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Anglican Church

Newsletter



Kids' Church at St Oswald's turns 1

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

FROM THE ENABLER



Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you who recently finished the 'Two Ways to Live: Know & Share the Gospel' training in your home group. I consider it significant that around half the members of the parish spent seven or more weeks really coming to grips with what the biblical gospel is, and with a simple, effective way to share it with others. My constant prayer has been for the people of Riverlinks to know and be gripped by the gospel and moved to share it courageously with family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues. Why do you think that is?

Because, firstly, there is one God, the Creator and Redeemer of all people, and all people therefore owe him their loyalty, love and lives - to his glory and praise (Ps 96; Acts 17:16-31); secondly, because in the resurrection and glorification of Jesus, God invested all authority in his Son, who now embodies the reign of God over the seen and unseen world - Jesus is Lord (Rom 10:8-12; Acts 17:30-31; Phil 2:5-11); thirdly, because those who persist with their God-substitutes (= themselves, their families, their work, their obsessions,



Home Group studying "Two ways to live"

*let the fields
be jubilant,
and
everything in
them.*

*Then all the
trees of the
forest will
sing for joy;
they will sing
before the
Lord, for he
comes,
he comes to
judge the
earth.*

*He will judge
the world in
righteousness
and the
peoples in his
truth.*

Psalm 96:9 - 13

the love of money, false gods and religions) and don't serve Jesus as Lord, will suffer God's eternal punishment, something Jesus spoke more about and grimly warned against more than he spoke of heaven (2 Thess 1:5-10; Rev 6:12-17; 20:11-15); **fourthly**, because in the perfect life and substitutionary sacrifice of his Son, God has made it possible for rebels and idolaters to be made right with God now, and escape his wrath on Judgment Day (Rom 3:21-26; 5:1-11; Rev 7; Jn 5:19-29); **fifthly**, because the Lord Jesus commanded and commissioned his Church to proclaim the gospel and make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:16-20; Lk 24:44-49); **sixthly**, because through the proclamation of the gospel and repentance towards God and faith in Christ, the Lord Jesus gives people the Holy Spirit, who makes spiritually dead people alive to God and to eternity (Jn 5:24-25; Titus 3:4-7), adopts them into his family as his children, making them co-heirs with Christ of the future Kingdom and New Creation (Rom 8:12-17), delivers them from the dread and fear of death and judgment (Heb 2:14-15), gives them a place and a purpose in his Church (1 Cor 12), and the will and the way to live as his people: loving God, loving his people, loving their neighbour (Phil 2:12-13; Gal 5:16-6:10), becoming better husbands, wives, parents, children, employers, employees (Eph 5:22-6:9), and bringing good news and blessing to the world (Matt 5:13-16; 1 Pet 2:11-17) - all to the glory and praise of God (Eph 1:6, 12, 14).

What more reason do we want or need to be serious about knowing God in Christ and making Jesus known in word and deed? How serious are you about this? How serious is your congregation about this?

What is your congregation doing about the lost people all around it? Not to mention the lonely and needy people all around it? Let me ask this another way: what are you and your congregation giving yourself to? Here's a way to gauge the value of what you and your congregation are living for.

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In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

Ephesians 1:11-13a

FROM THE ENABLER *continued...*

Ask yourself, is it helping prepare me and others for eternity - the glorious future which God sent his Son to secure? Are we living in light of and for this future? These are searching questions that must be faced by all of us regularly, lest we drift into distracted, de-railed lives.

On a related subject, have you looked at the Riverlinks website to see the *Certificate in Theology and Ministry* that Riverlinks is administering on behalf of the Diocese? This is a program of significant learning for all Anglicans, and especially those in any form of leadership in the local church - preachers, home group leaders, MST members. It is an important part of Bishop John's vision to see all Anglicans becoming mature disciples of the Lord Jesus. Have a look at www.riverlinks.net.au or ask Anne Godman for a copy of the prospectus.

