

## From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,  
Last week I met with the Heads of Churches here in Tasmania. It was wonderful time of fellowship, hearing of what God is doing in different denominations across the state. There is a real unity in the Spirit and in prayer that I have not experienced in other places. Join me in praying for a multiplication of this in every town. On Wednesday I commissioned Mr Richard Ford as the new Headmaster of Launceston Church Grammar School. It was a terrific occasion, and I am very encouraged by Richard's clear faith in Jesus. Please pray for him and all of our schools as students returned this week.  
This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which marks the commencement of our season of Lament and Repentance. Would you join me in calling on the Lord for mercy in our time of need? Please also pray this week for Jamie Bester, Jacob Crane, and Tristan Dallas as they enter retreat for their Ordination on Saturday. I hope to see many of you at St David's then.

Please give thanks to God for:

- The unity of the church leaders here in Tasmania
- Mr Richard Ford as new Headmaster of Launceston Church Grammar School.
- And for Jamie, Jacob and Tristan to be ordained Deacon this week.

Please pray:

- That our unity in Christ might lead to revival here in Tasmania.
- That our Anglican schools will places of learning and encountering the person of Jesus Christ.
- For our three Ordinands and Victor Shaw as he leads them in retreat.
- That the Lord will bless us during Lent as we lament our failures, repent from them and resolve to live for his glory.

Warm wishes in Christ,  
Richard

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## Just for Laughs

Ever notice how the most often quoted person is "Anon"?

I've come to the conclusion that I'm a reasonably intelligent person who does moderately stupid things on a semi-regular basis.

I hate it when people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.

A man told his friends: "I left my job because of illness and fatigue." Turns out, his boss got sick and tired of him.

As husband came in from the garage. His wife asked, "What's the matter?"

He said, "I lost something. I thought I had put it somewhere safe in the garage."

"How many safe places could there be in the garage?" she replied.

"Clearly one more than I can remember!"

## Do you want to fast this Lent?

*In the words of Pope Francis:*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- Fast from worries and have trust in God
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



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King Jesus,  
we are transfixed by your loveliness,  
your power and your heart of love.  
As you gazed upon the masses with  
compassion, let us move with compassion  
towards those we encounter.  
Let us not be exasperated by the task,  
but instead to calmly, quietly take our place  
in the throng, with you as our guide.  
**Let your gentle roar disarm us, disquiet us,  
and compel us to step into the messy,  
unresolved space between the Now and  
Not Yet,  
called life.**  
And there,  
let your Kingdom  
come.  
Amen.



## Praise for:

- ✠ Rain during the week
- ✠ All those who lead our services and those who deliver the inspirational messages each Sunday
- ✠ Recommencement of home groups. May the Lord inspire the leaders
- ✠ Joan Cocker as she tends to the church garden which is starting to look cheery

## Pray for:

- ✠ Keith McCoy and his work as Chaplain at the Legana aged care facility under very different & trying new management
- ✠ Bill, and Bev as she cares for him
- ✠ All of us who are recovering from falls & breaks
- ✠ Fiji, Tonga and other islands affected by Cyclone Gita. Pray that Red Cross & other aid agencies would be able to get help & support to those who desperately need it
- ✠ Those who suffered damage during the windstorm last Wednesday
- ✠ For revival in our Parish & that new families would join us in worship

## Continue praying:

- ✠ Ian Wills would have his surgery scheduled very soon
- ✠ Louise Brown, Issy, Josh, Sarah & Steve
- ✠ State electoral candidates, for common sense to prevail

## Pray daily for:

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

## What's going on?

**World Day of Prayer service** - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10:30am at St Francis' Catholic Church. Please let Mary know if you are available to read on the day

**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

**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. Singing lead by Rebecca Jee and organ accompaniment by Craig Stenton

**Bishop Richard Lenten Prayer Meetings** - Bp Richard plans to visit almost all the Parishes in the Diocese during Lent, to gather with whom-ever is available, to confess our sins, lament our failings and pray for God's blessing. Please come along and join us at St Aidan's, 5pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be other opportunities to pray at other parishes. Check the monthly news for times & dates

**Safe Church Communities Training Day** - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at St John's Parish Centre, 9am to 12:30pm refresher training. Registration is essential by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March to [scc@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:scc@anglicantas.org.au) or phone 62202012. Morning tea will be provided, please BYO lunch

**Operation Christmas Child State Conference** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside

## Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

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## Home Groups

David & Ann Collings' Home: Tuesday 1:30pm

Marie Igglesden's Home: Tuesday 1:45pm

Ken & Jenny Pedley's Home: Tuesday 7:30pm

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Happy birthday to

Stephen Janes

21<sup>st</sup> February



*Birthdays mean a fresh start;  
a time for looking back with gratitude  
at the blessings of another year. It is  
also a time to look forward with  
renewed hope for bigger blessings.  
May you find true bliss as you face  
your next milestones*