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Anglican Church

# Newsletter



**“Living the heartbeat of God”**

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



## FROM THE ENABLER

*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

I want to help you to think biblically and so rightly about the ecological and human disasters that are so prominent in our newscasts and, I hope, in our minds and prayers, at this time. I do not for a minute claim to have the issue of human pain and suffering neatly worked out like some mathematical formula; but some things CAN and MUST be said, because they are affirmed by the Word of God and even confirmed by our own experiences, and these things speak with great force and urgency to our human condition and situation.

First, I'll outline what *can* be said from the Bible, before then speaking more generally about suffering and its place in the world:

1. The Bible establishes a **general connection** between human sin and suffering – Gen 3; Rom 8:20-22; 2 Pet 3; Revelation.

This is a vital part of the biblical worldview: that because of our first parents' rebellion against God (that we all share in by heredity and actuality), our race lives outside of Eden (Gen 3:22-24), in a world that God has cursed (Gen 3:17-19) and subjected to futility and bondage to decay (Rom 8:19-21), and that, like God, is against us. We are fallen and flawed, our world is now fallen and flawed. The devastating dislocation seen in a major earthquake is not only demonstration of this, but it is also symbolic of the devastating dislocation in all our significant relationships – with God, each other, and the natural world. Human rebellion has set the natural world, the human world, and God against us (Gen 3:16-19; Rom 3:9-20). When was the last time you heard Psalm 90 (instead of Psalm 23!) read at a funeral?

'You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"...

**You sweep them away as with a flood...**

For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. **For all our days pass away under your wrath...**' (vv.3,5,7-9; cf. Rom 1:18ff.; Eph 2:3).

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.*

*1 Peter  
3: 8-10*

THIS is the reality of human existence, and it explains so much, doesn't it?

Notice in Revelation 6 the glorified Jesus sovereignly oversees and directs world history (v.1; cf. 5:1-14), and notice the power to inflict suffering on the earth is 'given' to the riders (6:2,4,6,8) and they are summoned by the living creatures around God's throne. The obvious implication is that all this suffering that is common to every age is ultimately under God's control. One of the main messages of Revelation is that God and the Lamb are in control of everything.

An important corollary of this first point is that not all suffering is directly related to specific sins and we can only ever know when it is when God tells us. But we must accept the general connection between human sin and suffering, and at the very least affirm that God is nonetheless 'behind' suffering. As we've seen, he has 'built it into' our world and existence, and Revelation 6 and the whole of the Bible insists that God is sovereign over his world and its suffering. NOTHING happens without his knowledge and permission.

2. Sometimes specific suffering is directly related to specific sin and **we know it because God has told us**.

For example, The Flood (Gen 6-8; 2 Pet 3:1-6); Israel's occupation of Canaan as God's judgment on the idolatrous nations they drove out (Deut 7); the destruction of Jerusalem/exile of the Jews (Deut 28:15-68; the prophets); a Jewish man's 38-year paralysis which Jesus healed (John 5:14); the sicknesses and deaths of some loveless Corinthian Christians (1 Cor 11:27-34); the cross of Jesus being the place and occasion of God's judgment on his sinful people in their divine substitute, Jesus (Rom 3:21-26; 1 Pet 2:21-25; 3:18); the Final Judgment (Matt 7:24-27; 11:20-24; 2 Thess 1:5-12; 2 Pet 3:1-13; Rev 6:12-17; 20:11-15).

3. Some suffering is not directly related to specific sin – cf. Job; John 9:1-3; 11:4,14-16,45.

What else can we say? Jesus warned of wars, famines and earthquakes in various places as 'but the beginning of the birth pains' (Matt 24:6-8). Manmade and 'natural' disasters are the inevitable pains before the end and tell us we are heading towards the Second Coming.

