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Anglican Church

Newsletter

**ANNUAL
GEORGE
TOWN
BIRTHDAY
PARTY
FOR
JESUS!**



“Living the heartbeat of God”

Linking ministering communities in East Launceston, George Town,
Hillwood, Low Head, Pipers River, Riverside and Trevallyn

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

On 22nd December last year we held our annual Birthday Party for Jesus. Well attended by local children, it was again a fun-filled fifty minutes. During which time we sang (including Silent Night when each child received a glow stick to take home), played games and musical instruments and with audience participation, acted out the Nativity.

After the service we all enjoyed a junk food party and each child got to take home a 'goodies' bag which included a pamphlet with the Christmas message in easy-to-read language, balloons, sweets and a small party favour. We look forward to this year's party and hope to see some children from other centres attend.

Trish Anderson /Georgetown

*Every good gift
and every
perfect gift is
from above,
and comes
down from the
Father of
lights, with
whom there is
no variation or
shadow of
turning.*

James 1:17

*"For where
your treasure
is, there your
heart will be
also."*

Matthew 6:21



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

This is the first financial report being provided to the LMST and the Riverlinks' Parishioners. It is a 6 month report from July to December 2005.

From the 1st July all the Financials from the old Parishes were amalgamated into the Riverlinks Parish. The transfer was a smooth operation because of the partial operation of the Riverlinks Parish account.

In July the George Town Rectory was put on the market and was sold in August. Due to requiring a survey and Title changes completion did not occur until Early December. In September St Aidan's Rectory was put on the market and sold quickly for completion in early November.

We have now completed the sale of the three Rectories.

Trevallyn/Riverside Rectory sold in 2003 and the capital of \$850,000 is invested in the Riverlinks Diocese Investment Account. The Parish has some access to the interest from this investment which is controlled by the Diocesan Council.

We are in the process of consolidating investment accounts that are being held in the Diocese Investment Portfolio from the old parishes. In July St Aidan's received \$100,000 from the Findlay Estate for extensions to be

undertaken at St Aidan's Church in 2006. The Total cost is estimated to be \$310,000 and the balance is to be financed from the Gee Estate investment.

The Parish Office now has a full time Administrator, Anne Godman. The office has a new computer, replacement colour photocopier and other office equipment. Anne's input into Parish Administration will be invaluable.

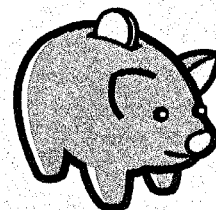
It is pleasing to report that the budget income for this financial year to date has been achieved, meaning that the Parishioners are committed to financially supporting Riverlinks Parish.

Expenditure has less fixed costs with the sale of Rectories eg rates, Insurances etc. To offset this we will have higher administration costs and mission commitments.

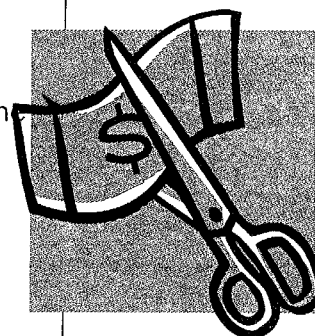
From January The Enabler will be employed 50% in share with West Tamar parish. This will put more responsibility on the LMST.

The next 6 months will be financially challenging as the parish explores project opportunities to take the parish forward.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Ken Pedley and
Tom Nixon



"We have now completed the sale of the three Rectories"



OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR



YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

*Contact
WAY-FM
for more
information
about how you
can be involved
on our
announcing
team.*

*DON'T
DELAY*

*ANNOUNCER
TRAINING
AND
SEMINAR
COMING
SOON*

*PHONE
TODAY
6334 0100*

I am 34 and live in George Town with my cat, Blue. I have lived in George Town since my dad was transferred there as a police sergeant in 1982, and I attend George Town Baptist where I am heavily involved in worship ministry and administration with the church executive.

I enjoy handcrafts, (cross-stitch and quilting especially) although I don't have as much time as I would like for projects. I also have a strong interest in alternative therapies, and have a large collection of cat-related objects.

