



Anglican Church



The star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:9b-11

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



Celebration of Creativity Service

George Town's Anglican Church was decorated with quilts and tapestries for a weekend in November and on the Sunday a special service for the Celebration of Creativity was held.

The quilts were the work of two George Town groups; the Wilted Quilters and our own Chat and Do group.

Chat and Do is a fairly large group co-ordinated by Helen Ackerly. They meet each Tuesday evening at the church for a lot of talking and a lot of needlework. They also contribute generously each year to Operation Christmas Child.

The theme for the service was *God the Creator*. With the reading on *Genesis Chapter 1*, Peter Cox presented a slide show which showed the artistic patterns and designs in creation, from the planets to the birds, to the fish and to the flowers.

Peter Cox

The Inn Crowd at St Aidan's



Don Carson @ SummerView Missions Conference 08

10-13 January 2008 Camp Banksia, Port Sorell

+ Rose Dowsett + Missionaries from Mexico, Slovenia and the Northern Territory + Awesome kids' program + Stimulating worship and prayer times

Can't make the whole conference?

Come for the day on **Saturday 12 January**.
The full day program offers a cross section of all presenters.
Note: You will need to book if you want lunch provided.

➔ To **book**, or **find out more information**
contact **Mrs Sue Morton**
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Coming soon...

Some exciting new changes will be made to the Riverlinks website in the New Year.

www.riverlinks.net.au



SCHOOLS SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd March 2008 is the launch of

PrayPal
ADOPT A SCHOOL IN PRAYER

Imagine what could happen if every school is prayed for.....



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TASMANIA
Hope for the future.

Adopt your local school and commit to pray for them
Register your adoption online and receive resources

Lots more information coming in early February

Why is Jesus better than Santa Claus?

Santa lives at the North Pole ... **Jesus is everywhere.**

Santa rides in a sleigh ... **Jesus rides on the wind and walks on the water.**

Santa comes but once a year ... **Jesus is an ever present help.**

Santa fills your stockings with goodies ...

... **Jesus supplies all your needs.**

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited ...

... **Jesus stands at your door and knocks, and enters your heart.**

You have to wait in line to see Santa ...

... **Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.**

Santa lets you sit on his lap ... **Jesus lets you rest in His Arms.**

Santa doesn't know your name, all he can say is "Hi, little boy or girl, what's your name?" ... **Jesus knew our name before we did. Not only does He know our name, He knows our history and future, and He even knows our hearts and how many hairs are on our heads.**

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly ...

... **JESUS has a heart full of love, grace, mercy and forgiveness.**

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO ...

... **JESUS says, "Cast your cares on me for I care for you."**

Santa may make you chuckle ... **JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.**

While Santa puts gifts under your tree ...

... **JESUS became our gift and died on the tree, for you and me.**

It's obvious there is really no comparison.

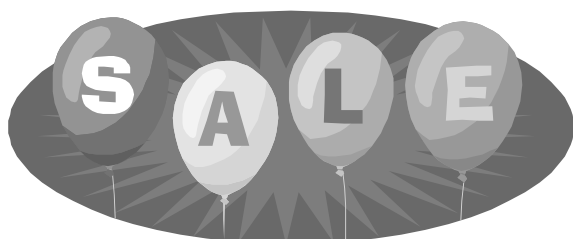
We need to remember, WHO Christmas is all about.

We need to put Christ back in Christmas.

JESUS is still the reason for the season.

Yes, JESUS is better, He is even better than Santa Claus.

Merry CHRISTmas!



Anglican Book Room

Closing Down Sale

from 14th - 31st January

St George's Church Buildings

30 Cromwell St Battery Point

Parish Council Report

We held our final meeting of Parish Council for the year on Thursday 13 December and it was interesting to reflect on the wonderful year we have had in Riverlinks and also the wonderful opportunities we have before us.

With a full-time Enabler and full-time Parish Administrator, with our Vision Statements and Strategic Plans in place for each centre, we are now well placed to move forward and to reach out and minister to our wider communities. The challenge of course is to implement our vision and plans in the most appropriate way for our own unique community.

Parish Council wish to thank our Enabler David for his untiring assistance and support, for his leadership, direction and very special ministry and teaching. To Anne our Parish Administrator who is always available and always willing to offer her assistance and support right across the Parish. To our Ministry Support Team members for their dedication and commitment, for their planning and direction. And to all our voluntary preachers, leaders, musicians and readers on roster, a special thanks because our Enabling Ministry would not function as it does without your valued input.

May peace, joy and love be your gifts this Christmas.

Riverlinks Parish Council.



Kids' Church Nativity

Thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful response to our final Kids' Church for 2007. 58 in attendance, of which 18 were regular St Oswald's people and the balance were children and their mums and dads from the Travallyn and wider community. We are delighted to be reaching the wider community and meeting an obvious need.

The 24 children [as well as Jo Janes, Chris Bullard and Norman Lawrence] came dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men, and we also had Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.

The Christmas story was read beautifully by Chloe Fisher and Zoe Wye and everyone joined in the singing with enthusiasm.

We wish to thank the mums and dads and children for coming along to Kids' church and making it such a fun place to be.

We also wish to thank our musos Peter Stewart and Stephen Janes for their continued input and support, and our dear St Oswald's members who come along to offer their support and provide and serve suitable yummy snacks at the conclusion of each service. Also special thanks to the church decorators who created such a lovely Christmas atmosphere.

Finally thank you for your prayers for Kids' Church and please continue to pray.

Our next Kids' Church will be held on the 2nd Sunday in February [10th February, 2008].

Anne and Ian Morley



Bishop John asks all Anglicans to gather
1 March 2008 10 am - 5 pm
Door of Hope Launceston

Beyond Imagination the Gathering

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" Eph 3:21,22

Kid's Church Nativity at St Oswald's



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Worship Centre**
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George Town
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Worship Centre**
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**Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!**



SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES



East Launceston

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| 30 th | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 6 th | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 13 th | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 20 th | 10:00 am | Holy Communion |
| 27 th | 10:00 am | Morning Prayer |

George Town

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| 30 th | 10:30 am | George Town Morning Prayer |
| 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 | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion |
| 27 th | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion |

Trevallyn and Riverside

| | Riverside | Trevallyn |
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| 30 th | 9:00 am Morning Prayer | No Service |
| 6 th | 9:00 am Holy Communion | 11:00 am Holy Communion |
| 13 th | 9:00 am Morning Prayer | No service |
| 20 th | 9:00 am Holy Communion | 11:00 am Holy Communion |
| 27 th | 9:00 am Morning Prayer | 11:00 am Morning Prayer |

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

Peace Haven

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| 13 th | 10:30 am Morning Prayer |
| 20 th | 10:30 am Holy Communion |
| 27 th | 10:30 am Morning Prayer |