

## From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

Please continue to pray for our Lenten season, as we lament our failure to care for the environment. Last week I had the privilege of praying with the saints in the Parishes of Buckland/Swansea, Break O'Day, Dorset, West Tamar, St John's Launceston and Barneys in North Launceston. I also met with the leadership of Riverlinks and dedicated a new window in the Chapel at Launceston Church Grammar School. Please pray for St Michael's Collegiate School as they appoint a new Principal. Many will know Alister Martin who died recently. We give thanks for his life.

The Australian Bishop's conference has been on since Friday and continues to Tuesday. Please pray for us as we deliberate on many key issues of church life, including marriage.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- All that God is doing in Parishes during our Lenten Season
- Anglican Schools in Tasmania
- For the Life of Alister Martin
- And the Bishops of the Australian Church.

Please pray:

- For God to continue to change us through these 40 days of lent, and to prepare new ground for the gospel, and that God would redeem our environment.
- That the Bishops will stand firm on the word of God, and lead our church in mission.
- For God's choice of a new Principal for Collegiate.

## Just For Laughs

Two men were out hunting, and as they were walking along, they came upon a huge hole in the ground. They approached it and were amazed at its size. The first hunter said, "Wow, that's some hole. I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is."

The second hunter said, "I don't know. Let's throw something down there, listen, and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter said, "Hey, there's an old automobile transmission over there. Give me a hand and we'll throw it in and see."

So they picked up the transmission, carried it over to the hole, counted one-two-three, and heaved it in.

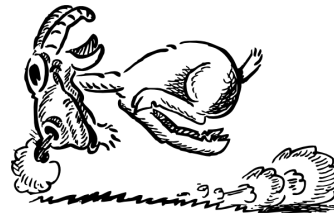
They were standing there looking over the edge of the hole and listening when they heard a rustling behind them. As they turned around, they saw a goat come crashing through the underbrush, run up to the hole, and, without hesitation, jump in head first.

While they were standing there staring at each other in amazement, peering into the hole and trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer sauntered up.

"Say there," said the farmer, "you fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?"

The first hunter said, "Funny you should ask. We were just standing here a minute ago, and a goat came running out of the bushes doing about a hundred miles an hour and jumped head first into this hole!"

The old farmer said, "Nah, that's impossible. I had him chained to an old transmission."



25<sup>th</sup> March

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

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## Palm Sunday

Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Matthew 21:9<sup>NIV</sup>



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## Praise for:

- ✠ Opportunity to share with Bp Richard in prayer, confession and repentance during this season of Lent
- ✠ Christian leaders and missionaries, may they be able to celebrate Easter in safety
- ✠ The uplifting Hymnfest at St John's last week

## Pray for:

- ✠ Cyclone survivors in the NT & WA
- ✠ Victorian & NSW bushfire victims. Praise the there was no loss of life, however they will need prayer support as many begin to rebuild
- ✠ Our new state government as they begin the new term
- ✠ The persecuted church, for Open Doors who minister to the persecuted, especially on 28<sup>th</sup> March as we stand together as one - one church, one hope, one family
- ✠ The team working at the Children and Families festival this Saturday. Praise for this opportunity to bless the people of Launceston, and pray we reflect God's love as we serve. Pray for all the volunteers & churches involved, and pray especially for the children & families attending
- ✠ New faces would appear in our churches

## Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Chris who is still having pain from shingles
- ✠ Ian Wills waiting on a surgical date
- ✠ Chaplains Lindy & Ben
- ✠ ✠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?

**Walk For Refugees** - TODAY gathering in Princes Square for a BYO picnic at 12.30pm and then the Walk for Refugees will depart at 2pm sharp. A celebration in City Park will follow at 2.30pm. Everyone welcome

**Ecumenical Choir** - Thursday night rehearsals at held St John's from 7:30pm to 9pm. If anyone would like to sing in the choir contact Marlene: [mjohnston1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjohnston1@bigpond.com)

**Launceston Alive Easter Festival** - 24<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April at various locations. Includes workshops, leaders' breakfast, lectures, a multi-cultural dinner, prayer vigil, festivals, worship and more! Go to [Launceston.org.au](http://Launceston.org.au) for the full program of events.

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

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

**Mission Possible 2018** - Help City Mission meet their target of 30,000 items by 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**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. Featuring Mike Raiter, preaching from Luke & Revelation and David Williams speaking on The Gospel to the Nations, The Gospel from the West & The Gospel in Australia

## Services for the coming week:

### Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

10:00 am Good Friday Service  
"At the Foot of the Cross"

### Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's  
6:30 pm Combined Churches Celebration at St John'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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## Mission Boxes

Please bring along your BCA and Leprosy

Mission boxes in the next few weeks to

church, or drop in to the Parish office

