

Anglican Church

Newsletter



**Ian Wheeler and Peter Cox
at the wedding of Sue Bunton and Greg Clark**

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



DIGGING DEEPER WITH IAN WHEELER

This month we are 'digging deeper' with Ian Wheeler, to get to know a little more about his experiences and his faith. Ian has had a very busy few months since being ordained in October. Between regular church duties, preaching, full time work and family life, he has so far performed 3 weddings, 7 funerals and 9 baptisms (!)

When, where and how did you become a Christian?

As I look back on the journey so far I can see God's hand on my life since the beginning. I guess, however, the defining moment for me as a Christian came in the early 80's. At that time I was in the Army, serving in 8/12 Mdm Regt RAA as part of 1 Brigade (The Brigade Commander at that time was Brigadier Michael Jeffery, who attended the same church as us at the SME chapel. He is now the Governor General). The chaplains ran a course called a Character Development Course, which I attended. On that course one of the sessions examined the claims of Jesus and asked the question was he mad, bad or God. After carefully pondering this, I decided that He was indeed all that He claimed to be. This, however, raised a serious problem for me in that I now had to make some sort of response. I dearly

wanted to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Saviour but was fearful of the consequences. You see, I was firmly convinced that He would send me to Ethiopia as a missionary. Why Ethiopia I have no idea, but that was the absolute last thing I had in mind. I wanted Jesus in my life but I did not want to go anywhere as a missionary, Ethiopia least of all. After wrestling with this for some time I decided that if that was what I had to do then so be it, and I prayed a prayer asking Jesus into my life. He was very gracious and did not send me to Ethiopia, as He had other plans for me. But that's another story.

How did you come to be ordained?

I left the army in 1986 and Robyn, and our 2 sons who were born in Sydney, and I returned to Tasmania. I sought the Lord's blessing on our plans and told Him in return I would be "his man" on the East Tamar and work for Him. How arrogant! Things did not go according to plan and I wandered away, but Jesus the Good Shepherd found me and brought me back into the fold. After sorting out a few issues with me, He reminded me of our deal and encouraged me to go on with it. Ordination was another step on that path.

We hope to feature each of our clergy over the next 5 months

The same set of questions will be asked of each

“Pray for strength, courage and perseverance for me.”

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I am not sure what I consider my greatest achievement. Nothing stands out at this stage.

Through what incident in your life has the Lord taught you your most valuable lesson?

The most valuable thing the Lord has taught me is the power of forgiveness. Unforgiveness binds you to the past and makes you twisted and bitter. Forgiving sets you free.

What do you enjoy most about ministry?

The thing I enjoy most about ministry is people. It provides an opportunity to meet them where they are at, share the good news about God's love for them, forgiveness in Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to change your life.

In a two sentence sermon, what would you most like people to hear and remember?

A sermon in 2 sentences! By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works so that no one may boast. (Eph 2 v8-9)

By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13 v35) All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness. (2 Tim 3 v16) Believe it from first verse to last.

How can we pray for you?

Pray for strength, courage and perseverance for me.



ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITY MISSION

Do you have a day where you wish you had something to do, or looking for work experience?

Phone the Mission for an application form on 6331 6999.

Quarterly Fellowship Day Westbury 7th March

What a wonderful day this turned out to be! The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather and over 80 women arrived in Westbury to share a really uplifting day of fellowship. The food, as usual, was terrific, and I'm sure we all ate too much. The Quamby ladies looked after us wonderfully.

At 11am we adjourned to St Andrew's Church for a communion service – led by Rev Jo Pyecroft and Marie White. Rev Jo conducted the service and Marie gave the message. This was based on the day's reading of *Matthew 6:1-15* which includes the Lord's Prayer. The whole service was so spiritually uplifting and I'm sure we all felt the spirit moving among us.

After our splendid lunch the guest speaker, Virginia Greenhill who is a local farmer, gave a very interesting talk on the connection between many of the local street names and their historical origins. Following the talk we were given town maps and invited to take a 30 minute walk around part of the town. The event concluded with (of course!) afternoon tea before we all returned home.

The day rang with the buzz of chat and laughter, with several car loads of ladies attending from around the Riverlinks parish.

Jan Menzie & Olive Gunst.

