † Margaret Smith's leg has healed
- † Our home groups as they wind up for the year. Praise for the blessing of fellowship & teaching through these groups

Pray for:

- † Many gifts to be given to Christmas trees run by various charities. Pray for generosity of spirit around our state
- † The euthanasia law passed in Victoria will be properly supervised
- † Lindy & James as they lead next Sunday's service here with the Primary School Choirs
- † Students, teachers & school Chaplains as they prepare for the holidays
- † Ellie Firth who has resigned from CMS to take up a position with the Diocese as executive assistant to the Registrar
- † Diocesan staff through these staffing changes
- † James & family as they look for a new home in Hobart and try to sell their house in Launceston
- † Everyone who will be spending Christmas alone, and those for whom Christmas is a painful rather than joyful time
- † Sexual abuse victims dealing with the trauma of so many allegations in the news

Continue to pray daily for:

- † †Margot †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?

Carol Service with RPS Choirs - Next Sunday
10th December, 4pm at St David's Riverside,
followed by a sausage sizzle

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

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There is still lots of room
under the Christmas Tree to
place gifts for City Mission!

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 6th & 13th December

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 10th December

4:00 pm Carol Celebration at St David's
with RPS choirs & sausage sizzle

Monday 11th December

2:00 pm Cadorna

Home Groups

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Final gathering Tuesday 5th Dec

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm



June Hazzlewood - 3rd December

Margot Sutton - 8th December

*The advantage of old age is that you get
to spread your love to many others.*