

Ageing Disgracefully

Getting old might mean you've got one foot closer to the grave, but there are some perks that must be considered as well. For instance, you're usually too broke to be considered a kidnapping target. No one ever expects you to run anywhere. There is nothing left to learn the hard way. Your eyes won't get much worse. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. Best of all, the cash you've sunk into your health insurance finally starts to pay some dividends!

When is a retiree's bedtime?

Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Why do Retirees smile all the time?

Because they can't hear a word you're saying!

How do you know your old enough to retire?

Instead of lying about your age you start bragging about it!

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From The Bishop

Dear Friends,

One of the highlights of last week was the Parliamentary Prayer breakfast, where 500 people gathered in Hobart to pray and to listen to Claire Rogers the CEO of World Vision Australia. She made an impassioned speech for the plight of children being held in immigration detention on Nauru while weaving in her faith convictions to her work with World Vision. It was wonderful, for an hour or so, to see political and community leaders lay down their positions and be prayed for. In this theme, we also witnessed a change in the leadership in our federal government this week. We are reminded of 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

On Sunday while some community members were gathering in Campbell Town to oppose the Synod's plan to fund redress, I was worshipping with the newest Anglican Church in the state in Dunalley. A wonderful gathering of people who are part of *Southern Beaches Anglican*. It was so good to meet people who have not been part of a church before or at least for many years, and to hear of an adult who declared his intention to be baptised. God is indeed very good.

I have attached my Pastoral Letter to churches that was distributed on Sunday.

Please join me in giving thanks to God for:

- Our political leaders and their desire to serve the community, and for a political system where leadership can be transferred peaceably without violence or fear.
- The strong witness to Christ at the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast last week.
- Southern Beaches Anglican and the growth of this new church.

Please pray for:

- A blessing on our political leaders at State and Federal level, and especially the Mayors and Alderman of our local councils. Pray that we would love them and honour them.
- The release of children held in immigration detention on Nauru.
- The team leading Southern Beaches Anglican that they would be protected and would lead with courage and faithfulness.
- Our churches to have many conversations about Jesus and to bear witness to his importance in our lives.



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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**

Final Pew Sheet

Praise for:

- † N
- † P
- † O
- † T

Pray for:

- † Jan
- † 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 ...
- † C
- † A
- † R
- † Pray we would all have a heart for mission and see the opportunities to reach out & show God's love to the people we meet each day

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 - On the third Sunday of each month there will be no services at St David's or St Aidan's in order for us all to try out alternative venues for worship

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

Riverlinks Together - Sunday 30th September, 10am at St David's Riverside. A shared lunch will follow the service

CMS Tasmania Annual Meeting - Saturday 20th October, 10:30am at St Aidan's East Launceston. The meeting will finish around 12.30pm and will be followed by our Mission Lunch - cost \$15, with any profit donated to support our missionaries (please RSVP to tas@cms.org.au or 0438 590 559 for catering purposes).

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 love to worship with as many Riverlinks friends as possible. 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. All 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 to Anne and wish her well

Services for the coming week:

Today

10:00 am Holy Communion at St David's combined with St Aidan's

Wednesday 5th September

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

12:00 pm Prayer Gathering at St Oswald's

Sunday 9th September

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

Monday 10th September

2:00 pm Cadorna

Sunday 16th September - TASTER SUNDAY

10:30 am Anglican, Baptist & Uniting service at the Baptist Church, George Town
NO SERVICE AT ST DAVID'S

Home Groups

David & Ann Collings' Home: Tuesday 1:30pm

Marie Igglesden's Home: Tuesday 1:45pm

Pedley's Home: Tuesday 7:30pm

Thought for the Day

The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people