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21-23 Arthur St  
East Launceston

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

**Trevallyn  
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34 Bain Tce  
Trevallyn

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## Service Times For Worship Centres

May 2009

### East Launceston

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion
31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Riverlinks Together combined service

### George Town

3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am	Hillwood Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Together at George Town
17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Pipers River Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
31 <sup>st</sup>		No services

### Riverside & Trevallyn

	Riverside	Trevallyn
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Kid's Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00 am Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
31 <sup>st</sup>	No service	No service
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

### Peace Haven

10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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Anglican Church

May 2009

# 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



This month it is a pleasure to interview another vital member of our Riverlinks church family. I hope that Mary's life encourages you in your life with Jesus.

*Life* with Mary Bonnily

### David

Hello Mary and welcome to my next *Life* interview.

Mary, you're a member of the St Oswald's Trevallyn congregation. That's your church family. Tell us a little about your own family and also where you live.

### Mary

I have 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. My husband died suddenly eight years ago. I now live in Delungra Road, Trevallyn. My eldest daughter lives with me.

### David

You haven't always lived in Trevallyn. Where were you before that and what was life like for you there?

### Mary

I lived at Ulverstone for over 30 years and more recently at Weymouth for 16 years. For me life is much the same wherever I am. I try to live how God wants me to, to encourage others in their walk of faith and to listen to people's problems, hopes and achievements. Don't often have the answers.

- Attended St Oswald's Healing Service
- Attended Passover Meal at St Aidan's East Launceston
- Organised MST/PC Retreat in February and prepared two Bible talks for retreat
- Led MST/PC Retreat and gave two Bible talks
- Wrote paper following Retreat for consideration of MST, summarizing and commenting on Paul Cavanaugh's input
- Wrote numerous sermon critiques for Riverlinks preachers
- Wrote notes for Riverlinks preachers for apologetics preaching series and for post-Easter mini preaching series (10 extensive sets of notes)
- Wrote Bible studies for Riverlinks home groups for post-Easter mini-series (2 of 3 studies)
- Explored possibilities for future home group resources
- Maintained contact with preaching development team in parish
- Attended Enabler's meeting in Ross on 6<sup>th</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Pastoral care of Team member's family, including taking a funeral for a family member
- Attended 'Focus on the Family Australia' Vision Sharing meeting at Tailrace Centre to gather information about their community-based programs and facilitator training in Launceston in 2009
- Attended Celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, Renewal of Commitment to Christ's Ministry, Blessing of the Oils Service at St Peter's Church, St Leonard's
- Begun writing discussion paper for MST on future Enabling role in Riverlinks
- Begun writing discussion paper for MST meeting to discuss 20-year plan
- Wrote Enabler's Quarterly Activity Report for Riverlinks
- Work on the 2009 Diocesan Ministry Conference (shared by the Enablers)

*Work on (BCA funded) diocesan Ministry Development Officer tasks:*

- coordinating the diocesan Certificate in Theology and Ministry, including ongoing revision and adjustments to documentation and welcome letters to new students
- organising the 2009 Tasmanian Bible Forums
- preliminary work on speakers for 2010 Tasmanian Bible Forums
- continued writing material for a new online preaching resource site I have established for the diocesan website
- continued researching graduate and post-graduate theological and ministry training opportunities for a diocesan data base
- explored a conflict resolution training day course for diocese and/or 09 clergy conference
- organised promotional material for the 'Tasmanian Anglican'
- wrote Annual Report for BCA

*What do you think your mum and dad have in common?*

Both don't want any more kids.  
- Lori, 8

*Is it better to be single or married?*

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.  
- Anita, 9

*How would the world be different if people didn't get married?*

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?  
- Kevin, 8

*'Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of Life'*  
(Gen 2:7).

## Enabler's Quarterly Activity Report for period 21<sup>st</sup> January - 20<sup>th</sup> April

### CHILDHOOD LOGIC

Observed and evaluated Team and non-team members' Sunday ministries, spoke with parishioners, and ministered, as follows:

*How do you decide who to marry?*

25 <sup>th</sup> January	East Launceston
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Hillwood George Town Meeting with GT Team member
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	East Launceston
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Preached</b> and <b>celebrated HC</b> at both Riverside and Trevallyn
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Low Head George Town Meeting with GT Team member
1 <sup>st</sup> March	East Launceston
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Riverside Trevallyn – Kid's Church
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Preached</b> and <b>celebrated HC</b> at both Pipers River and George Town Led preaching workshop at Riverside (also attended by some St John's preachers)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	<b>Preached</b> at East Launceston
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Preached</b> and <b>celebrated HC</b> at Riverlinks Together Service at Riverside
5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Preached</b> and <b>celebrated HC</b> at Hillwood George Town Met with GT Team members
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	East Launceston
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Preached</b> at East Launceston

*How can a stranger tell if two people are married?*

- Wrote March-April issue of 'Team Talk' for MST members
- Met with various Team members and with PC Chair
- Extensive emailing and phone calls with Team members & parish office
- Wrote Discussion Guide for training component of February monthly combined MST meeting
- Attended, and led study time for, monthly combined MST meetings
- Prepared for and attended local Team meetings with RS/TR, GT, and EL teams
- Weekly evening meeting with male parishioners for Bible study and prayer
- Prepared sermons for Sunday services – six sermons
- Prepared articles for March, April and May Riverlinks newsletter
- Prepared for and led parish preaching workshop
- Wrote an orientation paper for Riverlinks home groups for the term 1 apologetics training
- Attended Parish Council meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> February

*You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.*  
- Derrick, 8

### David

Are you aware of a time in your life when you definitely crossed over from unbelief to belief? If so, can you tell us when and how that happened?

