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Anglican Church

Newsletter



Miranda Gregory at Kid's Church

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

Jesus said:
 "Anyone who
 intends to come
 with me has to let
 me lead.
 You're not in the
 driver's seat; I am.
 Don't run from
 suffering;
 embrace it.
 Follow me and I'll
 show you how.
 Self-help is no help
 at all. Self-sacrifice
 is the way, my way,
 to saving yourself,
 your true self.
 What good would
 it do to get
 everything you
 want and lose you,
 the real you? What
 could you ever
 trade your soul for?
 If any of you are
 embarrassed over
 me and the way
 I'm leading you
 when you get
 around your fickle
 and unfocused
 friends, know that
 you'll be an even
 greater
 embarrassment to
 the Son of Man
 when he arrives in
 all the splendour of
 God, his Father,
 with an army of the
 holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38
 MSG

FROM THE ENABLER



Grahame manages a Salvation Army Family Store on the mid-north coast of NSW. He is a committed member of the local Salvation Army church. I know Grahame because he is engaged to be married to my mother. He is a highly respected and well-loved member of the community. I saw him recently at work in the Family Store, serving customers with humour and grace. Now, though, there is a chair beside the serving counter. It is for him to sit on which he does quite regularly to rest. That's because Grahame is dying. Several months ago he discovered that he has inoperable lung cancer. If you look closely, you'll see that his belt is pulled in quite a way. He is losing weight and some days coughs up congealed blood. Morphine tablets allow him to function during the day and some Sundays he isn't well enough to get to church.

Grahame exudes as well as speaks about his faith in his Heavenly Father. It is so obvious and so real. He doesn't just know about God. He knows God. He knows him personally and he knows that God is with him in this trial: helping him, reassuring him, changing him, and focusing him on the goal. Do you know what goal I am referring to? You will if you have God's perspective on life. Our goal is God's great goal for us. This is how he puts it in the words of the apostle Paul:

'that I may know him (Christ) and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:10-14).

The mature believer has this perspective (v.15). Above all else we want to know God in Christ. We are not content with knowing about him. With the psalmist, we cry, 'As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God' (Psalm 42:1-2a). To know Christ is also to know his resurrection power in our weakness (Phil 3:10; cf. Eph 1:18-19; 2 Cor 12:9). As a sufferer of a chronic illness I can testify to that power. It is real and it is effective. As it always is with God, to know him and his power is also to know his sufferings (Phil 3:10): dying daily to self-interest and self-promotion (Mark 8:34-38), which often comes at a price;

*That's why I don't
think there's any
comparison
between the
present hard times
and the coming
good times.
The created
world itself can
hardly wait for
what's coming
next. Everything
in creation is
being more or less
held back.
God reins it in
until both creation
and all the
creatures are
ready and can be
released at the
same moment
into the glorious
times ahead.
Meanwhile, the
joyful anticipation
deepens.*

*Romans 8:18-21
MSG*

groaning along with the creation that is in bondage to decay (Romans 8:21), suffering an unbelieving world's rejection of its Saviour and his people (John 15:18-25). As with Jesus, our sufferings are a necessary prelude to glory; the crown of thorns before the 'crown of righteousness' (2 Timothy 4:8). The goal that God has called us to in Christ (Phil 3:14) is far more profound and wonderful than any earthly goal. It is nothing less than 'the resurrection from the dead' (v.11; cf. 1 Thess 4:13-18) and the perfection of our spirit (v.12; cf. 1 John 3:2)!

This is the goal that every mature believer has keenly in their sight. Grahame's impending death has sharpened that focus. It has powerfully taught him what a year of sermons may not: that life is fragile and fleeting; that God is real and to be trusted and obeyed and known in the deepest of valleys; that the gospel and its eternal promises are precious and priceless; that the prospect of a disease-free body and a perfected spirit is too wonderful for words and full of deep comfort.

