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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



*Where there  
are prophecies,  
they will cease;  
where there  
are tongues,  
they will be  
stilled;  
where there is  
knowledge,  
it will pass  
away.  
For we know in  
part and we  
prophesy in  
part, but when  
perfection  
comes, the  
imperfect  
disappears.*

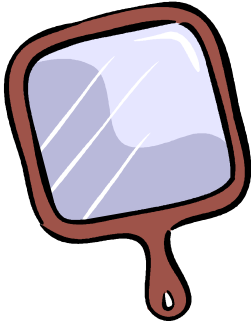
*When I was a  
child, I talked  
like a child,  
I thought like  
a child,  
I reasoned like  
a child.  
When I  
became a man,  
I put childish  
ways behind  
me.*

My son, Jordan, recently bought a pair of novelty sunglasses with rose pink lenses. Put those glasses on and you look like the cool dudes from one of those CSI-type TV shows; and for just \$2! What's more, EVERYTHING looks rose pink, even the darkest objects. Cooool. But, everything in the world ISN'T rose pink, is it? Those glasses distort reality. Take them off, better, don't put them on in the first place, and you see things as they truly are.

How do you see life? What 'glasses' are you seeing and interpreting the world through? Some trendy, culturally fashionable but distorted way of seeing everything, or have you put on the glasses of God's revelation – the Bible and its Christ-centred worldview? Notwithstanding the fact that even when we seek to see reality the way God sees it, 'we see in a mirror dimly' (1 Cor 13:12). Paul is saying that we see the Lord Jesus now **truly** but not as **clearly** and **immediately** as we will in glory. He continues the sentence with 'but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known' (1 Cor 13:12); that is, all our knowledge and understanding of God's revelation is true but incomplete, but in glory we will **know** fully, just as fully as God himself knows us now!

So, notwithstanding that important qualification, what sort of 'glasses' do you have on? Are they the equivalent of a \$2 pair of novelty glasses – a popular and culturally acceptable way of seeing reality that is nonetheless a novelty (in God's mind)? Or, in spite of the limitations Paul reminds us of, are your 'lenses' framed by the Bible's big picture and your 'lenses' more clear than rose pink coloured?

*How to know? Here's some random diagnostic questions. The second of each couplet reflects the Biblical worldview:*



*Now we see but  
a poor reflection  
as in a mirror;  
then we shall see  
face to face.*

*Now I know in  
part; then I shall  
know fully, even  
as I am fully  
known.*

**1 Corinthians  
13:8-12 (NIV)**

- # Do you understand life to be cyclical and accidental without meaning and purpose, or to be advancing God's eternal purposes and moving inexorably towards an End? Atheists like Sir David Attenborough 'see' reality in the first way. You might have seen the rather grim interview with him by Andrew Denton recently.
- # Is life ultimately about work, family, being happy, or God's work (in the world and in and through his people), God's family and being holy (like Jesus)? Many Australians would think the first meaning? Many Western Christians are trying to see life through both those lenses.
- # Do we get sick, grow old and die because that's what living things do, or because a 'disease' called sin entered our world and race?
- # Are people basically good and corrupted by their environment and bad choices, or are they basically evil and fundamentally corrupted by their sin?
- # Are all religions legitimate expressions of people's seeking after God, or are all non-Christian religions expressions of people's rejection of the one true God?
- # As a Christian, am I more acceptable to God when I am being good and less acceptable when I'm being bad, or am I always in perfect relationship with God?
- # Is it possible for me to have Jesus as Saviour without also being Lord, or must he be Lord of my life, too?
- # Do Christians define who they are by their heredity, work and possessions, or by who they are in Christ? How many of us are seeing through the two different lenses here?!

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## FROM THE ENABLER *continued...*

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God,*

# Was Jesus' death a tragic accident that nonetheless inspires other righteous sufferers, or was it God's will and way to make the unrighteous righteous?

# Is it possible to love God AND money, or only God? How many of us believe the latter but live as if the former's true?

# Is this life the main course and the next life dessert, or is this life the entrée and the next life the main course?

# Will God's love for unbelievers overlook their unbelief and save them in the end, or will his love hold them responsible for their unbelief and punish them in the end?

# David looks much better in the photo at the top of this article and should keep that wig, or he should ditch the wig and accept his receding hairline?  
*This one's a bit of fun, in case you didn't notice!*

How did you go? Would you be courageous enough to admit that you need a new pair of 'glasses' or at least to have the ones you have repaired? Or that you've got the right 'glasses' but don't wear them much or all the time?!

You would agree that with prescription glasses, it is important to have the right ones AND wear them. How much more important is it to 'see' God, life and eternity as they really are, and not blurred or distorted by ignorance, false assumptions or lies? It obviously matters very much. That is why God wants us in church, with other Christians, and reading and studying our Bibles regularly. The world and our own sinfulness and foolishness constantly preach to us an unbiblical and ungodly worldview.

