

Anglican Church

# Newsletter



St Aidan's Sunday School shoe box packing for Samaritan's Purse

**“Living the heartbeat of God”**

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

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world so  
desperately  
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God, through  
His people  
offers...*

## WHAT ARE THEY MISSING?

BY ARCHIE POULOS

It was 10pm on Friday night and we were all tired but exhilarated after running a jazz night at church which was as good as anything that you would pay lots of money for. The coffee, the cakes, the ambiance, the jazz, the short talk, all went as well as you could expect, so we rejoiced during our prayer time.

The event was part of the Moore College Mission I was involved in this year. It took a lot of work, but this event was one of the two foci of our engagement with the community. The other was a Da Vinci Code night, and for both, the church had advertised widely, and we had door knocked extensively, and both were run extremely well.

As I was talking with the minister of the church some months later he commented that the total number of non Christians present at these two big events was less than ten, and of those present none wanted anything more to do with the church. It seemed like so little fruit from such a huge effort.

The minister then went on to encourage me. During our mission week, we door knocked homes in a housing development that had just been settled. Every resident had been there for less than a year. As a result of talking to people about the church, and the chatting about things, a number had come to activities run by the church.

That got me thinking. In our desire to engage with people it is so easy to observe what draws people to things in the wider community and copy these. The problem is that unless we pour huge resources into them we do it so much more poorly than others, and when we include the gospel talk, it just seems so out of place that it grates and is not heard. What our world so desperately longs for is relationship, and that is one thing that God, through His people offers.



## WHAT ARE THEY MISSING? CONT...

*A careless  
word may  
kindle strife*

*A cruel word  
may wreck a  
life*

*A timely  
word may  
level stress*

*A loving  
word may  
heal and  
bless.*

When a person or a family moves into a new house in a new suburb they know no one, and so this is our opportunity when they arrive, to meet them with a map of the area, help in buses and train timetables and to tell them of their church in the area. We should expect that this care will engage us with our community, in a manner that is entirely appropriate to faith. As developers open new suburbs, Christians should be there welcoming the new residents with hampers, care and an invitation to join us in growing in knowing God.

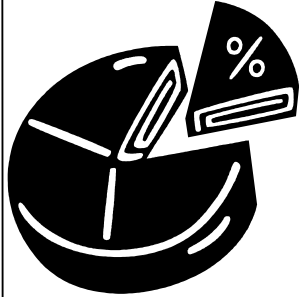
It's not just new suburbs though. What do you think the result would be if members of our congregations took the responsibility for seeing which houses had been sold or let by local real estate agents, and when the new residents arrive that we are there to welcome them?

This is the sort of ministry so many of us are able to do. It is low key, but in God's goodness does bear fruit. It would be good to assess our engagement with community in ways that are not overshadowed by the entertainment industry.

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# PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT



Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.

Luke 12:31

It has been suggested that the Treasurer provide a monthly report in the newsletter. As Treasurer I believe a quarterly report provides a clearer understanding of how the Parish income and expenditure is operating against the budget period. If there are reasons for major differences within that period then it will be explained.

The Parish operates five investment accounts with the Diocese and all have special purposes. These will be detailed in the quarterly report and will be available from the annual report.

### The Financial Summary

Income	40,536.25
Expenditure	<u>39,490.68</u>
Profit	<u>1,045.57</u>

The Parish operating account deals with all offertory income, rents, interest and donations received.

Expenditure is for all operating Parish costs that includes enabler and Parish office expenses, Diocesan assessment, insurances, rates, general repairs.

The financial summary is the actual quarterly financial performance from the Riverlinks Parish Accounts.

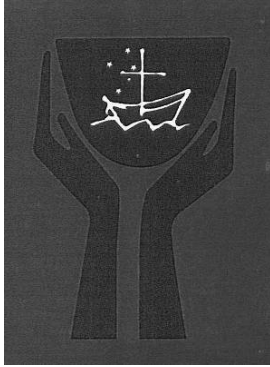
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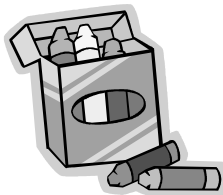


Many thanks to all my friends from St Oswald's for their prayers, love and visiting me in the LGH. I am now home and on the road to recovery. Thank you.

Joan Wilkins



We could  
learn a lot  
from  
crayons:  
some are  
sharp,  
some are  
pretty,  
some are  
dull, some  
have weird  
names,  
and all are  
different  
colors....  
but they all  
exist very  
nicely in the  
same box.



## CHRISTMAS BOWL TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Volunteers are required for 2 hour blocks of "sitting by the bowls" at Riverside shopping centre, alone or with another person on the following days: -

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. 10am – Noon, Noon – 2pm, 2pm – 4pm.

Similar collection will occur at Mowbray, Kings Meadows and in the Mall on different days. If you are not available for Riverside your presence might be welcome at these other locations.