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## FROM THE ENABLER *continued...*

*Don't be naive.*

*There are  
difficult times  
ahead.*

*As the end  
approaches,  
people are  
going to be  
self-absorbed,  
money-hungry,  
self-promoting,  
stuck-up,  
profane,  
contemptuous  
of parents,  
crude, coarse,  
dog-eat-dog,  
unbending,  
slanderers,  
impulsively  
wild, savage,  
cynical,*

Moreover, human suffering and disasters warn us of a greater disaster to come – **Final Judgment.**

In Luke 12:54-56, we hear Jesus' criticism of the Jews for their ability to accurately read the weather while failing to read the signs of the times – salvation and judgment, both now (v.56) and at the End (vv.57-59; 13:3,5).

This prompts some of his hearers to tell him about a massacre that had occurred in Jerusalem; presumably they thought they were 'reading the times' correctly, deducing that the victims were particularly sinful. Jesus replies by also remembering an accident involving a collapsing tower, insists that these victims *hadn't* been especially singled out by God, though they weren't 'innocent' either, AND **concludes** from each incident that such things should warn us all that unless we repent, we will perish; that is, in the Judgment to come. **Therefore,** disasters and suffering remind us of our rebellion against God and of the coming Judgment and therefore of the urgent need to repent.

In his wonderful little book on the subject, 'The Problem of Pain,' C. S. Lewis writes, 'But pain insists on being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world' (p.74).

Of course, this warning of Judgment is for God's people to continue to heed as well. If we withdraw from the Lord Jesus and his people (Heb 6:1-8; 10:19-25) or 'go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth' (Heb 10:26), 'there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries...It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God'** (Heb 10:26b-27,31).

So, the wars and famines and earthquakes and disasters that afflict us should function as reality checks (especially for us comfortable Westerners living in our unreal cyber and TV worlds), and as grave warnings of a much greater calamity and loss – the Judgment of our thrice-holy Creator God; so truly awful that the Lord Jesus likened it to 'unquenchable fire' (Mk 9:44) and gave himself up as a sacrifice in order to spare his

*treacherous,  
ruthless,  
bloated  
windbags,  
addicted to  
lust, and  
allergic to  
God.*

*They'll make a  
show of  
religion, but  
behind the  
scenes they're  
animals.*

*Stay clear of  
these people.*

2 Timothy  
3: 1-5

people from it (Rev 7:9-17)!!! So truly awful that those who haven't repented and found refuge in Jesus and his cross, will call on the mountains and rocks to fall on them and hide them 'from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand' (Rev 6:16-17)?

In the face of disasters of the scale we are seeing unfold in Burma and China, and in the face of such dire warnings that they, the cross, and the Scripture sound, you and I ought to be reduced to astonishment and awe at the holiness and mercy, the salvation and judgment, of the true and living God. 'There but for the grace of God go I.' Brothers and sisters in Christ, allow both the grace of God and the judgment of God to keep driving you and your congregations to deep humility, true repentance, obedience, thankfulness, prayerfulness, and mission to a world that is in pain and sin.

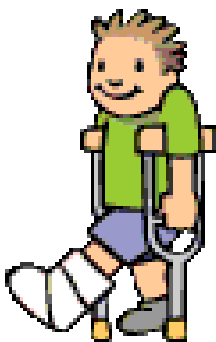
#### **Exciting Feedback on the Quizworx visit**

Thanks to the many of you who kindly gave a donation towards the cost of bringing QW to Tassie in April. It was an excellent investment. I am so thankful for the week of ministry we had with them. Matt, Danny and Chris (and their puppets) performed in 16 schools in the north and north west, sharing the gospel of God's grace through Jesus with approximately 3,000 infants/primary-aged children!!! The kids loved them and principals and teachers have spoken very highly of them, both to us in person and on feedback letters we subsequently sent them. Quizworx featured heavily in our parish's first children's ministry training day, which was an excellent day. 35 people attended from numerous churches including from the new Anglican church at Somerset, and in person and on the evaluation sheets spoke very highly of the day, indicating that they'd like to have this training day every two years. QW have said they'd be very happy to return and do it all again in 2010. I must acknowledge the huge part Lisa Chugg (and Martin in support) played in coordinating the schools program. Lisa encountered many obstacles, but persevered and trusted God for the outcome and it exceeded our expectations. Mike Le Rossignol's wise advice on dealing with the schools was invaluable. Friends from the Branch Church in Kings Meadows were also very helpful and generous with helping organise the week and raise money for it; not to mention providing their excellent facility for the training day (free of charge), and catering for it!