*did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians  
2:1-11 (NIV)

The apostle Paul said, 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the *renewal of your mind*' (Rom 12:2); and, 'Have *this mind* among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus' (Phil 2:5); which, the context shows, is a right view of ourselves, of others, and of Jesus, and consequently right behaviour towards them – loving service (Phil 2:1-11).

Riverlinks is as an Enabler Supported Ministry parish that is led by a voluntary Ministry Support Team. In any church, especially an ESM one, it is vital that its members are teaching, training and equipping one another in the Word of God and in sharing that Word with others; in Paul's words, 'speaking the truth in love' (Eph 4:15). Church is the obvious place and occasion to do this each week, both formally in the service time and informally afterwards over a cuppa and/or lunch.

Our numerous home groups are another important means of changing and repairing those 'glasses', in a smaller, more personal way. Did you know that we rely on our home groups to provide the lion's share of the pastoral care, fellowship, prayer, spiritual nurture, training and outreach in our church? That we want the majority of our members in a home group? Growing in their understanding and love of God and of each other, growing in their effectiveness as disciples of Jesus? Wearing the right 'glasses' so they can 'see' and live properly, to the glory of God?

Did you know that starting in the week commencing Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July most of our home groups will be engaged in a seven-week course that will help people build a Biblical worldview and skill and confidence in sharing the Christian gospel with others? If you're not in a group but would like to be a part of this special learning and training, then let a Ministry Support Team member know. I urge all those doing this training to apply themselves to it enthusiastically and wholeheartedly.

Warmly,  
David

## THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE REPORT



The Marriage Preparation Course finished on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008. For five Wednesdays in a row we have had the delight of seeing young couples lives touched as they learn to communicate with each other and to face some issues which they would not have considered.



Thanks to Josie and Mark Ford for their support in running the course with us, to all the wonderful cooks who provided the delicious supper and to Robert Wilkinson for his donation of wine.

Jo & Garth Tevelein

*Here are some comments which the couples wrote down at the end of the final session:*



'You made us feel so welcome and special. We would love to be a part of the next course in the future. It was good'

'Thank you for all that you have done over the past 5 weeks. We enjoyed every session.'

'We thought it was a very relaxed and friendly environment to come to each Wednesday. We were very pleased with the course. It was really helpful to our relationship'

'We found the session on "resolving conflict" difficult but now we know how to fix it.'





## EAST LAUNCESTON PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30, 8 members of St. Aidan's assisted with the term 1 breakup party. 21 children and 13 parents attended.

It was a great way to be relevant in our neighbourhood and to offer a service which caters for the needs of our community.

Most of the young mums are new to the area and are looking for support and companionship.

Thanks to all who helped on the day.

Yes. Pigs do fly!

Jo Tevelein

## TAMARA HENRI'S TRIP TO CHINA

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, St Oswald's Guild will hold a luncheon at the church hall at 12 noon in aid of Tamar Henri, who will tell of her proposed trip to Beijing in August. She will be accompanied by several young Australians from Fusion on the trip. They have been invited by the Chinese people who saw the work they did in Greece two years ago. This work involves presenting festivals to show ways of bringing people together.

Tamara will bring some of the puppets she has made to take with her, along with other things (artifacts) to encourage young folk's interest. She will give us a puppet show.

Please come and join us to hear Tamar's story, and please bring your friends.

A plate of finger food to share and a donation would be appreciated. There will also be a trade table.

Robin McKendrick



# RIVERLINKS

July 2008	
<b>1st 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>2nd 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>Evening Home Groups</b> – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home – 7:30pm at Gross' home
<b>3rd Thur</b>	
<b>4th Fri</b>	<b>Ordination of James McKee</b> – 7:00pm at St John's, Launceston
<b>5th Sat</b>	
<b>6th Sun</b>	
<b>7th Mon</b>	<i>(Each Monday)</i> <b>Stanford's Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
<b>8th Tue</b>	
<b>9th Wed</b>	<b>St David's Guild – 2:00pm</b>

July 2008	
<b>10th Thur</b>	<b>Parish Council – 7:30pm</b>
<b>11th Fri</b>	<b>Early Bird Registrations Close</b> for the 2008 Ministry Conference at Camp Clayton
<b>12th Sat</b>	<b>Rural Bible Forum at Sorell</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Revd Anthony Brammall  <b>Prayer Day – 10:00am to 4:00pm</b> at St John's, Launceston
<b>13th Sun</b>	<b>Kid's Church – 11:00am</b> at St Oswald's
<b>14th Mon</b>	<b>Cadorna – 2:00pm</b>  <b>Ministry Support Team Meeting</b> – 7:00pm
<b>15th Tue</b>	
<b>16th Wed</b>	<b>Luncheon at St Oswald's – 12:00noon</b> In aid of Tamara Henri  <b>Ainslie Service – 2:30pm</b>
<b>17th Thur</b>	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am</b>  <b>Men's Cursillo Weekend</b>
<b>18th Fri</b>	<b>Men's Cursillo Weekend</b>
<b>19th Sat</b>	<b>Men's Cursillo Weekend</b>

