

Anglican Church

# Newsletter



Jo & Richard Janes at an ARAFMI celebration (Association of Relatives And Friends of the Mentally Ill)

**“Living the heartbeat of God”**

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

**Points to Ponder**

We are  
fishermen of  
souls, if we  
catch them  
GOD will clean  
them.

If you don't feel  
close to GOD,  
guess who  
moved?

I'm not all that I  
could be, but  
thanks be to  
GOD I'm not  
what I used to  
be.

The devil is not  
afraid of a dusty  
Bible!

If your troubles  
are deep  
seated or long  
standing, try  
kneeling in  
prayer.

It's hard to be  
thankful for  
today, when  
you're worried  
about tomorrow.

You can preach  
a sermon with  
your life.

Give someone  
flowers while  
they can still  
enjoy smelling  
them.

The trials of life  
are intended to  
make us better,  
not bitter.

**FROM THE ENABLER**

Very soon now our state will be in the grip of the JAAL campaign. Television, radio and billboard messages will be telling Tasmanians that religion is passé but Jesus is worth considering because he is 'all about life'. I must confess to feeling a little uneasy with the putting down of 'religion'. I understand the point of it is to focus on Jesus and not 'organised religion', and that is certainly the right focus; but without explanation (which is not possible in a brief television ad) we run the risk of unwittingly throwing the baby Jesus out with the bathwater! We don't want people thinking they can be Christians without church. It's the church that witnesses to the biblical, historical Jesus in word and deed, and it's in the local church that we disciple and equip one another for life and ministry.

I mention this to highlight for you the important distinction between Jesus and his church, and yet at the same time to remind you in advance of the important relationship between them, too. Of course biblical Christians will insist, with Jesus and the apostles, that the truth about God and the way to God are found in Jesus alone, with the obvious corollary being that 'other religions' are false, and rather than being 'the way' to God and to life are dead ends. We come to the true and living God on HIS terms or not at all.

That is a conversation that you will do well to prepare for in our pluralistic environment. It's much more than simply and glibly quoting John 14:6 to people. As I said in the August newsletter, it's about having a biblical worldview, God's view. The God who has revealed himself in the Jewish prophets says 'there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is none besides me' (Isaiah 45:21). This God mocks, scorns and condemns the folly, futility and sin of all idolatry (Isaiah 40:18-20; 41:21-29; 44:9-20; Romans 1:18-23); it substitutes for the worship of the true and living God and our Western friends need to understand that idolatry includes 'greed' and 'covetousness' – Colossians 3:5! Idolatry controls people and leads them away from the true God (1 Corinthians 12:2) to the worship of 'demons' (1 Corinthians 10:20); and it demeans and diminishes humans who are themselves made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-30), and yet who worship images made in a workshop (Isaiah 44:9-20; Acts 17:28-29). The apostle Paul in one place defines becoming and being a Christian in this way: 'how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come' (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

*13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

**John 3:13-15**  
**NIV**

So the true and living God has said (and our consciences confirm – Romans 1:32; 2:12-16) that he alone is God. Jesus affirmed this (John 17:3) and the Old Testament's insistence on single-minded and exclusive worship of God (Matthew 22:37-38). Moreover, he said that he was sent by God (his Father) from heaven to reveal him and to reconcile sinners the world over to him (Matthew 11:25-27; John 1:51; 3:13-15; 5:19-29; 6:41-44; 12:44-45; 14:1-11; 17:6ff.; Luke 24:45-49). The apostle Paul affirms the ONENESS of God and of THE way to God in the saying, 'there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all' (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

So, God says he is the only God and Saviour, Jesus affirms and embodies that truth, and the apostles witness to it/him. It makes sense, too, doesn't it? ONE God, ONE creation, ONE species (human beings) to know and worship him, ONE primeval rebellion against that God that persists in every human and that has brought dislocation to all of our relationships – with God, each other and the creation, ONE sovereign divine plan to save ONE people to worship and enjoy God forever, through the gracious provision of ONE Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose sinless life, sin-bearing substitutionary sacrificial death and bodily resurrection justifies and glorifies repentant rebels

and through ONE regenerating and life-giving Holy Spirit, for membership of the ONE body, God's church, that worships and witnesses to the ONE Lord Jesus, who is gathering ONE people from every nation to share in his glory and rule in the new creation when he finally overcomes God's enemies and ours, including death!

That's a worldview and gospel that perfectly explain the existence of the world and its miserable state and God's profound and humanly inconceivable plan to establish his Kingdom and to qualify its citizens for membership of it.

I've surveyed the biblical worldview to help prepare you for the conversations that the JAAL campaign will inevitably generate, and also to remind you that the 'life' Jesus offers (which is a key subject of the campaign) is much bigger and profounder than even his people can comprehend. 'For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known' (1 Corinthians 13:12). It is much much more than having life fulfilment, purpose and meaning; and it has nothing to do with health and wealth. If you think it does you've misunderstood the gospel.