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*Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

Ephesians  
6:10-12



## FROM THE ENABLER *continued...*

### 2008 Tasmanian Ministry Conference

The Enablers are organising this one, and the conference is now catering essentially for ESM and rural parishes. There are plenty of very good workshops and a program for both children and young people. Jo and Garth Tevelein will be running a workshop on marriage preparation and Riverlinks will be leading the worship time on the Sunday morning. **Brochures are now available and there's an early bird rate.** The dates are Friday night 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday lunch 10<sup>th</sup> August, at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone. If you can't make it for the weekend, the Saturday will double as the Invest Training Day for the north/north west and is chockablock full of good teaching, workshops, food and fellowship.

Warmly,  
David

## THE RISE AND FALL OF A DEACON (OR TWO)

or THOUGHTS ON ECCLESIASTICAL CALAMITIES

Within less than two weeks of ordination (9<sup>th</sup> May) from a great night of celebration to hospitalization and a plaster cast.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May: Trish and a wheelie-bin – broken shoulder  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Kaye tripping over herself – fractured fibula  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May: Kaye phone Trish in hospital (George Town) just to say “Snap”

There's got to be a moral in it! After all we did agree that our pre-ordination retreat wasn't long enough, and after all we're only Deacons not Bishops. Eddie Askew's latest book ordered by Kaye is entitled “Breaking through”.

Seriously, we would appreciate your prayers just so we can make sure good comes out of this situation – time to pray and heal, time to sit at Jesus' feet to study and learn more patience. Thanks be to God.

(Rev's) Trish Anderson & Kaye Gregory

Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job.

Every time you turn green with envy, you are ripe for trouble

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

Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see

A wise man will desire no more than he can get honestly, use wisely, and leave cheerfully

Never doubt in the dark what God told you in the light

## LADIES' BRUNCH AT GEORGE TOWN



# RIVERLINKS

June 2008	
<b>1st Sun</b>	
<b>2nd Mon</b>	<i>(Each Monday)</i> <b>Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
<b>3rd Tue</b>	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> <b>Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group</b>  <b>Home Groups</b> – 11:00am at St David's Hall followed by prayer at 12:00pm – 1:30pm at Igglesden's home – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home
<b>4th Wed</b>	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> <b>East Launceston Play Group</b> – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's  <b>Home Groups</b> – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home – 7:30pm at Gross' home
<b>5th Thur</b>	
<b>6th Fri</b>	
<b>7th Sat</b>	<b>St Columba Day weekend</b> at Pyengana
<b>8th Sun</b>	<b>Kid's Church</b> – 11:00am at St Oswald's <b>St Columba Day weekend</b> at Pyengana

June 2008	
<b>9th Mon</b>	<b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm  <b>Ministry Support Team Meeting</b> – 7:00pm
<b>10th Tue</b>	
<b>11th Wed</b>	<b>St David's Guild</b> – 2:00pm
<b>12th Thur</b>	<b>Parish Council</b> – 7:30pm
<b>13th Fri</b>	
<b>14th Sat</b>	
<b>15th Sun</b>	<b>Safe Ministry Accreditation Day</b> – 12:00noon to 5:30pm at St David's <i>(to 2:30 pm for reaccreditation)</i>
<b>16th Mon</b>	
<b>17th Tue</b>	
<b>18th Wed</b>	<b>St Oswald's Guild</b> – 2:00pm  <b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:30pm
<b>19th Thur</b>	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana</b> – 10:40am

The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is **20<sup>th</sup> June**



# CALENDAR

June 2008	
20 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
21 <sup>st</sup> Sat	<b>Northern Ultreya</b> at St Barnabas' North L'ton – 12 noon for shared lunch Programme from 1pm to 3pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	
24 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
25 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
26 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Tamar Park</b> – 1:45pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
28 <sup>th</sup> Sat	<b>Rural Bible Forum at St Helens</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Revd David Rogers-Smith
29 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Combined Parish Service</b> – 10:00am at St David's Riverside
30 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:30pm at George Town

