

From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

Most of you will now know of the decision of the Diocesan Council to establish a fund to meet our redress obligations by diverting funds from Parishes and the sale of property. The details are in the Pastoral letter (*available in the foyer or from the Parish office*). I have been very much aware of the uncertainty that this has introduced into many Parishes, and the pain of sacrifice that will soon come our way. Would you please join me in praying that each one of us will trust in God's provision for us? He will never let us down. Please also pray for survivors of child sexual abuse, that this will contribute to their healing.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- The courage and faithfulness of the Diocesan Council as they work on this.
- The maturity and faith in our congregations on Sunday, as they heard this news.
- The fact that we have resources to divert to help survivors of child sexual abuse in our church.

Please pray:

- That our hope would be in God, and his purposes for us. That our trust in Him and his goodness would grow every day.
- For the Registry team and the DC as they finalise the proposal to go to Synod.
- For survivors of abuse everywhere, that they will find healing wholeness and hope.

Just For Laughs

A young boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the congregation. While facing them he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the congregation was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was near tears by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



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

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Christ encourages you, and his love comforts you. God's Spirit unites you, and you are concerned for others. Now make me completely happy! Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person. Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought

Philippians 2: 1-5 ^{CEV}

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Praise for:

- † Commonwealth Games and ANZAC Day commemorations were conducted in safety. Praise for the police and all others involved in crowd control
- † Australian Service men and women who keep our country free
- † Wonderfully changeable Autumn weather
- † Those who give of their time to run mainly music and other children's programs within our churches

Pray for:

- † Roger who is concerned by his health problems, and for Alison who needs employment. Pray also for Julianne as she cares for her family
- † Students and teachers heading back to school for the new term starting tomorrow
- † Our Anglican churches, ministers and lay people in this time of change. Pray for Bp Richard and the Diocesan Council as they make these difficult and painful decisions
- † All those living in war-torn countries, facing the threat of starvation, injury and death on a daily basis

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

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless

Mother Theresa

What's going on?

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 - *Last chance to register!* Registrations close tomorrow (Monday 30th April). The conference will be 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

Breaking Bread Together - Sunday 20th May in all of our churches. Sharing communion from one batch of dough as one Church, state-wide

Riverlinks Together & Special Parish Meeting - A special meeting with Bishop Richard Condie will be held on Sunday 27th May, 10am at St Aidan's East Launceston. Please plan to be there to discuss the future of our Parish

Chaplaincy Week - 20th to 27th May

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Wednesday 2nd May

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 6th May

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

Prayer of the Week

Saving God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world
to yourself:

Help us so to proclaim the good news
of your love, that all who hear it may be
reconciled to you;

through him who died for us and rose again
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen