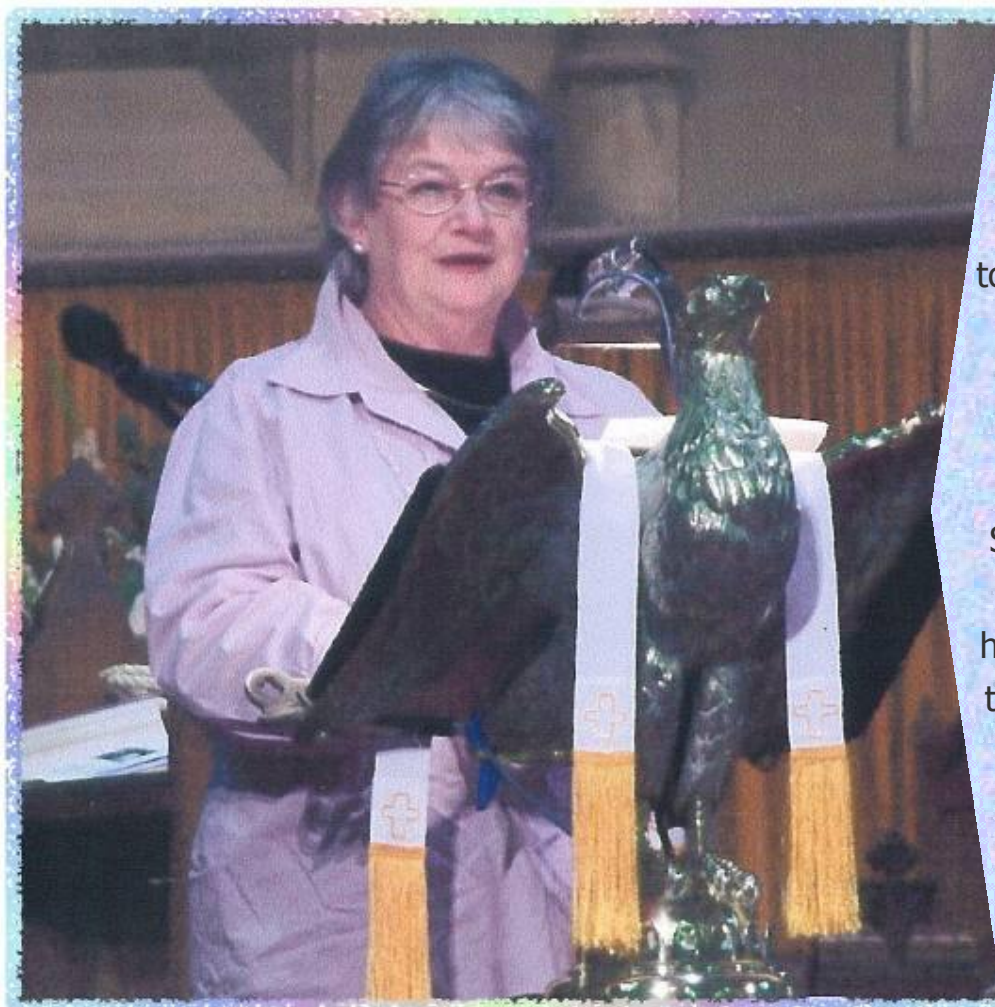


Anglican Church

Newsletter



Jo Tevelein was invited to read at the wedding of Georgia Diprose and Stuart Greig after they had attended the Marriage Preparation Course in May

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



A bishop turned to his congregation to say "Peace be with you" only to find that the sound system was not working. "There's something wrong with the microphone", he announced, and the congregation seeing his lips move but not hearing him dutifully replied, "and also with you."

DIGGING DEEPER WITH NORMAN LAWRENCE

When, where and how did you become a Christian?

