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“When I look
down from
lofty
mountain
grandeur,
and hear the
brook, and
feel the
gentle
breeze,
Then sings
my soul,
my Saviour
God, to Thee:
How great
Thou art,
how great
Thou art.”

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“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



DIGGING DEEPER WITH JO TEVELEIN

Jo has been working hard and learning lots since her ordination last October.

Here is a little insight into her life and journey with the Lord...

When, where and how did you become a Christian?

As a 9 year old child, I gave my heart to Jesus at a Billy Graham Crusade at York Park. I attended Sunday School at St. Oswald's and then St. Aidan's. During my teenage years I chose to walk away from God but I was always aware of His presence and I rededicated my life to God in 1975.

How did you come to be ordained?

Before I retired from teaching in 2001, I had written a long letter to God telling Him I believed I was called to serve him in the church. God gave me the opportunity to do this when I was elected as a member of the transition team and then LMST. When the ordination was delayed, I knew I had to take the opportunity to serve as a locally ordained priest. I was almost too late- maybe because I could see what a huge requirement and commitment it would be.

With the support of my dear husband, Garth, and the team I know I am fully supported and so much part of a team.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My Greatest achievement is to sell a painting to a stranger.(not family or friends) Being a mum of 2 beautiful daughters, and a grandma is wonderfully rewarding. Being happily married for 36 years is an achievement. Going to TAFE to study Art is a new and challenging experience, but I love it! I also enjoyed producing "The Inn Crowd" Christmas event. Mostly I want to be and to do what God wants. That is a great achievement!!

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

There are so many incidents in my life that have been huge lessons and we never stop learning and relearning the same lessons. The recent death of my father taught me to trust God and not to fear for the future. I was assured of the gift of eternal life and the amazing peace of the loving presence of God. We live our lives but it is in our dying that we are truly known by God and man.

Each of our Clergy have been asked the same set of questions.

This month we hear from Jo Tevelein.

*“Let us stop
just saying
we love
people -
and show it
by our
actions.”*

1 John 3:18

What do you enjoy most about ministry?

I enjoy meeting new people. It is amazing how many people you get to know through wedding and baptism interviews. Knowing I am going with words of life into stranger's homes gives me confidence. I love to serve God's people in Communion Services and worship and I'm beginning to enjoy the challenge of preaching the word of God. It is a huge responsibility to be trusted in sharing what God wants to say to his people. I loved my first clergy conference. I felt so accepted and supported by the clergy.

How can we pray for you?

That I would know God's heartbeat for his people in Riverlinks and share it wisely.

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

Ephesians 1 16-19: *The Message. I can't stop thanking God for you- every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I more than thank,-I ask- ask the God our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory-to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for Christians, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him!*

To trust and experience the redemptive and restoring love of God in Christ for this world, all my family, friends and those whom I meet.

ST OSWALD'S FAIR & CRAFT EXHIBITION



Saturday 6th May 10am – 1pm

All the usual stalls including: -

Cakes & Slices

Morning Tea

Sausage Sizzle

Plants & Produce

Preserves

Lucky Dip

Books, White Elephant

Handcrafts

There will also be a special display of craft work and painting.

Don't miss it! See you there.





SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

Now is the time to start filling your shoe box for a needy child. If you need a box, a few are available in the hall at St David's – also cards of gift ideas – let's make a really big effort for these children by filling as many boxes as possible.

WANTED

A copy of the Australian Hymn Book, full version Harmony edition (with Catholic Supplement if possible)

Please contact Olive Gunst if you have one available
6382 2789



JANICE THIELE - CHURCH ARMY

As many of you already know, Janice Thiele is now living in the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, studying a certificate IV in Christian Ministry. The course is called 'Global Gap Year' and is run by the Church Army, which is affiliated with the Anglican Church.

Janice says: "A number of things led me to where I am now but for me it has been God's grace and I am so thankful to be here. Before signing up for Global Gap Year my life was a little off track, but God has provided the opportunity for me to walk in his plans and purposes. He's helped me make the right choice, leaving my old lifestyle to follow him into an unknown but very exciting future.