Literacy in African children is very close to my heart, as I support my cousin Linda who is working in this area in South Africa as a librarian for Operation Mobilisation.

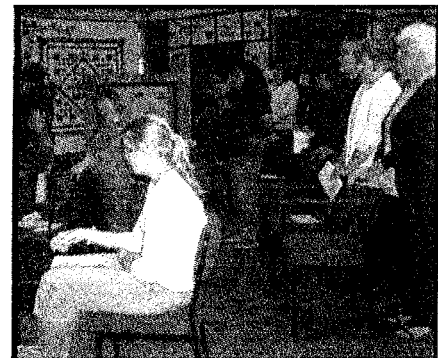
I have had a long journey to this position and truly feel that God has brought me to Riverlinks at just the right time for me and the parish.

I am loving the job so far, and thank everyone who has made me feel so welcome.

Anne Godman

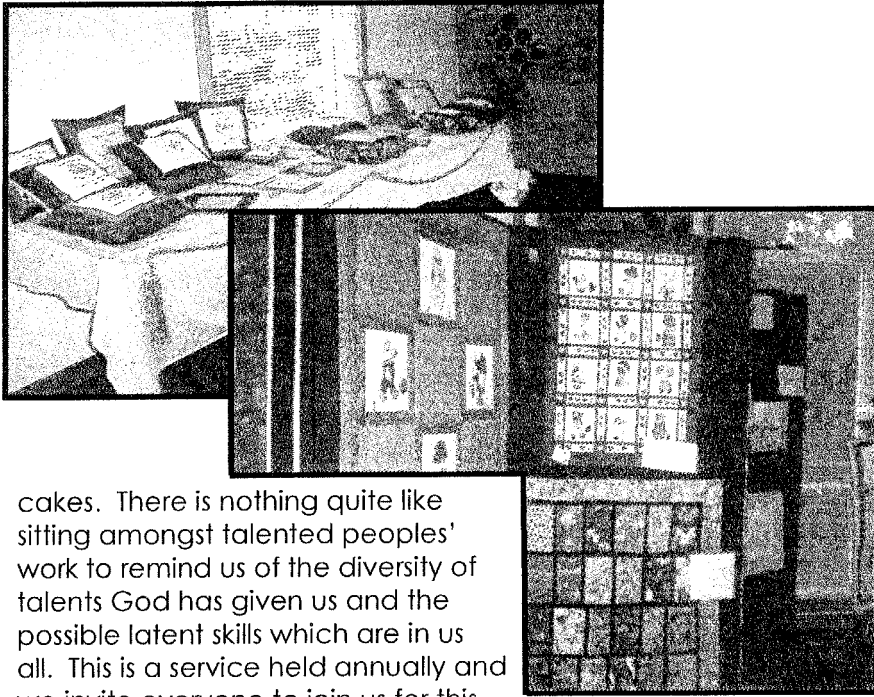
CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

As part of George Town on Show, 2005, the George Town Wilted Quilters displayed their work again in our church, along with our own Chat'n'do group and the local Cake Decorating group. It was in this setting that we held our Celebrating Creativity service again amid a wonderful display of quilts, crafts and decorated



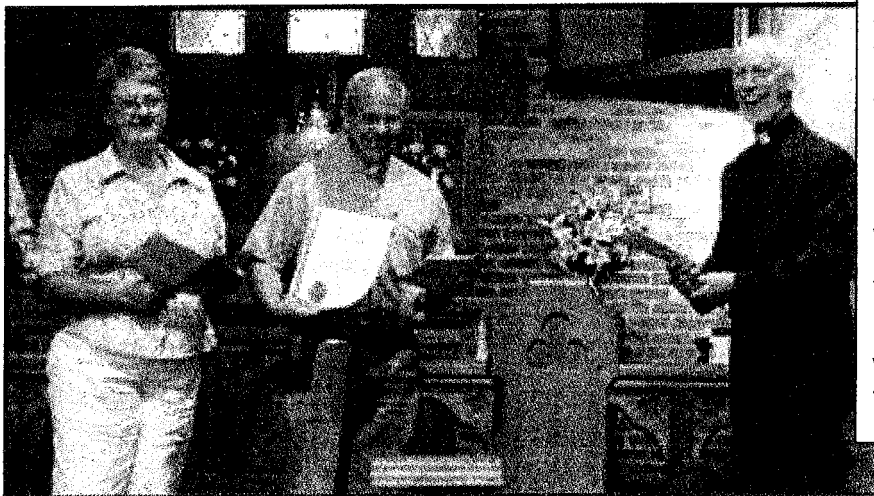
CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