38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE HOLY TRINITY ULVERSTONE Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd May (Register by 21st April)

The 2006 Conference promises to be a wonderful two days of blessings and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Christine Dixon. Chris is a retired deputy principal, has completed a Bachelor of Divinity degree and has tutored in history and politics, as well as lecturing and tutoring in a Bachelor of Theology program. She is looking forward to sharing some of her insights and experiences about her Christian journey with everyone at the conference.

There will also be a mission address from David and Vera Green, Tasmanian state directors of the Leprosy Mission.

Registration forms and more information are available from AWF representatives, or contact the Parish Office.

A bus will be going for the day on Wednesday 3rd May. Leaving from Windmill Hill at 8:45 am and the cost is \$15. Anyone wanting to take the bus **please contact Jan Menzie by 12th April. Let's fill it and enjoy even more fellowship for the day.**

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES CONFERENCE MARCH 2006

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*POSITIONS
AVAILABLE
IN THE
FOLLOWING
AREAS:*

*Customer
Service*

Café

*Reception/
Administration*

Warehouse

*Sorting, Goods
and Books*

Collectibles

*Maintenance/
Furniture/
Workshop*

Twenty four members from Riverlinks recently attended this conference at the Punchbowl centre. The conference, which focused on mission and planting new churches, was led by Steve Timmus from Sheffield, England, who has been involved with this kind of work for the past ten years.

Steve gave a brief history of "The Crowded House" organisation which he founded in 1996, and the process involved with starting six new congregations since that time. A number of principles were described which are central to the ministry of "The Crowded House". These include mission which is:

- Long Term
- Low Key
- Relational

and which is integrally linked to the gospel, gospel living and the New Testament teaching about church.

Three priorities were seen to be essential in church planting programs, including:

- The Priority of Mission
- The Priority of People
- The Priority of Community

Steve explained that we are called to be "communities of light" in our society. Steve believes that communities of light are God's mission strategy and the church, (ie local Christian communities) are at the very heart of God's missionary purposes. He said that light communities need to be characterised by gentleness, patience, love and humility.

Many of us were challenged to look at our structures, values and assumptions and the ways we traditionally "do church". While a report such as this can never do justice to such a stimulating and challenging conference like this, it was encouraging for the LMST and PC members who attended to see that Riverlinks is headed in the right direction with both its organisation and vision. There are many challenges in front of us, however, if we are to grow. We hope to provide further articles on this theme in coming newsletters.

Mike Le Rossignol

WEDDING OF SUE BUNTON AND GREG CLARK



VIBRATIONS OF LOVE

Sound vibrations produced by a tuning fork will produce a hum in another tuning fork nearby if it is tuned to a similar pitch.

This is a beautiful picture of what happens in the life of a Christian who has experienced God's love.

Our love for others is a result of God's love for us rather than an independent reaction of human love.

God is the source of all true love. As John declared, "Let us love one another, for love comes from God" (1 John 4:7)

It was a day of celebration at George Town on Saturday 18th of March when two parishioners, Sue Brunton and Greg Clark, were married.

The service was conducted in George Town's St Mary Magdalene Church and was solemnised by the Rev Ian Wheeler. The reception was also held at the church.

In addition to Sue's and Greg's family and friends, many members of the George Town congregation attended. As well, a bus brought many parishioners from Somerset for the wedding.

Sue moved to Somerset about two years ago and was a regular attendee at the Somerset Anglican church. Sue and Greg intend living in George Town.

May God bless them both and grant them a long and happy marriage together.

Peter Cox





GOOD ON YOU GEORGE TOWN!

You do seem to be the only Worship Centre supplying me with photos and stories about your lives and events

Please..... other centres what is happening with you? Haven't we got any "happy clickers" among you out there?

Pamela



It's a good roll up too....



RIVERLINKS

April 2006	
1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	<p>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 Cleghorn Ave, Riverside 6327 3530</p> <p>Igglesden Home Group meets every Tuesday 1.30pm. 21 Wongara Ave Legana</p> <p>7 Women of St Aidans Prayer Group 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (ea Tuesday)</p>
5th	
6th	<p>ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – George Town 10:00am (Thursday)</p>
7th	
8th	<p>FREE FAMILY FUN DAY Riverside High School</p>
9th	<p>PEACE HAVEN SERVICES 10:30am</p>
10th	<p>LMST COMBINED – 6:30pm</p> <p>CARDORNA - service 2pm</p>