How can the apostle Paul expect this perspective of the rest of us who aren't dying of cancer? Is that realistic? Yes, because being a mature believer, he is a realist. The truth is, you and I **are** dying. Like batteries, our bodies are running down, and one day soon they will be landfill! Life outside of Eden is deferred death. The Bible urges us to recognise this and to live in the light of it. When the psalmist remembers our human condition he is led to pray, 'So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom' (Psalm 90:12). Do you want wisdom for life? Then learn to 'number your days'; to remember your true condition and live accordingly – rejoicing in knowing God in Christ, knowing his power and sufferings, focused on the resurrection and on glory.

Then your life will honour God and provoke peoples' interest. **Then** you will speak with conviction and credibility about the Jesus who is 'all about life' in the midst of death.

Thank you, Grahame, for the challenge and inspiration you are to believers. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for reminding us of our true condition. Please help us never to forget it, and the price you paid in Jesus, your Son, to transform it. Amen.

*'When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.'*

Warmly,
David



*When the city
came into view,
he wept over it.
"If you had only
recognised this
day, and
everything that
was good for
you! But now it's
too late.*

*In the days
ahead your
enemies are
going to bring up
their heavy
artillery and
surround you,
pressing in from
every side.
They'll smash you
and your children
on the
pavement.*

*Not one stone will
be left intact.
All this because
you didn't
recognise and
welcome God's
personal visit."*

Luke 19:41-44
MSG

HAS JESUS BROKEN YOUR HEART?

One of the things I have noticed since taking on my new job as bishop of Wollongong is that people tend to love the place where they live and talk it up.

We as Christians need to go another step. We must not just love the place and the community we live in, but see things through Jesus' eyes. Luke tells us what happened as Jesus approached Jerusalem for the last time. The city was prospering and yet we are told of Jesus that, "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city he wept over it" (Luke 19:41). The word for 'weep' here does not mean to tear up like a beauty queen but to weep loudly or mourn. What makes a man who worked on building sites until he was 30 weep publicly? Jesus saw so clearly the desperate need and the inevitable future of this city that had said 'No' to God and his messengers again and again and again. They had said 'No' so often that now the truth was hidden from their eyes. God had decided the time for judgement had come.

We live in a society that talks about peace and contentment, and yet we seem to grow further and further from both. We get richer but relationally poorer. Our weddings get bigger and our marriages get shorter. Our houses get bigger and our families get smaller. We communicate across the world without difficulty and can't talk across the dinner table. We live in a society that does not have peace with God. In fact the richer we become the more we ignore him and walk away.

So Jesus weeps over Jerusalem. Why? He knows the judgement day is coming. "The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side."

We know this happened just 40 years later when the Romans crushed the Jewish rebellion, completely destroyed the city and dispersed the Jewish people. Why did it happen?: "...because they did not recognise the time of God's coming to them." Jesus sees the consequence of their rejection of their king, and he weeps for them.

We talk about Mission and the desire to reach percentages of the population, plant new churches etc. These are all good things but nothing will really be achieved until we see our communities through Jesus' eyes and share a heart that weeps for them.

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HAS JESUS BROKEN YOUR HEART? CONT/...

Jesus loved his city, loved his people and wept for them as he understood their desperate need of salvation. Have we really understood the fact that without Jesus the people we live among are on their way to hell? Even in our churches, I wonder how often we speak about this.

God has
a thousand
ways
Where I can see
not one;

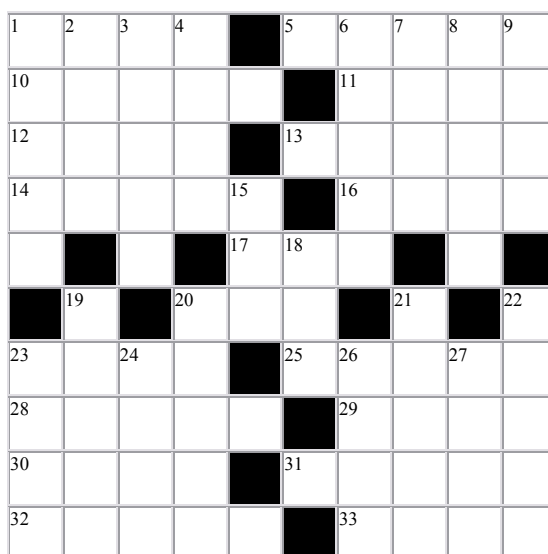
When all my
means have
reached
their end
Then His have
just begun.

Esther Guyot

The Christian life carries a strange contradiction: we are to be the people of great joy as we know the Lord and yet we are to be the people who weep over the lostness and need of the cities and towns we love. Let us pray that God would break our hearts, that we might see cities and our communities as Jesus did and so pray and work for them to hear the message of God's forgiveness through His king.

Rt. Rev Al Stewart - Bishop of Wollongong

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JAMES**DOWN**

1. Such __ save him
2. Look at amorously
3. Bay window
4. Faculty head
6. Resembling an ape
7. Every
8. Ogles
9. Unit of linear measure
15. Someone will __
18. Besides
19. Soft palate
20. Sit on the __
21. Discontinue
22. Small islands
23. Walk in water
24. Traditional knowledge
26. __ thoughts
27. Broad valley

ACROSS

1. Daily __
5. Each day
10. Give consent
11. Entreaty
12. Hip bones
13. Member of a motorcycle gang
14. Numbers 13 through 19
16. Reddish brown chalcedony
17. Exclamation of surprise

20. Island of Denmark
23. I wish you __
25. Faith without __
28. Indifferent
29. South African river
30. Former coin of Spain
31. Passageway
32. Very hard mineral
33. Dreg

TRAVEL PLANS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- II CORINTHIANS 6:2 KJV

*Jesus said,
"Let the little
children come
to me,
and do not
hinder them,
for the
kingdom of
heaven
belongs to
such as these."*

Matthew 19:14

THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Four couples attended the five sessions of the Marriage Preparation course, beginning on 29th August and each Wednesday until 26th September.

Thanks to all the ladies who prepared such delicious desserts.

Thanks to our God for His faithfulness to us as we humble ourselves before Him in prayer. He certainly answers.

BAPTISM

Henry Francis Greig was baptised at St Aidan's on 9th September. His parents, Georgia & Stuart, had attended the first Marriage Preparation course in 2005 and are now continuing their baptism preparation by participating in Christianity Explained.



TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Please pray for our Teddy Bears' Picnic on 28th October, as we invite all our baptism children and parents to attend.

Jo Tevelein

KID'S CHURCH AT ST OSWALD'S



Sunday 9th September was a special day at St Oswald's with the commencement of Kids' Church. Kids' Church is planned for 11:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month for the remainder of this year and more frequently in 2008 if the demand is there.

In attendance were 8 children and 6 young mums and dads along with 15 of the regular St Oswald's congregation who came to offer their support.

We commenced with two fun songs introduced by our musos Peter Stewart and Stephen Janes after which Anne Morley introduced the theme of the day "Love God and Love your neighbour" through a dramatized version of the Parable of the Good Samaritan [Luke 10: 25-37].

This was followed by a short prayer, another song and some fun activities where the children were asked to make a "heart shaped" hanging with the words of the two great commandments and/or to make figure cut-outs of "neighbours" and paste on a large display sheet and to record ways they could be a good neighbour.

At the conclusion the St Oswald's ladies served heart shaped cookies, fruit and cordial for the children and tea and coffee for the mums and dads.

We are now planning for our next Kids' Church on 14 October. Have you invited anyone to attend?