## FROM THE ENABLER CONT...

**25** Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, **26** but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. **27** My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. **28** I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are one."

**John 10:25-30**  
NIV

If it does, the millions of sick and dying and poverty-stricken Christians around the world make a lie of it. God can and sometimes does cure all kinds of illnesses, through both direct and indirect means, but this is not part of the biblical gospel.

Our immense 'wealth' is spiritual (2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 1:3-8; Philippians 4:19) and 'perfect healing' (to quote a dear dead saint from Bridport) comes in the future with our resurrection body and perfected spirit (1 Corinthians 15:35-57; Hebrews 12:23; 1 John 3:2) – 'Amen. Come, Lord Jesus' (Revelation 22:20).

The 'abundant life' Jesus gives (John 10:10) is explained either side of that statement:

- It is to have a faithful Shepherd-King who calls us by name and we follow (10:2-4);
- It is to be 'saved' by Jesus (10:9), the 'good shepherd' who lays down his life for his people (10:11);
- It is to be known by Jesus and to know him, just as the Father knows him and he knows the Father (10:14-15)!
- It is to belong to the 'one flock' with 'one shepherd' (10:16);
- It is to be given 'eternal life' (10:28) and to be secure in the 'hands' of the Father and the Son (10:28-29).

With Islam, God is unknowable and his mercy is unpredictable.

With Jesus, we are **known** by God and **know** God and we are already saved and secure in God's love.

The 'abundant life' Jesus came to give is eternal life that begins now and blossoms after death. Why? Because as Jesus explained it is being known by and knowing God. We know him truly but imperfectly now, we will know him perfectly then (1 Corinthians 13:12). In his great prayer on the night before he died, Jesus said to his Father, 'And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent' (John 17:3).

So when you're in your JAAL-generated gospel conversations (try saying that three times quickly on Monday morning!) you can talk about objective observable historical realities – a wonderful creation in turmoil and a wonderful GodMan in turmoil to redeem it – AND subjective realities – a personal knowledge of God as Heavenly Father and of Jesus his Son and a living hope in life and death.

Warmly,  
*David*

# MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM REPORT

God has a  
thousand  
ways  
Where I can  
see not one;  
When all my  
means have  
reached their  
end  
Then His have  
just begun.

Esther Guyot

## MST representatives for Parish Council, 2006 -2007

Stephen Janes, Ian Wheeler (Local Ordained Minister rep.),  
Mike Le Rossignol (Coordinator of Administration)

## MST nomination for Warden – Anne Neale

**Vision Statements and Strategic Plans** - Each Worship Centre has developed its own Vision Statement and Strategic Plan for the coming 12 months. These include priorities for ministry and mission for the coming year and are included in this year's annual report, available from the office on request.

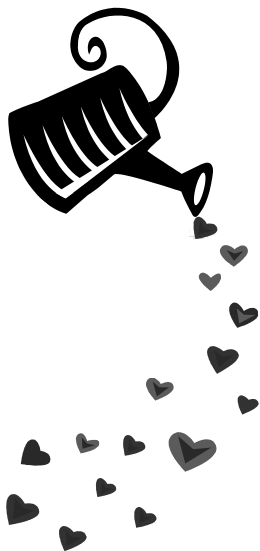
**Calling Out** – The process for nominating additional members for each local MST has been completed. These will now be considered by our Enabler, local MST's and the Bishop. Further information will be available later. Once this process has been completed a commissioning service will be held for all new members.

**Combined Riverlinks Service** – This will be held at St. Aidan's East Launceston on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 10:00am. Details about lunch arrangements will be circulated nearer the date.

**JAAL program** – This is well underway and is being strongly supported across the parish. Contact your local MST reps for details. JAAL booklets to give away are available from your local centre at two for \$5-00, as well as bookmarks to record the names of people you are praying for during this campaign.

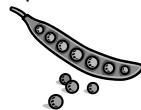
Mike Le Rossignol

## SPRING – TIME TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN



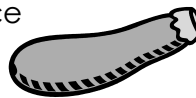
Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peas of mind
2. Peas of heart
3. Peas of soul



Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness



To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends



Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another



No garden is without turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for services
3. Turnip to help one another



Finally, water freely with patience  
and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden  
because you reap what you sow.

