



April 2008

Anglican Church

# Newsletter



**“Living the heartbeat of God”**

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

*And this is  
my prayer:  
that your  
love may  
abound more  
and more in  
knowledge  
and depth of  
insight, so  
that you may  
be able to  
discern what  
is best and  
may be pure  
and  
blameless  
until the day  
of Christ,*

## FROM THE ENABLER



When the pressures and difficulties of my life and ministry seem too great, do you know what helps the most? A favourite food binge? A drink? An escape to the movies? A holiday? I remember missionaries I know personally who are making considerable sacrifices to make the Lord Jesus known in difficult situations around the world. Single women, single men, married couples with and without children. I remember these people and I am both inspired and challenged to keep at being a disciple of Jesus, on the good days and on the bad days. To keep at ministry, on the encouraging days and on the discouraging days. Do you realise that you and your church should have the same effect on other believers, especially those who are struggling?

Could the apostle Paul say this of you and your church family?:

*'We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it...how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming' (1 Thessalonians 1:2-10).*

Will you pray with me that our congregations in Riverlinks will be like that, more and more? Convinced by the Holy Spirit of the truth of the gospel, having given up our idols, hard working in ministry and mission, steadfast in hope and in suffering, an example and an encouragement to other believers?

*filled with  
the fruit of  
righteousness  
that comes  
through  
Jesus  
Christ—to  
the glory and  
praise of  
God.*

*Philippians  
1: 9-11*

Most days I also remember Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering for being Christians in their own country. Can I ask the women in our congregations to imagine being forced by Islamic militias to cover your hair with the traditional Islamic headscarf, or be killed? In the last year, more than 40 women in Basra (Iraq) have been murdered because of this. Can I ask the leadership of the parish and all of us to imagine having Hindu extremists attacking your church, completely destroying the building, beating up the minister and some members of the congregation and kidnapping a 21-year old member who was later found dead? This happened to a church in Chhattisgarh, India, on 19 November 2007. These things are happening to Christians every day in many places. Discrimination at school and work, threats, kidnappings, torture, imprisonment, church buildings destroyed, church leaders and members murdered.

It puts into perspective the things that we quibble and argue and fret about in our churches, don't you think? Do you think it's even possible that the church in the West is as divided, complaining, complacent, compromised, weak and ineffective as it is on the whole, because we've not known serious opposition and persecution? Because our allegiance to the Lord Jesus doesn't cost us very much? Having enemies on account of being followers of Jesus is to be expected. Paul said:

*'Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted' (2 Timothy 3:12).*

If we don't ever encounter opposition of some kind to our Christian faith and lives, it may be a sign that we are not being true to Jesus; that we don't speak up in that conversation at work or with a friend when we know we should; that we never talk about God and the gospel; that the Kingdom focus of our lives isn't such that we sometimes invite derision or ridicule or worst - loss of friends, popularity, status, prestige and position. These Scriptures and the example of Christians and churches in other places ought to constantly inspire and challenge us - to be true to the Lord Jesus, to his gospel and Kingdom, to his people for whom he died, no matter what it costs us.

I have asked the Ministry Support Team if they would circulate among their ministry centres information I have received from the Barnabas Fund about the terrible plight of Iraqi Christians.

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*I pray also  
that the  
eyes of your  
heart may be  
enlightened  
in order that  
you may know  
the hope to  
which he has  
called you,  
the riches of  
his glorious  
inheritance  
in the saints*

*Ephesians  
1:18*

## **FROM THE ENABLER *continued...***

The Barnabas Fund supports Christians where they are in a minority and suffer persecution because they are Christians. Their International Director, Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, visited Tasmania last year and some of us heard him speak at St John's Launceston about the growing challenge of militant Islam and the process of Islamisation in the West.