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12th	<p>ST DAVID'S GUILD 2:00pm Annual meeting</p>
13th	
14th	
15th	
16th	<p>PEACE HAVEN SERVICES 10:30am</p>
17th	<p>PRESBYTERIAN HOME – 10:40am</p>
18th	<p>BIBLE STUDY – (each Tuesdays) SAME AS FOR THE 11TH</p>
19th	<p>AINSLIE SERVICE – Low Head 2:30pm St OSWALDS GUILD meeting 2:00pm</p>
20th	<p>PARISH COUNCIL 7:30pm</p>

The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is **20th April**

CALENDAR

April 2006	
21 st	
22 nd	
23 rd	PEACE HAVEN SERVICES 10:30am
24 th	GEORGE TOWN HEALING SERVICE – 1:30pm (Monday)
25 th	<p>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 Cleghorn Ave, Riverside 6327 3530</p> <p>Igglesden Home Group meets every Tuesday 1.30pm. 21 Wongara Ave Legana</p> <p>7 Women of St Aidans Prayer Group 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (ea Tuesday)</p>
26 th	
27 th	TAMAR PARK – 1:45pm
28 th	
29 th	
30 th	Riverlinks Together

Other dates	
6th May	St Oswalds fair and craft exhibition 10:00am to 1:00pm
26th -28th May	Synod

**Send any articles, comments, information or photos to
 Parish Office, 399 West Tamar, Riverside - 6327 4742
riverlinks@bigpond.com.au**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer service this year was held at St Oswalds Church and attended by members of St Francis' Roman Catholic, St Davids and St Oswalds Anglican Churches, as well as students from Riverside High School and St Anthony's School.

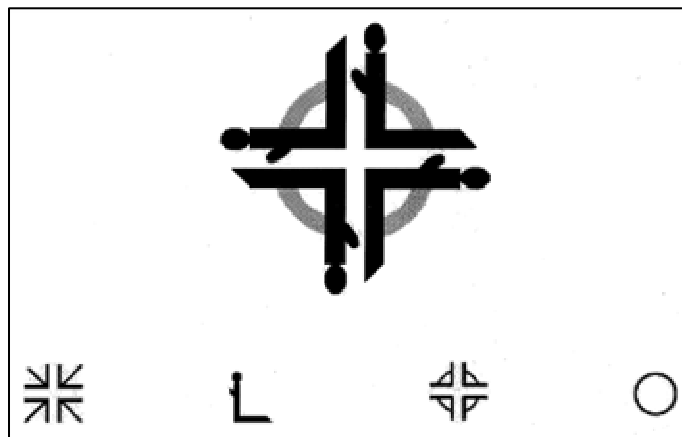
This year the service was compiled by women of South Africa, the theme being, "Signs of the times". Mr Mark Leech delivered the message and spoke of his mission experiences and conditions in African areas.

Prayers and responses were led by many people from each of our congregations.

Six young people from Sudan who attend St Anthony's School shared the worship with singing accompanied by their small drums; a truly moving experience which finalized this very special morning. We thank everyone who helped in so many ways, bringing together the churches in our community to worship our Lord as one.

Robin McKendrick

"Six young people from Sudan who attend St Anthony's School shared the worship with singing accompanied by their small drums; a truly moving experience"



The George Town World Day of Prayer service was held at the Uniting Church.

There was a good representation of all denominations in the town and members from each group participated in the service.

The symbol for the World Day of Prayer was developed by

the women of Ireland and adopted as the international logo in 1982.

Its design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross, and the circle, representing the world and our unity through all diversity.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE EVENING

RIVERSIDE FAMILY FUN DAY

11am – 3pm
Saturday
8th April
at
Riverside High
School

Includes food,
fun,
entertainment,
activities,
vintage cars
and more!

It was (as our poster said it would be) “flippin’ marvelous” to see so many people from all centres of the Parish at our Shrove Tuesday celebration on 28th Feb at St David’s Hall. It was also “flippin’ marvelous” to see how everyone joined in with not only the activities, but also the preparation and cooking of the pancakes and the cleaning up afterwards in both the kitchen and the hall. Thank you to everyone who lived out part of our scripture reading of the evening in *Philippians 2:2* ‘being one in spirit and purpose’.

Following the enjoyable meal a brief history of the origins of Shrove Tuesday was given. Our current phrase ‘short shrift’ is derived from the source – ‘to shrive’.

A time of worship followed, along with the Bible reading from *Philippians 2:1-8*.

