

From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

The Anglican Church remains in the media quite a bit over the sale of property to fund our redress obligations. The last week has seen a couple of community meetings organised to oppose our plans. At the same time, we are inviting community feedback, and Anglican Parishes are working hard and prayerfully about their response. I am confident that there will be many good submissions for the Diocesan Council to consider in December, and that God will bless our endeavours. Please pray for our witness in the middle of all of this, that we would be gracious and compassionate. Pray that we would not lose sight of the good we are doing for survivors of sexual abuse, or our vision to be a Church for Tasmania, Making disciples of Jesus. This is ultimately a spiritual endeavour, and we need to keep asking the Spirit to guide our steps.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Renewed community interest in the Anglican Church
- The opportunity to show Christ's love, compassion and forgiveness to those around us.
- The good news of Jesus, come to this earth to give us life and hope, that is ours to share.

Please pray for:

- Our communities and Parishes as they respond to the redress proposal.
- Good constructive conversations with community members, that result in real solutions.
- That we would be known for our love and grace in the way we act, showing Jesus in all that we do.

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Just For Laughs

Johnny: Do you think Noah did a lot of fishing while he was on the Ark?

Sonny: No. How could he, with just two worms?



"What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary on the first day of the new academic year.

"He's a magician, ma'am" said Little Johnny.

"How interesting. What's his favourite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Wow! Now, next question. Do you have any brothers or sisters?"

"One half brother and two half sisters."

"You just go ahead," the man in the shopping mall said to his wife. "While you're shopping, I'll browse in the hardware store."

An hour later, she returned and saw him at the checkout counter. The clerk was ringing up the last of a pile of tools and supplies that would fill two wheelbarrows.

"Are you buying all this?" his wife asked incredulously.

"Well, yes," he said, embarrassed. Then waving his arm toward the interior of the store, he added, "But look at all the stuff I'm leaving behind!"



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for the congregations of

St David's & St Oswald's

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**Growing a community of faith
committed to Christ and making him known**

Overflowing with Joy, Peace & Hope

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who are in awe of Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

Psalm 33:18

Dear God,

Help me to resist the things that would deplete my soul or minimise my strength. Fill me instead with Your hope, peace, and joy, so much so that they overflow from me to others.

I praise You for who You are and thank You that as I do, Your Holy Spirit pours new life into me.

Fill me afresh with Your Spirit today and take all hopelessness away. Amen.

Praise for:

- ✠ Lindy and all the time she gives to help the children in Riverside Primary School
- ✠ Sunny days we have had after frosts this week

Pray for:

- ✠ Jan as she has another injection in her eye this Friday to attempt to stop the leakage
- ✠ Healing for Jo's face
- ✠ Robyn as she 'learns the ropes' in the Parish office and take over from Anne
- ✠ Wisdom and discernment as we decide when to bring services to an end at St David's
- ✠ Team members preparing submissions to delay the sale of St Oswald's and St Aidan's
- ✠ We pray weekly for one of our church families. This week we pray for Connie & her extended family. May the Lord bless them all
- ✠ Our CMS missionaries in Northern Australia: Wayne & Mandy; Tavis & Kate; Terry & Liz; Matt & Lisa; Derek & Rosemary; Chris & Karen. Pray for humility and wisdom for missionaries entering indigenous communities to work alongside local people
- ✠ Fairtrade farmers and plantation workers among the 800,000 displaced in India from the terrible flooding
- ✠ People in Lombok experiencing earthquakes
- ✠ Stable government leadership

Continue to pray for:

- ✠ Anne as she moves house this weekend and prepares for her move to New Zealand. Pray that she will be able to complete all she needs to do for the Parish in the coming week
- ✠ Laurice ✠ Betty & Ann C ✠ Bill & Bev ✠ Emily ✠ Robin ✠ Dick & Jo ✠ Bill & Richard ✠ Margot ✠ Marie ✠ Roger & Julianne ✠ Alison ✠ June ✠ Tim, Emma, Sophie & Jake ✠ Louise, Issy, Josh, Sarah & Steve; Trish, Lauren & Tamara ✠ Chaplains Lindy & Ben

Farewell Functions

ABU (Anglican, Baptist & Uniting) Service in George Town - Sunday 16th September, 10:30am at the Baptist Church, 48 Goulburn Street, George Town. This is Anne's final Sunday in Tassie, and she would like to see as many of her Riverlinks friends as possible attend. This service will be followed by a shared lunch

Fellowship Lunch - 12:00 noon on Wednesday 19th September (following the healing service at St Oswald's) for a farewell lunch at St David's for Anne G. All Parishioners welcome

Bring & Share Dinner - Friday 21st September, 6pm at St Aidan's East Launceston, all welcome

Please bring a plate of food and come to one, if not all, of these events to have an opportunity to say goodbye and thank Anne for her wonderful work in Riverlinks and her friendship to us all and to wish her well

What's going on?

Taster Sundays - Starting 16th 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

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

A Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to honour the persons I cannot change, courage to change the one person I can, and wisdom to know that person is me!

Services for the coming week:

Today

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

Wednesday 29th August

- 10:00 am Healing Service & Holy Communion at St Oswald's
- 12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 2nd September

- 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

Retiring Offering for SU Camp

If you would like to support Lindy for the Riverside Primary School boys to attend camps please leave your donation in the plate provided

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

Psalm 98:1 NIV