Anne and Ian Morley



RIVERLINKS

October 2007	
1st Mon	<i>(Each Monday)</i> Stanford's Home Group – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
2nd Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> Home Group – 11:00am at St David's Hall followed by prayer – 12:00pm Iggesden Home Group – 1:30pm at Iggesden's home Booth's Home Group – 7:30pm at Booth's home Evening Home Group – 7:30pm Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group
3rd Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> East Launceston Play Group – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's Evening Home Group – 7:30pm at Stott's home Evening Home Group – 7:30pm at Bullard's home
4th Thur	
5th Fri	
6th Sat	The Pilgrims' Journey: Spirituality and Mental Illness – 9:30am at the Performing Arts Centre, Saint Michael's Collegiate School Hobart
7th Sun	Operation Christmas Child - National Prayer Day Blessing of the Animals
8th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm Combined LMST Meeting – 6:30pm
9th Tue	

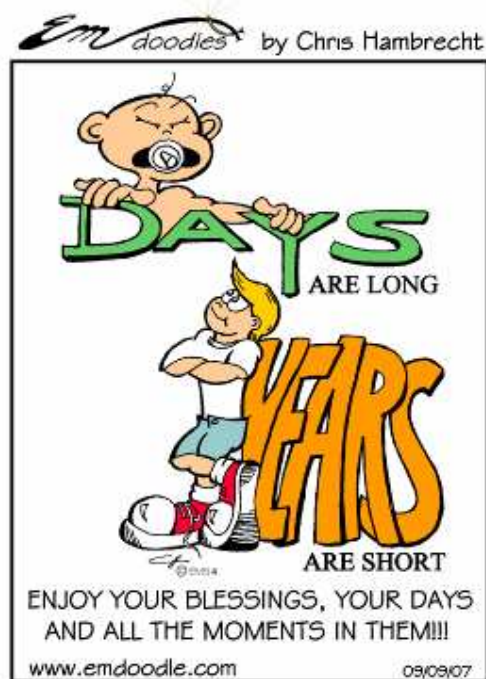
October 2007	
10th Wed	St David's Guild – 2:00pm
11th Thur	* Parish Office closed for Launceston Show Day
12th Fri	
13th Sat	Kid's Take Over the Cathedral! 10:00am – 3:00pm at St David's Cathedral Hobart
14th Sun	Kid's Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's Teddy Bears' Picnic – 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town
15th Mon	"Preparing a Bible Talk" Conference 9:00am to 4:00pm at St Aidan's Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:40am
16th Tue	
17th Wed	St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
18th Thur	Christianity Explained Course – 7:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's G/T Parish Council – 7:30pm
19th Fri	
20th Sat	
21st Sun	

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

CALENDAR

October 2007	
22nd Mon	
23rd Tue	
24th Wed	Christianity Explained Course – 7:30pm at St Oswald's
25th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm Christianity Explained Course – 7:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's G/T
26th Fri	
27th Sat	
28th Sun	Teddy Bears' Picnic – 10:00am at St Aidan's
29th Mon	Healing Service – 1:30pm at George Town International Needs Ghana meeting – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
30th Tue	
31st Wed	Christianity Explained Course – 7:30pm at St Oswald's

November and other dates 2007	
1st, 8th & 15th November	Pastoral Care Seminars with Pamela Cornish 9.30am to 2.30pm at St David's
1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd November	Christianity Explained Course continues – 7:00pm at George Town
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November	Christianity Explained Course continues – 7:30pm at Trevallyn
15th November	Anglican Women's Fellowship Day at Cressy
Coming in December	"The Inn Crowd" at St Aidan's



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Jesus. All
About Life is
now in full
swing.

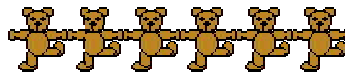
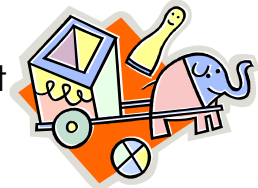
Have you
picked up a
bumper
sticker for
your car yet?
These will
ensure that
the message
continues to
spread, long
after the
campaign
ends.

