

## From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

We give thanks this week for those who have served us in the Defence Forces, as we celebrated ANZAC Day once again. It was great to see so many Anglicans involved in various services around the state. It has been a difficult week for us, with all the media attention on our church, as we grapple with our responsibility to provide redress for survivors of sexual abuse. Please pray for Parishes as we count the cost. Please pray for calm responses, and balanced accurate reporting in the media.

I have been praying these words for us all:

**Phil. 2:1** *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our ANZACS and our other defence force personnel.
- His sustaining of the witness and work of the church in Tasmania.
- The hard work being done by our Diocesan Council as it grapples with redress.

Please pray for:

- Our unity of mind and heart over our response to redress.
- Parishes that are feeling unsettled.
- Our Diocesan Council as they meet to make difficult decisions this Thursday evening.

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## Just For Laughs

A cranky older woman was arrested for shoplifting at a grocery store. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer who took her away. She complained and criticized everything and everyone throughout the process.

When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked her what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches you old fool."

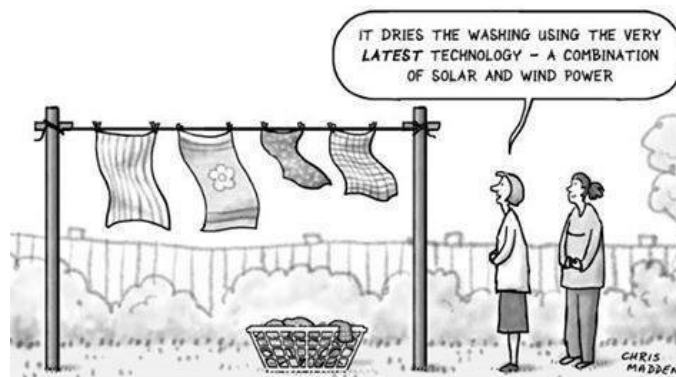
The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store."

The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied in a nasty tone, "Nine! But why do you care about that?"

The judge answered patiently, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach."

As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long-suffering husband raised his hand slowly and asked if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes sir, what do you have to add?"

The husband said meekly, "Your Honour, she also stole two cans of peas."



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

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**Growing a community of faith  
committed to Christ and making him known**

O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the  
angels and crowned them with glory  
and honour.

O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8: 1, 3-5, 9<sup>NIV</sup>

**The God who holds the whole world in His hands  
wraps Himself in the splendour of the sun's light  
and walks among the clouds**

## Praise for:

✠ Wonderful combined Riverlinks Together service held last week, and the very interesting testimony given by our guest speaker Richard Ford. Pray for Richard as he ministers as Principal at Grammar school. Praise for the nourishing feast provided afterwards

## Pray for:

- ✠ Healing for Norma's shoulder as she has treatment tomorrow
- ✠ Our clergy, Ministry Support Team, Parish Council & our all member ministry. Pray that we will be of one mind as we consider the future direction of the Parish
- ✠ Youth in our city, especially for the youth group operating at St John's which is a legacy from our ministry team
- ✠ Our response to the requirement for redress to victims of abuse. Pray that we would appreciate the trauma the victims have gone through and understand their ongoing treatments and support they require over many, many years
- ✠ Victims of any kind of abuse
- ✠ Church congregations which are facing the sale of buildings. Pray for acceptance and understanding of the Bishop's Vision for Tasmania as we move forward

## 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?

**Tasmanian Bible Forum** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 5pm at St George's Anglican Church, Mount St, Burnie. Can Christians eat shellfish? Do we have an altar in church? Is Jerusalem our holy place? How do we understand and use the Old Testament today? With Dr Lindsay Wilson, Senior Lecturer in Old Testament, Ridley College, Melbourne. Email Stephen Carnaby [dmd@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:dmd@anglicantas.org.au) or call 0417 343 170 for more info

**Breaking Bread Together** - The bread we will serve in communion together here on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May will be made from one batch of dough, baked & delivered state-wide so that we can share as one Church around Tasmania in our own churches, in our own way. A unique opportunity to celebrate as we remember we are part of the wider family of God

**Chaplaincy Week** - 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May

**105.3 WayFM Fundraiser** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 6:30pm movie screening in partnership with the Star Theatre, Invermay: "I Can Only Imagine". More info later

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

**SYNOD** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside

*If I can be of any help,  
you're in more trouble than I thought!*

## Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Mother's Day

10:00 am Praise & Worship at St David's

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## Home Groups

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

Marie Igglesden's Home: Tuesday 1:45pm

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



Ian Morley ~ 6<sup>th</sup> May

Jo Janes ~ 7<sup>th</sup> May

Norman Lawrence ~ 7<sup>th</sup> May

Marie Igglesden ~ 8<sup>th</sup> May