July and other dates 2008	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Rural Bible Forum at Sorell</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Revd Anthony Brammall
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>
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Ministry Conference</b> At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone
9 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Invest Training Day (North West)</b> – 10am to 4pm at Camp Clayton
11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Rural Bible Forum at Ulverstone</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Ven Jill McCoy
20 <sup>th</sup> July, 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept & 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Preaching Workshops</b> – 2pm to 4pm in St David's hall

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## NOTICES



### SAFE MINISTRY ACCREDITATION

The next Diocesan Safe Ministry training day will be held at

#### **St David's on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

12 noon – 2:30pm for reaccreditation

12noon – 5:30pm for first time accreditation

Were you accredited for Safe Ministry in 2005? If so, it's time for a renewal! Contact the Parish office to book your place (bookings essential)



### INVEST TRAINING DAYS

Important training opportunities for our Christian lives and ministries

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

### ST COLUMBA DAY WEEKEND 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June at Pyengana



#### **Saturday 7th June**

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 3-5pm         | Celtic Poetry & Music Session  |
| 7-7:30pm      | Candlelight Taizé Service at St Michaels & All Angels                                    |
| 8pm– midnight | Pyengana Bush Dance—ticket includes supper<br>Adults \$8, 11-18y.o. \$5, 10 & under free |

#### **Sunday 8th June**

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| 9:30am | St Columba Falls walk                             |
| 11am   | Sunday Worship Service at St Michael & All Angels |
| 1pm    | St Columba Day Lunch at the Holy Cow Café         |

More detail on all activities, local overnight accommodation options, menu & lunch booking contact Isabel Telford - 6354 1021 or email [telfordalanisabel@attiv8.net.au](mailto:telfordalanisabel@attiv8.net.au)

Registration brochures are available in all centres now for the 2008 Ministry Conference at Camp Clayton



## RIVERLINKS TOGETHER NEXT COMBINED PARISH SERVICE

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – 10:00 am  
at St David’s Riverside

Guest speaker is Jarod Stocks  
Chaplain of Riverside High School

Hearing  
God’s  
Word in rural  
Tasmania

RURAL  
BIBLE  
FORUMS

3 talks by Rev David Rogers-Smith  
Paul’s Body Language in 1 Corinthians

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008

11.00am - 4.00pm

St Paul’s Anglican Parish hall, 58 Cecilia Street, St Helens  
\$15 (includes lunch & afternoon tea) Bring your Bible and a pen

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Sorell Speaker: Rev Anthony Brammall

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Ulverstone Speaker: Ven Jill McCoy

## THANK YOU!

To everyone who contributed to the success of the CMS fundraising dinner at Synod. Your efforts helped them raise \$760 for the work of CMS.

And to all who donated their money, time & food for the “Biggest” Luncheon at St Oswald’s, over \$450 was raised for the Cancer Council.

## ST AIDAN'S - 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Did  
you  
know?

*The architects  
were awarded  
a  
Commendation  
in the Heritage  
Category  
of the  
2008 Royal  
Australian  
Institute of  
Architects  
Awards for  
the design of  
the St Aidan's  
extensions*