Please keep
praying that
people will
be touched
by the
campaign,
and for us all
to be bold in
approaching
family,
friends and
neighbours
to talk about
Jesus' love.

NOTICES

EAST LAUNCESTON PLAYGROUP

All children aged 0-5 are welcome.
Please join us on Wednesday mornings
from 10:30-12:00 in "The Upper Room" at
St Aidan's Church, at a cost of \$2.50
For more information, please contact
Sarah on 0408 501616



St David's Cathedral is firing up
a great new community event:

Kids Take Over The Cathedral!

Our Cathedral is more than just
a venue for state funerals.
On **Saturday 13 October**
from 10am till 3pm
the Cathedral will be wide
open and wired up for family
fun, fun, fun...

- ☺ climb the bell tower
- ☺ have a bounce in the
jumping castle
- ☺ stage a hoax wedding
- ☺ hunt for treasure
- ☺ meet Croaky and
Quasimodo
- ☺ or get your face painted
before stuffing it with
sausages and curry

enquiries: 6234 4900 or email:
dean@anglicantas.org.au

**Entry is \$3 per person
or \$10 per family.**

The Pilgrims' Progress

**Spirituality and Mental Illness
Spirituality and Mental Health**

Saturday 6th October
9.30am - 4.30pm

At the Performing Arts Centre,
Saint Michael's Collegiate
School, corner Barrack and
Davey Streets, Hobart.

The Speakers for the day will
include Professor Robert
Bland, Associate Professor
Christopher Newell, The Very
Reverend Lindsay Stoddart,
Robyn Wilkinson and Ann
Tullgren.

A feature of the seminar will
be a hypothetical "The
Pilgrim's Progress: Envisioning
the Kingdom of God".

ATTENTION ALL TEDDIES... Picnics are being held in
George Town at 10:30 am on 14th October
and East Launceston at 10:00am on 28th October!





HOW TO STAY YOUNG

Throw out
nonessential
numbers. This
includes age, weight
and height.

Enjoy the simple
things.

Laugh often, long
and loud. Laugh until
you gasp for breath.

The tears happen.
Endure, grieve, and
move on.

Keep learning.
Learn more about
the computer, crafts,
gardening,
whatever. Never let
the brain idle. "An
idle mind is the
devil's workshop."

Surround yourself
with what you love.
Tell the people you
love that you love
them at every
opportunity.

Forgive.

Share your faith at
every opportunity.

Don't let a chance
go by to show
someone the love of
God.

Life is not measured
by the number of
breaths we take, but
by the moments that
take our breath
away.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS GHANA

A meeting to be held at St Aidan's
Monday 29th October at 7.30pm

Come along to hear from these two extraordinary women from Ghana. Their names are Mercy and Patience.

As a nine year old, Mercy Senahe was given to an animistic priest at her village Trokosi temple as an offering to appease the sins of her ancestors. She was a slave to the priest until her release was negotiated many years later by International Needs Ghana.

Mercy will be accompanied by Patience Vormawor who heads the International Needs Ghana rehabilitation program for former Trokosi slaves, of which there are many thousands who have still not been released.

Mercy and Patience are here to raise awareness of the program and to increase support. Come and hear Mercy's powerful and moving testimony about her life as a slave in the village shrine, her liberation and rehabilitation, including her coming to the Lord, through the assistance of International Needs, and her life as a free, proud, self-sufficient member of her community.

This is a great opportunity to hear of this work in Ghana and gain insight into the plight of others around our globe.

Supper will be provided and all are welcome and encouraged to come.

"PREPARING A BIBLE TALK" SEMINAR St Aidan's on Monday 15th 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.

Last chance to register. Don't miss out!

Registrations close 1st October. Contact the
Parish office immediately!



"You have
to be the
change
you want to see
in the world."