After three months studying here at the Kihilla Christian Centre I will be leaving for Nairobi, Kenya (which is now only six weeks away!). There I'll serve the six-month internship component to the course.

There we will be evangelizing and discipling youth and children. We will also have opportunities to lead services and preach - how scary! We will be involved with the community in areas such as music, drama, school visits and short term mission projects.

In August Church Army Africa is leading a major community outreach in Nairobi called 'Soul Nairobi', which reaches out to about half a million people with a view to sharing the love of Christ. We will be part of this event that we hope to bring many people to Christ. Another exciting opportunity is that we will be part of a church plant. I believe God is going to grow me heaps in this adventure and I can't wait to see it all unfold! To get to Kenya I need to raise up a team who'll support me financially and through prayer. I am blessed to have my accommodation and food provided while over there, but I still need to cover airfares, some living expenses, health and travel insurance, vaccinations, recreation, etc. All told my travel budget comes to \$4,500. I am trusting God to provide for me through my support team. Will you please prayerfully consider joining my support team? If everyone I write to could contribute, I would make budget and be on my way! Thank you so much for the support you have already given me. Look forward to hearing from you soon,

God Bless,
Janice Thiele



Fund-raising chocolates are available from Chris & Wendy Thiele or from the Parish Office

PASSOVER MEAL MAUNDY THURSDAY AT ST AIDAN'S



RIVERLINKS

May 2006	
1st Mon	Combined LMST Meeting 6:30 pm
2nd Tue	<p>BIBLE STUDY – (each Tuesday) Morning Home Group 11:00am Study St David's Hall, 12:00pm Prayers Evening Home Group – 7:30pm - 'Welcome to the Bible' at 43 Cleghorn Ave, Riverside Ph. 6327 3530 Igglesden Home Group meets every Tuesday 1.30pm. 21 Wongara Ave Legana Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (each Tuesday)</p> <p>Pre-Synod Meeting 7:00 pm at St John's Launceston</p> <p>Anglican Women's Fellowship 38th Annual Conference at Holy Trinity - Ulverstone</p>
3rd Wed	<p>Anglican Women's Fellowship 38th Annual Conference at Holy Trinity - Ulverstone</p>
4th Thur	
5th Fri	
6th Sat	<p>St Oswald's Fair 10:00 am – 1:00 pm</p>
7th Sun	
8th Mon	Cadorna 2:00 pm

May 2006	
9th Tue	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 2 nd May
10th Wed	St David's Guild 2:00 pm
11th Thur	Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm
12th Fri	
13th Sat	
14th Sun	
15th Mon	Presbyterian Home 10:40 am Legana
16th Tue	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 2 nd May
17th Wed	<p>St Oswald's Guild 2:00 pm</p> <p>Ainslie Service 2:30 pm</p>
18th Thur	
19th Fri	
20th Sat	<p>Safe Ministry Seminar 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at George Town</p>

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

CALENDAR

May 2006	
21st Sun	
22nd Mon	
23rd Tue	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 2 nd May
24th Wed	
25th Thur	Tamar Park 1:45 pm
26th Fri	Synod at LCGS
27th Sat	Synod at LCGS
28th Sun	Synod at LCGS
29th Mon	George Town Healing Service 1:30 pm Combined LMST Meeting 6:30 pm
30th Tue	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 2 nd May
31st Wed	

Other dates	
June 3rd	National Day of Thanksgiving
July 6th – 9th	Forge Re-imagine Conference
July 30th	Riverlinks Together
October 27th – 28th	Global Leadership Summit

**Send any articles, comments, information or photos to
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FROM FRONT COVER

Marcus Smith and Ian Morley from Riverside/Trevallyn recently climbed Ben Lomond, a huge personal achievement. Their journey to the peak brought to life the words of that great hymn, "How great Thou art" (as printed on the cover).