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cakes. There is nothing quite like sitting amongst talented peoples' work to remind us of the diversity of talents God has given us and the possible latent skills which are in us all. This is a service held annually and we invite everyone to join us for this years' service in November.

RIVERLINKS ENABLER IS INDUCED!

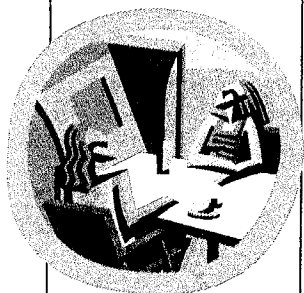


On Tuesday the 24th of January, Chris Thiele was inducted as the Priest In Charge of the West Tamar Parish on the same event as the 90th Birthday Celebrations of All Saints Exeter.

In the Photo, Chris was presented his Bishops Licence by the Archdeacon of Launceston, Ross Nicholson and witnessed by Warden Jan Easter.



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SMC CAMP BICHENO SUMMER VIEW 2006

A most interesting, stimulating and uplifting camp - leaving a feeling of 'where do we start?' Colin Chapman's Bible studies centered on the problems for Muslims and people of other faiths in understanding Christianity under the following headings:

1. The Incarnation: 'how did God prepare the way for the Word made flesh?'
2. The Atonement: 'how does God take away our sins and the sins of the world?'
3. The disciples' pilgrimage of faith: 'How did they come to see Jesus as more than a prophet?'
4. Themes in Revelation: How is God at work in the nations and in the Church?'

There was much to learn about talking to Muslims, respecting their beliefs and where they are coming from and how important it is to have done our homework when we are called on to 'evangelize' to anyone. Colin has spent time in Cairo and his wife has worked among Palestinians.

John Thew is the Federal secretary of CMS. He shared the leading of daily prayers for missionaries overseas with others such as Sue Morton and Judith Calf who have had experience in the 'field'. They described the difficulties and need of each area or page of the prayer diary and we prayed in small groups.

Workshops were also held daily and covered small groups + John - Resourcing Mission-

building Gospel Mission, Working with Muslim Women, A history of Islam and its Lessons for Mission Amongst Muslims Today and Models of Ministry in Tasmania led by Paul Cavanough.

A Coffee Shop was run by Bruce Geeves, who with Paul, gave us a hilarious last night showing a little of what 'Nostalgia Now' involves ie using the stories of 'older people' in ministry.

Devotions were led by a wonderful young band led by Thomas Grayston and also involving Ben Mackinnon who works as a school Chaplain at Exeter. Yes they were bright and a bit noisy at times but some new songs and old eg 'Be thou my vision' were enjoyed by all including the very young who taught us actions to many.

Mission at Home, Rhythms and Strategies was another stimulating talk given by Darren Altclass. He described the idea of 'third place' ministry based on the building of relationships. It was very exciting!

A very active Childrens' Program was also run and a very entertaining show of work, including a film made by the older class was part of the closing ceremony. Yes it was another great camp!

Jenny Pedley

'WINGS OF WORSHIP'

Psalm 30: 11 – 12:

'You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing. No longer am I sad and wearing sackcloth.

I Thank you from my heart, and I will never stop singing your praises, my Lord and my God.'

A BBQ, Concert and Presentation night was held at the St Oswald's Hall on Wednesday 29th November. The sausages for the BBQ were donated by the Gregory's, everyone brought along a salad or dessert and there was a lovely variety. So thank you to all those who contributed with the food. Drinks were provided by the funds in hand. Our thanks to Marcus for his continual financial support for the group, also I would like to thank the Norths and others for their help in the kitchen.

