

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends

The first full week of Lent has seen lots of prayer around the Diocese. Tuesday and Wednesday, 40 of the clergy gathered at Poatina for "a solemn assembly" (Joel 1:14), and it was a very rich time. We lamented the state of the church, and repented for our failures, and it was a very significant time of fellowship.

On Thursday I was pleased to gather with a great crowd at St Mark's Bellerive for the induction of the Revd Kim Beales. On Saturday and Sunday I continued my Lenten journey, visiting the Parishes of Circular Head, Wynyard, Penguin, Burnie and Devonport. In each place prayers of Lament and Repentance were offered. God is blessing his people as they pray.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- The Clergy Lenten retreat and all that God did in our lives.
- Kim and Kate Beales and their family for coming to Tasmania.
- For the Parishes and ministries of Circular Head, Wynyard, Penguin, Burnie and Devonport

Please pray for:

- That God would be doing a new and refreshing work among us in this season.
- That doors would be opened for the Gospel
- That repentance would be our delight
- For Kim Beales to have a fruitful and joyful ministry in Bellerive.

Richard

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Just For Laughs

Ever since I was a child, I've had a fear of someone under my bed at night.

So, I went to a shrink and told him.

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year," said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears."

"How much do you charge?" I asked.

"One hundred and fifty dollars per visit," he replied.

"I'll sleep on it," I said. Six months later I met the doctor on the street

"Why didn't you come to see me?" he asked.

"Well, \$150 a visit, three times a week for a year, is \$23,400 A bartender cured me for \$10.

"Is that so?" And with a bit of attitude, he added: "And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed. Ain't nobody under there now."



Information & Church family news
for the congregations of
St David's & St Oswald's

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Dear Jesus,

You care for the refugee. We pray for your love and protection for the Rohingya people. May they experience the peace that only you can give. We know that in the midst of this crisis, you are sovereign and have not forgotten them. We pray for all and especially those who are vulnerable - the young children separated from parents, pregnant mothers and those with a disability.

In the midst of the despair we know you are with us. Be with us and all those who are

trying to bring comfort, food and shelter.

We pray that you be among the Rohingya, God be with us. Amen.



Praise for:

- ✠ Good News Club is commencing at St Leonards Primary School. Praise for Stephanie's commitment and for our visiting speakers Terry & Wilma. Pray for the children attending who do not know Jesus, and for Stephanie's health as she ministers here, at St Leonards & also St John's
- ✠ Bible Society and it's work worldwide
- ✠ Marie Igglesden & Stuart Menzie's health have both improved
- ✠ World Day of Prayer service held last Friday. May this time of devotion continue for years to come

Pray for:

- ✠ Chris Lawrence, and now also baby Eddie Lawrence (3 months old) has caught chicken pox, please pray that there are no long term complications from this
- ✠ Earthquake victims in New Guinea
- ✠ Innocent people, adults and children, caught up in the Syrian civil war
- ✠ Anglican churches in Congo, Rwanda and Burundi, for their safety and loving service to the Lord as they build His churches
- ✠ Newly elected state politicians, that they would have wisdom & humility as they serve
- ✠ Bev (the birthday girl!) and the work which she and Bill have done for the Lord over many years

Continue praying:

- ✠ Ian Wills; Louise & family

Pray daily for:

- ✠ Margot ✠ Robin ✠ Rona ✠ Bill & Bev ✠ Dick, Jo & Stephen ✠ Betty & Ann C ✠ Marie ✠ Emily ✠ Roger & Julianne ✠ Alison ✠ June ✠ Laurice ✠ Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake

What's going on?

Stephen Atkins Concert - 3:30 to 6pm TODAY 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

Bishop Richard Lenten Prayer Meetings - Bp Richard plans to visit almost all the Parishes in the Diocese during Lent, to gather with whomever 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 22nd March. There will be other opportunities to pray at other parishes. Check the monthly news for times & dates

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

Operation Christmas Child State Conference - Friday 20th & Saturday 21st April at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside. Friday 10am to 5pm and dinner at 6:30pm, Saturday 9:30am to 3pm. Cost \$50 (Includes food). Registrations must be in before the end of February at www.samaritanspurse.org.au/occ-conference

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 7th March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 4th March

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

Home Groups

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

Marie Igglesden's Home: Tuesday 1:45pm

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



*Happy birthday to
Bev Percey - 2nd March
Julianne Orr - 10th March*

From the drink in your cup, to the icing on your cake, to the company that surrounds you, may your birthday be the sweet celebration you deserve!