Thank you to the Norths and the Pedleys for sharing with us their experiences on their recent trip to Israel. How appropriate that we should be privileged to hear and see some of the highlights of their trip at this time of Lent. Thank you again for all the work involved in making such an interesting time of fellowship.

To those who helped behind the scenes in the preparation of the evening, a big thank you from our Home Group, who enjoyed organising our first combined Home Group meeting of the year.

Marie Igglesden

THROUGH A DIRTY WINDOW

A woman moved into a high-rise apartment in a large city. She liked the location, with one exception; she got tired of looking at her neighbour’s dirty windows across the breezeway. When spring came, she washed her own windows and what a surprise! Her neighbour’s grimy windows disappeared. Then it dawned on her that her windows were the ones that had been dirty all along.

Whenever you are tempted to pass judgment on someone, stop and ask yourself, “Am I looking at this person through my own dirty windows?” We will have a better perspective on the rest of the world if we view it through clean, sparkling windows.



RIVERLINKS TOGETHER SERVICE & SEMINAR

Sunday 30th April
Combined Parish Service
10:30 am at St David's Church
Riverside

This will be followed by a shared lunch in the hall.

Guest Speaker will be Jill McCoy, a lecturer from Ridley College.

Jill will be running some workshop on grief, funerals & saying goodbye on the weekend of 28th - 30th April.

"I have been teaching Christian Worship at Ridley College for 10 years. In the past, I have also taught Theology and New Testament.

Most of my time is spent in parish ministry as a 'Lay Pastoral Minister'. This involves pastoral care, preaching and leading services. Part of that is, inevitably, ministry to the dying and the bereaved, grief counselling, conducting and preaching at funerals.

My intention for the workshops is that they will give participants an integrated framework for thinking about ministry with the dying and the bereaved, and provide an opportunity to talk about practical aspects of this ministry. "

Jill McCoy

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

*Continuing at St
Oswalds 7:30–
7:50am*

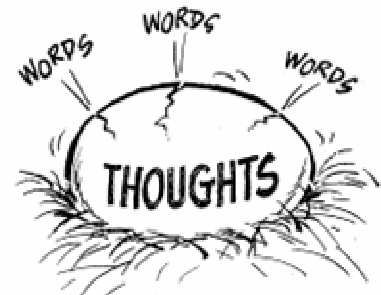
*3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th,
10th, 11th and
13th April*

SENTENCE SERMONS



Immersed in Prayer

The way to be anxious about nothing is to be prayerful about everything.



Watch Those Thoughts!

Be careful of your thoughts; they may break into words at any minute.

ST DAVID'S GUILD

Numbers were down at our last meeting, but that didn't affect the fellowship we all enjoy so much.

An account was made of the AWF day at Westbury to those not able to attend.

Since we no longer have to pay the cleaning lady, we have decided to support the education of a child in Malawi.

Also this month we sent \$55 to Blind Mission, \$50 each to Flying Doctors and Leprosy Mission.

\$45 was collected from the sale of books – good to see people taking advantage of our stock of fiction available.

Our next meeting on 12th April will be our annual meeting – please all members attend if possible.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

A farewell luncheon was held in January for Margaret Smith who has now moved interstate. Members of St Davids Guild and the Home Group to which Margaret belonged met at the Riverside Hotel and later at the home of Jan Menzie, where we were able to farewell Margaret in a more personal environment.

A small presentation was made to in appreciation of all that Margaret has done within the Parish, and for the contribution she has made in both groups. She will be sadly missed but we wish both Margaret and Alex all the best for the future.

Jan Menzie

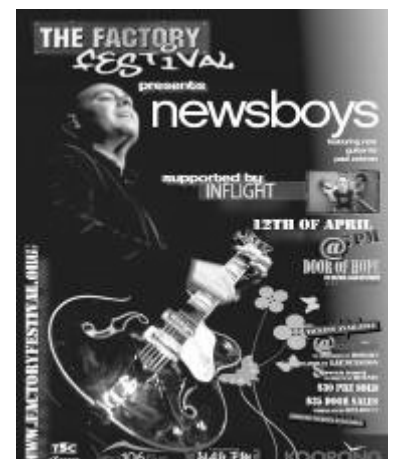
*LEPROSY
MISSION
BOXES
are due for
collection in
April.*

*Please return
to
Mrs Joan
Wilkins*

FACTORY FESTIVAL 2006

Be sure to be around on **Wednesday 12th April** to hear Newsboys, one of the most popular bands in the history of Christian music, perform ONE SHOW ONLY IN LAUNCESTON at:

'Door of Hope'
**Tickets – \$30 from Koorong
pre-sold or \$35 at the door.**





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There will be a graded system which will range from beginners through to advanced in all age groups. Enrolment is structured in 10 week blocks. As classes are limited to 12 students per class, booking for a term and payment in advance is essential to ensure a place.

