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Service Times For Worship Centres

April 2009



East Launceston

5 th	10:00 am	Communion
9 th	6.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Passover Meal
12 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
19 th	10:00 am	Communion
26 th	10:00 am	Communion

George Town

5 th	9:00 am	Hillwood Communion	
	9:00 am	Pipers River Morning Prayer	
	10:30 am	George Town Communion	
10 th	9:00 am	George Town Good Friday service & 'Stations of the Cross' march	
12 th	9:00 am	Low Head Communion	
	10:30 am	George Town Together at George Town	
19 th	9:00 am	Pipers River Communion	
	10:30 am	George Town Communion	
26 th	9:00 am	Low Head Communion	
	10:30 am	George Town Communion	

Riverside & Trevallyn

	Riverside	Trevallyn
5 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
10 th	9:00 am Good Friday	2:00 - 4:00pm Reflection
12 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Kid's Church
19 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00 am Communion
26 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am 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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Anglican Church

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Newsletter

Tom, Ian & Robin at the Shrove
Tuesday Pancake evening



“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

What Jesus Said!

© By: Lucia K Haase

Gather others! Call His name! Fan the great eternal flame! Sing His praises! Call out loud! Shout His name above the crowd!

Yes...Jesus said, "Acknowledge me before all men and you shall see how I in turn acknowledge you before our Father. This, I'll do!!!"

Just think of it - what Jesus said! How could we not by him be led,

FROM THE ENABLER



To help foster a sense of belonging to the wider parish outside of your own congregation, I hope to introduce you to someone in the parish each month. In hearing about life from others in the parish, I also hope to encourage you in your life with Jesus.

Life with Martin Chugg

David

G'day Martin, and welcome to my first *Life* interview.

Martin, you're a member of the St Aidan's East Launceston congregation. That's your church family. Tell us a little about your own family and where you live.

Martin

I have been married for five years to Lisa. We have a four year old son, Joshua. We live in a nice place called Relbia looking over farmland to the mountains (sometimes I forget to appreciate where we live).

David

You're self-employed. Tell us what you do and in the process give your business a plug!

Martin

Yes, I became self employed nearly two years ago as an electrical contractor. My business name is Lightning Electrical Services. The majority of my work is on people's homes. I enjoy my work and like to do my job well with integrity.



Manor Ministry

Graeme Nichols' 80th birthday— friend of Marc Smith

POINTS TO PONDER

If someone accused you of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to prove it?

Since God gave us two ears and only one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end. God's way leads to an endless hope.

Yes, God loves us all, but he favours "fruits of the Spirit" over "religious nuts"



Harvest at Low Head

Harvest really was a festival of fun and fellowship. The singing of many old favourite hymns was a highlight of this traditional service, which we hope will be repeated next year.

Mr & Mrs Lost (AKA Tom & Ann Nixon) took centre stage arguing as they became lost and hungry in the bush. Mrs Lost demonstrated she wasn't as lost as her husband, as she'd taken a

bible on their outing. Mr Lost demonstrated he'd had a transforming moment, realizing that you can't live by bread alone, and later challenging the baker who found them with this truth.

Pat told us a story, a modern day parable involving a very worried sparrow and a wise and gentle dove who brought good news.

The harvest was presented, item by item. We tried to remember all the agricultural activities of our region. The final offering was the communion bread and wine, and ourselves, as we gave thanks we also remembered our responsibilities as stewards, and asked forgiveness for our failures.

After the service we adjourned to the boatshed for sweet treats, a cuppa and lots of chatter.

Pat Crawshaw

Specials coming up at Christ Church Low Head ...

12th April—Easter Day

Wear an Easter bonnet, gold or white coloured clothes, and get into the spirit. Children most welcome!

10th May—Mother's Day

A special day for special people - traditional service. Flowers and simnel cake in the boatshed afterwards.

The preacher came to call on me the other day.

He said that at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter.

I told him I do - all the time. No matter where I am - in the lounge, in the kitchen, in my bedroom - I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

David

How does being a Christian affect the way you work and run your business?

Martin

I try hard to get things right and help people where possible. I like to provide a service and my drive is not about how much money I can make. This I find a relief more often than not.

David

What challenges does being a Christian bring you in your work and how are you dealing with them?

Martin

I meet lots of different people, from different walks of life. I am sometimes faced with opportunities to share my thoughts. I respond the best way I can but hope my faith continues to grow so I can encourage others better.

David

What difference does being a Christian make to being a husband and a father?

Martin

I don't believe Lisa and I would be together without God in our lives. It hasn't been easy. Being a Christian helps us to work through the challenges we have as a couple and parents. Also the help and support we can access is great. I don't think we would invest our time the same without following Jesus.

David

What are some of the challenges at the moment and how are you dealing with them?

...
...
when there beside His righteous hands, awaits for us, a place, as planned?

Let's gather others in His name!
Raise the fire! Fan the flame!
Speak the truth that Jesus said!!
Drink the water! Share the bread!

Matthew 10:32
Jesus said, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father in Heaven."