Did you know Iraqi Christians and churches are targeted by Islamic extremists and demanded to convert to Islam or leave the country or die? Did you know that hundreds of thousands have fled their homes, even the country, living as refugees in Syria, where it is very difficult for them to find work and accommodation? Barnabas Fund have launched a Save Iraqi Christians appeal which has several components and I'm hoping by now you will have seen it. There's the invitation to pray for these suffering Christians in and outside of Iraq (you may use the special prayer card supplied), to sign the petition to be presented to the governments in the United Kingdom and other countries to make them aware of this situation and to ask them to offer refuge to Iraqi Christians. Bishop John's wife, Gayelene, is collecting these petitions. **You can sign a copy that should be circulating in your church. We will gather them all up and give them to Gayelene.** You can also give a donation to the appeal, using the form inside the 'Save Iraqi Christians' leaflet. The BF website is [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)

It would be very encouraging to hear our congregational prayers around the parish including heartfelt prayers for our brothers and sisters in Iraq and in so many other places; thanking God for the freedom and security we still enjoy as Christians in the West, and asking him to help our churches make the most of it by living and spreading the gospel, for these days of freedom may well be limited.

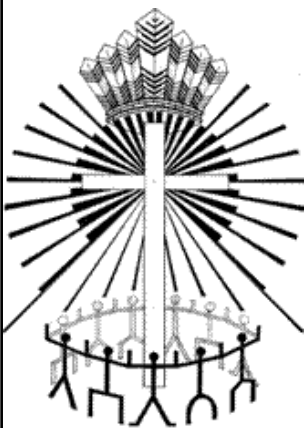
I look forward to seeing you at St Aidan's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April when Riverlinks gathers together with Bishop John for church and Confirmations. It would be good to present him with all our signed petition sheets from across the parish. Bishop John will also facilitate the official opening of the extensions at St Aidan's that afternoon.

Through April I will still be accepting donations towards the cost of the Quizworx visit in April. I was very encouraged by the generosity of people at the Pipers River and George Town churches recently. Kelvin Todd and Martin Chugg (St Aidan's) are planning to lose some hair and raise money as well - for which I am very grateful. Don't forget the children's ministry training day we're running on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. It's a great program. Brochures available in each centre.

Warmly,  
David



God's Wisdom  
Provides  
Understanding



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer service for the Riverside/Trevallyn region was held at St David's church on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Around 45-50 people attended the service which had been prepared by the Christian women of Guyana.

We were pleased to have representatives from within the Riverlinks parish, St Francis Roman Catholic church, the Gospel Chapel, as well as four prefects from the Riverside High School accompanied by a teacher.

The commencement of the service was colourful, with people suitably dressed in Amerindian, African, British, Chinese Portugese and East Indian attire, all referring to the ancestral roots of the country. Likewise the Sophia dance displayed colour and the Guyanese culture. We enjoyed the songs chosen for the service, some of which had a great beat tot them.

Our guest speaker was Jo Westlake, a nurse who had recently spent three months in Paraguay and South America. At morning tea in the hall, we were able to discuss some of the points brought forward in her talk, and she was able to respond to further requests for speaking at schools.

The outreach to other Christian denominations within the area was well received. We would also like to thank Anne, our Administrator, for her input in putting the service onto overheads. We greatly appreciate her expertise and effort.

Marie Isgglesden - WDOP Area Coordinator

# RIVERSIDE & TREVALLYN TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC



## LUNCHEON AT ST OSWALD'S



As Guest Speaker at St Oswalds Church luncheon recently, Josie Ford gave us a wonderful insight into the work of Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child. Her dedication and enthusiasm for this work was awe-inspiring and the visual display of hundreds of children in overseas countries and their joy and excitement on receiving their boxes of gifts, gave added meaning to all that Josie told us of her experiences in Vietnam, when she journeyed there in January to assist the distribution of these boxes.

Seeing the end result gives us encouragement to begin, right now, to start collection for this year's boxes.

Robin McKendrick



## KID'S CHURCH AT ST OSWALD'S

Even though it was a long weekend and a number of our regulars were away we still had 14 children and 30 adults who acted out the Palm Sunday Story with Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey to the cheers of the excited crowd. Hosanna! Hosanna!

Please continue to pray for Kids' Church for it to grow, for it to also minister to the young mums and dads who come along with their children, and for Barb and Chris Bullard who will be leading for 3 months in Anne and Ian's absence.

