

From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

It was wonderful to have a slower week last week after all the joy of Easter. After our Lenten lament, it was wonderful to experience the joy of resurrection afresh last week. I spent most of the week, preparing for my ministry in New Zealand at the weekend where I spoke at a Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans meeting in Christchurch (and a repeat conference next weekend in Auckland). The General Synod of the Anglican Church in New Zealand are about to debate a motion on allowing the church to bless same-sex unions, and the FCA group is holding conferences to help prepare people for this. I was speaking on the Unchanging Gospel and peaching at a church on Sunday. Please pray that God would have mercy on the church there.

The other preparation I was doing last week was for Diocesan Council and our own Synod, especially thinking about how we are going to pay for future sexual abuse redress claims and our Diocesan operation deficit. Please pray for the DC as they think about and discuss these issues.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our Easter hope in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and the unchanging gospel of repentance for the forgiveness of sins that flows from it.
- Our brothers and sisters in the Anglican church in New Zealand
- Our response to date in helping survivors of sexual abuse in the Diocese.

Please pray:

- That God will have mercy on the Anglican Church in New Zealand, so that they will stay true to the scriptures.
- For our Diocesan Council as they grapple with weighty financial matters.
- That the Anglican Church of Australia can work well with the Commonwealth Government in the design of the national redress scheme.

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Just For Laughs

President Trump is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun.

A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts, "Mickey Mouse!"

Miraculously, this startles the would-be assassin and he is, mercifully, captured.

Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the world made you shout Mickey Mouse?"

Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout Donald, duck!"

Q: Why did Mickey Mouse fly to outer space?

A: To find Pluto!

Q: What does Mickey Mouse use to browse the Web?

A: An iPad Minnie!

Q: What is Mickey Mouse's favourite sport?

A: Minnie-golf!

Q: What mouse walks on two legs?

A: Mickey Mouse!

Q: What duck walks on two legs?

A: All of them!!!



15th April

Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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committed to Christ and making him known**

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I
surrender to His Will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever and ever in the next.
Amen.

(prayer attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr, 1892-1971)

Praise for:

- ✠ Jan's granddaughter Carly is home & baby Jack is improving
- ✠ Celebration of Rona's life. It was wonderful to see so many of Rona's friends and church family at the funeral last Thursday. It was a moving service giving praise to Rona for her life of devotion to her family and church
- ✠ Much needed rain we received this week, and pray for more
- ✠ All parishioners who give of their time and talents to the children's programs in Riverlinks. Praise that a second mainly music group is starting up

Pray for:

- ✠ MST and Parish Council as they meet with Bishop Richard this Wednesday evening to discuss the future direction of the Parish. Pray for a spirit of unity and clarity
- ✠ Homeless people as Winter comes upon us, and for all who are able to support City Mission and other charities to help them
- ✠ Millions of refugees worldwide, for peace and understanding, for discontinuation of chemical warfare, particular the vulnerable
- ✠ Chris & Wendy Thiele who have been appointed as BCA Field staff to King Island & are being commissioned today in Latrobe
- ✠ Teachers, students and Chaplains as they enjoy the Autumn holidays

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ ✠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?

Fellowship Group - this 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. Our guest speaker will be Richard Ford, head of the Grammar school

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

Wednesday 18th April

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 22nd 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

Forecast for today:

God reigns, and the Son shines

If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me.

If you want to save your life, you will destroy it. But if you give up your life for me, you will save it.

Luke 9:23,24 ^{CEV}