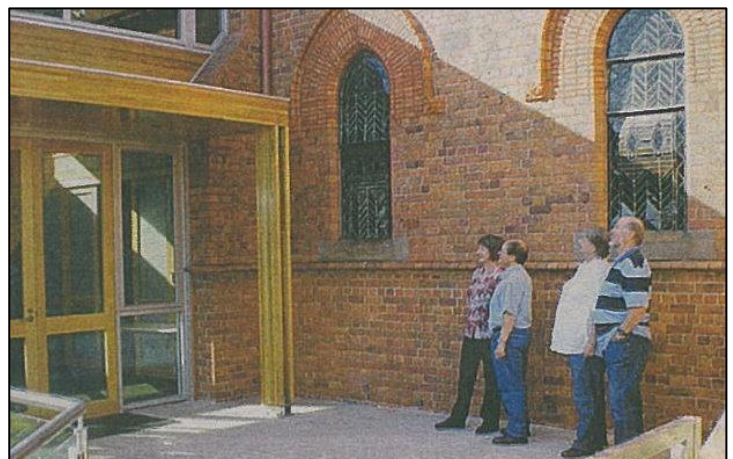
Sunday April 20 was a significant day in the life of the parish. Our combined parish confirmation service was the first time confirmation has been held in Riverlinks since we began just over three years ago. Almost 100 people packed St. Aidan's to witness the confirmation of Lisa and Martin Chugg and Sarah Shorter, and to support Louise Brown as she reaffirmed her faith. We were all encouraged by the stand taken by these young adults as they publicly declared their faith and are confident this will be remembered by them as a special event in their lives. An exciting and lively presentation for the children by Quizworx, a visiting Christian puppet theatre company, was another highlight, together with Bishop John's sermon.

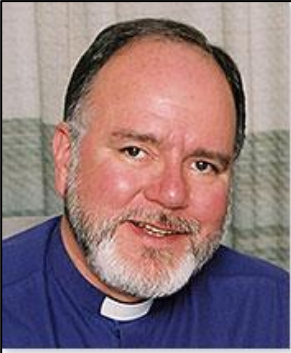
No sooner had people cleared the building after morning tea than the St. Aidan's people were hard at it preparing for the service of dedication of the new extensions later that afternoon. About 80 people came to this inspiring event, with a number of former parishioners as well as community members in attendance. This was a great opportunity to present our mission statement and to explain how the new extensions would support us in our efforts to link with the community, as well as provide safe access for people with a disability and improve health and safety issues in our facility.

A large number of people have worked over a long period of time to see this program through to completion. While it's not possible to mention them all, our particular thanks goes to the dedicated building committee at St. Aidan's, our architects (Chris Bullard and Michael Jirku). Innes builders, those who helped cater on the day, and to the Finlay and Gee estates for their generous financial contributions to this exciting project. We look forward to using this new addition to build the community of faith further.

Mike Le Rossignol

*Photo from The  
Examiner 18<sup>th</sup> April '08.*





*I always thank  
my God as I  
remember you  
in my prayers,  
because I hear  
about your  
faith in the  
Lord Jesus  
and your love  
for all the  
saints. I pray  
that you may  
be active in  
sharing your  
faith, so that  
you will have a  
full  
understanding  
of every good  
thing we have  
in Christ.*

Philemon 1:4-6

## FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

28 April 2008

Over April 19-20 I spent time with the Parishes of Riverlinks and St Leonard's. It was a very encouraging time meeting with the Riverlinks' Local Ministry Support Team Saturday and hearing of their blessings and challenges, and sharing ideas about appropriate liturgies, mission principles for Enabler Supported Parishes and Youth Ministry in Launceston. Sunday morning Confirmation Service at St Aidan's saw great joy as four adults testified to being disciples of Jesus Christ.

At the Confirmation Service I shared my thoughts about the significance of the faith we proclaim as we state our belief as expressed in the Apostles' Creed. I warned the congregation that by affirming that Jesus is God we were breaking the Tasmanian law of blasphemy, because the Koran says that anyone who says Jesus is God blasphemes. To which an elderly woman said loudly, "Too bad!" It was a profound moment and gave us more conviction as we recited the words of the Creed. It also reflected something of the grit and courage of Christians when their beliefs are opposed and when our Lord Jesus is diminished. We see this playing out in so many places around the world, starting close to home with daily 'Australian-speak'.

In the afternoon we dedicated the extension to the St Aidan's worship area which provides easy access, beautiful light, hospitality, a welcoming glassed meeting space clearly visible from the street, kitchen and toilet/changing facilities. I am often heard to say, "Good facilities, facilitate good ministry". It's true at St Aidan's. Thank you, to the project team.