Anne and Ian Morley

# RIVERLINKS

April 2008	
<b>1st Tue</b>	<p><i>(each Tuesday)</i></p> <p><b>Home Group</b> – 11:00am at St David's Hall followed by prayer – 12:00pm</p> <p><b>Iggesden Home Group</b> – 1:30pm at Iggesden's home</p> <p><b>Booth's Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at Booth's home</p> <p><b>Evening Home Group</b> – 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group</b></p>
<b>2nd Wed</b>	<p><i>(each Wednesday)</i></p> <p><b>East Launceston Play Group</b> – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's</p> <p><b>Evening Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at Stott's home</p> <p><b>Evening Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at Bullard's home</p>
<b>3rd Thur</b>	
<b>4th Fri</b>	
<b>5th Sat</b>	<p><b>Tas. Women's Bible Conference</b> – 9:00am to 3:30pm at the Branch Christian Church, King Meadows</p> <p><b>Safe Ministry Seminar</b> – 10:00 am to 3:00pm at Holy Trinity Beaconsfield</p>
<b>6th Sun</b>	<b>Bridge to Bridge 08</b> – Mission Afloat 'row-past' commences 10:00am at the Esplanade, New Norfolk
<b>7th Mon</b>	<p><i>(Each Monday)</i></p> <p><b>Stanford's Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at St Aidan's</p>

April 2008	
<b>8th Tue</b>	
<b>9th Wed</b>	<b>Fellowship Afternoon</b> – 2:30pm at St David's Riverside
<b>10th Thur</b>	<p><b>Christian Leaders Connecting meeting</b> – 12:00pm at the Tailrace centre Riverside</p> <p><b>Parish Council</b> – 7:30pm</p>
<b>11th Fri</b>	<p>** Registrations close for Children's Ministry Training Day</p> <p><b>Games Evening</b> – 7:30pm at George Town Seniors Centre</p>
<b>12th Sat</b>	
<b>13th Sun</b>	<b>Kid's Church</b> – 11:00am at St Oswald's
<b>14th Mon</b>	<p><b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm</p> <p><b>Combined LMST Meeting</b> – 6:30pm</p>
<b>15th Tue</b>	
<b>16th Wed</b>	<p><b>St Oswald's Guild</b> – 2:00pm</p> <p><b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:30pm</p>
<b>17th Thur</b>	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana</b> – 10:45am
<b>18th Fri</b>	<p><b>Ainslie Soup &amp; Sandwich Lunch</b> – 12:00 noon at Bass &amp; Flinders Bowls Club, Low Head</p>

Quizwox in local schools this week

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



# CALENDAR

April 2008	
19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	<b>Children's Ministry Training Day</b> – 8:30am to 4:15pm at the Branch Christian Church, King Meadows
20 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Combined Parish Confirmation Service</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's  <b>Official opening of St Aidan's extensions</b> – 2:30pm by Bishop John
21 <sup>st</sup> Mon	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	
24 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Christian Leaders Connecting meeting</b> – 12:00pm at the Tailrace centre Riverside  <b>Tamar Park</b> – 1:45pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
26 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
27 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
28 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Healing Service</b> – 1:30pm at George Town
29 <sup>th</sup> Tues	
30 <sup>th</sup> Wed	

May and other dates 2008	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ordinations and commissioning to the Ministry Support Team</b> – 7:00pm at St David's, Riverside
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Invest Training Day (North)</b> – 10:00am to 4:00pm at Launceston Church Grammar School
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>National Day of Thanksgiving</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Pentecost Service</b> – 9:00am at Christchurch, Low Head
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>AWF Annual Conference</b> at St Anne's, Lutana – 9:30am to 3:30pm daily – & 6:30pm for dinner, 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>A traditional Harvest Festival</b> with Holy Communion – 9:00am at Christchurch, Low Head
17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Men's Cursillo Weekend</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	<b>Women's Cursillo Weekend</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Invest Training Day (North West)</b> – 10am to 4pm at Camp Clayton

**Send any articles, comments, information or photos to  
Parish Office, 399 West Tamar, Riverside - 6327 4742  
riverlinks@bigpond.com**