Please advise Peter or Joan North (63272558) or the Parish Office (63274742) if you are available and your preferred time.

\$1100 was collected last year. Let's see if we can improve on that this year.

## MAY JESUS

May the Lord Jehovah grant you  
a sound body, spirit, mind,  
May He show you what to press  
toward  
and what to leave behind,  
May His richest blessings seek  
you out  
and chase you down the street  
~ and  
May Jesus be more real to you  
than anyone you meet.

May the One who loves you,  
favour you  
and crown your home with  
peace,  
May He fill your heart with  
special hope  
and faith that shall not cease,  
May you learn to seek His refuge  
first  
and worship at His feet ~ and  
May Jesus be more real to you  
than anyone you meet.

May you always strive to please  
Him,  
seek His face before His hands,  
May you hunger for His wisdom  
that no mortal understands,  
May He fill your rooms with love  
and joy  
until they overflow ~ and  
May Jesus be more real to you  
than anyone you know.

May the things you lay your  
hands to  
tend to prosper and succeed,  
May it please Him to fulfil your  
dreams  
and meet your every need,  
May He satisfy your soul's desires  
until you crave Him so ~ and  
May Jesus be more near to you,  
more clear to you,  
more cheer to you...  
May Jesus be more dear to you  
than anyone you know.

Connie Hinnen Cook



# RIVERLINKS

November 2006	
<b>1st Wed</b>	<b>Evening Home Group</b> (each Wednesday) 7:30 pm at Bullards, Ph. 6331 8968
<b>2nd Thur</b>	
<b>3rd Fri</b>	
<b>4th Sat</b>	
<b>5th Sun</b>	
<b>6th Mon</b>	
<b>7th Tue</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> – (each Tuesday) <b>Morning Home Group</b> 11:00am Study St David's Hall, 12:00pm Prayers <b>Evening Home Group</b> – 7:30pm - 'Welcome to the Bible' at 43 Cleghorn Ave, Riverside Ph. 6327 3530 <b>Iglesden Home Group</b> meets every Tuesday 1.30pm. 21 Wongara Ave Legana <b>Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group</b> 6343 4168 or 6343 4133 (each Tuesday)
<b>8th Wed</b>	<b>St David's Guild</b> – 2:00 pm
<b>9th Thur</b>	<b>Parish Council</b> – 7:30 pm

November 2006	
<b>10th Fri</b>	
<b>11th Sat</b>	
<b>12th Sun</b>	
<b>13th Mon</b>	<b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm <b>Combined LMST Meeting</b> – 6:30pm
<b>14th Tue</b>	
<b>15th Wed</b>	<b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:30 pm <b>St Oswald's Guild</b> – 2:00 pm
<b>16th Thur</b>	
<b>17th Fri</b>	
<b>18th Sat</b>	
<b>19th Sun</b>	
<b>20th Mon</b>	<b>Presbyterian Home</b> – 10:40 am
<b>21st Tue</b>	

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

# CALENDAR

November 2006	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	
24 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
25 <sup>th</sup> Sat	<b>St John's Breaky Fest</b> - 9 am to 1 pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
27 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Healing Service George Town</b> - 1:30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Tue	<b>ARAFMI Grief &amp; Trauma Workshop with Dr Colleen Jackson</b> - 9:30 am to 3:30 pm RSVP 6331 4486
29 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
30 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Tamar Park - 1:45 pm</b>

Other Dates	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>CMS Summerview</b> At Camp Banksia, Port Sorell

LEAVE GOD A MESSAGE



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Birgit Albers is building an orphanage in Monkey Bay Malawi.

The education for primary school is free in Malawi, but to attend secondary school students need to pay some fees. These fees are minimal for us but impossible to pay for the numerous orphans.

This orphanage is being built to accommodate secondary students so that they will not be forced to drop out of their studies because of the high costs.

## MONKEY BAY PROJECT

Do you believe in miracles? I do ... Here is one I would like to share.

At the end of August I went to Cape Maclear to sell muffins – I do this every Saturday – and talk to people about my service. I met a German couple and both were teachers. Sunday morning they came to see what I was doing and I showed them around and took them to the half finished building of the orphanage. We went to a primary school where they found lots of children and a happy headmaster who was very happy to show them around. The impression was enormous and I am sure the couple took home carved in memories for life.

On 1<sup>st</sup> September I received a \$1000 donation and thought I will use it next year for the orphanage, as I have to leave at the end of the month and did not see myself getting a roof on the orphanage.



On 11<sup>th</sup> September two backpackers walked down our driveway, asking for me and wanted to help. A woman and a man from Switzerland. Builders!

Both had met the German couple and they were so impressed that they had to come to look for themselves. After assessing the building, both wanted to do the job – till it was done! The day after a car drove in, two Dutch people who had read about me and wanted to help – both builders too.

I was speechless and I wondered if someone had heard my prayers. Now after 10 days of hard physical work in the sun and driving to organise sand, cement, bricks, wood & iron sheets, the job is nearly done.