The same standard of dress that is expected within a secular ballet school will be required. This uniform is yet to be advised.

At the end of each year, students will be able to present their work in an end of year concert.

Classes will be held in the Gateway Baptist Church hall. At this stage class times will be as follows:

Mondays 4:45 - 5:45 (Beginners) - Young Children/Lower Primary

Saturdays 9:30 - 10:30 (Advanced Beginners) - Upper Primary/ Young Adults

Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 (Adult Beginners)

Depending on numbers, age groupings and experience of students, these sessions may be subject to change. Also, over time classes will grow to incorporate intermediate and advanced students.

If you are interested in joining but these session times do not suit, please still contact me to see if another session time is possible.

For enquiries and enrolment please contact Sarah Rowlings on (03) 6327 2065.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

An extract from the Editorial, Autumn 2006 'The Real Australian', the quarterly magazine of the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia.

"A huge 80% of people in Australia live on 1% of the surface of the continent. By some counts we are the most urbanized nation in the world. Back in the 50's and 60's almost everyone in Australia knew or was related to someone who lived on the land. That is surely not the case today.

What a sea change this last half century has seen; in fact a significant 'sea change', with a literal movement towards the sea. Coastal living is now well out of the price bracket of many Australians. The result, for those now looking for a change, is the 'tree change', with many moving into the hills or to rural settings around large regional centres, seeking a new contentment through a connection to the land and rural Australia; and a renewed feeling of relationship and belonging to a community that the pressures of city and suburban life seem to suppress. This movement, to what the Australian Bureau of Statistics calls the 'outer regional' areas, is becoming part of the "New Bush" for the Bush Church Aid Society

and is a significant emerging sector on which to focus ministry.

Some regional churches are already feeling the pressure as small existing congregations start to realise that this change is overtaking them. They are feeling isolated and inept, left on the side looking in as the community takes on a new shape and different priorities. They are often under-resourced to reach out meaningfully to these new entrants in their communities.



BCA is seeking to find cost effective ways to help provide extra drive, creativity and resources to enable local congregations in the outer regional areas meet this challenge. BCA expanded its ministry portfolio in the last year to include other outer regional areas, such as the Tasmanian Midlands, to provide vital ministry as these areas cope with the change and growth in their communities, whilst developing as effective mission based churches."

*BUSH
CHURCH AID
SOCIETY OF
AUSTRALIA*

*April is the
month to return
BCA Boxes.
Please pass
your box on to
either
Jan Menzie or
Ross Gregory
through April.*

Thank you.

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

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

**Trevallyn
Worship Centre**
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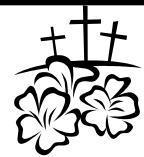
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SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES



East Launceston

2nd	10:00am	Holy Communion
9th	10:00am	Holy Communion
13th	6:30pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY Passover Meal
16th	10:00am	Holy Communion
23rd	10:00am	Morning Prayer
30th		Riverlinks Together at "St Davids" 10:30am

George Town

2nd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
9th	10:00am	Uniting Church George Town World Day of Vision
14th	9:00am	George Town - GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy
15th	7:30pm	Low Head - Easter Eve, Tenebrae (SATURDAY)
16th	9:00 am 9:00am 10:30am	Pipers River Holy Communion Hillwood Holy Communion George Town - Baptism
23rd	9:00 am 10:30am	Low Head Holy Communion Together at George Town
30th		Riverlinks Together at "St Davids" 10:30am

Trevallyn and Riverside

	St Davids - Riverside	St Oswalds - Trevallyn
2nd	9:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
9th	9:00am Morning Prayer	
14th	10:00am GOOD FRIDAY "At the foot of the cross"	
16th	9:00am Combined HC	11:00am - HC
23rd	9:00am Holy Communion	11:00am - HC
30th	10:30am - Riverlinks Together	
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswalds based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

Peace haven

9th	10:30am Morning prayer
16th	10:30am Holy communion
23rd	10:30am Morning prayer

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