Although I grew up in a Christian family, I did not become a Christian until I was in my late thirties. My wife Cathy and I attended the family service of a local Anglican Church in England for a number of years and gradually I became aware of Jesus calling me to follow Him. One Sunday in July 1986, the speaker invited members of the congregation who wanted to become Christians, to join with him in a prayer of commitment. I prayed with the speaker and then turned to Cathy and told her that I was now a Christian. As I look back, I can see quite clearly that even when I did not know God, he knew me and had a plan for my life.

How did you come to be ordained?

Since coming to Australia in 1990, I served in various lay leadership roles at East Launceston and Trevallyn/Riverside. Although I had thought about ordination from time to time, I never felt that God was calling me to leave my full time work in education. During the formation of the Riverlinks Parish a number of people suggested that I should consider becoming a local ordained minister and prayerfully with my wife, I had a sense that this was indeed a part of God's plan for my life.

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

Prior to leaving England for Australia in 1990, Cathy, our children and I enjoyed a holiday in the Lake District. On Sunday morning, we looked for a church to attend and found a group of people holding a service in the Keswick convention centre. We joined them and it was only at the end of the service that we discovered this was not a regular church meeting but a group of Brethren people from Nottingham who were having a church planning weekend in the Lake District. They made us very welcome and invited us to join them for lunch, fellowship and to be a part of their discussions.

Through this incident we came to see that even though we were going to live on the other side of the world, we had nothing to worry about because we were members of God's family and we would be getting to know members of His family in Australia. Psalm 139 reassured us that God was sovereign in our lives and in our move to start a new life in Australia.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn
If I settle on the far side of the sea
Even there your hand will guide me
Your right hand will hold me fast.

"We cannot do great things - only small things with great love."



Mother Teresa

***DIGGING DEEPER
CONTINUED...***

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

I have had various great moments over the years including getting married, being at the birth of my children, seeing my eldest son getting married, walking 40 miles in 11 hours, building a sports car, being a crew member of an offshore racing yacht, completing the research studies for my PhD, visiting Israel, living in Australia, snorkelling at the Barrier Reef, building a computer, writing a book, getting ordained, but I think the most important was becoming a Christian.

How can we pray for you?

For wisdom to manage effectively my time for recreation, family, full time employment and undertaking the work that God has called me to do in the Parish of Riverlinks.

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

God has a plan for each one and that in all things God works for the Good of those who love him. (Romans 8 v28)

Through Jesus Christ, we can all know the love of God and share eternity as part of God's family (John 3v16) and that those who are part of God's family have received the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing their inheritance (Ephesians 1 v14)

What do you enjoy most about ministry?

To see God at work in the parish of Riverlinks, and the challenge of being part of a new way of being Church through enabler supported ministry. Also the opportunities through weddings and baptisms to meet people and be a part of their lives.



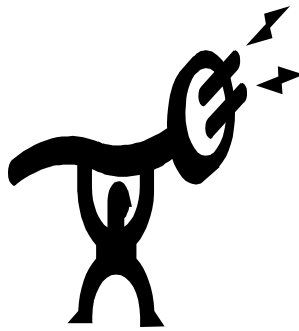
**CAN YOU HELP?
SAMARITAN'S PURSE
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Josie Ford from St Aidan's has recently taken on the role of Regional Coordinator for the Launceston area for Samaritan's Purse – the organisation that looks after the collection of shoe boxes through Operation Christmas Child.

Josie is looking for people that would be able to:

- ☺ help with shoe box collection at Punchbowl Bible Chapel in October (dates to be advised)
- ☺ be part of a team to pray on a regular basis

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Josie on 63341852



OH&S – SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU

In my industrial life, I was always amused by a safety sign at one workplace where, when you walked in the door, was a full length mirror.

Taped to the mirror was the statement, "You are now looking at the person responsible for safety in this building."

This sums up where we are today in the Parish of Riverlinks. Safety is the responsibility of each and every one of us and we all must be accountable. It is not optional.

We are hoping that each month we will highlight a certain aspect of safety in our churches. In starting this I would like to highlight safety with electricity.

Electricity is something we can't see and if you can't see it, it has to be doubly dangerous.