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FROM THE ENABLER *cont/...*

Martin

One of the many challenges we struggle with at the moment is getting done all the things we need to do in a day and still spend some quality family time together. The only way to get this is to make a time by planning ahead. This is not easy but I believe the time is there it is just how we utilise it.

David

I know that you have quite recently recovered from a life-threatening illness. How did you experience God during that difficult time?

Martin

I became a Christian around two years before I became ill. In March 2006 I was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma Disease. This meant most of this twelve months was spent going to and from hospital receiving treatment. During this time I had a lot of time to think and I became a stronger believer. I believe God gave me this time as a time to grow. I have made a full recovery and believe prayer and support lifted me through some of the toughest parts of this experience.

David

Thank you, Martin, for speaking honestly about your life. I trust it will be a help and encouragement to others in the parish reading this. One last question: What is one thing that you are especially looking forward to in the New Creation?



Jesus
said:

I came so
they can
have real
and
eternal
life, more
and better
life than
they ever
dreamed
of.

John 10:10
MSG



- 1 - Guest speaker Jo Sharman with Wendy Long
- 2 - Lady viewing some of the goodies on the Trade Table
- 3 - Trade Table



Pancake Night

Many thanks to chefs Ken, Tom & Ann, washer uppers Joan & Peter, entertainers Ian & Tam, & all the many other helpers who made the Shrove Tuesday pancake night so enjoyable!



**SIGNS YOU
MAY NOT BE
READING
YOUR BIBLE
ENOUGH:**

The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the table of contents.

You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.

You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.

You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.

The kids keep asking questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

Fellowship Day 5th March

The George Town ladies excelled themselves when they hosted the Anglican Women's Fellowship Day on Thursday 5th March. The morning commenced with welcome refreshments.

We then went into church where the service was aimed at Christian Fellowship. Rev Trish Anderson's sermon on the equal worth of women with men was an eye opener. God breathed his life into us and we are exceptional people. She listed the sayings of Christ on women.

The service was followed by an interesting and fascinating talk on Thailand by Jo Sharman, who went there for her honeymoon. She wore the most beautiful Thai costume – blue top, gold and blue long skirt and stole, gold shoes and bangles.

The talk was illustrated by photographs. Elephant statues were everywhere, even in topiary. She spoke of an elephant farm, the Royal Palace and mosaic work on the temples.

Whilst there, they visited an exchange student who lived with his family above their factory. There was no kitchen, people in the cities eat out as food is so cheap. They were taken to a Japanese restaurant. Their meals were served to the table where they cooked their own food, even the salad; so there was plenty of time for conversation.

When Jo and her husband Bryan were to return home, they were caught in a coup. It took them three days to get out in an aircraft at a military base.

Jo Janes

Martin

All life problems lifted like anxiety, pain and stress to name a few. Living wholly, loving ourselves and others as God intends us to.

Dear Riverlinks member, I leave you to reflect on Martin's experience of life, and your own life, and some things the Bible says about *Life* lost, restored, lived, and perfected.

'He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of Life' (Genesis 3:24).

'Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal Life"' (John 4:13-14).

'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your Life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not Life more than food, and the body more than clothing' (Matthew 6:25)?

'Then the angel showed me the river of the water of Life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of Life' (Revelation 22:1-2)



For what
is *life*?

To me,
it is
Christ.
Death,
then,
will bring
more.

Philippians
1:21
GNB



Back-to-school Foundation

Birgit, thanks all who gave generously of their time, and goods. The Foundation especially thanks Bernard Rogers for his work as treasurer, often a frustrating job!

Joan & Peter North received recognition for 4 years of sponsorship

Birgit and Helen have been in discussions with the Launceston City Rotary Club and are expecting to be offered DGR status for the Foundation. This will mean tax deductible status, to you our generous supporters, when Birgit returns in November 09. We are grateful to Rotary for this opportunity. Back-to-school foundation would then be registered internationally, through RAWCS, Rotary Australia World Community Service.

Birgit returned to Malawi on 2nd March, having secured sponsorships for about 50 orphaned young people. Three fundraising events raised \$1,600.

Prayer points for the work:

- Oversee all sponsors and School contacts
- Oversee after school resource centre (*orphanage building*)
- Oversee volunteers
- This year Birgit has returned to find herself new rental accommodation that will not be on the foundation site.
- Back packer accommodation for the volunteers working at the Foundation. Per annum there are often approx. 50 who come. Due to changes in Birgit's circumstances last year, the Foundation no longer runs the local Back packer. The charity will now need to fund this accommodation fee, probably in the same facility—to be negotiated.
- Connect water to the after school resource building, this involves technical research regarding solar powering of pumps. The ordering of such equipment and delivery is protracted and difficult.
- Connect electricity to the same
- Continue gardening providing fresh vegies
- Develop more Skills Round Houses
- Waiting on competent local trades people
- Waiting on overseas trades people who will volunteer
- Continue resourcing the Orphanage, with educational materials
- Furnish and equip the first Skills round house perhaps for Dressmaking.