Ian Morley



Marcus Smith

GOOD FRIDAY

'AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS'



Between 40 and 50 people attended the 10:00 a.m. service "At the foot of the Cross" at St David's Riverside on Good Friday. The congregation was well representative of the three city centres from the Riverlinks Parish.

Rather than have the usual 15-20 minute sermon/message, this year three members provided short 'reflections' at appropriate times during the service.

The traditional long reading from John's Gospel was this year read in parts by a number of people allowing and helping us all to take in the events of the crucifixion.

During the singing of the final hymn "We Sing the Praise of Him who Died" each member of the congregation came forward to place a nail 'at the foot of the cross' as a reminder that Jesus suffered and died for us; a reminder of his unconditional love and forgiveness; a reminder of the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

The service concluded with the congregation all standing and linking hands as they shared the Grace. Fellowship continued in the church hall over a 'cuppa' and hot cross buns.

Ian Morley

DEVELOPING A SPIRITUALITY OF MISSION + JUSTICE

RE. IMAGINE 06

July 6-9, 2006 Hobart Church of Christ 4-8 Goulburn St Hobart



CB Samuel

Formerly CEO of EFICOR, TEAR's largest Indian partner, C.B. now focuses his attention on training Christian leaders in development and reflective thinking in an Indian context. His contribution to the teaching during the Third World Exposure and Study Opportunity (TWESO) program has had a dramatic impact on many lives. He also lectures with the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. He lives in New Delhi.



Mike Frost

A brilliant communicator & educator, Mike has written numerous books including *Jesus the Fool*, *Eyes Wide Open*, *Longing for Love*, & co-authored *The Shaping of Things to Come*. He is currently involved in an innovative mission venture in Sydney's Northern Beaches.



Alan Hirsch

Director of Forge Australia and for the past 7 years has overseen Missional Leadership Development with Churches of Christ. Known for his innovative approach to Mission Alan is a teacher, church leader, & key mission strategist for churches in Australia, UK, USA & NZ. His popular new book (co-authored with Mike Frost) *The Shaping of Things to Come* is in it's 3rd print.



Steve Said

National Youth Coordinator for TEAR Australia focusing on issues of social justice, poverty & consumerism. He is also part of the FORGE National team where he is involved in mission training, writing & coaching missional leaders across Australia. Stephen lives in Melbourne.



Darryn Altclass

National Co-Director of FORGE Australia & State Director for Tasmania. Locally, he has pioneered a mission community called (re)verb under the auspices of the mission agency Third Place Communities. Darryn also lectures in Spirituality, Mission & Evangelism at various colleges around Australia.



Grant Maynard

Educator for TEAR Australia & works as a literacy support teacher with indigenous students at a primary school in Tasmania's North. Grant is a passionate advocate for justice & is known for his creative approach to teaching. He lives in Evandale with his wife Anthea & three children.



Matt Bain

Matt oversees the interns & coaches for Forge Tasmania. Matt also works for the Justice Dept. as a social worker, & is one of the founding members of Third Place Communities.



Julia Verdouw

Julia is currently completing her Doctorate with the University of Tasmania focussing on how people access meaning probing the question "What makes a good life?" Julia is also one of the founding members of Third Place Communities in Hobart.



Re-Imagine is organised by **TEAR Australia & FORGE Mission Training Network**
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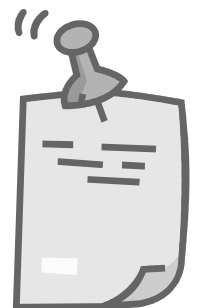
ST DAVID'S GUILD NOTES

The annual meeting was held and all present office bearers were returned unopposed. LMST member Jenny Pedley was our guest and chaired the return of office bearers.

President Marie outlined our year activities and support of the church and various missions, both local and overseas.

Thanks to all other church members who assist in keeping the church neat and tidy and helping at morning tea and other functions.

Jan Menzie



DEMOLITION OR RENOVATION?

