

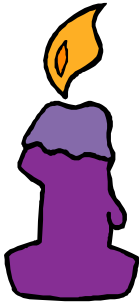
Newsletter



“She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger - there was no room for them to stay in the inn.” GNT

“Living the heartbeat of God”

Linking ministry centres in East Launceston, George Town, Hillwood,
Low Head, Pipers River, Riverside, Trevallyn



CELEBRATING THE FIRST 12 MONTHS

Celebrating important events with others is something most of us enjoy doing and Sunday, November 20th was no exception when close to 100 people from all over the Riverlinks Parish came together at the East Launceston Centre for our first birthday.

The organisers had planned a novel way for people to get to know each other through a highly modified game of Celebrity Heads. As the afternoon wore on people began to use their initiative and change the rules so they could actually identify who they were looking for without too much effort! This was a great way to break the ice and people were soon feeling at ease and enjoying each other's company.



In keeping with a first birthday, the Church was decorated with balloons and streamers, everyone was encouraged to make their own party hats and liberal supplies of ice cream generously decorated with a variety of sweets were available to all. This followed a very successful barbecue cooked by the men from East Launceston.

One of our Riverside parishioners commented that, "It was excellent in that everyone mixed together well; the 'Name game' worked well in this regard. Lots of people diligently made hats and these added to the festive air. It was a beautiful evening for the BBQ and the Church service was also very enjoyable. Thank you East Launceston! We need to have more combined events, including church services"



Eating and socialising was followed by an informal service in the Church. Peter Cox gave his reflections on what the last 12 months had meant to him and listed some of the many achievements we have seen since we came together as one parish. He highlighted the thrill of being able to come together as one, to support each other in ways that hadn't been possible previously, to focus on ministry and mission and to look forward with confidence to the future.

Peter was followed by our Enabler, Chris Thiele, who had prepared a very creative video presentation of some of the year's highlights. Chris was very positive about what had been achieved and what we can look forward to in the coming year. He paid special tribute to those who are working so hard to make Riverlinks a mission based church.

The first birthday was a great event and clearly demonstrated our commitment to each other and the future of Riverlinks as it focuses on mission and looks beyond traditional parish boundaries and ways of doing things.

Our thanks go to those who organised this wonderful event and to everyone who either helped on the afternoon or who came and gave their support to make this such a great success.



A special thank you must go to Jo Tevelein for all her hard work and for turning a good idea into a memorable reality!



Reported by Mike Le Rossignol

More photos from the 1st Birthday Party will shortly be available to see on the Riverlinks website

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Anglican Women's Fellowship was celebrated by 50 members at Holy Trinity Church Launceston, on 10th November with Holy Communion. We had a delightful shared lunch, with a well-stocked trade table to raise funds for A.W.F.

The offertory of \$240 was donated to Chaplaincy. Father Doug Edmonds showed us some unusual and memorable places he visited on his world tours. We learned a lot from his experiences of far away places.

Do join us at Westbury in March 2006.

Rona Bligh



As our editor Pam has had an illness in the family and was not able to do this month's newsletter, I apologise for any omissions or errors. A new look newsletter, back to our editor's excellent standards, will be out for February 2006.

Anne

Christmas Meets Our Greatest Need



If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness -
So God sent us a Saviour.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

**"Fill the FUTURE with
HOPE"**

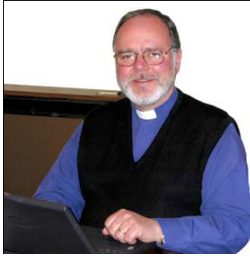
Envelopes are now available in all worship centres for donations to the Christmas Bowl Appeal for 2005.

By assisting with the Christmas Bowl you are helping to fill someone's FUTURE with HOPE.

For further information please
contact
Jenny Pedley - 6327 3520 OR
Peter North - 6327 2558



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK



BISHOP'S FORUM - TAMAR REGION

Saturday morning in Launceston saw a gathering of Anglicans from the area engaged in conversation about mission. Bob Mackay organised our program and we heard of God working through school chaplaincy (from Jenny Pedley), a drama group (from Cathy Lawrence), outreach to tourists, developments in the outreach of 'Backyard Angels' (from West Tamar) and the challenges due to increased numbers of moving Sunday worship from the church building into the hall and not anticipating all the necessary adjustments - ministry is rarely dull! Ross Nicholson shared his vision for ministry in the Tamar and challenged us to reflect on our vision for the Church, City and State. Following this challenge I commissioned the new Mission Support Officers for the Northern Rural Region, Bob Mackay, and for the Tamar Region, Ross Nicholson, and collated them as archdeacons - Yes, 'collated' is the correct word! I am grateful to Bob and Ross for their willingness to accept this responsibility and also to their parishes and families in supporting them.