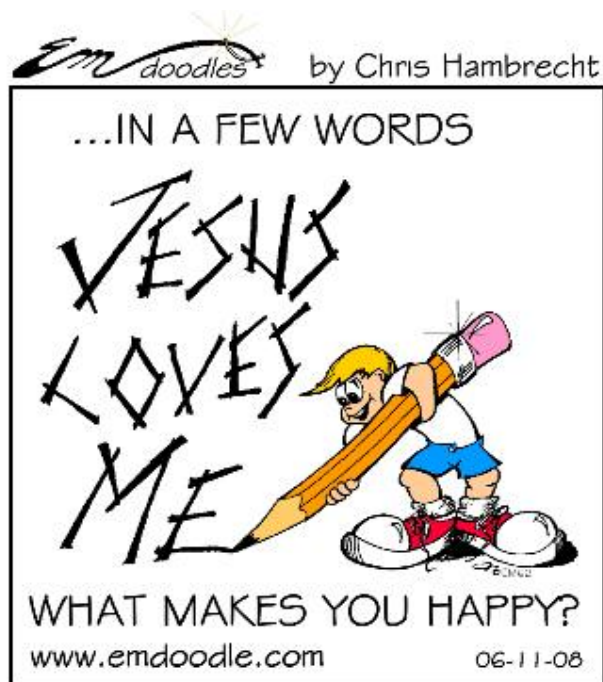
The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is **20th July**



# CALENDAR

July 2008	
20th Sun	<b>Men's Cursillo Weekend</b> <b>Preaching Workshop</b> – 2:00 to 4:00pm at St David's
21st Mon	
22nd Tue	
23rd Wed	
24th Thur	
25th Fri	
26th Sat	
27th Sun	
28th Mon	<b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:30pm at George Town
29th Tue	
30th Wed	
31st Thur	<b>Tamar Park</b> – 1:45pm <b>Women's Cursillo Weekend</b>

August and other dates 2008	
31st July – 3rd August	<b>Women's Cursillo Weekend</b>
8th – 10th August	<b>Ministry Conference</b> at Camp Clayton
9th August	<b>Invest Training Day (North West)</b> – 10am to 4pm at Camp Clayton
31st August	<b>Combined Service</b> at George Town
21st September	<b>Preaching Workshop</b> – 2:00 to 4:00pm at St David's
11th October	<b>Rural Bible Forum at Ulverstone</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Ven Jill McCoy



**Send any articles, comments, information or photos to**  
**Parish Office, 399 West Tamar, Riverside - 6327 4742**  
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Luncheon at  
St Oswald's

**Wednesday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July**

**12 noon**

To support  
Tamara Henri  
on her trip to  
China in  
August

## NOTICES



### *Ordination of James McKee*



to be made Deacon in the Church of God  
at St John's Anglican Church  
157 St. John Street, Launceston

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.00pm*

Please be seated by 6.45 pm  
Clergy are invited to robe and process  
Liturgical colour - red  
There will be a light supper in the Parish Centre to follow  
R.S.V.P. 6331 4896 by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July



## **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.

**Ministry Conference**

**MC** **8-10** **2008**  
**august**

**Your Church - *Imagine the possibilities***

Registration brochures now available in all centres, from the Parish office,  
or download from the Diocesan website [www.anglicantas.org.au](http://www.anglicantas.org.au)



**Attention  
all  
preachers!**

Don't forget  
that the next  
preaching  
workshop is on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
from 2 – 4pm

**Anglican  
Women's  
Fellowship**



*Dates for your  
diary ...*

**13<sup>th</sup> August  
at Scottsdale**

**12<sup>th</sup> November  
at St David's  
Riverside**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
at George Town**

**Australia-wide  
AWF  
Conference  
at St John's  
11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May  
2009**

# COMBINED CHURCHES prayer day

Across Launceston we see exciting things beginning to happen, especially in our Anglican churches.

We have been:

- \* Restructuring parishes, and the way we do ministry & mission.
- \* Ordaining new clergy.
- \* Appointing new leaders and staff.
- \* Imagining and initiating new projects.

So let us come back together and prayerfully seek and hear the Lord for His unfolding purpose among us.