*Guest Speakers & Workshops with:*  
**Ruth Pinkerton**,  
 State Director  
 for SU Tas,  
**Pene Daniel**,  
 Children and  
 Families Minister  
 at Door of Hope,  
**Jenny Cowley**,  
 Children's and  
 Families  
 Ministries  
 Coordinator with  
 SU Tas,  
**Leaps and  
 Bounds** ministry  
 of dance for  
 children with  
 special needs,  
**Quizworx** team  
 that incorporate  
 puppetry, story-  
 telling, drawings,  
 music and more

## NOTICES



### Children's Ministry **TRAINING DAY**

This training day is for individuals who have or plan to have ministries to children, wherever those ministries may be - at church, in after school or holiday kid's clubs, CRE and SUPA Clubs in primary schools etc.

Brochures & registration forms are available in all centres, or from the parish office. We encourage everyone interested in children's ministry to come along and take advantage of this exciting ministry training opportunity.

If you haven't already registered, time is running out! Send your registration form to the parish office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April to ensure your place. Cost is only \$30 per person which includes morning tea and lunch.

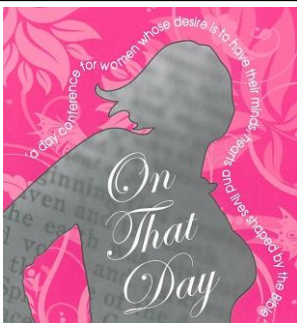
### **INVEST TRAINING DAYS**

Important training opportunities for our Christian lives and ministries

**Northern Invest Day:** Saturday 10 May, Launceston Church Grammar School, 10am to 4pm. \$5 includes BBQ lunch. Keynote address by Bishop John and electives on a range of topics including "Knowing and using your spiritual gifts", "God at work through your hobbies and passions", and "Making the most of a hospital visit".

**North-West Invest Day:** Saturday of the Ministry Conference, Saturday 9 August, Camp Clayton - \$15.





Tasmanian  
Women's Bible  
Conference  
'08  
ON THAT DAY:  
Micah

**Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup> April**  
9:00am - 3:30pm  
at the Branch  
Community  
Centre

\$15 (\$10 conc)  
includes morning  
tea & lunch

Speaker:  
Louise O'Shea

Contact Lesley  
VanderVelde to  
register:  
0418 350 182 or  
twbcnorth@iprimus.com.au



## ORDINATIONS AND COMMISSIONING TO THE MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM

7:00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
at St David's Riverside

Bishop John to ordain Kaye Gregory and Trish Anderson  
as Deacons (Ordained Team Members)  
and to commission Libby Todd to the Ministry  
Support Team

Followed by supper in the hall

This is an important occasion for our Parish. We hope  
to see as many people as possible at this service to  
support Kaye, Trish and Libby in this step.

## COMBINED PARISH CONFIRMATION SERVICE

10:00am at St Aidan's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Bishop John will be conducting the confirmations,  
and this will also feature children's ministry from  
Quizworx so make sure you bring the kids!

Also

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF ST AIDAN'S EXTENSIONS

2:00pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
followed by afternoon tea.



Please RSVP to the Parish office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
for catering purposes if you will be attending



St David's Guild  
invite one and all  
to a bring & share  
mini fellowship  
afternoon at  
St David's hall,  
**Wednesday**  
**9<sup>th</sup> April**  
**at 2:30pm**

Bring yourself,  
bring a friend,  
bring something  
to share:  
A story or poem  
An experience  
A plate of food  
Anything you like  
to share!

See you on  
the 9<sup>th</sup>

## AWF FELLOWSHIP DAY

What a wonderful day we had at Westbury for the Anglican Women's Fellowship Day! We were represented by women from Riverside, Trevallyn, Hillwood and George Town.

Approximately 60 of us enjoyed a day blessed with safe travel, good weather, good food, wonderful fellowship and worship, and a very interesting guest speaker - a very rewarding outing for us all.

These days give us a chance to have fellowship with like-minded Christians from other parishes and it is lovely to exchange ideas, etc. For any who have never attended an AWF day I can highly recommend them! Think about attending the next one.

