

Anglican Church

Newsletter



*Fierce competition in the races at St Aidan's
Teddy Bear's Picnic*

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

For to us a
child is born,
to us a son is
given, and
the
government
will be on his
shoulders.
And he will
be called
Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father,
Prince of
Peace.

Of the
increase of
his
government
and peace
there will be
no end.

FROM THE ENABLER



Christmas Challenge

Only one correct answer for each question.

Answers are given at the end but if you cheat Santa won't bring you a thing. Spot the clues.

1. Advent means: a) holy messenger b) the reles are coming c) vent your spleen at all the Xmas ads on tellie d) arrival

*Does this description of first century Christians describe you: 'You turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come' (1 Thess 1:9-10)?
Christian = turned, serve, wait.*

2. Yuletide means: a) yule be sorry you spent so much this Christmas b) Christmas tide c) Christmas Day and festivities

3. Joseph and Mary were told to go to Bethlehem by: a) an angel b) Caesar c) their doctor

4. J and M travelled to Bethlehem with: a) Mary on a donkey b) both on donkeys c) Virgin Air d) no one knows

5. What did the innkeeper say to J and M when they arrived: a) you should have booked b) there's just no room c) come back after Christmas d) you can stay in the stable e) no one knows

Is there enough room for Jesus the King in your home and life?

*He will reign
on David's
throne
and over his
kingdom,

establishing
and upholding
it
with justice
and
righteousness
from that
time on and
forever.*

Isaiah 9: 6,7
NIV



6. When an angel visited the shepherds they were:
a) excited b) drenching the sheep c) terrified
d) sleeping

*Do you know a holy fear of God? He might be the
Christian's Father, but he's still awesome.*

7. What did the angels sing above the shepherds?
a) 'Joy to the World' b) 'The Hallelujah Chorus'
c) 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas' d) Glory to
God

8. How many wise men were there? a) three b) two
c) we don't know

Wise people still worship Him

9. What does the name 'Jesus' mean: a) God loves
b) God rules c) God saves d) Christ

*'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as
white as snow' (Isaiah 1:18).*

10. Charles Wesley's carol begins: a) 'Hark! The herald
angels sing' b) 'Hark! The angel Harold sings'

11. 'Hark' means: a) Listen carefully b) Be quiet
c) Stewth

*Do you want to ensure that you don't drift away from
God? The New Testament says: 'Therefore we
must pay much closer attention to what we have heard,
lest we drift away from it' (Hebrews 2:1).*

12. The young Jesus and his family fled as refugees to
Egypt because King Herod tried to have Jesus killed
(Matt 2:13-18). Christmas points to: a) good will
b) good times c) Good Friday

FROM THE ENABLER *continued...*

Jesus' experience is ours:

cradle ▷ cross ▷ crown

'Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God' (Hebrews 12:1-2).

13. The baby Jesus' other name 'Immanuel' means:
a) Glory to God b) God with us c) Peace on earth

He still is, you know. Before he returned to heaven, Jesus said to his followers: 'And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20). For the Christian, it is Christmas every day.

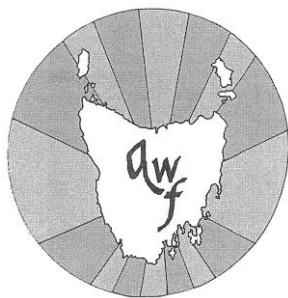
Answers: 1. d) 2. c) 3. b) 4. d) 5. e) 6. c) 7. d) 8. c) 9. c) 10. a) 11. a) 12. c) 13. b)

Warmly,
David



*Majesty in
the midst of
the mundane.
Holiness in
the filth of
sheep
manure and
sweat.
Divinity
entering the
world on the
floor of a
stable,
through the
womb of a
teenager and
in the
presence of
a carpenter.*

*from
"God came near"
by Max Lucardo*



*How good and
pleasant it is
when God's
people live
together in
unity!*

*For there the
Lord bestows
his blessing,
even life
forevermore.*

Psalm 133:1,3
TNIV



AWF DAY AT ST DAVID'S

The Anglican Women's Fellowship Day was hosted by Riverlinks at St David's on Wednesday 12th November.

Fifty women and a few men attended this day of worship, fellowship, fun and food.

The church service was led by Marie Igglesden, with Anne Morley leading the prayers. Rev Kaye Gregory was our celebrant and delivered the message, the subject being "Sharing God's Goodness" in fellowship and mission, and what an apt subject for this time.

After church a sumptuous lunch was served. This was followed by entertainment from Jo Janes and her ladies who led in community singing and then performed several humorous items.