Life is interesting. I recently had a routine medical examination (all 'very good' I am pleased to say) and was issued with a plastic identification wristband. My name was correct, Bishop John Harrower, everything else was correct, but wait, the religion was recorded as 'No religion'. Now this was not a good look - 'Bishop, no religion!' I commented on this as I was being wheeled into the operating theatre and there was much mirth among the theatre staff at this anomaly. I had thought a touch of humour was a good way to disappear into anaesthesia land, although as darkness descended I wondered at the wisdom of leaving the operating theatre crew in such a jolly state of mind - they were meant to be thinking about operating on me!

Yours sincerely in Christ's service
Shalom, John

extract from "From The Bishop's Desk" 15 November 2005

Those of the LMST who attended found it stimulating and encouraging to hear what others are doing and what God is doing through them.

RIVERLINKS

December

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th

6th **BIBLE STUDY**
11 am St David's Hall

PRAYERS
12 pm St David's Hall

EVENING HOME GROUP
Combined Home Groups
Christmas BBQ
6 pm at 43 Cleghorn Ave,
Riverside Ph. 6327 3520

7th

8th **HOME GROUPS BULLARD'S**
7:30 pm Ph.6331 8968

9th

10th

11th

12th **CADORNA** - Service 2 pm

13th **PRAYERS**
11 am St David's Hall

**WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

December

15th

16th

17th **CAROLS & LESSONS**
7 pm at St David's

18th **NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**
7 pm at George Town

19th **PRESBYTERIAN HOME
LEGANA**
10:40 am Service

20th **PRAYERS**
11 am St David's Hall

**WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

USUAL UNUSUAL SERVICE
6 pm at Hillwood

21st **TAMAR PARK**
1:45 pm Service

22nd **JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY**
5 pm at George Town

23rd

24th **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**
7:30 pm in Trevallyn Park

HOLY COMMUNION
7 pm at Pipers River

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
11 pm at St Oswald's

25th Check page 10 & 11 for all
Christmas Day service times

26th

27th

28th

**Send any articles, comments, information or
photos to**

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CALENDAR

December/January

29th

30th

31st

1st

2nd

3rd **WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

4th

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10th **WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

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17th **WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

18th

19th

Feb/Other 2006

20th

21st

22nd

23rd

24th **WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

25th

26th

27th

28th

29th **COMBINED SERVICE AT
THE BEACH**
10:30 am at George Town

30th

31st **WOMEN OF ST AIDAN'S
PRAYER GROUP**
2 pm Ph. 6343 4168 or 6343 4133

7th **A.W.F.**
March Quamby Parish Westbury
2006

26-28th **SYNOD**
May
2006

3rd **DIOCESAN WOMEN'S GUILD**
August Annual Meeting
2006

The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is
20th January 2006

The Women Of St Aidan's Prayer Group will continue to meet over December and January. All are invited to come and join with them in praying for Riverlinks. Meeting Tuesdays at 2pm

For information please phone 6343 4168 or 6343 4133



PARISH PHOTOCOPIER

The Parish Council have approved the acquisition of a colour photocopier for the Parish office. The purpose of this equipment is to enable parishes in the Tamar region to have a colour photocopier available for any colour printing. This copier has a large capacity and therefore we would encourage parishioners to contact the administrator for details on the capabilities of the copier and applicable charges.



ENABLER

Our Enabler, Chris Thiele, has been appointed to the West Tamar Parish as Priest in Charge from 1st January 2006. His appointment is on a shared arrangement with the Riverlinks Parish. Details as presented to the Parish Council & LMST from the MSO, Bob McKay, indicates that the Riverlinks Parish will have 50% of Chris' time for enabling training.

His reduced time in the Parish will be picked up by the recently ordained Clergy and Ministry Team.

Please discuss any issues with the LMST members.