I plan to recommend to the Ministry Support Team that in 2009 the home groups follow up the Two Ways to Live training with training in answering common questions and objections about Christianity. This will strengthen our own faith and our resolve to defend and promote it wisely, graciously and compellingly. If you're not in one of our many home groups in the parish, you're missing out and so are they. If you are in one, don't let it become safe and predictable. Be ever looking for new members, devote your group one term a year to outreach, another to training, be accountable to one another, love one another.

In your home groups and congregations, I urge you to stop at nothing in becoming

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Warmly,
David



*You can't
expect people
to look eye to
eye with you
if you are
looking down
on them*

*He who knows
all the
answers has
not yet been
asked all the
questions*

*Once the
game is over,
the king and
the pawn go
back in the
same box*

*Experience is
a wonderful
thing - it
enables you to
recognise a
mistake when
you make it
again*

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

This year's Annual Meeting was held at George Town and was very well attended with 58 present and 16 apologies recorded.

Churchwardens:

Tom Nixon [George Town]; David Sutton [Trevallyn & Riverside]; and Mark Ford [East Launceston].

Parish Council:

Brian Baxter and Greg Clark [GT]; Garth Tevelein and Bill Raynor [EL]; Ken Pedley and Ian Morley [T/R]. In addition Jo Tevelein is the Ordained Local Minister appointment to Parish Council, Stephen Janes the MST appointment and Mike Le Rossignol appointed in his position as Co-ordinator of Administration.

Parish Mission representative:

Mary Bonnily was appointed to this position.

Giving to Mission:

It was decided to give ten per cent of offertory to nominated missions during the twelve month period. This will be an amount of \$15,000 if our budget reaches its target.

Parish Budget:

This year our budget for offertory has risen slightly to \$150,000 [\$12,500 per month]. Last year we came very close to reaching our budget figure of \$144,000 as \$142,342 was raised. Congratulations everyone - the challenge before us is to now reach, and if possible exceed our new budget.

Many thanks to the people of George Town for their wonderful hospitality on the occasion of our annual meeting.

Ian Morley - Chair

RIVERLINKS

October 2008	
1st Wed	<p><i>(each Wednesday)</i> East Launceston Play Group – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in “The Upper Room” St Aidan’s</p> <p>Evening Home Groups – 7:30pm at Stott’s home – 7:30pm at Bullard’s home – 7:30pm at Gross’ home</p>
2nd Thur	
3rd Fri	
4th Sat	<p>Steve Atkins Outreach Concert – 5:00pm sausage sizzle, 6:00pm concert, at Riverlands Centre, Longford</p>
5th Sun	
6th Mon	<p><i>(Each Monday)</i> Prayer for Australia – 8:30am at St John’s</p> <p>Stanford’s Home Group – 7:30pm at St Aidan’s</p> <p>Clergy Conference at Grindelwald</p>
7th Tue	<p><i>(each Tuesday)</i> Women of St Aidan’s Prayer Group</p> <p>Home Groups – 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</p> <p>Clergy Conference at Grindelwald</p>
8th Wed	<p>St David’s Guild – 2:00pm</p> <p>Clergy Conference at Grindelwald</p>

October 2008	
9th Thur	<p>*** Launceston Show Day Public Holiday</p> <p>Parish Council – 7:30pm</p> <p>Clergy Conference at Grindelwald</p>
10th Fri	
11th Sat	<p>Rural Bible Forum at Ulverstone – 11am to 4pm Speaker: Ven Jill McCoy</p>
12th Sun	<p>Senior’s Week Service – 9:30am at St David’s Riverside</p> <p>Teddy Bears’ Picnic – 10:30am at St Mary Magdalene’s GTown</p>
13th Mon	<p>Cadorna – 2:00pm</p> <p>Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm</p>
14th Tue	
15th Wed	<p>St Oswald’s Guild – 2:00pm</p> <p>Ainslie Service – 2:30pm</p>
16th Thur	<p>Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am</p>
17th Fri	<p>Stand Up and Take Action</p> <p>Global Leadership Summit at Door of Hope</p>
18th Sat	<p>Stand Up and Take Action</p> <p>Global Leadership Summit at Door of Hope</p>
19th Sun	<p>Stand Up and Take Action against poverty and for the MDGs</p>