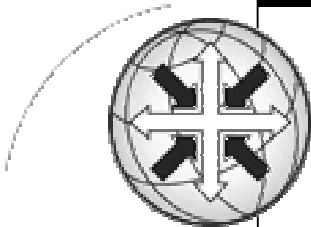
Nobody must repair anything electrical unless they are properly trained with certificates or licenses to repair electrical equipment.

Extension leads are particularly vulnerable to misuse and damage. All extension leads in all centres will, during the next month, be examined to ensure that they satisfy today's standard. Damaged or "stressed" leads must be disposed of. i.e. thrown in the rubbish bin!

Vacuum cleaners and portable electric heaters will have to be tested to ensure that they also meet today's rigid standards. Using a piece of damaged equipment and demonstrating the behaviour of, "She'll be right mate!" is NOT acceptable.

If you see a problem, report it!

Tom Nixon



WORLDVIEW CENTRE FOR INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

A SPECIAL "SINGSPIRATION"

for old times' sake will be held at Worldview (WEC)
41 Station Road, St Leonards

Friday 22nd September
7:30 – 9 pm

To celebrate Worldview's year of Jubilee

Sing-a-long
Word from Evan Davies

Special items from Graduates
Tea & Coffee

Many graduates will be in town for the Graduates Reunion
Come and reconnect!
All Welcome

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

***"Character is
what
you are
in the dark.."***

***- Dwight L.
Moody***

Heavenly Father,

We come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your Word says, "Woe on those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done in Australia.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We confess that:

- We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.
- We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.
- We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternate lifestyle.
- We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.

- We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- We have abused power and called it political savvy.
- We have coveted our neighbour's possessions and called it ambition.
- We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- We have ridiculed the time-honoured values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way within us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless those men and women who have been ordained by you to govern this great country. Grant them the wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the centre of Your will.

I ask it in the name of Your Son, the Living Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged

Blessed are those who understand my faltering steps and shaking hand

Blessed are those who know that my ears today must strain to catch the words they say

Blessed are those who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow

Blessed are they who with a cheery smile stop to chat for a while

Blessed are those who never say "You've told me that story twice today"

Blessed are those who make it known that I am loved, not left alone

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in so many loving ways

RIVERLINKS

August 2006	
1 st Tues	<p>BIBLE STUDY – (each Tuesday) George Town 10:00am 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>
2 nd Wed	
3 rd Thur	George Town Anglican Women's Fellowship – 10:00am
4 th Fri	
5 th Sat	
6 th Sun	
7 th Mon	
8 th Tues	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 1 st August
9 th Wed	

August 2006	
10 th Thur	Diocesan Council of Women's Guilds Meeting – 10:00am at Holy Trinity Parish Council – 7:30pm
11 th Fri	
12 th Sat	
13 th Sun	Teddy Bears Service at George Town – 10:30am
14 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm Combined LMST Meeting – 6:30pm
15 th Tues	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 1 st August
16 th Wed	Ainslie Service – 1:30pm
17 th Thur	
18 th Fri	World Vision 40 Hour Famine starts at 8:00pm
19 th Sat	Seminar with Steve McPherson at Door of Hope
20 th Sun	Parish AGM – 11:15 am at Riverside
21 st Mon	Presbyterian Home – 10:40am

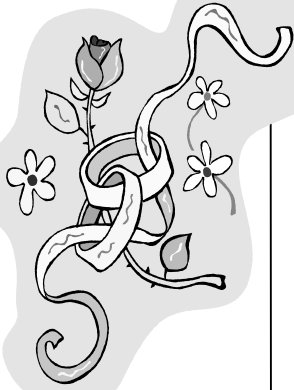
The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is **20th August**