# RIVERLINKS

September 2007	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	Clergy Conference at Grindelwald
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	<p>Clergy Conference</p> <p>(each Tuesday)</p> <p><b>Morning Home Group</b> 11:00am Study St David's Hall 12:00pm Prayers</p> <p><b>Evening Home Group – 7:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Iggesden Home Group – 1:30pm</b> at 21 Wongarra Ave Legana</p> <p><b>Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group</b></p>
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<p>Clergy Conference</p> <p>(each Wednesday)</p> <p><b>Evening Home Group</b> 7:30pm at Bullard's</p>
6 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<p>Clergy Conference</p> <p><b>Tamar Park – 1:45pm</b></p>
7 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Kid' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<p><b>Cadorna – 2:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Combined LMST Meeting – 7:00pm</b></p>

September 2007	
11 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
12 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<p><b>Jesus. All About Life Campaign begins</b></p> <p><b>St David's Guild – 2:00pm</b></p>
13 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Parish Council – 7:30pm</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
17 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:40am</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Tue	<b>Scripture Union Holiday Camp</b> for grades 4-6 at Camp Carnacoo, Exeter
19 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<p><b>St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Ainslie Service – 2:30pm</b></p>
20 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Launceston Christian Leader's Network</b> meeting – 12:00pm at Door of Hope
21 <sup>st</sup> Fri	<b>United Nations International Peace Day</b>

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

# CALENDAR

September 2007	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	
24 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Healing Service – 1:30pm at George Town
25 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
26 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Leprosy Mission Luncheon – 10:00am at Uniting Church, Main Road, Exeter
27 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
29 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Combined Parish Service – 10:00 am at St Aidan's

October and other dates 2007	
15 <sup>th</sup> October	"Preparing a Bible Talk" Conference 9:00am to 4:00pm at St Aidan's
1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Pastoral Care Seminars with Pamela Cornish 9.30am to 2.30pm at St David's



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## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

42 parishioners were able to attend the Parish Annual General Meeting at St David's on 26 August. In addition there were 22 apologies.

The following members were nominated and elected as church wardens: Tom Nixon [George Town] & David Sutton [Riverside/Trevallyn].

The following were nominated / elected to Parish Council: Brian Baxter & Dennis Lawrence [George Town] Ken Pedley & Ian Morley [Riverside /Trevallyn] Mark Ford [East Launceston] – A vacancy exists for East Launceston.

Church wardens are also members of parish council.

If you were not able to attend the parish Annual Meeting and you would like to receive a copy of the Annual Reports and/or Annual Financial Reports there should be some copies available from the church office.

The Annual Reports for 2007 also contain Vision Statements & Strategic Plans for each centre. These were introduced at the Annual Meeting. We now expect each centre to familiarize themselves with their centre's Vision Statement and Strategic Plans and to consider ways in which they can be best implemented.

Ian M Morley - Chairperson Parish Council



### Can you help?

The newsletter has had a severe shortage of photos in recent months.

If you have any photos of Parish people or events that you can share please email, post or bring them in to the Parish office. (Flash cards, memory sticks, USB cables, CDs, SD & XD, any way you like!)

### “PREPARING A BIBLE TALK” SEMINAR St Aidan's on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Great teaching topics include: -

*“What men should know about preaching to women”, “Intros and conclusions with impact”, “How to preach for a result” & more!*

Presented by a team of experienced preachers and teachers from the Sydney Missionary & Bible College.

Don't miss out!

Registrations close 1<sup>st</sup> October

Registration forms are available in all centres, or from the Parish office.





**Jesus...**

**All About Life**

**A weekend with  
Dr Peter Jensen,  
Archbishop of  
Sydney**

**Public Lecture  
with Peter  
Jensen**

The future of  
JESUS

Friday 28

September  
at 7:30 pm.

1 hour lecture -  
20 minute Q&A  
time -

refreshments

University of  
Tasmania,

Stanley Burbury  
Theatre, Hobart

**An Evening with  
Peter Jensen**

Engaging with  
God in the 21st  
Century

Saturday 29

September  
at 7:30 pm.

lecture & Q&A  
time with  
refreshments to  
follow.

St George's  
Cromwell Street,  
Battery Point.

Register interest  
to 6220 2020 or  
[dme@anglican  
tas.org.au](mailto:dme@anglican.tas.org.au)

## JAAL = 'JESUS. ALL ABOUT LIFE'

We are now only two weeks away from the commencement of this very important campaign. Advertisements will commence on commercial television and in the print media on 15 September and run through until the end of October. Have you :

- ✓ Collected your free Jesus. All about life bookmark and listed the people you commit to pray for daily during the campaign?
- ✓ Paid \$5 for two copies of the Jesus. All about life booklet? – one copy for you to read and keep and one copy to give to a friend? [You can buy more than two copies if you wish].
- ✓ Considered paying \$50 [or part thereof] to 'buy an advertising spot' on television and by doing so considerably help the promotion of the campaign? All monies for booklets or advertising can be placed in an envelope in the offertory plate at your local centre. Please mark the envelope clearly.
- ✓ Considered offering time on roster at the Jesus. All about Life Response Call Centre at the Worldview Centre for Intercultural Studies at St Leonards?

And finally, are you praying daily for the campaign?

