

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your ongoing prayers. The Diocesan Staff team had two marvellous days away together on Monday and Tuesday last week, working on how we want to partner effectively with Parishes in serving them to achieve the Diocesan Vision. Thanks for those who prayed. I continued my Lenten travels last week, on Thursday praying with people in Lindisfarne, Bellerive, Howrah and Sorell, Richmond and Tasman, and on Saturday in Brighton, New Norfolk and Hamilton. On Thursday night we commissioned Jamie and Claire Bester with BCA for their new church planting ministry in the Southern Beaches. Give thanks to God that their first public service (with and team of 30 from Sorell) took place on Sunday afternoon! Give thanks for the Cathedral team who did a great job in proclaiming Christian hope at the State Funeral for Vanessa Goodwin. On Sunday evening I joined the Lenten series at Wellspring.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our Diocesan Staff team
- Southern Beaches Anglican Church that began on Sunday
- The work that God is doing in our churches during Lent

Please pray:

- For our Diocesan staff team to grow in our effectiveness and loving service
- For Jamie and Claire Bester and their team in the Southern Beaches that God will prosper the work of their hands (Ps 90:17)
- That God will break and remake his church in Tasmania through heartfelt repentance.

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Just For Laughs

Two nuns were driving South on a cold Winter's night. A storm began to grow, and suddenly a clap of thunder rang out and a flash of lightning struck the car.

A face appeared at the windscreen, fangs dripping blood, eyes dark and haunting ...

"Oh my," said the first nun., "A vampire! What shall we do?"

"Show him your cross," exclaimed the second nun.

With that the first nun wound down her window, leaned out and screamed, "Get off our car!!"

My wife and I were stopped at a red light when a car pulled up next to us, its music blasting.

"He'll be deaf before he's 25," I said.

"That won't help us," my wife replied. "He'll only turn it up."

Thoughts for the week ahead

- ◆ He ate so much over Christmas that he decided to quit cold turkey
- ◆ The best mirror is a good friend
- ◆ I married Mr. Right. I just didn't know his first name was "Always"
- ◆ I loaned \$10,000 to my (former) best friend to get plastic surgery. I haven't heard from him in nine months, and now I don't know what he looks like
- ◆ Thesaurus: A dinosaur named Roget with a big vocabulary



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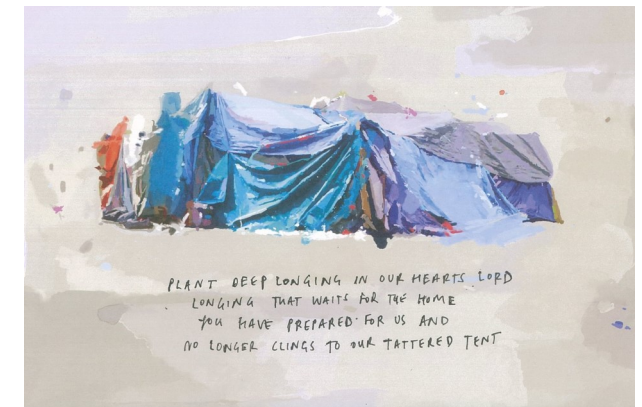
St David's & St Oswald's

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**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

Lord, as we journey through life where we experience so much beauty and pain, failure and success, love and discord, please help us to remember that we are just passing through.

Plant deep in our hearts Lord. Longing that waits for the home you have prepared for us, and no longer clings to our tattered tent. Amen.



Praise for:

- ✚ Eddie is almost fully recovered from his bout of chickenpox
- ✚ Rain showers this week and the cooler change which brings out the beautiful colours of autumn
- ✚ The wonderful state and country in which we live, and the relative safety we enjoy. Praise for our harmonious multicultural society as we begin Harmony Week today

Pray for:

- ✚ Alex Smith who is very unwell, & Margaret as she cares for him
- ✚ MST and Parish Council as they consider the future direction of the Parish
- ✚ Safe travel for Graeme & Norma
- ✚ Bible Society and their work with 'Get the Word Out' Nicaragua in 2018
- ✚ Flooding in North Queensland. Praise God for the blessings of rain, however it would be good if it would stop now!
- ✚ Launceston Alive Easter Festival beginning this Saturday. Pray for the organisers and volunteers as they share the Good News with the Launceston community
- ✚ New faces would appear in our churches

Continue to pray for:

- ✚ Chris who is still experiencing pain from shingles
- ✚ Ian Wills as he waits for surgery
- ✚ Earthquake ravaged PNG
- ✚ †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 - 2:30 to 4pm today at St John's Launceston. Gold coin donation for GTWO Nicaragua

Bishop Richard Lenten Prayer Meetings - Join Bp Richard at St Aidan's, **4pm** this Thursday 22nd March to confess our sins, lament our failings & pray for God's blessing

Safe Church Communities Training Day - If you have booked in for the training, don't forget it's this Saturday 24th March at St John's Parish Centre from 9am

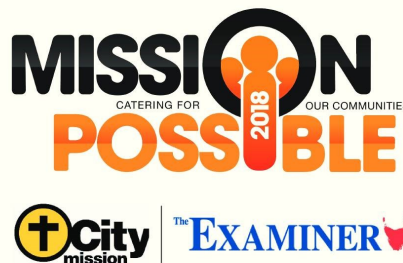
Launceston Alive Easter Festival - 24th March to 1st April at various locations. Includes workshops, leaders' breakfast, lectures, a multi-cultural dinner, prayer vigil, festivals, worship and more! Go to Launceston.org.au for the full program of events.

Fellowship Group - commencing Wednesday 18th April, 2pm at St Oswald's. All welcome to come and share a time of fellowship and refreshments

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

Mission Possible 2018 - Help City Mission meet their target of 30,000 items by 6th May. Ideal items for donation will have a long shelf life. The Mission is also seeking donations of lunch box items for children, pharmaceutical

goods, toiletries and items that support women with babies. Leave items in the basket in the foyer as usual



Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 21st March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 25th 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



*Happy birthday to
Graeme Barwick
24th March*

Thought to Ponder

A man with an experience of God is never at the mercy of a man with an argument.

Leonard Ravenhill