

From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

The Diocesan Council agreed last week on the details of its proposal to the Synod, to raise funds to provide redress to survivors of child sexual abuse. This is a profoundly difficult time for the Diocese, as we sacrifice good things, for the healing of others. It feels like we really are on the path of the cross as we walk this way. Would you please continue to lift these survivors to the Lord, to ask him to bring them comfort and healing through our sacrifice for redress? Please pray for our Parishes as we count the cost. Please pray for the Synod as they prepare to meet to debate the proposals.

I spent Friday evening and Saturday at a wonderful CMS Missions conference in Hobart. It was a great time of teaching and encouragement and thinking about mission at home and abroad.

Join me in thanking God for:

- His faithfulness to us even in the midst of trials.
 - The CMS Missions Conference at the weekend.
- Please pray:
- For Parishes as they come to terms with the proposed levy on funds and the proposed sale of buildings to fund redress.
 - That survivors of sexual abuse will find comfort and hope in our actions.
 - For a thirst for world mission to continue to grow in Tasmanian Anglican churches, and for CMS to grow in strength.

Warm wishes,

Richard

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Just For Laughs

Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Doug: I think my mom's getting serious about straightening up my room once and for all.

Dan: How do you know?

Doug: She's learning to drive a bulldozer.

Mother to son: I'm warning you. If you fall out of that tree and break both your legs, don't come running to me!

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!

Q. Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?

A. Because their kids have to play inside!

Q. Why is a computer so smart?

A. It listens to its motherboard.

A good mum loves her kids.

A great mum still loves them when they're teenagers!

A good mum let's her children lick the beaters.

A great mum turns the mixer off first.

we love you
MOM



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

RIVERLINKS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

Happy Mother's Day

"As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you," says the Lord.

Isaiah 66:13 ^{NIV}



Praise for:

- ✠ Much needed rainfall. Pray that as autumn rains continue to fall they would soak in and not cause flooding
- ✠ Scripture Union, our local school Chaplains Lindy & Ben, and for Stephanie in her role as regional coordinator
- ✠ Stephanie Baughman and her team of workers at Good News Club both here at St David's and around Launceston
- ✠ Anne Godman as she deals with the administrative running of our Parish and the pastoral care she offers when needed

Pray for:

- ✠ Parish meeting on Thursday, that there would be a good representation of Parishioners and a mutually agreeable outcome achieved
- ✠ Anglicans around the state who are distressed by the intended sale of Parish properties
- ✠ Residents of Hawaii as Kilauea volcano causes such havoc as it erupts
- ✠ All the people of Australia, as many struggle to survive. Pray for jobs & housing to be available. Pray that our politicians would come to an agreement to increase unemployment benefits

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 16th May, 2pm at St Oswald's. Quiz day, come prepared for an afternoon of fun!

Special Parish Meeting - Thursday 17th May, 1pm at St Aidan's East Launceston with Bishop Richard Condie, open to all parishioners to discuss future plans for Riverlinks and funding redress for child sexual abuse survivors

Tasmanian Bible Forum - Saturday 19th May, 2pm to 5pm at St George's Anglican Church, Mount St, Burnie with Dr Lindsay Wilson, Senior Lecturer in Old Testament, Ridley College, Melbourne

Breaking Bread Together - Next Sunday 20th May. The bread will be made from one batch of dough, baked & delivered state-wide so that we can share in communion 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

Schools' Chaplaincy Networking Event - Tuesday 22nd May from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Family Church, 24A Foster Street in Invermay. Come and find out what chaplaincy has to offer to the schools & the wider community. Refreshments will be provided.

Chaplaincy Week Morning Tea - Tuesday 22nd May in the Riverside Primary School Staff Room. Plates of food can be left at the school office before 10:30am on the day

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

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Monday 14th May

2:00 pm Cadorna

Wednesday 16th May

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Thursday 17th May

1:00 pm Special Parish meeting with Bishop Richard Condie at St Aidan's, East Launceston

Next Sunday 20th 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

When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time.

Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message.

Choose your words carefully and be ready to give answers to anyone who asks questions.

Colossians 4: 5,6 ^{CEV}