

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,
Thank you to all who have been embracing the Season of lament and repentance for the 40 days of Lent. There is something quite special when God's people open their hearts to him, and confess their sins. Last week I had some very special times of prayer with folk from All Saint's South Hobart, Sandy Bay and Taroona, The Huon, St Clements Kingston, Channel Cygnet (in Woodbridge) and Battery Point. I am really encouraged by people's honesty. God has been doing some wonderful healing. On Thursday evening a great crowd gathered at Battery Point as I commissioned Bruce Geeves for a new ministry – the Seniors Ministry Strategy. On Saturday I represented the Diocese by speaking at the Bush Church Aid Society's Qld and N NSW branch Bush and Bible day. There was a lot of interest in our BCA projects – Barneys in Launceston, church planting in Brighton and Southern Beaches and of course in Bass Strait.

This week our Diocese focuses on lamenting our misuse of power. The Diocesan office staff are heading away for an off-site planning meeting on Monday and Tuesday.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- All that God is doing in our season of lament and repentance.
- Bruce Geeves and his new ministry to Seniors
- Our partnership with BCA and their support of key ministries in Tasmania.

Please pray:

- That God would continue to meet us in a special way as we lament and repent of our failings
- For Bruce Geeves as he ministers to Seniors
- Our Diocesan staff team on their off-site meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

Just For Laughs

After being married for 55 years this month, I took a careful look at my wife one day and said, "Fifty-five years ago we had a cheap house, a junk car, slept on a sofa-bed and watched a 10-inch black and white TV. But hey I got to sleep every night with a hot 23 year old girl.

Now I have a \$500,000 home, a \$40,000 car, a queen size bedroom suite and a huge flat screen colour TV, but I'm sleeping with a 78 year old woman.

It seems to me that you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman. She told me to go out and find a hot 23 year old girl and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap house, driving a junk car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV.

That's the great thing about older women. They really know how to solve an old guy's problems!



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At Easter, we remember the brokenness of Christ and reconciling cross, and we celebrate the hope for restoration that resonates through our stories and deeply touches us all. Lord grant us your grace and humility to fully recognise and own our vulnerabilities and weaknesses.

There may we find that the redeeming and transforming cross of Christ is enough.
Amen.



Praise for:

- ✠ Warm autumn weather here, and the rain falling in NSW & QLD where it is so desperately needed
- ✠ Stephanie and her mentors Terry & Wilma who gave such an informative message last Sunday
- ✠ That Ken and Margaret Spurio suffered no serious injuries after both of them had accidents last week

Pray for:

- ✠ Ann Nixon recuperating after having knee replacement surgery
- ✠ All bereaved people in our community
- ✠ Our congregation, as so many suffer from health related problems
- ✠ Chaplains in our schools, hospitals and prison service. Pray especially for Lindy in the Primary School, and especially the new high school Chaplain, Ben Lundie, as he begins to minister to students and teachers
- ✠ Our newly elected politicians would work together for the good of Tasmania
- ✠ New faces would appear in our churches

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Chris and baby Eddie as they recover from shingles/chicken pox
- ✠ Ian Wills as he waits for surgery
- ✠ The people of PNG after experiencing a second earthquake. Pray that aid would reach the remote locations
- ✠ ✠Rona ✠Robin ✠Dick & Jo ✠Margot ✠Marie ✠June ✠Laurice ✠Betty & Ann C ✠Bill & Bev ✠Emily ✠Ian, Helen & Sarah ✠Alison ✠Roger & Julianne ✠Louise, Issy, Josh, Sarah & Steve; Tamara, Lauren & Trish ✠Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake

What's going on?

Bible Society 201st Birthday Hymnfest - Next 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 & 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. This week is your last chance to book a place. Contact scc@anglicantas.org.au or phone 62202012 by Friday 16th March. Morning tea will be provided, please BYO lunch

Launceston Alive Easter Festival - 24th March to 1st April at various locations. Includes workshops, leaders' breakfast, lectures, a multi-cultural dinner, prayer vigil, festivals, worship and more! Go to Launceston.org.au for the full program of events

If you are available on Saturday 31st March between 11am and 2pm to help serve tea, coffee & biscuits in City Park at the Children & Families Easter Festival, please see Anne Morley or Anne Godman

CMS Tasmania World Mission Conference - Friday 4th & Saturday 5th May at Wellspring Sandy Bay. Contact Scott Sargent to book

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Monday 12th March

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 14th March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 18th March

10:00 am Holy Communion 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

Special request from



City Mission have put out a call for donations of snack things to go in school lunch boxes. Suggestions include; muesli bars, small boxes of sultanas, snack cheese and biscuit packs, chips, apples, grapes, mandarins, lunch spreads such as nutella and vegemite or cheese spread. Please help by dropping items in the basket