Ghandi

Crossword Solution
from page 5

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PASTORAL CARE SEMINARS WITH PAMELA CORNISH

Thursday 1st, 8th & 15th November 2007
St David's Church Hall
9.30am - 2.30pm (BYO lunch)

This series of workshops will include topics such as 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.

Pamela Cornish currently works as Associate Chaplain at the Launceston General Hospital and was previously a nurse. She worked for many years in a wide variety of areas, predominantly Oncology, Palliative Care and Hospice in the latter years of her nursing career. She is also the president of 'The Obed Centre Inc', a servant organisation to the body of Christ, helping in the areas of healing, training, equipping and releasing the people of God for the works that He has called them to do.

Contact the Parish office by 26th October to register your interest. Ph. 6327 4742 or email riverlinks@bigpond.com

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

Would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in or would you rush about?

And I wonder... if the Saviour spent a day or two with you
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you go?
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your closest friends?
Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sign with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

Author unknown



Did you know?

Since 1993,
Operation
Christmas Child
has distributed
46 million gift-filled
shoe boxes to
boys and girls in
over 100 countries
around the world.

Samaritan's Purse
provides Gospel
booklets and a
follow-up
discipleship
program that
encourage
children to learn
more about
Jesus Christ.

Through these
simple gifts,
hundreds of
thousands of
children have
come to know
Jesus as Saviour.

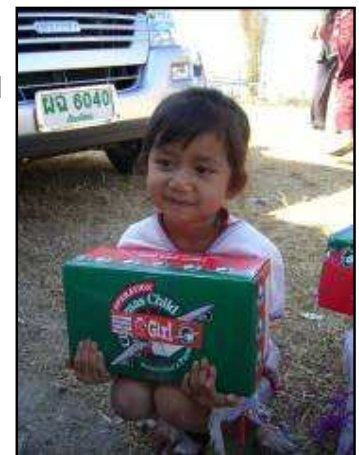
SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October is here and collection of Christmas boxes is under way. The enthusiasm from everyone in each of the Riverlinks Centres has been wonderful and already boxes have started to come in. Operation Christmas Child's national prayer day is usually the first Sunday on October, this year being the 7th. Whether you have finished your box or only half filled, please bring your box or boxes to church so that we can pray for:

- ✚ The children who receive them, that they will experience God's love through the boxes
- ✚ For safe passage to the countries in South East Asian and Pacific areas, for the boxes to pass through customs without any difficulty
- ✚ For God's name to be glorified through this outreach
- ✚ For those who are going on distribution to share God's love to children, families and communities, not to mention the armed guards who will be watching
- ✚ For the right box to go to the right child concerning their needs
- ✚ For God's power to break the cycle of poverty
- ✚ For the build up of trust between communities and Samaritan's Purse so that further help can be given, e.g. Clearing land mines, bio-sand water filters, building schools, providing school uniforms, education on HIV and more

I would like everyone to know that I will be going on a distribution trip to Vietnam in January 2008 (16th – 24th), spending 9 days giving out boxes to children. This will be an amazing opportunity to see first hand the impact your boxes have in the lives of children and the work God is doing through this project. I am looking forward to sharing my experience with you all. God bless you and thank you once again for your wonderful efforts this year.

Josie Ford
Regional Coordinator for Launceston
& Tamar Valley - Operation Christmas Child



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT [FINANCE]

Command those
who are rich in
this present world
not to be
arrogant nor to
put their hope in
wealth, which is
so uncertain, but
to put their hope
in God, who richly
provides us with
everything for our
enjoyment.

Command them
to do good, to be
rich in good
deeds, and to be
generous and
willing to share.

In this way they
will lay up
treasure for
themselves as a
firm foundation
for the coming
age, so that they
may take hold of
the life that is truly
life.

1 Tim 6:17-19

For those members able to attend our Parish Annual Meeting in August you may remember that we passed a Budget for 2007/2008 which included Total Expected Income of \$185,000 and Total Expenditure of \$189,060 for our parish. A small loss of \$4,000.

