

Anglican Church

# Newsletter



**Anne, Trish, Kaye & Libby**

**“Living the heartbeat of God”**

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

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Hebrews  
10:23-25**

## FROM THE ENABLER

The following is a Sunday Classifieds the likes of which I can easily imagine God writing. Can you?



### Sunday Classifieds

#### HEALTHY CHURCHES WANTED

GOD invites expressions of interest from congregations and parishes within the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania for the following callings:

- ⌘ To become more and more **shaped by the gospel of Christ** than by Western culture or Anglican Church culture. Sometimes both cultures are quite similar, especially in their insistence on theological and spiritual diversity all bearing witness to the same truth about God (1 Tim 2:1-7; Jn 4:21-24; Ac 17:22-31; Rom 12:1-2).
- ⌘ To commit to being communities of believers that **faithfully gather each week** (as opposed to when they feel like it, which may or may not be every week), for the hearing of the Word of God, the Lord's Supper (when possible), corporate praise, prayer and confession, speaking and showing the truth of the gospel to one another in love (Heb 10:23-25; 3:12-14; Col 3:12-17; 1 Tim 4:13), and heralding the gospel to unbelievers who are present (1 Cor 14:20-25; 1 Pet 2:9-12; Ps 96).
- ⌘ To commit to being communities of believers who **have a life together outside of the weekly 'Service'**:  
Who meet in **smaller groups and one-to-one** to study and apply the Bible together, pray, and care for one another, train for ministry, mission, and

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

**Galatians  
6:9-10**

leadership (Heb 3:12-14; Matt 28:16-20; 2 Tim 2:2), and establish new believers in the faith (1 Thess 3:1-5; Ac 14:21-23).

Who **look out for one another**, especially when life's challenges come (Jn 13:33-35; Mt 25:31-46; 1 Jn 3:11-24; 4:7-21).

Who work together to **love and serve their local community** to the glory of God (Mt 22:37-40; Lk 10:25-37; Gal 6:9-10).

Who collectively and individually seek to **promote the gospel** of God's grace in Christ in **word** (Mt 28:16-20; Col 4:2-6; 1 Pet 3:13-17) and **deed** (Titus 2:1-10; 1 Pet 2:11-17; Jn 13:33-35, to the glory of God.

**Congregations of Riverlinks, healthy things grow.**

With God's help, will you take up God's calling to be a healthy church?

The **gathered** and **scattered** people of God who are **devoted** to God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and to his people, **encouraged** and **equipped** to promote the gospel of God's grace in Christ in **word** and **deed**, to the glory of God?

**A popular alternative** is to be a lukewarm Christian and congregation devoted instead to other things, callings, ambitions; to consign your Christian life and that of your congregation to mediocrity, and to the Lord Jesus' displeasure and discipline (Rev 3:14-22; 2:1-7; Heb 12:3-17)!

I urge you to cut out this 'Sunday classified', read it carefully along with the Bible references, and then tell God you're interested. Then prove it by telling your local Ministry Support Team and together exploring the possibilities for

**ahealthychurch....transforminglife**

Warmly, *David*



# KIDS' CHURCH REPORT

Our August Kids' Church commenced with the two Great Commandments and then we watched a short DVD that showed how some people expressed their love of God and of others through the work of Samaritan's Purse.

This was followed with our own "Olympics" where the competitors received red ribbons with "Believe in Jesus" on and blue or green ribbons with ways that we show that we love God and love others written on.

After giving out gold medals, our "Closing Ceremony" involved us all in "Marching in the Light of God" and stopping between the verses to read out the text on our ribbons.

Would you all give thanks and praise to God for those who come, and pray that a stable, faithful Kids' Church group of people will be built up to bring glory to God.

Anne & Ian Morley



Celebrates its  
**1<sup>st</sup> Birthday**

on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September  
at 11:00am**

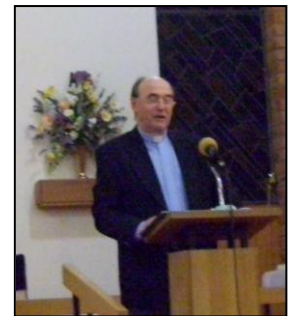
Come and join  
in the  
Celebration!





# ORDINATION & COMMISSIONING SERVICE AT ST DAVID'S

Nearly 100 people arrived to celebrate on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August as Trish & Kaye were Ordained as priests and Anne & Libby were commissioned to the Ministry Support Team. Vicar-General Chris Jones and Missioner Bishop Ross Nicholson officiated and Riverlinks parishioners joined to reaffirm the calling to follow the Lord Jesus and participate in ministry to his people and mission to the world.



