

## From the Bishop

Dear Friends,

In the last week, the Registrar and I have been visiting the Parishes most affected by the proposed property sales to fund Redress. We have visited Wynyard, Penguin, Quamby, Sheffield, Sth Launceston, St Leonard's and Cressy to present the plan and answer questions. The mood has been very sombre as there is great sadness, but in all but one place the plan has been accepted with gracious and prayerful support. We have been most humbled by it, and the deep maturity of God's people. There is quiet joy in Parishes where they know that by their sacrifice, hurting people will find support. It was wonderful to worship with the saints in St Leonard's on Sunday. I also had two days of meetings with the General Synod Standing Committee in Sydney, where the topic of the National Redress Scheme was high on the Agenda.

I am deeply sad to report that last week the Anglican Church in New Zealand rejected the doctrine of the Anglican church and the teaching of Christ, and changed their canons to allow Bishop's to authorise the blessing of same-sex unions. Please join me in praying for their repentance.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our Parishes as they respond to the plan to support redress.
- The prayerful concerned response for survivors of sexual abuse.
- The hard work of the national church on this issue.

Please pray for:

- Our Diocese as we grapple with our redress responsibilities, and for Parishes as they work out how to respond.
- Our Synod members as they prepare to work very hard on the proposed legislation, and the pre-Synod briefings this week.
- The Anglican Church in New Zealand, that they might turn back to Christ.

## Just For Laughs

A man came home and found his house on fire, so he rushed next door, phoned the fire department and shouted, "Please hurry over here. My house is on fire!"

"OK," said the firefighter, "How do we get there?"

The man replied, "Don't you have those big red trucks anymore?"

A man calls the fire department and said, "I've just had my front yard landscaped, I have a nice new flower bed, a new fish pond with a fountain and a new rose garden."

"Very nice," replied the firefighter, "But what does that have to do with the fire service?"

"Well," the man answered, "The house next door is on fire and I don't want you to trample my front yard."



# 20<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost

Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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Peter explained: "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'"

Acts 11: 15,16 <sup>NIV</sup>



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## Praise for:

- ✚ Thanks and praise to Connie for the very beautiful Mother's Day posies last Sunday
- ✚ Good, caring foster parents to children in state care
- ✚ All who take time to listen & care for others. Pray we would all have more patience & care to listen
- ✚ The meeting last week with Bishop Richard and his very open and honest conversation with us about redress and the future

## Pray for:

- ✚ Laurice who had a fall
- ✚ Alex & Margaret Smith as they travel to Scotland for Alex's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday
- ✚ All our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, that they would come to know Jesus. Praise for the blessings our families bring
- ✚ The five birthday girls!
- ✚ People would come and fill our churches
- ✚ Riverlinks Together and the Parish meeting next Sunday
- ✚ Our local Chaplains, Lindy & Ben, and their regular helpers. Pray especially this week for the Primary School morning tea on Tuesday. Pray also for Stephanie as she ministers to the Chaplains

## 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

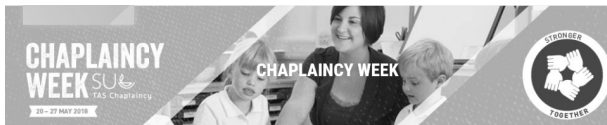
## What's going on?

**Breaking Bread Together** - Today the bread we share has been made from one batch of dough. Baked & delivered to churches of all denominations around Tasmania so that we can celebrate communion together today as one Church

**105.3 WayFM Fundraiser** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 6:30pm movie screening in partnership with the Star Theatre: "I Can Only Imagine" - the story behind the song. Tickets available from the Star Theatre, Invermay 6333 1190

**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. A shared lunch will follow, so please bring a plate of finger food & plan to stay

**National Day of Thanksgiving** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, thank God & someone else today



## This Week is Chaplaincy Week

20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May - celebrating the work of Scripture Union Chaplains in our schools

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

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

## Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<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 27<sup>th</sup> May

10:00 am Riverlinks Together at St Aidan's followed by Special Parish meeting with Bishop Richard Condie

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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

## Happy Birthday to

Kaye Gregory - 21<sup>st</sup> May

Anne Godman - 21<sup>st</sup> May

Marie Stanton - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Ann Collings - 31<sup>st</sup> May

Connie Curtis - 2<sup>nd</sup> June