There were seven children for the year 2005 that took part in presenting six delightful items for the night with costume changes and photos in between.

They were Megan, Kate and Jessica Lockett, Angela Grist, Abbey De la Motte, Naomi Van Den Berg and Jaqueline Gould.

They were presented with a certificate and a small gift, plus a new white top and a hat

each which we purchased and the girls were able to keep. A great night was had by all who attended. A DVD of the evening was made, thanks to the two Phil's.

Five of the children also presented their items to five Aged Homes during the week before Christmas, being Presbyterian Home Legana, Tyler House, The Manor, Tamar Park and Cadorna, which was well received.

'Wing's of Worship' dance group will not be continuing this year. So I would like to thank those who supported us in Prayer, members of the Parish Council, Marcus for taking videos and photos over the past seven years, Roma Coenen for her help over the last two years, also the continual support of my husband Peter, who carted; was cook for the BBQ each year; made a portable wooden cross, a manger, many flag poles, and a portable costume stand for the dance group to use.

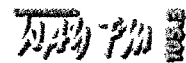
Thank You all and Bless You.....

Kay Bennett



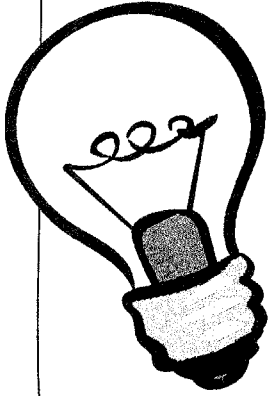
ANNOUNCER

WE HAVE A SHORTAGE OF ANNOUNCERS, PLEASE CALL US TODAY TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



call today for your pre-training info pack

6334 0100



*What shall I
render to the
Lord for all
His benefits
towards me?
I will take up
the cup of
salvation, and
call upon the
name of the
Lord*

*Psalms
116:12-13*

HOW MANY PARISHIONERS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB IN THE RIVERLINKS PARISH?

POLICY For such critical matters it must first be dealt with by the LMST as follows:

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| Ian B | To share the vision for the need to change the light bulb | Jenny | To record the decisions that assist in the change process of the light bulb |
| Peter | To chair a meeting as to how we are to proceed in changing the light bulb | Nathan | To investigate the worthiness of the new bulb to shine on children |
| Stephen | To take the concept to the Parish Council and seek it to be made an urgent budgetary requirement | Alister | To source and provide books on the transformation of light bulbs |
| Ian W | To preach to the bulb for its conversion | Jo | To give the vision an artistic expression so people can visualise the change to the new light bulb |
| Kaye | To pray for healing and restoration of the present light bulb | Chris | To enable someone to turn the switch on, preferably while Ross is not removing the old bulb |
| Mike | To teach the congregations on the change process of light bulbs and thus ensure the parishioners readiness | Norman | To bless the new bulb and comfort those who didn't cope with the change |
| Kelvin | To teach the congregations the need to change the light bulbs in the community first | Robyn | To say "Wow - That's amazing - We have light!" |
| Trish | To organize a children's celebration of the light | Footnote: | <i>If Alister can't source the books requested, the 'Purpose Driven Light Bulb' will suffice.</i> |
| Ross | To provide the ladder, climb the ladder and remove the old one ready for the light bulb renewal | | |

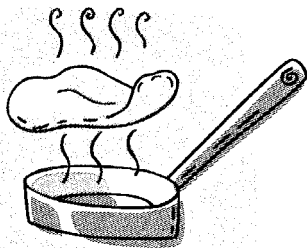
Chris Thiele

NOTICES

MORNING TEA ROSTER 2006

RIVERSIDE Owing to the lack of volunteers for this, there will not be a roster this year.

If you are able to help on a Sunday with this service please do. All help will be most appreciated. Thank you.