12 May 2008

RIVERLINKS PARISH - CELEBRATION and ORDINATIONS

A great celebration of God's faithfulness and the hard work of the Riverlinks Parish was experienced in the reaffirmation of Christian discipleship and the ordination as deacons of KAYE GREGORY and PATRICIA ANDERSON. St David's Riverside was the venue and friends arrived from far and near to join in the occasion. Every member of the Parish had the opportunity to reaffirm their discipleship, music, prayers, Bible reading, Ian Wheeler's fine sermon and table loads of hospitality afterwards, and then into cars and buses for return journeys. Two younger members of the George Town crew were enthusiastically discussing the merits of various ice cream parlours on the return journey to continue the celebrations! Lots of joy in the Lord's service. Great fun. A great God. PTL!



They shall grow  
not old, as we  
that are left  
grow old;  
Age shall not  
weary them,  
nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going  
down of the sun  
and in the  
morning  
We will  
remember them



## ANZAC SERVICES AT PEACE HAVEN CHAPEL

This year the chapel has been the venue for two very moving ANZAC services. The first service, which was well attended, was held on Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> April for the residents of the hostel, special care and their friends. The service was arranged and conducted by members of the staff, Rev Peter North and a resident who read a poem.

The chapel was appropriately dressed for the occasion with the Australian flag, a bible, a slouch hat, laurel wreath and flowers on the altar.

The service concluded with a piper playing "Amazing Grace" and was much appreciated by all present. An enjoyable afternoon tea followed.

The service on ANZAC Day was attended by residents of the village and friends, with well over 70 people in attendance. Mr Dennis Holmes conducted the service with Mr Harold Williams delivering the address which was written by Mr Tas Kerrison. All three are Ex Servicemen and residents of the village.

These services in the chapel enabled many to attend ANZAC services who would not have been able to go to the march and cenotaph, and many expressed their appreciation on leaving the chapel.

Mr Trevor Giles

Chairman – Peace Haven Chapel Committee





## ADVANCE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY IN RIVERLINKS

'Two Ways to Live: Know & Tell the Gospel' is a serious, fun, engaging, s—t—r—e—t—c—h—i—n—g, potentially life changing (yours and others in your life) seven week course in which you learn the gospel and biblical worldview AND a simple, engaging way to share it with others – across a café table, in the lunch room at work, at home, almost anywhere; giving you a framework that provides direction and confidence in talking about the Christian faith and being a Christian.

Here's the plan:

- Intensive introduction to the course (given by our Enabler) for people interested in leading a home group through it - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30-4.30pm, St David's hall, Riverside (with real coffee & yummy arvo tea)
- Seven week training in our parish's home groups commencing week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

If you are a home group leader or member and interested in leading your group through this course, please speak with a Ministry Support Team member. If you want to do the course but are not in a home group, simply join one in your centre that is running the course for the duration of the program. The MST will need to know numbers for Leader's and Participant's Manuals **by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

*It is hoped that most, if not all, of our parish's home groups will participate, in order to ensure as many of our people as possible both KNOW the good news of Jesus and can TELL IT.*



A man is walking along when suddenly he got his foot caught in some railroad tracks. He tried to get it out, but it was really stuck in there well. He heard a noise and turned around to see a train coming. He panicked and started to pray, "God, please get my foot out of these tracks and I'll stop drinking!"

Nothing happened, it was still stuck, and the train was getting closer!

He prayed again, "God, please get my foot out and I'll stop drinking AND swearing!"

Still nothing ... and the train was just seconds away! He tried it one last time, "God please, if you get my foot out of the tracks, I'll quit drinking, swearing and smoking."

Suddenly his foot shot out of the tracks and he was able to dive out of the way, just as the train passed. He got up, dusted himself off, looked toward Heaven and said...

"Thanks anyway God, I got it myself."

**East Launceston  
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East Launceston**George Town  
Worship Centre**3 Anne St  
George Town**Trevallyn  
Worship Centre**34 Bain Tce  
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month for  
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## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

**East Launceston**

1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	-	No Service

**George Town**

1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Together at George Town
15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	-	No Service

**Trevallyn and Riverside**

	<b>Riverside</b>	<b>Trevallyn</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am Combined Parish Service	No Service
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

**Peace Haven**

8 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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