For those on your prayer list?

For the impact of the advertisements?

For the response centre?

For people to respond?

For church people to be ready to answer questions?

For churches to offer suitable and varied programs in the name of Jesus. All about life.

Ian Morley - Parish Council



### Volunteers needed!

Suitable people are needed to man the call centre at Worldview College, St Leonard's during the JAAL Campaign. Experience would be an advantage but is not necessary, as full training will be given including procedures and guidelines by which all personnel will abide.

Also suitable people to take info packs to the door of those who respond to the advertising via phone or internet.

**For further information please contact the Project Officer, Judy MacKenzie as soon as possible.**

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**37** Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'

**38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'

**39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

**40** The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

**Matthew**  
**25:37-40**  
**NIV**

## RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS

Unfortunately the streets of Launceston (and the surrounding towns) are home for some people and it's possible that in your travels you will encounter someone living on the street. People are forced onto the streets for a number of reasons. Relationship breakdowns, domestic violence, addictions to alcohol or other drugs or gambling, mental illness and financial difficulty are some of the main reasons for homelessness. Often it is a combination of factors.

All people are created in the image of God and it's good to remember that there but for His grace go I. So as Christians we would like to help but we don't know how. Here are a few tips.

First, if anyone is a danger to themselves or others call the police straight away. This is especially important if someone threatens suicide, is abusive or violent or acting irrationally or appears intoxicated or drug affected.

People begging sometimes get abusive if they don't get what they want. Whether you give them something or not is up to you but giving money is not always the best option. Don't be intimidated (easier said than done sometimes) just walk away and inform the police.

In Launceston there are several organizations that are geared up to help people experiencing homelessness. They are:

Launceston City Mission Crisis Unit. The Unit is located at 48 Frederick St. and provides emergency accommodation for males over 20. It also provides a Place of Safety and sobering up facility for intoxicated or drug affected people. The Mission runs Morton's Place where free breakfasts and cheap lunches are available to anyone who drops in. As the Crisis Unit is often full blankets are handed out to those who must sleep out.

Anglicare is located on the corner of Elizabeth and York streets. Their phone number is 6334 6060. The after hours number is 1800 800 588. This is a free call. Anglicare provide brokerage accommodation at various locations around town. That is they put people up in caravan parks, motels etc for a couple of nights until they find something else. They also help people to find and access longer term accommodation.

Northern Youth Shelter Association (NYSA) (aka Youth Futures) caters for young people and is located in Invermay Rd. near the Tramsheds. Phone 6331 6622  
Karinya Young Women's Shelter. Phone 6331 0774  
Launceston Women's Shelter. Phone 6344 5322 or mob 0419 340 652



Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child

National Collection off boxes is in October so if you are planning to fill a box (or two) now is the time to start.

Contact Josie Ford for more info - 6334 1852



## RESPONDING TO HOMELESSNESS CONT...

Other services such as the Benevolent Society, St. Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army provide emergency relief in the form of food parcels or vouchers and financial assistance if appropriate. All services are in contact with each other to prevent abusers of the system service hopping. If someone says no one will help them there is probably a good reason why. Remember it's not your fault that some one is homeless. It is often the result of choices people make and ultimately they must choose to change the way they live.

If, however, you would like to help out donations to any of the above services are always welcome. City Mission is always in need of blankets. You may also like to consider doing some volunteer work with one of the above organisations. Contact them directly for more information. Tours of the Launceston City Mission can be arranged for individuals or groups of interested people wish to learn more about how the Mission operates. Contact Ian Wheeler (ph 6394 8137) or the Mission direct on ph 63 31 6999.  
Ian Wheeler

## NOTICES



### Kid's Church at St Oswald's

Starts this month!  
**11:00am on 9th September**

It will be lots of fun! with action songs, stories & activities for pre-school and primary school kids



**Annual Leprosy Mission Luncheon** at the Uniting Church, Main Road, Exeter, from 10am

Guest speaker Maggie Mead, recently returned from the DR Congo. Thai merchandise made at the McKean Rehabilitation Hospital for sale. Details: Kath and Daphne Mitchell 63944991

Coming in November...

### Pastoral Care Seminars with Pamela Cornish

Thursday 1st, 8th & 15th  
November 2007  
in St David's hall

The workshop topics will include ministry to the aged and dying, listening skills, ethical matters, awareness of personal journey and how it may impact caring for others, boundaries and self-care. There will be some practical exercises, and times of reflecting upon scripture.

Register your interest now by contacting the Parish office.

## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

**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  
Worship Centre**  
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month for  
inclusion in the  
newsletter.**

### East Launceston

2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Combined Parish Service

### George Town

2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town - Together at George Town
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	No services	

### Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00 am Kid's Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	No service	No service
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

### Peace Haven

9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer

### MOBILE PHONES:

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George Town 0439 821 038

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