I am soooo! happy that it will be done before I go home and that means we can move in when I come back.

This is a miracle.

God's Blessings,  
Birgit



Renovations  
in progress



## ST AIDAN'S SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

St Aidan's organised their first Spring Arts Festival last Sunday from 11am – 2pm. The committee and members of the congregation opened up the church and hall for community activities.

The first activity was from the East Launceston Primary School Band, who used the hall for practice. A very good crowd listened to their music and received a warm reception.

During the luncheon sausage and burger sizzle in the car park, the Morris Dancers entertained the crowd. In the church a jazz band led by Phil Jones had a varied repertoire of music.

After lunch a lively young dance group gave various solo and combined dance routines to modern music. Their costumes were bright and the girls were very agile and fast!

In the hall meeting area, Jenny Wilkinson and Christine Booth held an open workshop with their art. Both ladies are very talented and gave us an opportunity to witness their work.

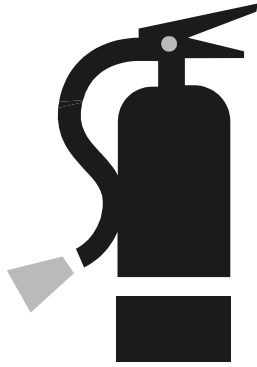
This was a very worthwhile community project. We hope the effort put in by the committee and congregation was satisfactory to their expectations. Thank you for the opportunity to be able to witness the community activities and enjoy St Aidan's hospitality!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES

A big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped to fill shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse this year. The wonderful generosity of Riverlinks has shown through with around 100 boxes being made up from all over the parish!

Now that Operation Christmas Child is complete, it's time to start looking closer to home, and collecting groceries for the City Mission Christmas Appeal.



If you need  
wisdom, ask our  
generous God,  
and he will give  
it to you.  
He will not  
rebuke you for  
asking. But  
when you ask  
him, be sure  
that your faith is  
in God alone.

James 1:5-6

## OH&S – SAFETY BEGINS WITH YOU SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN

Because churches are family affairs and follow their parents, the kitchen presents several hazards.

Whilst we all may feel that we are well aware of all the hazards in the kitchen because we all have one at home, we have to consider all the users.

During a service, if the kitchen is accessible close to where the service is being held, then the door must be closed during the service to prevent small children accessing the area when the adults are concentrating on the service.

Urns and kettles must be secure and not balanced on pots, pans or other unstable surfaces. Also urns and kettles must be cleaned. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the Riverlinks office and this will be explained to you. Constant hot water boilers must be cleaned by a licensed electrician or a person authorised to do such work.

Note: from September Newsletter – The public liability insurance amount required from groups hiring facilities was stated as \$20 Million. This is the amount recommended by the Diocesan Registrar as being an accurate reflection of what would be required in the event of a serious claim; however the hiring agreements which are required to be completed state only the minimum allowable figure of \$5 Million.

Pots and pans on cookers must have the handles turned inward as you would at home. In the event of an oven being used at floor level where a child may be able to reach and put their hands on the glass, we must keep the children out and have it guarded in such a way so that they cannot touch it.

Merely as a guideline, it is recommended that children under 12 are not allowed in the kitchen. If however they are allowed into the kitchen, they must be supervised by a parent or an accountable adult who has completed Safe Ministry accreditation.

This is only a guideline and each area must do a safety audit on their kitchen and take appropriate precautions.

Always remember, the person responsible for safety is you.

Tom Nixon



## CMS SUMMERVIEW

JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> 2007

Be refreshed + inspired

The State CMS Summer Conference is planned for Monday 22 to Friday 26 January 2007 on the beautiful North-West Coast of Tasmania.

The adult program will run concurrently with programs for primary school and secondary school aged children, and a creche.

Seminar speaker  
Rob Forsyth – Bishop of South Sydney  
Theme: A Word In Season

Bible teaching  
Ross Ncholson – Rector of St John's Launceston  
Theme: Wisdom for Living from The Teacher

For further information and registration contact: -  
Jean Blyth on 6243 7139 or  
Sue Morton 6227 8632  
[rsmorton@bigpond.com](mailto:rsmorton@bigpond.com)

Some other great camps are coming up in the summer holidays for young people from grades 3 through to 12. Summer fun, Waves, Coastal camp, Huon River Canoe, Mayfield and Aquatics camps, all during January 2007.

Contact the parish office for brochures, or download from the Diocese website [www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au)  
Hurry! Registrations for some camps close in December.



## STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Thanks to all who have sent stamps in over the last 6 months to assist in raising money for missions. We would please ask that you do not tear close to the stamps as by doing this many stamps have been damaged making them unusable.

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

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

**Trevallyn  
Worship Centre**  
34 Bain Tce  
Trevallyn

**Riverside  
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## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

### East Launceston

5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer

### George Town

5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Morning Prayer
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

### Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	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

12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning prayer
19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Holy communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning prayer

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