CALENDAR

August 2006	
22 nd Tue	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 1 st August
23 rd Wed	
24 th Thur	
25 th Fri	
26 th Sat	Safe Food Handling Seminar at St John's Parish Centre – 9:30am
27 th Sun	Coffee Shop at St Aidan's following the service
28 th Mon	George Town Healing Service – 1:30pm
29 th Tues	Bible Studies and prayer meetings as listed on 1 st August
30 th Wed	
31 st Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm

Other dates	
September 20 th	Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Trevallyn
September 22 nd	"Singspiration" at Worldview
September 27 th	Next Marriage Preparation Course starts
October 22 nd	Spring Arts Festival at East Launceston
October 27 th – 28 th	Global Leadership Summit
October 29 th	Riverlinks Together at George Town
	

Send any articles, comments, information or photos to
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE AT ST AIDAN'S

"As many of the couples were not committed Christians, it was interesting to note the positive way they accepted prayer offered for them..."

During the month of May, over 5 Wednesday evenings, the Marriage Preparation Course was held at St Aidan's. The sessions began with champagne, nibbles and informal chat, then continued with each of the 5 couples sitting at individual tables to enjoy teaching via dvd and time to discuss issues and related topics in privacy. During the course of the evening excellent dessert cakes and slices were provided by members of the St Aidan's congregation, and this was accompanied by coffee, tea & cold drinks.

Topics covered during the 5 week course included communication, handling conflict, dealing with in-laws, keeping love alive, and the 5 love languages. One habit that the course strongly recommended each couple develop was to regularly prioritise time to spend together, called 'Marriage time', and to ensure that nothing intruded on this commitment. A range of books was also available to borrow during the course with 2 couples taking advantage of this.

All couples completed the course, with one couple enjoying it so much that, although they were extremely busy preparing for their wedding, they still managed to come to the last sessions just 3 days before the wedding took place!

Feedback sheets issued to each couple on completion of the course were full of praise, with some of the aspects rating highly, including: having opportunities to discuss issues with fiancé(e), having a greater appreciation of marriage, and discovering each other's love languages.

At the beginning of the course it was said that the course was suitable for any couple wanting to develop skills and knowledge to help give their marriage a good start, and that couples need not be Christian to do the course. As many of the couples were not committed Christians, it was interesting to note the positive way they accepted prayer offered for them, scriptures that were read and the biblical teaching that formed the basis for each of the sessions. 3 Couples took invitations for future courses and mentioned that they would be recommending the course to other couples.

Another Marriage Preparation course will be run in September this year, and any interested couples can enroll by calling Riverlinks Parish office.

The facilitators of the course, Jo & Garth Tevelein and Bill & Helen Rayner, give thanks to God for his provision, blessing and help throughout the course.

Bill & Helen Rayner

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The next Marriage Preparation Course will begin on Wednesday 27th September, and continue each Wednesday through October.

*Believe in yourself;
you are God's creation*



Believe in your job; honest work is a form of worship



Believe in this day; every minute contains an opportunity to serve God



Believe in your family; create harmony and togetherness by working together



Believe in the present; yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come



Believe in God's promise; God means it when he says, "I am with you always."



Believe in God's mercy; since God forgives you, you can forgive yourself and try again tomorrow.



Some of the couples who attended the course



Perseverance can be tough
Sometimes I think "OK enough"
Then You say run the race
Look to Me, see my face
Don't give up, do not quit
Cry a little, have a fit
Keep on doing the next right thing
Great gifts to you I will bring
Trust that I know all you need
Persevere and you will succeed
Success beyond what you could dream
Things are not always as they seem
Nothing in My world happens by chance
Look beyond the circumstance
You are right where you belong
Trust in Me, you can't go wrong
Fix your eyes, and you will see
It is the way it's supposed to be
All things happen as they should
All things work together for Good.