The annual get together and conference is in May. Hope to see you there!

Jan Menzie

### AWF - 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

at St Anne's, Lutana

**13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2008**

Our own David Rogers-Smith will be the keynote speaker giving three talks,  
"God's love for us, and ours for Him",  
"The nature of love for the world"  
& "Nature of our love for God's people".

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

A bus will be provided if there is enough interest. Please advise Anne by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April if you would like to travel down by bus on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.



**Cursillo  
dates for  
2008  
are: -**

**Men's  
July 17<sup>th</sup> –  
20<sup>th</sup>**

**Women's  
July 31<sup>st</sup> –  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***both at  
Camp  
Clayton***

**Make a  
friend**

**Be a friend**

**Bring that  
friend to  
Jesus**

## **CURSILLO**

### ***What is Cursillo?***

Cursillo is a Spanish word for a 'short course'. It has become the name of a worldwide movement in several denominations of the Christian church. Within the Anglican tradition, it seeks to deepen the spiritual awareness and commitment of involved members of our Church.

Cursillo provides:

- ✦ a three-day "live-in" course in Christian living
- ✦ ongoing support and encouragement for growing in the faith
- ✦ a challenge to live an active Christian life wherever we find ourselves.

### ***Who's involved?***

The movement is a ministry of the whole Church with Lay people and Clergy working together, under the guidance of the Diocesan Bishop. Cursillo aims to provide support and encouragement within the existing Church organisations and does not aim to supplement or supplant them.

Cursillo also provides many opportunities for leadership development and training.

### ***What will the Cursillo Three Days be like?***

The weekend provides:

- ✦ an experience of living in a Christian community supported by prayer
- ✦ talks and discussions, worship services and times of reflection
- ✦ table groups, prayer, fellowship, singing, fun and laughter
- ✦ separate weekends for men and women

### ***After the Weekend - the Fourth Day***

- ✦ continued support in a small group of friends (Group reunion)
- ✦ Diocesan gatherings of the small groups for worship, witness and fellowship

the aim of the three days is for people to return home with a greater commitment to serve God in their everyday lives, supported by the prayer of a caring community.

If you are interested in going to Cursillo, or if you have any questions, please contact one of the following people: -

Bill & Bev Percey	6344 7102
Jenny Pedley	6327 3520
Stephen Janes	6327 1251
Grace Rogers	6327 3982

*But if we  
walk in the  
light, as he  
is in the  
light, we  
have  
fellowship  
with one  
another,  
and the  
blood of  
Jesus, his  
Son, purifies  
us from  
all sin*

*1 John 1:7*

## MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM & PARISH COUNCIL RETREAT

The last weekend in February saw members of the parish Council and the MST get together at Ros and Dennis Lawrence's property at Low Head for our annual retreat. It was encouraging that so many MST and PC members were able to come together for an extended period of time to reflect, study, discuss and generally enjoy each other's company.

David Rogers Smith had prepared a challenging and thought provoking teaching program based on two DVD's (James 1:12 - 25 with Don Carson and Judges 6 and 7 with Dale Ralph Davis) which kept us occupied for a morning and afternoon session.

In between we were joined by Paul Cavanaugh who took us through the Belbin Self Perception Inventory which helped us to identify both our strengths and the areas in which we are not so gifted. This was a valuable exercise as it enabled all of us to see what we can bring to the whole team and what we need to leave to those who have giftings that we don't possess. It was quite clear that we all need each other!

David is in the process of recording and analysing the results for the whole MST team. We'll be discussing the outcomes of this at a future meeting.

This was a stimulating (and even relaxing!) time together, made even more enjoyable by the wonderful and generous hospitality of Ros and Dennis Lawrence.

The appreciation and thanks of the MST and Parish Council go to Ros and Dennis and David Rogers Smith for making this such a memorable time!





**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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newsletter.*

## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

### East Launceston

6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Combined Parish Confirmation Service
27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion

### George Town

6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Together at George Town
20 <sup>th</sup>		No Services
27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

### Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
20 <sup>th</sup>	No service	No Service
27 <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

13 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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