BY ANDREW HAMILTON

"This article first appeared at www.forge.org.au"

I was talking with a much respected pastor friend recently who suggested that what may actually be happening in the church at present is not 'de-construction' but actually 'de-struction'.

An interesting observation and a valid concern... so I thought I'd take a few minutes to think out loud about what the differences may be between the two.

(For those unfamiliar with the idea of 'de-construction', my layman's explanation is that its to do with exactly what it says – de-constructing or disassembling what we are familiar with in terms of church life and structure – but ultimately (hopefully) with a view to re-construction – putting the essential and vital components back together in a way that has biblical integrity and reflects the true nature of church.)

So what might be the differences between the 'de's'? ...

❖ First up I have a feeling that attitude and intent has a heap to do with what is experienced. If the attitude to the established church is 'you're a bunch of idiots and wouldn't know a church if you fell over one' then its more than likely destruction.

Harsh hurtful criticism (or even inane whinging) and mindless demolition of 'the church' is not helpful to anyone – and is way too easy to do in a context where most congregations are struggling.

❖ I also have a sense that de-struction pulls apart the old with little regard for what may be valuable and worth retaining. It tips baby and bathwater down the gurgler. De-construction is aware that there is a baby in there that we need to be able to find and protect, because the baby is of great valuable.

❖ It's possible – and likely that de-struction will have little, if any long term value – it will simply leave an ugly mess for another generation to clean up. Whereas de-construction, while painful, may actually give birth to new forms and expressions that ultimately are more healthy and true than what went before.

❖ Maybe it's also possible that de-struction is so intent on reform that it ignores the people toll in its scathing bombardments (friendly fire perhaps?) Whereas I imagine de-construction to be about walking with the people thru the change and hopefully growing with them.

"The need to be right all the time is the biggest bar to new ideas. It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong than to always be right and have no ideas at all."

*Edward
De-Bono*



DEMOLITION OR RENOVATION? CONTINUED...

Destructive types seem to talk about the church as 'them' whereas 'de-constructionists' speak of church as 'us'.

❖ And then I'd have to say that de-struction can probably be accomplished by anyone. It doesn't take too much grey matter to swing a sledgehammer. On the other hand de-construction requires some degree of thoughtful informed action. And if its with a view to re-construction then it will require a sharp mind, a well formed biblical ecclesiology and a healthy imagination.

Just a few thoughts... If you have any others then I'd like to hear them. Having said all that I haven't offered my take on what I see happening, but my guess is that it's probably a bit of both. When people are discontent it's easy to pull out the wrecking ball and I have observed a fair bit of demolition work.

I think I've also been involved with people who are further down the track, who are concerned with the issues I mentioned above and who are seeking with integrity to re-construct / re-imagine / re-discover what it means to be the church again.

Its not an easy line to walk and I sense that anyone with a cynical streak will be prone to de-structive tendencies!

Unfortunately even de-construction is painful (particularly for those of us who are long term churchies). But it's a vital process for us to embrace if we want to see the bride looking as beautiful as she can be and if we want to re-connect with a world that sees us largely as a relic of a bygone era.



SAFE MINISTRY SEMINAR GEORGE TOWN

Saturday 20th May 9:00am – 2:00pm.

St Mary Magdalene Church, 3 Anne St George Town.
Facilitated by Helen Phillips, Diocesan Safe Ministry Officer
Morning Tea provided, bring a snack if 2pm is too late for lunch.

RSVP so that we can have material copied for you, to:

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SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

East Launceston

7th	10:00am	Holy Communion
14th	10:00am	Holy Communion
21st	10:00am	Holy Communion
28th	10:00am	Morning Prayer

George Town

7th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
14th	9:00am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion Together at George Town
21st	9:00am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
28th	9:00am 10:30am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

Trevallyn and Riverside

	St David's - Riverside	St Oswald's - Trevallyn
7th	9:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
14th	9:00am Morning Prayer	
21st	9:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
28th	9:00am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion

Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am

Peace Haven

14th	10:30am Morning prayer
21st	10:30am Holy communion
28th	10:30am Morning prayer

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