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

CALENDAR

October 2008	
20 th Mon	
21 st Tue	
22 nd Wed	
23 rd Thur	
24 th Fri	Operation Christmas Child Last day of box collection for 2008
25 th Sat	
26 th Sun	
27 th Mon	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town
28 th Tue	Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart
29 th Wed	
30 th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
31 st Fri	

November and other dates	
12 th November	AWF Day at St David's Riverside 10:00am – 3:30pm
16 th November	Preaching Workshop – 2:00 to 4:00pm at St David's
30 th November	Combined Parish Service at St Aidan's
15 th – 18 th January 2009	CMS SummerView at Camp Banksia
5 th March 2009	AWF Day at St Mary Magdalene's George Town
11 th - 15 th May 2009	Australia-wide AWF Conference at St John's, Launceston

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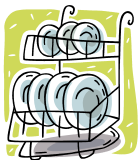
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Australian Anglican Church Calendars

\$8 each

Please order through the Parish office by 31st October



Have you taken a plate or container to one of the special service at Riverside during the year and forgotten to take it home? There are lots of plates and containers waiting for collection. Please drop in if you think one of them may be yours

NOTICES



SAMARITAN'S PURSE Operation Christmas Child

October is box collection month!

There are only four weeks left to fill boxes to have them dropped off in time for this year's collection.

Return boxes to your church by Sunday 19th October or drop off at Punchbowl Christian Centre, 100 Punchbowl Rd on:

Monday 6 th & 13 th	11am - 3:30pm
Wednesday 1 st , 8 th , 15 th	12noon - 3:30pm
Thursday 2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd	11am - 3:30pm
Thursday 9 th (Show Day)	11am - 1pm
Friday 24 th	11am - 3:30pm

A prayer time will be held after the service at St Aidan's on 12th October for Operation Christmas Child. We encourage all centres to be in prayer for the work of Samaritan's Purse in this outreach, for the workers during the busy collection time, and especially for those children and their families who receive the boxes - that they will know and receive Jesus' love as they receive this gift.

RURAL BIBLE FORUMS

Hearing God's Word in rural Tasmania

3 talks by the Ven Jill McCoy

'Life in Christ - reflections on John's Gospel'

Saturday 11th October 2008

11.00am - 4.00pm

Ulverstone Anglican Church, 10 Kings Pde

\$15 (includes lunch & afternoon tea)

Bring your Bible and a pen

CMS Missions Conference

Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th January 2009

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

Registration brochures available in all centres

SummerView 09

God's wide plans...



Camp Banksia

Port Sorell, Tasmania

Prayer for
Australia
at
St. John's
Anglican
Church
157 St. John
Street,
Launceston

For one hour
Mondays
8.30 a.m.

In the Chapel

In this the
month of
Ramadan
"To achieve
power in
unity"

They fast all
day, every
day

Can WE unite
in
PRAYER
for
AUSTRALIA

All welcome,
bring your
friends

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY

The next Anglican Women's Fellowship Day will be held in Riverlinks at St David's Riverside, on Wednesday 12th November.

The program commences at 10-10:30am for morning tea. A Holy Communion service will begin at 11:00am followed by a shared lunch at 12:15pm.

There will be entertainment by the CWA ladies, gardening expert Les Hodge will be speaking, and the day will end with afternoon tea.

The theme for the day is mission - local and overseas - a small gift of groceries for City Mission would be appreciated. BYO lunch to share.

All Anglican women are invited to attend, and as this is a Riverlinks event we would welcome women from all churches in our parish.

Although this is a women's event, any men are very welcome also!