The income total included a budgeted amount of \$144,000 for offertory, and average of \$12,000 per month. This budget figure is a step out in faith as for the 2006/2007 year the total offertory received across the parish was \$130,000. So to reach our target we need an increase of \$14,000, that is, just over \$1,000 per month.

Riverlinks has now been operating for over three years and during that time expenses have continued to increase in line with inflation of 3% per annum, or close to 10% over the three years. However, income has not shown a similar increase. In fact we have had a decline.

As we now have made a commitment to a full-time Enabler for three years in addition to our full-time Administrator, and as we have seven church properties requiring maintenance and/or upgrade we need to carefully consider both our level and consistency of giving.

However, Christian Stewardship is not only about 'ourselves' and 'our church properties' it is about:

- i. God's generosity towards us in Christ
[John 3:16; Romans 5: 1-2; Romans 8: 1-17; 2 Cor 8:9]
- ii. God's wish for us likewise to be generous towards others in need
[2 Cor 8 & 9; Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 6:17-19; 1 Cor 16: 1-3]
- iii. Our responsibility to support the growth of the gospel generally [Phil 1:5; 4: 10-19; 3 John 5-8]
- iv. The ministry of our local church particularly
[1 Tim 5:17-18; Rom 12:8; 2 Cor 9:6-7].

Could I ask each member/family of our parish to:

- Pray – seeking God's guidance in our Christian Stewardship
- Review our level of giving with the aim of increasing our commitment to God's work in our parish and across the world
- Carefully consider the consistency of our giving, for example, weekly even when we are not able to attend worship, we should aim to catch up through a regular weekly commitment that is built into, and is a part of our weekly family budget.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT CONT...

Within the next few months the Ministry Support Team and Parish Council will meet to consider Christian Stewardship across our parish and a report will be prepared for congregation members. However, as it is not planned to circulate the report until early 2008, could I please urge each member/family to consider this important area of our Christian life now, so that we can come closer to reaching the budgeted figures passed at our Parish Annual Meeting.

I plan to report briefly on each month's Budget Target and our Actual in each parish newsletter so that everyone can see at a glance how we are travelling towards implementing the four points raised above.

<u>AUGUST BUDGET</u>	<u>AUGUST ACTUAL</u>
\$12,000	\$10,325

Yours in Christ,
Ian Morley – Chair of Parish Council



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLS

Bible Society – Local Churches – Chaplains
working together

It's a great thing when a young person is given a Bible. Even better, when it's given to them by a trusted friend. A chaplain shares life with the school community. A chaplain is there in both the good and the bad times. A chaplain listens. A chaplain doesn't judge. So, when a chaplain gives a student a Bible, it's treasured and respected.

Ben McKinnon, chaplain at Exeter High School in Tasmania's north, places a high priority on using Scripture and told Sower of one recent incident.

"I ran into an ex-student in the Launceston library recently, and she told me how she'd been kicked out of home, and how she was struggling to make sense of life.

I happened to have a Revolve girls Biblezine (supplied at low cost by Bible Society and given to me by the Exeter Church community) in my hands, as I was going to give it to someone else. It just felt right to give this Bible to her, so I did. I bumped into her in the mall the next day, and she told me how she had read the whole New Testament in one night.

A month later she was living with a Christian couple, and was a part of their community of faith".

Praise God, for how He works through us working together, and pray for all School chaplains as they distribute God's Word to young people on campuses across Australia.

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SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

East Launceston

7 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
14 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
21 st	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
28 th	10:00 am	Teddy Bear's Picnic

George Town

7 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
14 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Teddy Bears' Picnic
21 st	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
28 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Morning Prayer George Town Morning Prayer

Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
7 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
14 th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
21 st	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
28 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

14 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer
21 st	10:30 am Holy Communion
28 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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