At 2:30 gardening expert Les Hodge arrived to talk about gardens and to answer our many questions.

Many thanks go to all helpers who prepared for the day and those who did the cleaning up – this includes our male visitors.

All in all I think we had a very enjoyable day, and those who were unable to attend missed a treat!

Jan Menzie

CHRISTMAS BOWL 2008

The Collection at Riverside shopping centre from Tuesday 18th to Saturday 22nd November raised \$1755 for the 2008 Christmas Bowl. This was a wonderful result.

Thank you to the twenty three folk who sat and smiled, and of course those who donated.

Peter North

*Additional donations can be
made in all centres*





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

End of year report

Once again the year has flown by. If I thought I was busy last year, this year certainly eclipsed it, 62 presentations for the year. I have been extremely busy speaking and sharing with many different people from all walks of life the vision of Operation Christmas Child. My mission trip to Vietnam with Samaritan's Purse in January this year certainly opened my eyes to the difficulties and sheer hard work our National Partners (the Christian Churches) experience in distributing the Christmas shoe boxes to the children across their country. And yet it is by the grace of God that hurdles are overcome and His love is poured out in abundance to children throughout the South East Asian and Pacific countries, bringing joy, laughter and hope for their future.

I have been really encouraged by the number of State Schools who participated this year, some for the first time. To be able to share the vision of Operation Christmas Child and the work that Samaritan's Purse does shows the children and teachers alike the possibilities of how they can help transform lives through the giving of a simple gift. My prayer is that more schools will come on board next year, children helping children less fortunate than themselves. What a way to change the world.

Our church representatives meeting held at St Aidan's in May was a great success. My state manager, Renee Garvin, spoke about the bigger picture of Operation Christmas Child and the impact it has. She also shared how it can be used as a tool for the church to reach out into our local community. There were many people who were inspired to take new ideas back to their church, seeing the mission possibilities. Craft groups have started up; people have taken it to their workplace, walking clubs and other groups which they are involved in thus spreading the word. If you would like a copy of how you can use OCC as a tool for your church please let me know.

In September the Mayor Mr Albert Van Zetten officially launched the beginning of our collection for 2008 at St Aidan's with over 70 people attending. People were able to access brochures, posters, DVDs and shoe boxes



It's not too early to start packing a box for next year!



for themselves, their workplace or church and the media coverage we received from Southern Cross and WIN TV generated a great deal of interest from the wider community, as did the article which appeared in the Examiner in October.

Collection time in October was once again a great time to personally thank people, be it individuals or groups, for their wonderful contribution. The generosity from the people of the Launceston/Tamar Valley area never ceases to amaze me. On our last two days of collection we had over 1800 boxes come in with the final total being 3090.

The part that the Riverlinks community played in this total was nothing short of amazing. Once again we eclipsed last year's total doing a staggering 221 boxes. No matter what contribution you made, whether it was putting boxes together or buying items to go in, donating money to send the boxes to Thailand this year, helping me at the collection centre or being part of my prayer team, please accept my sincere thanks for being part of God's team as we reach out to desperately poor children of the world with His love and hope.

I look forward to working and sharing with you all next year. Who knows what we can achieve when we commit everything to God.

God bless you all.

Josie Ford

Regional Coordinator – Launceston/Tamar Valley
Operation Christmas Child



RIVERLINKS

December 2008	
1st Mon	<i>(Each Monday)</i> Prayer for Australia – 8:30am at St John's Stanford's Home Group – 7:30pm at St Aidan's
2nd Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group Home Groups – 11:00am at St David's Hall followed by prayer at 12:00pm – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home
3rd Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> East Launceston Play Group – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's Evening Home Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home – 7:30pm at Gross' home Combined MST & PC Christmas Dinner – 6:30pm at Riverside Hotel
4th Thur	
5th Fri	Book Launch "Free Too" by Chris Thiele – 5:00pm at St John's
6th Sat	Garage Sale Fundraiser for Malawi – all day at 34 Jubilee Rd, Youngtown
7th Sun	Christmas Party – 2:00pm at St Aidan's
8th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm

December 2008	
9th Tue	
10th Wed	Peace Haven – 1:30pm
11th Thur	Parish Council – 7:30pm
12th Fri	
13th Sat	
14th Sun	Kid's Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's
15th Mon	
16th Tue	Usual Unusual Christmas Service – 7:00pm at Hillwood
17th Wed	St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
18th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am Birthday Party for Jesus – 5:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's
19th Fri	
20th Sat	

