

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

The Diocesan Synod met at the weekend to consider a number of matters including adopting the National Anglican legislation providing a uniform approach to child protection, and the Redress Fund Ordinance. The meeting was very gracious and respectful with many different views being expressed. The decision by a very strong majority was to adopt the Redress Fund Ordinance. (I will write further about this during the week). I believe this is a wonderful step for survivors of child sexual abuse, who can now apply to the National Redress Scheme with confidence. I give thanks to God for the maturity, grace and prayerfulness of the Synod, and for the godly way they engaged in the issues before us.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- An excellent Synod meeting conducted with such grace and maturity.
 - The individual members of the Synod who have shown that they can disagree with grace and good will.
 - The clarity of purpose and strategy that we now have to progress our response to redress.
- Please pray for:
- Those who are hurting and sad at the decision that the Synod has made.
 - Our parish councils who will now consider how to respond to the Redress Fund Ordinance.
 - Our communities who are watching us, that they will see the light of Christ in our words and actions.
 - Survivors of child sexual abuse everywhere, that they will find healing and hope.

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Just For Laughs

Why did the woman go outdoors with her purse open?

Because she expected some change in the weather.

A three year old told her grandad that she was going fishing with her dad.

Grandad asked if she was going to use worms.

“No,” she said. “I’m going to use a fishing rod.”

Tina was telling her husband Tom about a wonderful program she had watched on TV. The show gave a national award to heroic people who put themselves in grave danger to help out someone they hardly knew.

Tom replied, “That sounds a lot like getting married.”

I just got fired from my job at the keyboard factory.

They told me I wasn't putting in enough shifts.

What's the difference between a horse and the weather?

One is reined up and the other rains down.

Why did the scarecrow win an award?

Because he was outstanding in his field.



10th June

Information & Church family news

for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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Gratitude

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1 ^{NIV}

Do you regularly count your blessings - the beauty and variety of wildflowers, the intensity of the evening sky, the power of the oceans waves, the majestic heights of a mountain?

Even when you forget to say thank you, God surrounds you with these things every day.

Name three things in creation you take pleasure in and give thanks to God for each of them.

Your God made them for you simply because He wanted you to enjoy them.

Praise for:

- † Synod last weekend, the very positive and respectful debate held over the redress bill and the outcome for sexual abuse survivors
- † Lindy and her work as Chaplain at Riverside Primary School. Please pray for those families mentioned in last Sunday's service

Pray for:

- † Trish & Lauren Anderson
- † Marilyn Jordan who is having surgery
- † Kaye as she presides over four baptisms at Pipers River next weekend
- † Victims of volcanic eruptions around the world, especially those who have had no warning
- † Bp Richard, James and Diocesan Council as they start the process for property sales
- † A good response to the Winter Relief Appeal

Continue to pray for:

- † Baby Eddie whose health is still not 100%. Praise that he is now virtually free of eczema and didn't need antibiotics, however last week he had croup and his weight gain has slowed right down
- † Trish & Lauren Anderson in the George Town hospital, and Tamara at home
- † †Laurice †Betty & Ann C †Bill & Bev †Emily †Robin †Dick & Jo †Margot †Marie †Ian, Helen & Sarah †Roger & Julianne †Alison †June †Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake †Trish, Tamara, Lauren, Louise, Issy, Josh, Sarah & Steve

- † Jan & Bill, Carly & Justin, wish to thank everyone for their prayers for Jack who is now thriving



What's going on?

Way-FM Annual Appeal - Can you contribute to this worthy local cause before the end of the 2017/2018 financial year? Donate by calling the station on 6334 0100 or visit www.wayfm.org.au

Tasmanian Women's Bible Conference - Saturday 16th June, 9am to 3:30pm at Riverbank Church, Riverside. Only \$35 (includes m/tea & lunch) www.twbcnorth.com or call 0422 926 053

Shared Luncheon - Next Sunday 17th June, 12 for 12.30pm. Our shared lunch this month will be at Cathy and Norman Lawrence's house, 10 Brigalow Street, Legana. It is just 12 months since we visited the Lawrences when they had just moved in. It will be interesting to see the differences. Bring a main or dessert & come and enjoy

Fellowship Group - A Chat'N'Do afternoon on Wednesday 20th June, 2pm at St Oswald's. Come along for a chat and bring something to do or talk about. eg. your knitting, any other projects you may have going, a book you are reading, or just have a chat with friends. All welcome

OCC Launceston, Tamar & Meander Valley 2018 Launch - Morning Tea on 23rd June from 10am to 11.30am at Punchbowl Christian Centre. Launched by Launceston Mayor Albert Van Zetten with guest speaker OCC TAS State Manager, Kim Miller. You will be updated on State-wide & local OCC activities and hear about the recent OCC distributions in Cambodia. If you pack boxes this is an event not to be missed! RSVP by 20th June by calling Josie 0418 520 254

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 29th July, 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town

Bible Forum - Saturday 11th August, 2pm to 5pm at St John's Launceston. The Christian Imagination: How important is using your imagination for the way you live your Christian life? Presented by Graham Stanton, Lecturer in Practical Theology at Ridley College, Melbourne. No need to book

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Wednesday 13th June

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 17th 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

Pedley's in the Parish Office: Tuesday 7:30pm

Happy
Birthday to
Robin
McKendrick
13th June



May God give you the
strength and power to blow
out all those candles!