

From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

I spent all of last week in New Zealand, with a few days retreat for prayer and reading, and also speaking at the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans NZ Conference. The General Synod of the Anglican Church in New Zealand is considering legislation to allow for the blessing of same-sex marriages under a "twin integrities" model. As this would be contrary to God's word and the doctrine of their church, faithful biblical Anglicans are considering how to respond. Please remember them in your prayers and ask God to have mercy on His church.

Would you also please pray for the Diocesan Council this week as it works out how to respond to the need for redress for survivors of sexual abuse in our Diocese. We have a God given responsibility to make right the damage done by providing financial redress to survivors under the National Redress Scheme. This is going to be costly and will cause us a lot of sacrifice, but we must face it as a matter of justice, recognition and support.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Faithful Anglicans around the world who want to uphold the word of God, and especially our sisters and brothers in the ACNZ
- For those who serve us on Diocesan Council.

Please pray for:

- God to have mercy on the ACNZ and that the proposed motion at GS will fail.
- Diocesan Council as it meets on Tuesday evening, for wisdom and courage, especially around redress.
- Our engagement with the media on the topic of redress.

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Just For Laughs

A man in a hurry, taking his 8 year old son to school, made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh oh, I think I just made an illegal turn," the man said.

"It's OK dad," the boy said. "The police car behind us just did the same thing!"

An elderly man lay awkwardly sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theatre.

When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the old man, "Sorry sir, but you're only allowed one seat."

The elderly man didn't budge.

The usher became more impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager."

Once again, the elderly man just muttered and did nothing.

The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the elderly dishevelled man, but with no success.

Finally they summoned the police.

The police officer surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy what's your name?"

"Jim," the old man moaned.

"Where you from, Jim?" asked policeman.

With a terrible strain in his voice, and without moving, Jim replied, "The balcony."



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The Rose of No-Man's Land

There's a rose that grows in No-Man's Land,
and it's wonderful to see,
Though it's sprayed with tears
it will live for years,
In my garden of memory.
It's the one red rose the soldier knows,
It's the work of the master's hand,
Mid the wars great curse
stands the Red Cross Nurse,
She's the rose of No-Man's Land.

Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
You are my friends if you do
what I command.

John 15: 13,14 ^{NIV}



Praise for:

- ✠ Praise that the Easter poster created at Lindy's Primary School lunch group, 'Each of us matters to God' was allowed to be displayed in the main corridor of the school
- ✠ Baby Jack made it home from hospital in time for his mum's birthday. He is gaining weight but still has a long way to go

Pray for:

- ✠ Kathy's health problems
- ✠ Our Parish future direction. A special meeting will be held soon to discuss options. Pray we would all be of one mind in following the Bishop's Visions for Tasmania
- ✠ Armed Forces personnel service around Australia and the world
- ✠ RPS Chaplaincy prayer & praise points:
 - ⇒ A Christian mother & child feeling unsafe
 - ⇒ SUPA Club recommencing in term 2 each Friday at lunch time, that God's touch will be on the hearts of children who attend
 - ⇒ A recuperative break for all staff and children after a hectic first term
 - ⇒ 2 spirituality toolbox groups commencing in term 2 - that children will make great spiritual connections & increase their well-being
 - ⇒ 2 older students making unwise choices - that Lindy's work with them will unearth in them a passion for justice, kindness, thankfulness and compassion with all their schoolmates and family

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?

Riverlinks Together - Next 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

Soup & Sandwich Lunch - Tuesday 8th May, 12:00 noon at St Mark-on-the-hill, Hobart Road South Launceston. This is St Mark's Mothers Union annual event to raise funds for overseas missions & Northern outreach projects. Cost \$10, RSVP to Karen 6344 4658 by Friday 4th May. Lucky door prize & raffle

Mission Boxes

Last chance to get your mission box in to be counted and sent off to Bush Church Aid and the Leprosy Mission. Next due in October.



Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 25th April

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 29th April

10:00 am Riverlinks Together at St David's followed by a shared lunch

Home Groups

David & Ann Collings' Home: Tuesday 1:30pm

Marie Igglesden's Home: Tuesday 1:45pm

Ken & Jenny Pedley's Home: Tuesday 7:30pm

Fellowship Group Meeting

On Wednesday 18th April, 9 people gathered at St Oswald's for an afternoon of fellowship and food. Kaye and Ross celebrated communion with us, which was very moving.

Ideas were floated for various activities to take part in this year, including Samaritan's Purse boxes and also the provision of personal hygiene items for school girls in need.

Next meeting will be a quiz day, held on 16th May at St Oswald's. Come and join us and have an afternoon of fun. All welcome