Further details available from Jan Menzie - 6327 3331.

St Oswald's & St David's church community

Invite you, friends and family, to a

Seniors' Service

to celebrate Senior's Week

**on October 12th at 9:30am
at St David's Church Riverside**

Musical items & Surprises!





STAND UP AND TAKE ACTION 17-19 OCTOBER

Join millions worldwide to STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals.

*But he's
already made
it plain how to
live, what to
do,
what God is
looking for in
men and
women.
It's quite
simple: Do
what is fair
and just to
your
neighbour,
be
compassionate
and loyal in
your love,
And don't
take yourself
too
seriously—
take God
seriously.*

Micah 6:8

MSG

The main objective of Stand Up and Take Action is to raise awareness and get people from all over the world, all ages and all beliefs - you! - to take action towards the complete eradication of poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Last year, over 43 million people Stood Up to demand that world leaders keep their promises to end poverty and inequality. This year, help us break that record and send an even louder message to our governments. Join the global movement of people who refuse to stay seated or silent in the face of poverty and broken promises to end it! STAND UP and TAKE ACTION against Poverty and for the Millennium Development Goals.

Why Stand Up? In 2000, leaders of 189 countries signed the Millennium Declaration agreeing to do everything in their power to end poverty. They pledged to do this by achieving the Millennium Development Goals, a roadmap to end extreme poverty by 2015.

Still, every day, 50,000 people die as a result of extreme poverty and the gap between rich and poor people is increasing. Nearly half the world's population live in poverty, 70% are women. We have the power to change this.

Campaigners worldwide will STAND UP and TAKE ACTION to push their governments for more and better aid, debt cancellation, education for all boys and girls, healthcare, trade justice, gender equality and public accountability.

What's new? If you Stood Up last year you'll notice a few changes. This year, to make sure more people can take part, we will STAND UP between October 17 - 19, as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty unfolds across the world.

We are also asking you to TAKE ACTION as part of your STAND UP event. This could mean sending letters to your government or any number of other ways to contribute towards ending poverty and inequality.

To find out how you can STAND UP and TAKE ACTION go to www.standagainstopoverty.org or www.micahchallenge.org.au

Micah Challenge is a global movement of Christian agencies, churches, groups and individuals which aims to deepen people's engagement with the poor and to help reduce poverty as an integral part of our Christian faith.

Kids' Church

Celebrated its
1st Birthday
on
Sunday 14th
September



KIDS' CHURCH AT ST OSWALD'S

In September 2007 the new ministry "Kids' church" commenced with 8 children and 6 young mums and dads in attendance.

Kids' Church was commenced to address the need to bring God's word to children and parents in a fun, friendly and supportive way using Bible stories, action songs and activities.

On 14 September this year 24 children and 33 adults came to celebrate our first birthday.

Our birthday celebration was based on the story of Zaccheus - the rich chief tax gatherer who after meeting Jesus changed his ways and shared his wealth.

A fun time was had by all which was followed by a shared lunch and the cutting of a very special birthday cake made by one of our Kids' Church mums Katrina Fisher. The cake was made to represent the historic St Oswald's Church.



As part of our birthday celebration each parent present was given a copy of "Bibelezine" New Testament in magazine format which not only covers the New Testament but also life issues.

Please pray that we can continue to grow our Kids' church and that we will come to see a regular group of children and their parents worshipping with us.

Anne and Ian Morley



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East Launceston**George Town
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George Town**Trevallyn
Worship Centre**34 Bain Tce
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any photos or
articles to the
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20th of each
month for
inclusion in the
newsletter.**

SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES

East Launceston

5 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
12 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
19 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
26 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion

George Town

5 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
12 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Together at George Town
19 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
26 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
5 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00am Holy Communion
12 th	9:30 am Senior's Service	11:00am Kid's Church
19 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
26 th	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

12 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer
19 th	10:30 am Holy Communion
26 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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