We continue to wait on our Lord for these things. From Helen Wills, Foundation contact in Australia

Anglican Women of Australia National Triennial Conference

Monday 11th to Friday 15th May

at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston

Registration forms are available in all centres, or from the parish office.

Registration is required by 9th April
Theme: Love which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Col 3:14b

This is a rare opportunity to share with Anglican women from around the country to celebrate 43 years of Anglican Women of Australia. Don't miss out!

Illumination Seminar

The Rt Rev Paul Barnett, Bible lecturer and author, will be the Sybil Brownrigg Memorial Speaker at the
Illumination Seminar
"The Bible in our life together"

Friday 8th May, 7.30-9.00 pm
& Saturday 9th May, 9.30am -12.30pm

in St. John's Parish Centre

R.S.V.P. to St John's Parish Office - 6331 4896
by Wednesday 6th May, 2009



Seniors' Service

Friday
24th
April,
2:00pm
at St David's
Riverside

Guest
Speaker
Albert
VanZetten





NOTICES

Market Stall

Helpers wanted!

Riverlinks will be having a spider drink stall and games at the Weymouth Easter Market on Saturday 11th April

Please speak to Ian Wheeler if you can help with jars of jams, pickles, sauce, etc. or if you can be there to help out on the day



***NEW!* Mainly Music**

commencing Thursday May 7
fun, interactive music sessions for young children and their parents/caregivers

mainly music is a fun, thirty –minute music session for children aged from birth to school age, followed by morning tea and play time in a relaxed setting.

During the music session children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, maths and re-reading skills as well as socialize with others. Parents are given opportunity to network with each other and given a chance to think about the God-part of life.

venue | st aidan's anglican church

21-23 arthur street, east launceston

day | thursdays [except school holidays]

time | 10.00am

cost | \$5 per family per session

Please pray for the team of people who are committed to this ministry and are getting ready to commence on Thursday May 7.

Pray that this ministry would be an opportunity to build bridges of friendship with our community (especially playgroup and kids church families) and provide opportunity to love and serve these families and connect them to the Lord Jesus.

Julie Rogers-Smith



**mainly
music**

If you would like more info, or if you would like to come along on May 7, please contact Julie on 6344 8605



Easter Services

Passover meal - Thursday 9th April

6:00pm at St. Aidan's. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday April 6th if you are planning to attend from another centre

Good Friday - 10th April

9:00am at St David's Riverside

9:00am at St Mary Magdalene's G/Town – concurrent with the 'Stations of the Cross' ecumenical march around George Town

2-4:00pm Reflection at St Oswald's Trevallyn

6:00pm Aussie Awakening Prayer Vigil in City Park, Cimitiere Street Launceston

Easter Day - 12th April

All regular services at usual times



Riverlinks

April 2009	
1 st Wed	(each Wednesday) 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
2 nd Thur	AWF George Town – 10:00am
3 rd Fri	
4 th Sat	Tasmanian Women’s Bible Conference – 9:00am to 4:00pm at The Branch K/M
5 th Sun	T/R Teddy Bears’ Picnic – 2:30 to 4:00pm at Tailrace Park
6 th Mon	Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm
7 th Tue	(each Tuesday) Women of St Aidan’s Prayer Group 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 – 7:30pm Stanford’s group at St Aidan’s
8 th Wed	

April 2009	
9 th Thur	Maundy Thursday Passover Meal – 6:00pm at St Aidan’s
10 th Fri	*** Good Friday Public Holiday Good Friday Services Service & ‘Stations of the Cross’ march – 9:00am at St Mary Magdalene’s G/Town Service – 9:00am at St David’s Reflection – 2:00 to 4:00pm at St Oswald’s Aussie Awakening Prayer Vigil – 6:00pm in City Park, Launceston
11 th Sat	Riverlinks ‘Spider’ drink stall & games at the Weymouth Easter Market
12 th Sun	Easter Day Kid’s Church – 11:00am at St Oswald’s
13 th Mon	*** Easter Monday Public Holiday Cadorna – 2:00pm
14 th Tue	*** Easter Tuesday Diocesan Holiday
15 th Wed	St Oswald’s Guild – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
16 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
17 th Fri	
18 th Sat	

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

Calendar

April 2009	
19 th Sun	
20 th Mon	
21 st Tue	
22 nd Wed	
23 rd Thur	
24 th Fri	Seniors’ Service at Riverside
25 th Sat	*** ANZAC Day
26 th Sun	
27 th Mon	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town
28 th Tue	
29 th Wed	Marriage Preparation Course – 7:15pm weekly at St Aidan’s until 27 th May
30 th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm

May and other dates 2009	
7 th May	Mainly Music begins at St Aidan’s
8 th & 9 th May	Bible Seminar at St John’s featuring Paul Barnett
11 th - 15 th May	Anglican Women of Australia Conference at St John’s, Launceston
22 nd - 24 th May	Synod at LCGS
13 th June, 20 th June, 18 th July	Tasmanian Bible Forums

Church Mice by Karl



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