

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

Please pray for good communication around our Redress proposal. The most common quote I hear is that we are only giving 25% of the funds raised from the sale of property to redress, with the implication that the remainder of the funds is being spent elsewhere. Up to 65% of the funds generated by the sale of property will stay in local hands for the good ministries being done in Parishes. Please pray that Parishes who are losing buildings will consider good missional ways to use these new available funds.

On Sunday I spent the morning with the good folk of St Thomas' Howrah. It was great to see the outcome of their holiday program with the children telling us the story of Joshua, with vivid detail.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- The great ministry going on in Howrah.
- Helen Philips and her team of leaders.

Please pray for:

- More of our churches to embrace ministry to young people and families.
- Good communication around the Redress Scheme.
- Parishes as they plan to respond to the Redress Ordinance and plan for the future.

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Just For Laughs

A bank robber pulls out gun points it at the teller, and says, "Give me all the money or you're geography!"

The puzzled teller replies, "Did you mean to say 'or you're history?'"

The robber says, "Don't change the subject!"

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over.

The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behaviour, I'll let you go."

The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

Fellowship Afternoon

On a wet and windy afternoon Mary, Jo, Ann C, Ross & Jan met at Robin's for a 'Remember When?' day.

Such a lot of old memories were shared in Robin's lovely warm living room with a beautiful river view.

We shared communion, the grace, and afternoon tea.

Why not come and join us on 15th August, them to be announced.



22nd 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**

Grace

Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

John 1:16 ^{NIV}

Have you ever shown kindness to someone "just because"? God works in a similar way. He is kind, gracious, and generous towards you "just because".

His "just because" relieves you of the burden of striving for his affection and worrying he will fall out of love with you.

Today, relax in his grace - his all-embracing love for you - open your arms, and accept his love.

Praise for:

- ✠ All the rain will help fill the dams
- ✠ Our daily blessings that we receive from the Lord
- ✠ Thai boys have left hospital and have been able to return to their homes

Pray for:

- ✠ Riverlinks Together service next Sunday. Pray for good attendance and great fellowship with each other
- ✠ School children and teachers as school resumes for term three
- ✠ Louise as she continues to recover from diabetes complications
- ✠ CMS workers in Italy: Gillian, Naomi, Simon & Jessica; and Erin in Ireland. Praise for their contribution to Christ's ministry
- ✠ Sodden ground which is causing issues for our farming community, flooded areas and wind damage around the state
- ✠ Jan as she sees the doctor following up on her eye treatment
- ✠ Let us, each week, pray for one of our church families. This week we pray for the Collings family, David & Ann, their children, grandchildren and Betty
- ✠ The Diocesan office staff as they seek a project officer to oversee redress and sale of churches. Pray for congregations as they prepare for change, especially in church sales
- ✠ Natural disaster areas around our world

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Anne Morley; Roger; 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

What's going on?

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 - 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

Men At Work: Men's Bible Conference - Saturday 11th August, 10am to 3pm at The Branch Christian Church, Kings Meadows. Email Ben at mens.bible.conf@gmail.com or call 6334 8145 before 8th August to register. Cost \$35 on the day in cash please (includes morning tea & lunch)

Winter Relief Gala Fundraiser - Friday 17th August from 6:30pm. A stellar evening at the iconic Star Theatre taking a trip back to the 80s for all the music and fun of the classic Blue Brothers movie. Dress in theme, enjoy live music, canapes, free drink on arrival and great raffle prizes to be won. Tickets \$70 available from eventbrite.com.au

Hope in Dark Times: an evening with Michael Leunig - Thursday 30th August, 8pm at Earl Arts Centre. Tickets \$35 from Theatre North

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 25th July, 1st August & 8th August

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 29th July

10:30 am Riverlinks Together at St MM's George Town
& followed by a shared lunch

Sunday 5th August

10:00 am Combined Winter Service at St Aidan's East Launceston

Sunday 12th August

10:00 am Praise & Worship 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



David Collings - 3rd August