

From Bishop Richard Condie

Dear Friends,

As we enter Holy Week in preparation for the celebration of Easter, our Lenten focus begins to draw to a close. Last week I was able to pray prayers of lament and repentance with others in Oatlands, Campbell Town, Cressy, Longford, Westbury, Holy Trinity Launceston, St Mark's South Launceston, St Leonards, St Aidan's East Launceston (Riverlinks), Ulverstone, Deloraine, Meander, and Latrobe/Sheffield. On Sunday I worshipped with the saints in Deloraine, where we lamented from Psalm 31.

This week I will be saying evening prayer at St David's Cathedral each evening at 5pm in preparation for Good Friday and Easter Day. You'd be welcome to join us.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our Lenten season of lament and repentance.
- The wonderful times of prayer in many different parishes
- The opportunity to remember Jesus' death and resurrection this week

Please pray:

- That our season of Lament and Repentance will bear fruit in the spiritual vitality of our churches.
- For our churches as they gather to tell the "old old story" of Jesus and his love, this weekend.
- That many will find hope in the message of Easter.

Words to Remember

I never begin my work in the morning without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own. Campbell Morgan

Attention to detail is the secret of success in every sphere of life, and little kindnesses, little acts of consideration, little appreciations, little confidences ... they are all that are needed to keep the friendship sweet. Hugh Black

Having a sense of nearness to God gives me the sense of being exactly where I belong. Christine Dallman

If you have the Spirit without the Word, you blow up. If you have the Word without the Spirit, you dry up. If you have both the Word and the Spirit, you grow up. Don Lyon

Jesus' return is even more certain than tomorrow's dawn.

2000 years ago Jesus did not just stand up for me - He was nailed up for me.

Pray today for your tomorrow depends upon it.

Do not believe in miracles ... rely on them.

Just For Laughs

If a woman's work is never done, why bother?

Accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now am the proud owner of Aisle 4.

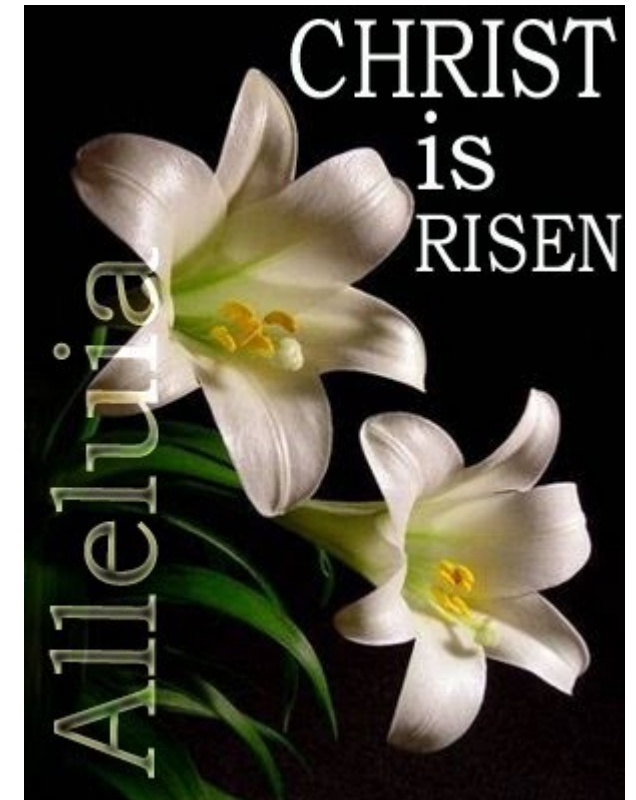
I was stunned last night when my wife told me I was too wrapped up in myself. When did I get a wife?

I may not know what I'm doing, but I'm pretty sure I'm doing it brilliantly.

At my age I've seen it all, heard it all, and done it all, I just can't remember it all.



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Praise for:

- ✠ Chris is feeling much better
- ✠ The chance to serve and celebrate at yesterday's Easter Family Festival in City Park. Praise for the many helpers who came and the many people we were able to bless
- ✠ The very meaningful Good Friday service led by Ian
- ✠ All who work to keep our churches running and lively, and for all whose love of Jesus shines through in all they do and say
- ✠ Dedicated teachers and loving parents

Pray for:

- ✠ Helen Wills after she was taken to hospital from Relay for Life last weekend. Praise that she was well enough to go home after a few hours, and pray that the MRI would reveal the cause of her condition. Pray also for Ian as he continues to wait for surgery
- ✠ Jan's granddaughter Carly and her new premature baby boy Jack, both still in hospital after an emergency caesarian
- ✠ Safe travel for everyone on the roads over the Easter holiday break
- ✠ Christians as we rejoice in celebrating Christ's resurrection today, and all those who do not know Christ as Lord of all
- ✠ New faces to appear in our churches

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Our local school 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?

Please note that the Parish office will be CLOSED this week. Please speak to a member of Parish Council or the MST if you need anything attended to urgently

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: mijohnston1@bigpond.com

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

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

CMS Tasmania World Mission Conference - 7pm to 10pm, Friday 4th May and 9am to 4.30pm, Saturday 5th 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

Mission Boxes

Don't forget to bring in your mission boxes during April to be counted and sent off to Bush Church Aid and the Leprosy Mission.



Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Wednesday 4th April

- 10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St Oswald's
- 12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 8th April

- 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

Rona Blyth - 6th April

A good memory is one that can remember the day's blessings and forget the day's troubles