# RIVERLINKS

September 2008	
<b>1st Mon</b>	<i>(Each Monday)</i> <b>Stanford's Home Group</b> – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
<b>2nd 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>3rd 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>4th Thur</b>	
<b>5th Fri</b>	
<b>6th Sat</b>	
<b>7th Sun</b>	
<b>8th Mon</b>	<b>Cadorna – 2:00pm</b> <b>Ministry Support Team Meeting</b> – 6:45pm

September 2008	
<b>9th Tue</b>	
<b>10th Wed</b>	<b>St David's Guild – 2:00pm</b>
<b>11th Thur</b>	<b>Parish Council – 7:30pm</b>
<b>12th Fri</b>	
<b>13th Sat</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast – 8:00am</b> at George Town  <b>'Refresh' an oasis - with Grace Fleming</b> – 7:30pm at Door of Hope
<b>14th Sun</b>	<b>Kid's Church 1st Birthday Party</b> – 11:00am at St Oswald's  <b>WAY-FM AGM – 2:30pm</b> at Punchbowl Christian Centre
<b>15th Mon</b>	
<b>16th Tue</b>	
<b>17th Wed</b>	<b>St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm</b>  <b>Ainslie Service – 2:30pm</b>
<b>18th Thur</b>	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am</b>
<b>19th Fri</b>	

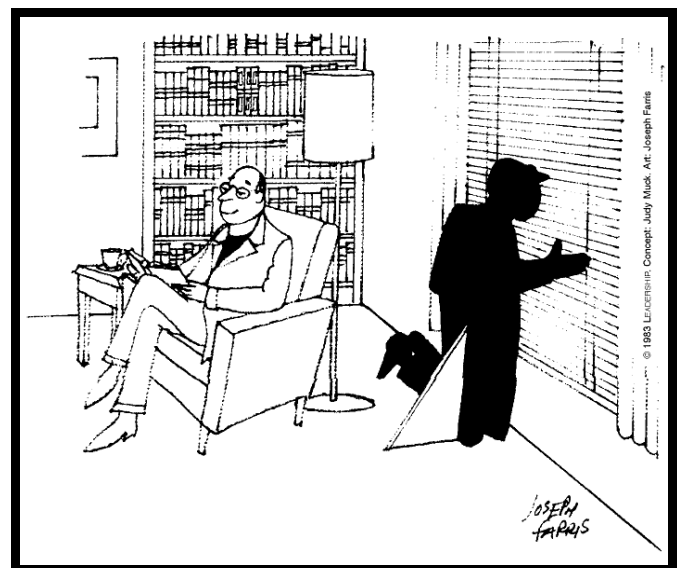
★ Parish Office will be closed this week

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

# CALENDAR

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

October and other dates	
11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Rural Bible Forum at Ulverstone</b> – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Ven Jill McCoy
25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> Box collection for 2008 ends
12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>AWF at St David's Riverside</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	<b>AWF at George Town</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	<b>Australia-wide AWF Conference</b> at St John's, Launceston



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\$8 each  
Please order  
through the  
Parish office by  
31<sup>st</sup> October

## NOTICES

### ORGAN CONCERT



You are invited to hear virtuoso  
Thomas Heywood playing the unique organ at Holy Trinity  
Anglican Church, Cameron St. Launceston  
on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm**  
Entry at the door - \$20 adults, \$15 concession, Children  
under 12 free. Includes a light supper

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### FRIDAY CAFÉ

Holy Trinity, Cameron St. Launceston  
Three course lunch **every Friday**  
12noon to 1:30pm in the parish hall  
\$10 for soup, a good selection of main courses and  
desserts, & tea or coffee  
*The friendly crew, cosy open fires and delicious food  
make this a great outing!*

# CMS

## CMS SummerView 09

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
*God's wide plans...*

Speakers: Simon Manchester, Ajith Fernando,  
Judith Calf, Beatriz Buono

at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell

Registration brochures available in all centres



You and your friends  
are invited to

## Refresh

an oasis  
pampering, a simple meal, live music, gifts

Grace Fleming will talk about 'A life worth  
living' after the devastation of abuse in  
her own life.

**7:30pm September 13**

Main Foyer - Door of Hope Centre



### PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish office  
will be closed for the week  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
September,  
and will re-open at 9am on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.





When a woman decided to send the old family Bible to her brother in another state, the postal worker asked her if there was anything breakable in the package.

"Only the Ten Commandments" she replied.

## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT July and August

- A reminder that for any ministry matter refer to a local MST member; for property / health & safety issues refer to local church warden; for any safe ministry matter refer to a safe ministry co-ordinator [Mike le Rossignol or Peter Cox]
- Agreed for new improved heating to be installed at Piper's River
- Agreed that new electrical wiring and heating be undertaken at Low Head
- Window restoration has been completed at St Aidan's
- Quotes are being obtained for an upgrade of the public address / sound system in St Oswald's
- Approved the formation of a Planning Group to explore the next step in making St Oswald's more accessible
- It was reported that the Certificate of Theology and Ministry in conjunction with Moore College [Sydney], the Diocese of Tasmania with administration support from Riverlinks was launched at the recent Ministry Conference at Camp Clayton
- In Finance:  
A reminder to all that our new budget for 2008/2009 is \$150,000 [\$12,500] per month]. This budget item will need to be ratified at the Parish Annual Meeting. Our offertory for July, the first month of the new budget year was \$11,230 [a shortfall of \$1,270]  
It is possible to direct credit your weekly offering to the Riverlinks Bank A/c. Refer to Anne Godman in the parish office if you wish to pursue this matter.

Ian Morley - Chair

*Thank you!*



To everyone who donated money to the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. You helped me raise over \$500

Anne G ☺

## BARNABAS FUND - PRAYER FOCUS

*You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.*

2 Timothy  
2: 1 - 4

As the Olympic Games closed in Beijing, disturbing news was received of new restrictions on religious freedom in China, and on Christians in particular.

It was reported that a number of pastors of house churches (churches not controlled by the government) were forced to sign a written agreement that they would not participate in religious services during the Games. The document, drafted by Chinese government officials, specified that the churches should "refrain from organising and joining illegal gatherings and refrain from receiving donations, sermons and preaching from overseas religious organisations". It also prohibited the churches from gathering between mid-July and mid-October, a period that included the Games. Church members who violated these rules were made subject to the disciplinary action of the Chinese government.

A legal directive has also been issued by the Political and Legal Committee of the Communist Party's Central Committee and communicated to all the law enforcement agencies. It concerns a nationwide campaign to crack down on four supposedly "unstable social elements" within China, of whom the first listed are the leaders of Christian house churches. This is due to be launched in October, as part of the government's initiative for "20 more years of political and social stability". The head of the committee made a speech on 16 June calling for "extraordinary measures" to be taken against these elements.

- ◆ *Pray for house church leaders in China, maintaining the worship and fellowship of their congregations under difficult conditions. Pray especially for those who suffer official penalties as a result, that they will be strong in the Lord and that their faith will not fail.*
- ◆ *Pray that the proposed campaign against church leaders and others may not succeed in diminishing or compromising their witness. Pray for protection for all God's people in China from the oppressive regime.*

Extract from Barnabas Fund Prayer Focus September 2008. For more prayer points and information visit [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)



A little boy opened the big family Bible.

He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages.

Suddenly something fell out of the Bible.

He picked up the object and looked at it closely.

What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mum, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

## COPING WITH CHANGE

by Archie Poulos

Social anthropologists tell us that 100 years ago it took 100 years for a culture to change. By the mid 1950s that was down to 20 years, and in the noughties of the 21st century it is now 5 years. I don't know how that can be determined, but I know we live in times that are changing very rapidly - where what we once took for granted is now in a state of flux. There are new alignments within Anglicanism and new ways of relating that were hard to conceive a decade ago, and just where this will lead is still a matter for prayer.

Today we have the Ministry Team. The structure is no longer autocratic, but much more collegial, a team working to fulfil its ministry. How does it work? It is a little like the concrete has been poured, but it is still wet. Who should we call next to the team? How should the team function? Who is responsible and answerable to and for what? These are questions that are still being asked.

The shape of and relationships within the ministry team affects us all. But what will determine the complexion of the set concrete? Hopefully it will be shaped by the gospel.

While we are still in a stage of pouring the concrete of our ministry team, we need to pour it with truth of "every member ministry" as the formwork. Here are a couple of questions to help congregation members to think properly about the team:

- how can the team help us in our ministry?
- how can we help the team to help us in our ministry?
- how can we help the team?

The days before us are exciting as we reshape how our congregations and parish works. We must ensure that staff and congregation members work together for the glory of Christ.

Extract from an article which first appeared at [www.sydneyanglicans.net](http://www.sydneyanglicans.net)

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20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month for  
inclusion in the  
newsletter.**

## SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

### East Launceston

7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Holy Communion

### George Town

7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Together at George Town
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

### Trevallyn and Riverside

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

14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer
21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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