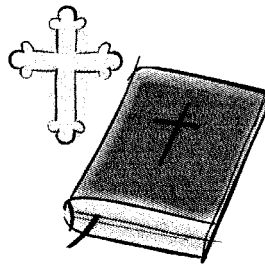
COMBINED HOME GROUP PANCAKE EVENING (Shrove Tuesday) 28th February at St Davids Hall Riverside at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. All welcome. Volunteers required for cooking of pancakes and provision of utensils. CONTACT MARIE 6330 3187

ST DAVID'S GUILD have not met since November, having a well-earned rest. Our combined Christmas lunch at the Riverside Golf Club went well and was most enjoyable. We look forward to our meetings this year, the first being Wednesday 8th February at 2.00pm at St Davids hall and we wish to welcome all existing members and invite other women of our Parish to join with us in an afternoon of fellowship.

MISSION Now that Christmas is over it's time to start filling the City Mission grocery basket again. They are most appreciative of these groceries. Also start thinking about filling a shoe box for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child appeal. This year please try to fill your box with gifts suitable for a child of a certain age and sex. Last year we found we had too many articles of one type and not enough of others. This makes packing the boxes rather difficult. See me if you need a list of suitable gifts.

JAN MENZIE

IGGLESDEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP recommences 14th February at 1.30pm at 21 Wongarra Avenue Legana. All welcome. Meetings for February will be on the 14th and 21st.



BIBLE STUDY AT ST DAVIDS HALL 14th February at 11.00am and 12.00pm Prayer. Studies are - Getting the most out of Genesis; Before Creation; When God speaks something happens and First things first.

LOST

ONE
STAINLESS
STEEL JUG

*Lost or mislaid
from St David's
Hall.*

*Anyone seen
this jug?
If you know
where it is
please return to
St David's
kitchen.*

**East Launceston
Worship Centre**
21-23 Arthur St
East Launceston

**George Town
Worship Centre**
Anne St
George Town

**Trevallyn
Worship Centre**
34 Bain Terrace
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Worship Centre
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SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

East Launceston

5th	10:00am service - Praise & Worship
12th	10:00am service - HC
19th	10:00am service - Praise & Worship
26th	10:00am service - HC

George Town

5th	9:00am	Pipers River - HC
	9:00am	Hillwood - HC
	10:30am	George Town - HC
12th	9:00am	Low Head HC
	10:30am	George Town - Morning Prayer
19th	9:00am	Pipers River - Morning Prayer
	10:30am	George Town - Morning Prayer
26th	9:00am	Low Head - HC
	10:30am	George Town - HC
	6:00pm	Combined services of all denominations of Christian churches held at the Anglican Church /supper

Trevallyn and Riverside

	St Davids	St Oswalds
5th	9:00am HC	11:00am HC
12th	9:00am Morning Prayer	
19th	9:00am HC	11:00am HC
26th	9:00am HC	11:00am HC

Peace Haven Chapel

12th	10:30am Morning Prayer
19th	10:30am HC
26th	10:30am Morning Prayer

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RIVERLINKS

February		February	
1 st		11 th	
2 nd		12 th	
3 rd		13 th	CADORNA - service 2:00pm
4 th	MARRIAGE PREPARE ENRICH COURSE 9.00 am - 5.00pm at St Davids	14 th	BIBLE STUDY -- (each Tuesdays) Morning Home Group 11:00am Study St David's Hall, 12:00pm Prayers Evening Home Group-- Bible Study 'Book of James' -- 7:30pm at 43 Cleghom Ave, Riverside 6327 3530 Iglesden Home Group meets every Tuesday 1.30pm. 21 Wongara Ave Legana 7 Women of St Aidans Prayer Group 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (ea Tuesday)
5 th		15 th	ST DAVIDS WOMEN'S GUILD 1:30 pm At St Davids Hall
6 th		16 th	
7 th	7 Women of St Aidans Prayer Group 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (ea Tuesday)	17 th	
8 th		18 th	
9 th		19 th	
10 th		20 th	PRESBYTERIAN HOME - service 10.40am

Send any articles, comments, information or photos to
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CALENDAR

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22 nd		12 th March	ST DAVID'S MORNING PRAYER SERVICE Visiting speakers from the Leprosy Mission
23 rd			
24 th	TAMAR PARK - service 1.45pm		
25 th		3 rd Aug	DIOCESAN WOMAN'S GUILD Annual meeting.
26 th			
27 th			
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