The **deadline** for the next Newsletter edition is **20th January 2009**

CALENDAR

December 2008	
21 st Sun	
22 nd Mon	
23 rd Tue	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
24 th Wed	*** Parish office closes until 20 th January 2009 St Alban's Pipers River – 7:00pm St Oswald's Trevallyn – 11:00pm
25 th Thur	CHRISTMAS DAY St Mary Magdalene's GT – 8:00am Christchurch Low Head – 9:00am St David's Riverside – 9:00am St Aidan's East Launceston – 9:00am
26 th Fri	BOXING DAY
27 th Sat	
28 th Sun	
29 th Mon	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town
30 th Tue	
31 st Wed	"Hoo Year's Eve" Communion and BBQ – 5:00pm at Hoo Hoo Hut

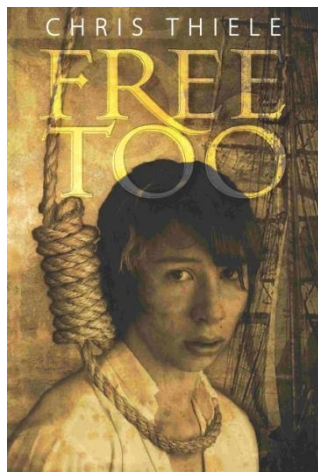
January and other dates 2009	
January 2009	Summer Camps Grades 3-6 Coastal 4 th – 9 th Summer Fun 18 th – 24 th Grades 7-9 Waves 11 th – 16 th Mayfield 2 nd – 8 th Grades 9-12 Huon 14 th – 20 th Aquatics 25 th – 30 th
4 th – 11 th January	Faith and the Arts Summer School at Poatina
15 th – 18 th January	CMS SummerView at Camp Banksia
20 th January	Parish Office reopens for 2009
February	MST & PC Retreat
5 th March	AWF Day at St Mary Magdalene's George Town
8 th March	First Preaching Workshop for 2009
11 th - 15 th May	Australia-wide AWF Conference at St John's, Launceston

Church Mice by Karl Zorowski



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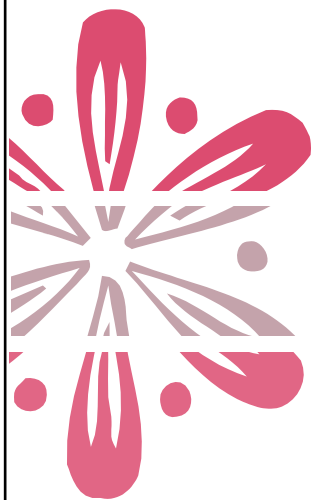


NOTICES

BOOK LAUNCH



for Chris Thiele's book "Free Too"
Friday 5th December, 5.30 for 5.45pm
with Bishop Ross Nicholson
at St John's Launceston



CHRISTMAS PARTY

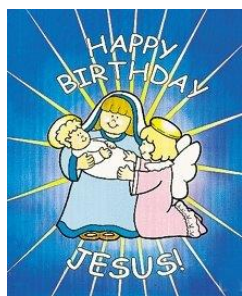


We'd love you to come to our Christmas Birthday Party!
Wear your best party gear & be in the mood to celebrate
The Birthday of the Season!

WHERE IS IT??

**St Aidan's Church, East Launceston.
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2-4 PM**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'LL BE THERE—WE NEED TO HAVE ENOUGH BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR EVERYONE!! RSVP: 6327 4742



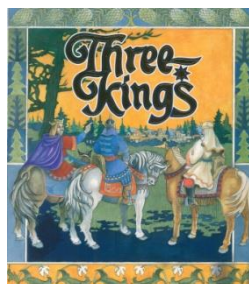
BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

Thursday 18th December
from 5:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's George Town

&

"HOO YEAR'S EVE" COMMUNION & BYO BARBECUE

Wednesday 31st December
5:00pm at the Hoo Hoo Hut
Duck Reach Road (off Reatta Rd),
Trevallyn Reserve



THE USUAL UNUSUAL SERVICE

Tuesday 16th December at
7:00pm in the Hillwood Hall

Garage Sale

Fundraiser for a water pump and water tank for an orphanage in Malawi Africa

**Saturday
6th Dec.
all day at
34 Jubilee Rd,
Youngtown**

If you can help by donating goods, please talk to Birgit 0407 350487, Bernard 63273982 or Helen 0437 918060

