

Doubting Thomas

Thank God for Thomas, the one disciple who had the courage to say what everyone else was thinking but didn't dare say, the courage to ask the awkward questions that drew from Jesus some of the most beautiful and profoundly comforting of all his sayings.

"We don't know where you're going, how can we know the way?" asked Thomas, and because he had the courage to confess his ignorance, we were given that beautiful saying, "I am the way the Truth and the Life."

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"

Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.
Because He loved your awkward counter-point
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Malcolm Guite

Thoughts For The Week

- ◆ I have a speech impediment ... my foot.
- ◆ I keep hearing on the radio that I can make big money flipping houses, but they never say how much I have to pay for the spatula.
- ◆ I wanted to live the simple life, but figuring it out proved too complex.
- ◆ If memory serves me right, it would be the first time.
- ◆ Can weather be clement?
- ◆ Don't give up on your dreams. Keep sleeping.
- ◆ In a world you where you can be anything, try being kind.

Just For Laughs

A nursery school teacher was delivering a minivan full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close.

"They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."



8th April

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*"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."*

— John 20:29b



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Praise for:

- ✠ Easter services held last weekend, for the freedom to worship and praise together in celebration of our Saviour's sacrifice for our sins, giving us eternal life in him
- ✠ Rain in areas where it was so desperately needed
- ✠ Persecuted Christians whose faith allows them to praise God under such trying circumstances. Pray for their safety and health in their daily lives

Pray for:

- ✠ Wendy Cooper who is waiting for the result of pathology tests
- ✠ Anne G's father George who is having a biopsy this week
- ✠ Our leadership teams as they prayerfully consider the future of our Parish
- ✠ City Mission, Salvation Army, and other aid agencies ministering to the homeless in our city, especially as the weather begins to deteriorate. Pray for those whose financial position means they have to choose between eating and staying warm. Pray we would have generous spirits to help however we can
- ✠ Ben and Lindy as they minister to the Riverside High and Primary school children and teachers. Pray they would have openings to share their faith and speak Jesus into the lives of those they come into contact with

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ ✠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?

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

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

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 29th April, 10am here at St David's Riverside. A shared lunch will follow the service, so please bring a plate of finger food to share in fellowship together

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 Praise & Worship at St David's

Monday 9th April

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 11th April

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 15th April

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
Richard Janes - 11th April*

*May the good Saints protect you
and bless you today,
and may troubles ignore you
each step of the way!*

(An Irish Blessing)