

## From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

The summer season of Anglican Camping finished yesterday, please join me in giving thanks for it, and praying for lasting change in the lives of young campers. Today, Collegiate and Hutchins staff gather in St David's Cathedral to pray for the start of the academic year. Please pray for our schools that they will be places where students can encounter Jesus.

Join me in giving thanks to God for:

- a safe camping season
- the leaders who gave up their time to serve, and the campers who attended
- the talks and studies that were really well received
- some campers expressing a desire to be baptised/confirmed following camp, others wanting to share stories on camp about how God was active in their lives.

Please pray:

- for camp directors and for parishes to follow up well with campers, and to continue to disciple them
- for camp directors and leaders as they recover from the rigours of January, and return to work, study and ministry in their local setting
- that campers will continue to grow in faith
- for our three Anglican Schools to be places where young people will hear about Jesus
- for Collegiate, with Judith Tudball finishing as Principal at the end of 2017 and Adam Forsyth taking on the role as Acting Principal
- for Richard Ford as he commences as Principal at Launceston Church Grammar.

Richard

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## Just for Laughs

It's Harvest Sunday at a small village church in rural England and the vicar is organizing his annual harvest service where people bring their home-grown plants and vegetables to the service.

But this year is different. The local village cricket team has just won their league and the village is in a celebratory mood so the vicar decides to do something special - he will combine the normal harvest service with a cricket theme.

The day of the service arrives and the church is filled with flowers. People are bringing in their offerings of vegetables, and in the middle of the display is a cricket wicket, a strip of turf with a set of wooden stumps at each end, and people are laying their offerings on the wicket. Everything is going fine until one lady comes up to the front of the church to place a bag of peas among the other vegetables. She is stopped by the vicar and returns to her seat still clutching her peas.

"What happened?" asked the lady she's sitting next to.

She shrugs her shoulders and says, "There's no peas for the wicket."



4<sup>th</sup> February

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for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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## Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Do not be afraid, land of Judah;  
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the  
pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;  
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

Joel 2: 21,22 <sup>NIV</sup>



## *Praise for:*

- ✠ Connie has returned to us and her arm is healing well
- ✠ Jo has been able to rejoin us
- ✠ The rain we have had, and pray that there would more rain to come
- ✠ All those who give their time to help others, particularly those who are providing transport for all of us who are unable to drive ourselves
- ✠ The abundance blessing of our gardens which we are able to bring & share today
- ✠ Our team who work tirelessly behind the scene for the church

## *Pray for:*

- ✠ Home group leaders as they prepare to commence study groups for a new year
- ✠ Stephanie and the Good News Club when they resume for the year. Pray they would have more young people to come along and hear the Good News
- ✠ Our state political candidates as they prepare for the coming election. Pray they will all be honest and sincere in their campaigning
- ✠ Bishop Richard and all Clergy around the Diocese
- ✠ Refugees who have been displaced and no longer have a country to call home
- ✠ Areas of drought, in Tasmania, around Australia and overseas. Pray for drenching rains in all drought affected areas

## *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

## *What's going on?*

**Safe Church Communities Training Day** - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Launceston Christian School. Is your SCC accreditation due to be renewed this year? To register email [scc@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:scc@anglicantas.org.au) or phone 6220 2012 immediately

**Blooming Church Floral Festival** - 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February at St David's Cathedral Hobart. Beautiful exhibits by 50+ church & community groups in a magnificent 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

**Shared Lunch** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 12 for 12:30pm at Graeme & Norma's home, 52 Allison Avenue, Riverside. Please bring a main or a sweet to share

**Stephen Atkins Concert** - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**Preaching Training Workshop** - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Ulverstone

**Bible Society 201<sup>st</sup> Birthday Hymnfest** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**CMS Tasmania World Mission Conference** - 7pm to 10pm, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May and 9am to 4.30pm, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Wellspring Anglican Church, Sandy Bay

## *Services for the coming week:*

*Today*

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

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February*

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

*Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February*

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

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## *Home Groups restarting soon*

Collings' Tuesday 1:30pm

Igglesden's Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Tuesday 7:30pm

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Creator God,  
for daily bread and all who work to bring your harvest home we bring our thanks today.

]Forgive our ingratitude, we who have so much yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starve, help those who bring relief and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity, that all might share from your garden and all might sing your praise.

Provider of all, we bring our thanks today.  
May the beauty of this world and the love that created it be expressed through our lives, and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.