

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

Sunday 21st January I preached at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Hobart. We have something unique here in Tasmania where so many churches find their unity in the gospel. It is always great to be able to tell what God is doing amongst Anglican Churches across the state. Please pray that church leaders will join across denominations to pray for the advancement of the kingdom in the towns and cities across Tasmania. In the afternoon I attended a very moving service of lament and prayer leading up to Australia Day led by an Aboriginal Christian at St David's Cathedral. It was a great time to stop and pray. Also the Launceston service held on Monday 22nd.

Join me in giving thanks for:

- Other denominations in our state, and our unity in Christ.
- The Aboriginal people in Australia who have been custodians of these lands for over 65,000 years.
- The opportunity we are given to acknowledge and work for healing.

Please pray:

- That church leaders would come together across the state to pray for God's work among us.
- For Australia Day this week, that it would be marked with grace and lament for the first nations people, along with our thankfulness for our country.
- That God would move deeply in this great southern land.

Richard

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Vision Problems

Why did the old man fall in the well?

Because he couldn't see that well.

What do you call a one-eyed dinosaur?

Douthinkhesaurus

A man went to an optometrist to get his eyes tested and asked, "Doctor, will I be able to read after wearing glasses?"

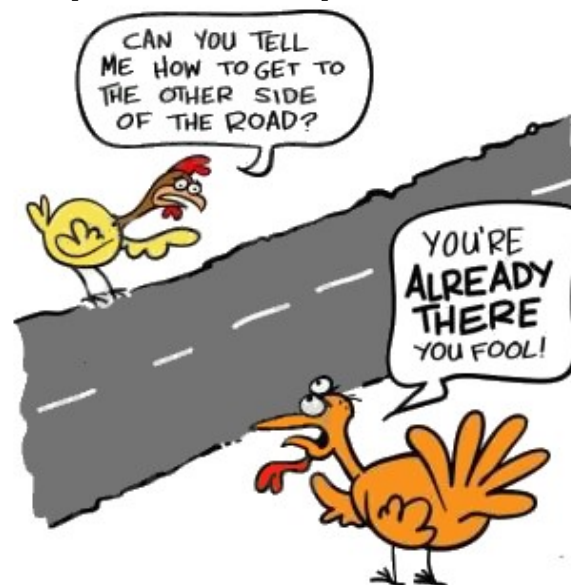
"Yes, of course," said the doctor, "why not!"

"Oh! How nice that will be," said the patient with joy, "I've been illiterate my whole life!"

What do you call a fish with no eyes?

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Perspective is important ...



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**

Starting our Year in 2018

If it didn't bring you joy
just leave it behind
Let's start off a new year
with good things in mind
Let go of bad memories
that brought heartache and pain
And let's turn over a new leaf
with the smell of new rain
Let's forget past mistakes
and look forward this year
And pray that we all have
good hope, health and cheer

Praise for:

- † Laurice has been able to join us over recent weeks, and praise for Cathy & Norman for arranging her transport
- † Jo is out of hospital after her fall. Continue to pray for her, that she would have steady feet & rapid healing
- † Grant has new employment
- † Ann Collings is recovering well from her knee surgery, and praise for her dedication to ministry with preaching and PowerPoint over the holiday period
- † Rob Menzie has at last regained his full licence and can return to driving buses
- † Anne Godman's return to the office after a refreshing break

Pray for:

- † Bill Percy who is in need of prayer for his health
- † Kathy & Marie Stanton who are both having problems with their teeth
- † Ian & Helen Wills
- † Connie's arm will soon be completely healed and she will be back with us
- † Our Parish as talks continue into our future direction. Pray for Bishop Richard as he considers all options
- † James and Ellie as they 'learn the ropes' & settle into their new roles with the Diocese
- † Areas of conflict in the world, especially in the Middle East & Europe. Pray there would be an end to tragic shootings in USA

Pray daily for:

- † †Margot †Robin †Rona †Bill & Bev †Dick, Jo & Stephen †Betty †Alison †Emily †Roger & Julianne †June †Laurice †Marie †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Bill & Jan †Louise, Issy, Josh & Sarah; Martin; Tamara Lauren & Trish †Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake †Paul & Jenn Cavanough

What's going on?

Harvest Festival - Next Sunday 4th February at St David's. Please bring along any fruit and veggies you have been abundantly blessed with which will be sold off, &/or any items to donate directly to City Mission

Safe Church Communities Training Day - Saturday 10th February 2018 at Launceston Christian School. Is your SCC accreditation due to be renewed this year? To register email scc@anglicantas.org.au or phone 6220 2012 before Friday 2nd February

Blooming Church Floral Festival - 9th to 11th February at St David's Cathedral Hobart. Beautiful exhibits by 50+ church & community groups in a magni-cent heritage building. Includes musical recitals/crafts/refreshments/stalls. Friday & Saturday 9am to 4:30pm, Sunday 11am to 2pm. Bell Tower open on Saturday, concert on Sunday from 2pm

Stephen Atkins Concert - Sunday 4th March 3:30 to 6pm at Tamar Valley Church Exeter. Concert in aid of Mission Possible For Future Generations (MPFG), a children's mission in the Philippines. Organised by Issy Brown and Melody Brooks

Bible Society 201st Birthday Hymnfest - Sunday 18th March, 2:30 to 4pm at St John's Launceston. Enjoy fellowship across the churches of Launceston, sing the hymns you know and love, and hear about Bible Society's bicentennial year and plans to bring God's word to the world in the years to come. Singing lead by Rebecca Jee and organ accompaniment by Craig Stenton

CMS Tasmania World Mission Conference - 4th & 5th May at Wellspring, Sandy Bay

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 31st January

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 4th February

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's & Harvest Festival

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.



Genesis 8:22 ^{NIV}

Home Groups

All in recess until February

Happy Birthday to

Ken Pedley - 2nd February

*You are never too old to learn something new.
You are never too awkward to try something
different.*

Welcome to another chapter of your life.