

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

I have returned to work this morning after 3 weeks away in Israel, Palestine and Jordan. The first week was at GAFCON 2018 in Jerusalem, which was a wonderful conference about proclaiming Christ to the nations. It was so terrific to be with faithful Anglicans (1,960 of them including around 300 Bishops, 600 clergy and 900 lay people – the largest global Anglican gathering for 50 years) from around the globe with a common commitment to proclaim Christ. The last two weeks were leading a group (mostly from Tasmania) through Israel, Palestine and Jordan. There were many highlights, but one stands out, baptising a 15-year-old girl I have known since the day she was born, by the Jordan River where Jesus was baptised.

I am so grateful to God for Bishop Chris Jones and the Diocesan team for leading the Diocese while I was away.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- The Global Anglican Future movement and its commitment to the biblical gospel.
- The leadership of the Diocese by Bishop Chris and the many ministries that are progressing.

Please pray for:

- Our Diocese to stay focussed on being a church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus, especially in the midst of all the commentary on our redress proposal.
- The Diocesan Council as it prepares to meet later this month to approve the assessment criteria for exemptions from the redress scheme.
- The Registry and Diocesan team as they deal with increased work flow.

Richard

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Missed Communications

I once gave my husband the silent treatment for an entire week.

At the end of the week he declared, “Hey, we’ve been getting along pretty great lately!”

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asked a young engineer fresh out of university, “And what starting salary are you looking for?”

The engineer replied, “In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package.”

The interviewer said, “Well, what would you say to a package of six weeks paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement contributions, and a brand new company car every two years?”

The engineer sat up straight and said, “Wow! Are you kidding?”

The interviewer replied, “Of course I am, but you started it.”

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. They argued back and forth, then they stopped for lunch. At the counter, the husband asked the waitress, “Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?”

She leaned over the counter and said, “Burr-gerrr Kiiing.”



15th July

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**

Comfort

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27^{NIV}

My only comfort, both in life and in death, is that I am not my own, but belong with body and soul to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

If you are able to say that, then no matter what happens, you can rest in peace.

Whether you get well quickly or slowly, whether you get well completely or only in part, or even whether or not you get well at all, you will be at peace with God.

Praise for:

- ✚ The safe rescue of the Thai soccer team
- ✚ Marilyn is healing well
- ✚ Roger and his role in the Parish. Pray that we would all be encouraged to communicate our feelings and concerns to him

Pray for:

- ✚ Anne Morley who has had asthma complications from a viral infection
- ✚ Laurice may soon be well enough to come back and join us
- ✚ Calm and less anger over the church redress sales, and a positive outcome for us all
- ✚ Jan's laser eye surgery has not progressed as hoped. Pray it would continue to improve
- ✚ Our cleaner Louise who is in hospital and is expected to remain there for some time to come
- ✚ City Mission would have successful fundraisers through the Winter to support the homeless and disadvantaged
- ✚ CMS workers in Malta, Eurasia and Slovenia - Geoff & Robyn, Rachel, Kingsley & Veronica
- ✚ Let us, each week, pray for one of our church families. This week we pray for Kaye & Ross, their children & grandchildren

Continue to pray for:

- ✚ Our leadership team
- ✚ ✚Laurice ✚Betty & Ann C ✚Bill & Bev ✚Emily ✚Robin ✚Dick & Jo ✚Margot ✚Marie ✚Ian, Helen & Sarah ✚Roger & Julianne ✚Alison ✚June ✚Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake ✚Louise, Issy, Josh, Sarah & Steve; Trish, Lauren & Tamara ✚Chaplains Lindy & Ben

THANK YOU

Jan & Bill wish to thank all their friends for the good wishes received, cards & phone calls for their 70th anniversary, making it a very special occasion

What's going on?

Fellowship Group - This Wednesday 18th July, 2pm at St Oswald's. We are having a "Remember When?" day, come & join us!

City Mission Winter Relief Pay It Forward Dinner - Thursday 19th July, 6pm to 8:30pm at Morton's Place. Join chefs including MKR's Anna & Henry Terry for a 3 course dinner in Morton's Place and 'Pay It Forward' to people in need. Guests enjoy a three-course dinner and are invited to 'pay it forward' by paying what they think the experience is worth. Funds raised on the night provide free meals to Morton's Place patrons throughout the year. To register your interest email vanessa.cahoon@citymission.org.au

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 29th July, 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town. A shared lunch will follow the service, so please bring along a plate of finger food and plan to stay for some great fellowship

Australian Church Women - Annual Fellowship Day Service "Women of encouragement" at Pilgrim Uniting Church, Launceston, Monday 30th July, 1:30pm and followed by fellowship. All welcome

Combined Winter Services - Next on Sunday 5th August, 10am at St Aidan's

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

Bishop's Training Event - Saturday 22nd September, 10am to 4pm at the Hutchins School, Sandy Bay. "Making Disciples Every Day" will include a Bible Talk from Bishop Richard and a variety of workshops to choose from. Register at www.bishopstrainingevent.com

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 18th July

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 22nd July

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: on Winter break, resuming 7th August



Ross Gregory - 20th July

May the coming year be full of new discoveries of God's love and goodness, and may God's hand descend mightily upon you to bless all that you are and all that you do!