**Saturday 12 July  
10am - 4pm  
St John's Parish Centre**

Our guest facilitator for this day is John Langlois (and hopefully his wife, Roslyn) Rector of St George's Battery Point.

Come for the whole day, with "Bring & Share" lunch from 12.30 - 1:15pm. Or if you can only make it for part of the day we would still love you to be there.

*"But forget all that, it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand new thing. See I have already begun! Do you not see it?*

*I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert."*

**(ISAIAH 43:18 - 19)**

***Healing Place Ministries*** offers a workshop open to all who would like to learn how to deal with life difficulties in a positive and meaningful way.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 9:30am to 2:30pm at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside. No charge – an offering will be taken. Bookings essential, register by 11<sup>th</sup> July to Karen Mace Ph. 6330 3192 or 0418 378123.

Morning tea, tea, coffee, water provided. BYO lunch or purchase from Seal's Café.



## LANDSCAPING WORK AT ST AIDAN'S

Despite some people laying down on the job, a lot was achieved at the recent landscaping working bees at St Aidan's!





# KID'S CHURCH



The wise & foolish builders  
Matthew 7:24-27

## AID AGENCIES TO TAKE A LONGER VIEW IN HELPING CYCLONE VICTIMS

**Donations to assist in Myanmar/ Burma can be made to:**

ABM –  
1300 302 663,  
or online at  
[www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)

AngliCORD –  
1800 249 880 or  
online  
[www.anglicord.org.au](http://www.anglicord.org.au)

*Providing safe water to victims of Cyclone Nargis has been a priority.  
Photo:  
NCA-ACT  
International/  
AngliCORD*

Like the people washed away by the South East Asian Tsunami in 2005, many of the victims of Cyclone Nargis which devastated parts of Myanmar (Burma) last month were doomed by location and poverty. Aid agencies have responded generously but the recovery will be a long and slow process.

Providing safe water was an immediate priority, but water left by the storm carried its own hazards, harbouring disease-carrying mosquitoes and leaving behind brackish and polluted silt over what was the "rice bowl" of the region. What little road and communications infrastructure existed was laid waste.

"Reconstruction and development are not overnight activities," said the Revd John Deane, Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission.

ABM has been a partner of the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) for many years, assisting with the provision of clean water, the training of health workers and many other projects.

"Now, in the wake of Cyclone Nargis, ABM is stepping up this support. Income from ABM's Emergency Appeal will not only help provide immediate necessities but also help in the long-term reconstruction being overseen by the CPM," said Revd Deane.

"It is estimated that 40% of the casualties of Cyclone Nargis are children and we have to make sure that for those young people who have survived the

future is hopeful... With climate change, natural disasters have become more frequent. Our work with the church in Myanmar aims to train people so their skills, resilience, economic stability and education places them in a better position to deal with both emergencies and everyday life."



This article first appeared at [www.melbourne.anglican.com.au](http://www.melbourne.anglican.com.au)



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

This year has been amazingly busy for me, and while I have been encouraging others around Launceston and The Tamar Valley area, it's time to bring that same message of encouragement to our Riverlinks Parish.

Step 1...



If you have not already thought about putting a box or 2 (or more) together for children who live in poverty, then let me encourage you to make a start. At each of our centres there are brochures outlining how to pack a box filled with gifts, and pre-printed shoeboxes. If brochures and boxes have run out at your centre, please get in contact with me and I will replenish your supply.

Step 2...



If putting a box together is daunting for you, remember that all the boxes need \$8.00 each to help them overseas. Maybe this is where you can help out, by covering the shipping costs of the boxes. All donations are tax deductible.

Step 3...



Have you thought about taking Operation Christmas Child to your workplace, craft group or any other group that you may be involved in? We often wonder how we can reach out to and impact the people we come in contact with. Operation Christmas Child can be used as a tool to help your friends or co-workers think of others in need, and to do something practical to help.

Last year there were 196 boxes put together by many people in our parish. Let's see if we can match that number and maybe even go one better.

Remember we only have until 25<sup>th</sup> October to complete our boxes ready for collection.

Thank you for all your wonderful support.

Josie Ford  
Regional Coordinator  
Operation Christmas Child



## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

**East Launceston  
Worship Centre**  
21-23 Arthur St  
East Launceston

**George Town  
Worship Centre**  
3 Anne St  
George Town

**Trevallyn  
Worship Centre**  
34 Bain Tce  
Trevallyn

**Riverside  
Worship Centre**  
399 West Tamar Hwy  
Riverside

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any photos or  
articles to the  
Parish office by  
20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month for  
inclusion in the  
newsletter.**

### 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	Holy Communion
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>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
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>	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Morning Prayer
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

#### MOBILE PHONES:

East Launceston	0438 378 233
Trevallyn/Riverside	0409 799 419
George Town	0439 821 038

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