Written by Joy Gerard

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

*Good friend,
take to heart
what I'm telling
you; collect my
counsels and
guard them
with your life.
Tune your ears
to the world of
Wisdom;
set your heart
on a life of
Understanding.
That's right—if
you make
Insight your
priority, and
won't take no
for an answer,
Searching for it
like a
prospector
panning for
gold, like an
adventurer on a
treasure hunt,
Believe me,
before you
know it Fear-of-
God will be
yours;
you'll have
come upon the
Knowledge of
God.*

*Proverbs
2:1-5
from the Message*

The story of the Bible is the story of the relationship between God and humanity. It is the story of:

The relationship created

(Genesis Chapter 1 & 2)

The relationship broken

(Genesis Chapter 3)

The relationship restored

(The rest of the Bible)

There are a number of observations I would like to make about our relationship with God.

1. The relationship is only possible because God wants to be in relationship with us and because he gave his son Jesus to die for us. Both the original relationship and the restored relationship are the result of God's initiative.

2. God calls us to expend great effort so we can experience this relationship to the full. Proverbs 2:1-5 equates the effort required to seek God with looking for silver or searching for hidden treasure.

3. It's hard to gauge the quality of our relationship with God because it is very subjective - we can feel close to God or we can feel far away from Him. It's unlike any human relationship because the physical dimension is missing. We can't see God. We can't go the movies with God or go on a fishing trip with Him.

4. However we can gauge the quality of our relationship with God by looking at the quality of our relationships with one another. 1 John 4:12 – "No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

5. Jesus provides the ultimate model for our relationships with one another.

6. 1 John 4:10-11 – "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so love us, we also ought to love one another."

Genuine love for one another is practical and sacrificial.

Riverlinks – How do we measure up as individual congregations and as a Parish?

Alister Stott



LOOK at what's coming up...



**Aerobics
Classes**
Tuesday
10 – 11 am
at Door of
Hope

OR

Do you want
to try
Water
Aerobics?
Sessions are
now being
held at
Sacred Heart
School
Thursday
12 – 1 pm



Contact
Carol Wright
on 63312687

Parish AGM
Sunday 20th August
at St David's, Riverside
10:00 am combined service
followed by the meeting at
11:15 am

←→
Coffee Shop at St Aidan's
27th August after the service
We will be showing the
Samaritan's Purse dvd.
Please bring a plate of food
and a gold coin donation

←→
**Hillsong Worship Leader
and Singer**
Steve McPherson

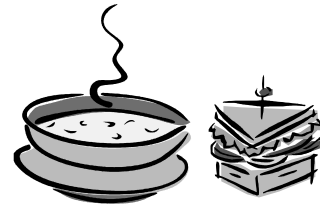
A One Day Seminar to be held at
Door of Hope
Saturday 19th August
9am - 12:30pm
– the Creative Arts Team
1:30pm - 5pm
– Vocal And Performance

Cost is \$10 and includes light
refreshments
Steve is a Music Pastor and
dynamic singer/Worship Leader
from Hillsong Church in Sydney,
whose heart is to inspire God's
people into a greater dimension
of relationship and intimacy with
God through praise and worship.
Don't miss this great opportunity!
Please contact Door of Hope
Christian Church on 6344 8450 or
info@door-of-hope.org



**The Diocesan Council of
Women's Guilds** will meet
at Holy Trinity Church Hall on
**Thursday 10th August at
10:00am.**

All welcome, with a bring and
share lunch to follow



**Soup & Sandwich
Luncheon**

St Oswald's Guild will hold a
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon in
the Church Hall

**Wednesday 20th
September
12-12:30 pm**

Donation \$5.00
& there will be a trade table

The guest speaker will be Mr
Phil Baker from Clifford Craig
Research, who will speak
about his work in the field of
medical research.

Please come along, bring a
friend and help us to make
this a day of fellowship and
outreach in our community.

**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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SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

East Launceston

6 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
13 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
20 th	None	
27 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer

George Town

6 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
13 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Morning Prayer
20 th	None	
27 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
6 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
13 th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	
20 th	10:00 am Holy Communion followed by the Parish AGM at 11:15 am	
27 th	9:00 am 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

13 th	10:30 am Morning prayer
20 th	10:30 am Holy communion
27 th	10:30 am Morning prayer

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