Paintings and carvings from Malawi will be on sale too



Christmas services around the Parish



Sunday 7th December

★ Christmas Party at St Aidan's East Launceston – 2:00 pm

Sunday 14th December

★ Carol Service at St David's Riverside – 9:00 am

★ Kids' Church Christmas Party at St Oswald's Trevallyn – 11:00 am

Tuesday 16th December

★ Usual Unusual service at Hillwood Hall – 7:00 pm

Thursday 18th December

★ Birthday Party for Jesus at St Mary Magdalene's George Town – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 24th December

★ St Alban's Pipers River – 7:00 pm

★ St Oswald's Trevallyn – 11:00 pm

Thursday 25th December

★ St Mary Magdalene's George Town – 8:00 am

★ Christchurch Low Head – 9:00 am

★ St David's Riverside – 9:00 am

★ St Aidan's East Launceston – 9:00 am

Special for Christmas at Christchurch Low Head

9:00am Christmas Day

A service for children and young-at-heart adults

- ★ Bible Story of Christ's birth
- ★ Traditional Carols
- ★ Blessing of the Crib
- ★ Drama with a twist
- ★ Children's story
- ★ Holy Communion



Join with us as we celebrate
Jesus' birthday



In anticipation of moving early in 2009:

Bible Society is having a "Help Us Move Sale"

9am to 1pm Tuesday to Friday
(2nd Dec through to 19th Dec)

107 Elizabeth St, Launceston

(between the Salvation Army and corner of Bathurst & Elizabeth Sts)

Bibles at discounted prices, a variety of other Scripture items including Christmas cards and 2009 calendars, large print and luxury cover NIV Bibles and Children's Bibles

**TEDDY
BEARS'
PICNIC
AT
ST AIDAN'S**





5 adults and 7 children who do not normally attend church arrived. We were introduced to some very special bears and their owners. We raced our bears down the church, ate teddy bear biscuits, listened to a story about a boy who made an elephant, tore

a teddy or elephant out of a newspaper, listened to God's word and had a great morning tea and fellowship afterwards.

God is faithful in answering our prayers.

Thanks to all those who supported this important Missional event.



KIDS' CHURCH AT ST OSWALD'S

"Can you pass on our thanks for the opportunity to sing at Kids' Church and for the lovely morning tea and sausages. It was great to see so many families stay for a chat and a munchie.

Anne did a marvellous job with the story and some of the mums commented on how good it was to hear some of those songs that they hadn't heard since they were at Sunday School many years ago. Many thanks for your faithfulness. I am hoping we shall be able to connect our two communities in many ways over the next few years.

Cheers and blessings,

*Lindy Bailey
Riverside Primary
Chaplain"*

What a delight to have some of the Riverside Primary School choir led by their Chaplain lindy Bailey visiting Kids' Church on Sunday 9th November. There were 22 in the choir and with their families and our regular Kids' Church families it was a squash with 147 people in the congregation [85 adults and 62 children]. Praise the Lord!

The children sang beautifully and joined in with our program of hearing the story of Jesus healing the paralysed man [Mark Ch. 2], enjoyed the follow up activity, our action songs led by Bev Percey and then joined with us for morning tea.

Ross' BBQ sausages were a winner, helped along by our Enabler David!! Many thanks to Mary and others for a great feast.

We thank and praise God for this gathering and pray that seeds of faith will have been planed and will be brought to fruition by God's grace.

Anne and Ian Morley





FULL HOUSE!

DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOLY TABLE FOR LOW HEAD



- ⌘ Pat dedicated the new holy table which had to be replaced when the old one fell apart with worm! The new table is plain and simple. "We're delighted that it fits in well."
- ⌘ The "girls" dress it up.
- ⌘ Wally lights the candles.

**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

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any photos or
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20th of each
month for
inclusion in the
newsletter.**



SERVICE TIMES FOR WORSHIP CENTRES



East Launceston

7 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion
14 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
21 st	10:00 am	Holy Communion
25 th	9:00 am	Holy Communion
28 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer

George Town

7 ^h	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Holy Communion Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
14 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Together at George Town
21 st	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion
24 th	7:00 pm	Pipers River Holy Communion
25 th	8:00 am 9:00 am	George Town Holy Communion Low Head Holy Communion
28 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Holy Communion George Town Holy Communion

Trevallyn and Riverside

	Riverside	Trevallyn
7 ^h	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
14 th	9:00 am Carol Service	11:00 am Kid's Church
21 st	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
24 th	No service	11:00 pm Holy Communion
25 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	No service
28 th	9:00 am Holy Communion	11:00 am Holy Communion
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

Peace Haven

14 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer
21 st	10:30 am Holy Communion
28 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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