

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

Last week we found out that Anglican Health and Welfare were nominated as the provider of Chaplaincy Services to the North West Regional Hospital in Burnie. This is a great opportunity to extend our Chaplaincy services and is directly in line with our Diocesan Vision. It is also a great answer to prayer.

On Saturday a bunch of people gathered for the Bible Forum in Launceston.

On Sunday Barneys in North Launceston celebrated the end of the funding support with BCA for their church plant. We give thanks to God for this strategic partnership and for the health of Barneys heading into the future.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- AHW being able to provide Chaplaincy services in the North West Regional Hospital, and especially for Luke Campton, interim CEO.
- The Tasmanian Bible Forums and especially for Graham Stanton
- The BCA-Barneys partnership, and for the growth and health of Barneys

Please pray for:

- Arrangements to commence chaplaincy at the NWRH.
- For the Diocese as we continue to grapple with making disciples of Jesus.
- For the continued growth of Barneys, and for our other BCA Church Plants.

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Just For Laughs

There was a man who had worked all of his life and has saved all of his money.

He was a real cheapskate when it came to his money. He loved money more than just about anything, and just before he died, he said to his wife, "Now listen, when I die I want you to take all my money and place it in the casket with me, because I want to take all my money to the afterlife."

So he made his wife solemnly promise him with all her heart that when he died she would put all the money in the casket with him.

Eventually he died, and he was stretched out in the casket. His wife was sitting there at the funeral wearing black sitting next to her best friend. When they finished the ceremony, just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait a minute!"

She had a shoebox with her, she came over with the box and placed it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket and rolled it away.

Her friend said, "I hope you weren't crazy enough to put all that money in there with that stingy old man."

She said, "Yes, I promised. I'm a good Christian, I can't lie. I promised him that I would put all the money in the casket with him."

"You really mean to tell me you put every cent of his money in the casket with him???" asked her friend incredulously.

"I sure did," said the wife. "I got it all together, put it into my account, and I wrote him a cheque."



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More, more and more

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12, 13^{NIV}

The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
the more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
the more you'll always have to spare.
The more you have, the more you'll find
that life is good and friends are kind.
It's only what we give away
that enriches us from day to day.

Praise for:

- ✚ No serious injuries or damage resulting from the storm last Tuesday & Wednesday
- ✚ Police, Fire & emergency service personnel and their dedication during times of trouble. Pray for their safety on the job and mental health support
- ✚ Our leaders - Clergy, MST, Parish Council and lay readers, for their service and dedication to us and the Lord
- ✚ The generosity of Tasmanian farmers, Spirit of Tasmania, supermarkets and all others who have donations and given assistance to the drought affected farmers in New South Wales and part of Queensland & Victoria

Pray for:

- ✚ Home and fellowship groups, that we can all support each other in this season of change
- ✚ Anne G as she packs up her house & prepares for her new role in Auckland. Praise that she already has tenants for her house
- ✚ We pray weekly for one of our church families. This week we pray for Bill & Bev Percey
- ✚ CMS missionaries serving in Kathmandu Nepal: Sophia Kirstin Keith & Mary Lou; David & Elizabeth; Judy. Pray for their mission and safety
- ✚ All those affected by dreadful violence and natural disasters worldwide
- ✚ Roger as he assists us in our change
- ✚ Safe return of Ken & Jenny from their interstate travel

Continue to pray for:

- ✚ ✚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?

Taster Sundays - Starting from September, every third Sunday we will skip services at St David's & St Aidan's in order to try out alternative venues for worship. A detailed letter from Roger, including some local service times, is available in the foyer

Fellowship Day - Our next Fellowship Group meets on Wednesday 19th September at St David's, a farewell to Anne G. Further details next week

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

Can You Help?

Hello dear faithful folk,

In the October holidays it is SU camp time again. Last year you were exceedingly generous and helped me get my campers to this wonderful opportunity which they absolutely loved. I would like for them to be able to go again. I am \$170 short and am wondering if anyone loved camping so much they are able to help the boys attend this year.

If not, don't worry as I know how amazingly generous you are already in your support for Chaplaincy and Riverside Primary. Thankyou for your prayers - pray for the boys whilst they are at camp too - that they might be blessed and walk closer to Jesus because of their time there.

Thankyou again,

Lindy

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's

Wednesday 22nd August

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 26th 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 in the Parish office: Tuesday 7:30pm

Fellowship Group

At Robin's was attended by Ross & Kaye, Jo, Mary, Anne M, Wendy, Joan C, Jan & Robin.

Communion was received, followed by general prayer. After this there was lots of chat about nature and birds, then a discussion on our farewell to Anne G.

This was followed by so many brag book photos that not all were seen by all of us.

Afternoon tea concluded a great, friendly afternoon, really appreciated by all.

Why not join us next time?