BBQ

Combined Home Groups
Christmas BBQ
6th December 6 for 6:30 pm
at 43 Cleghorn Ave Riverside

Please phone Jenny to advise numbers
on 6327 3520

Launceston Philharmonic Choir Inc.
 present
“Messiah” by George Friedrich Handel

Soloists: Gina Bashford
 Marilyn Smith
 Benjamin Martin
 Michael Lampard

Organist: Janet Gibbs

Harpisicord: Angela Brinkhoff

Cello: Jillian Marsden

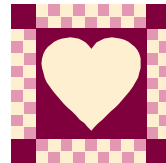
Musical Director: Ian Reeve
 with guests The Don Chorale

Saturday 3rd December at 7:30 pm
St John’s Church, St John St, Launceston
Admission \$15, concession \$10
Tickets from the Salvation Army Office 109 Elizabeth St

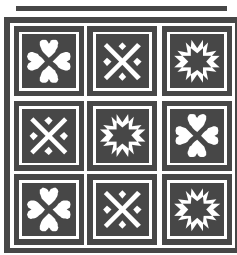


CELEBRATION OF CREATIVITY

A special Celebration of creativity service was held at the George Town Anglican church on Sunday 20th November. The church was filled with quilts that were being exhibited by the George Town Wilted Quilters group, as part of the George Town on Show festival.



The church's own Chat and Do group also had a display of craft work which had been produced at its regular meetings, and there was also a display of cake decorating.



The congregation squeezed in between the displays for the service. In my sermon, I stressed that the arts were a special gifting from God not given to all, and told of my own hopelessness in matters artistic. I also spoke of the wonders of God's own creation, and the joy I find in the patterns and grand landscapes of the world God created for us to enjoy.

Peter Cox

WEBSITE

Look out for updates to the Riverlinks website very soon!



www.riverlinks.dsvid.com

SERVICE TIMES FOR

East Launceston

DEC 4th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
11th	10:00 am	Praise & Worship with Sunday School Presentation "No Room"
18th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
25th	9:00 am	Holy Communion
JAN 1st	10:00 am	Praise & Worship Service
8th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
15th	10:00 am	Praise & Worship Service
22nd	10:00 am	Holy Communion

Trevallyn & Riverside

St David's

St Oswald's

DEC 4th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
11th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	
17th	7:00 pm Carols & Lessons	
18th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
24th	7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight in Trevallyn Park 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	
25th	9:00 am Holy Communion	10:00 am Holy Communion
JAN 1st	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
8th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	
15th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
22nd	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion

Peace Haven Chapel

DEC 11th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer
18th	10:30 am	Holy Communion
25th	10:30 am	Holy Communion
JAN 8th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer
15th	10:30 am	Holy Communion
22nd	10:30 am	Morning Prayer

WORSHIP CENTRES

George Town

DEC 4th	9:00 am Pipers River Holy Communion 9:00 am Hillwood Morning Prayer 10:30 am George Town Holy Communion
11th	9:00 am Low Head Holy Communion 10:30 am Together at George Town with Sunday School Presentation
18th	9:00 am Pipers River Morning Prayer 10:30 am George Town Holy Communion 7:00 pm George Town Nine Lessons with Carols
20th	6:00 pm Hillwood "The Usual Unusual" Service
22nd	5:00 pm Jesus' Birthday Party George Town
24th	7:00 pm Pipers River Holy Communion
25th	8:00 am George Town Holy Communion 9:30 am Low Head Holy Communion
JAN 1st	9:00 am Hillwood Holy Communion 10:30 am George Town Holy Communion
8th	9:00 am Low Head Holy Communion 10:30 am Together at George Town
15th	9:00 am Pipers River Morning Prayer 10:30 am Together at George Town
22nd	9:00 am Low Head Holy Communion 10:30 am George Town Holy Communion
29th	10:30 am George Town Combined Beach Service

Mireya House

Imagine you are a young woman who has just given birth. You are alone and feeling overwhelmed. You've come this far, but what now? How will you manage? Where will you live? Maybe you have a home, but it's not the right place for your baby and they've made it quite clear they don't want you anyway. You don't know what to do or how to care for a baby by yourself, and now you're thinking that you'll turn out to be a hopeless mum anyway, if you're anything like your own mother. What would you do?

Jesus told this story, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.' Matthew 13:31

Mireya House is a mustard seed vision emerging from the Riverlinks Anglican Church. It is the planting of a small seed and the growing of a tree where the birds of the air will come and find shelter, healing and fullness of life.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
20th OF EACH MONTH