### Mary

Jesus seems to have been in my life from the word go. I made a personal commitment in primary school and keep making them. It's like telling people you love them more than once. It sometimes helps others to come forward when they know someone else is there.

### David

Can you tell us about any high points or even turning points in your life with God?

### Mary

This is a difficult one. To wake in the morning to the song of birds and sunshine. To sit in silence and survey God's creations – flowers, clouds, rivers, hills. Time spent with Jesus. The realisation of what God did through me when I was a lay reader. Just to spend time with a friend who needs company.

### David

What difference has knowing God made to dealing with your life's challenges?

### Mary

There has always been someone to share with and offload problems. There is a calming comfort in knowing you are not alone.

*'For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal*

*Life in*

*Christ Jesus our Lord'*  
(Rom 6:23).



## FROM THE ENABLER *cont/...*

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*'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the Life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me' (Gal 2:20).*

### **David**

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

### **Mary**

Life is one big challenge. I pray – do what I can and leave the rest to God.

### **David**

What excites or enthuses you about your church at present and what are your hopes and dreams for your church?

### **Mary**

I love the way St Oswald's people are open to change as long as teaching is Biblical. The outreach to children and young adults through Kids' Church is really exciting. My hopes are that through Kids' Church we will once more have a young congregation at St O's.

### **David**

Thank you, Mary, for speaking honestly about your life. One last question that I like to ask Christians. What is one thing that you are especially looking forward to in the New Creation and why?

### **Mary**

I am looking forward to meeting Jesus face to face because then all my questions will be a n -



*Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.*

*Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?*



## Kids' Church Easter

Celebrating Easter Day at St Oswald's was a special, joyous time for 15 children and 26 adults, including several newcomers.

The focus of activity turned the church into a 'garden' with children busily creating Easter gardens with lots of flowers and oasis.

A central tray garden contained an empty rock tomb and an angel to set the scene for Cathy's moving story-time.

Butterflies were very prevalent, including on the clothing of several little ones. (One small boy was heard saying "I love flowers," several times to himself).

Then a simple, most meaningful Holy Communion — 'Special meal' was celebrated from a table among the congregation. Four of the older children helped to distribute the Easter bread to the grown ups.

There was much joy and expression of Resurrection faith from the 'children' present, who danced and sang to "The Lord of the Dance" to conclude the service.

Kaye Gregory

Here's a new song for folk to sing, to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell:

I'm glad for Easter Day, I'm glad for Easter Day,  
I'm glad that Jesus is alive, I'm glad for Easter Day.

We all clap and sing, the stone is rolled away,  
Jesus is alive, and he is with us every day.

swered.

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

I strongly commend to you the 'Illumination' Bible seminars at St John's in May. I know bishop Paul Barnett personally. He is a gracious Christian and a very able Bible scholar and teacher. I am planning on attending all the seminars and encourage as many Riverlinks people as possible to attend. See the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I also know bishop Peter Brain personally and have arranged for him to give the talks at this year's Tasmanian Bible Forums in Ulverstone and Sorell in June. The theme is 'Persevering with Joy' and it would be terrific to see a good number of Riverlinks people at one of these days. Ulverstone is just 1.15 hours away. Why not organise a car load or two from your centre? See the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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*Love, peace and joy be yours in greater measure today  
And the blessings of the Lord be yours as you kneel to Him  
and pray*

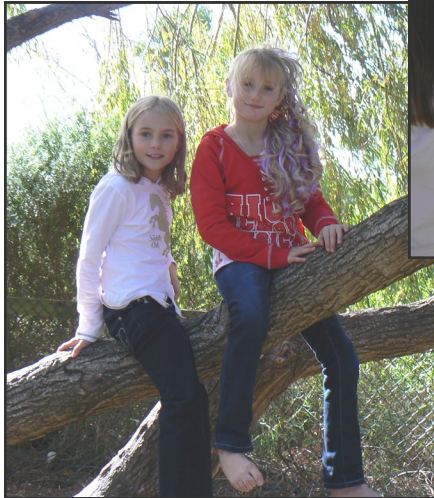
*May you know with greater depth the love God has for you  
For no one else sees in your heart and feels the way you do*

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*'Blessed is anyone who perseveres under trial, for when such a one has stood the test they will receive the crown of Life which God has promised to those who love him.'*

*(James 1:12)*

# Teddy Bears' Picnic at Tailrace Park



Despite the cold winds 20 children and 24 adults turned out for the Riverside & Trevallyn Teddy Bears' Picnic.



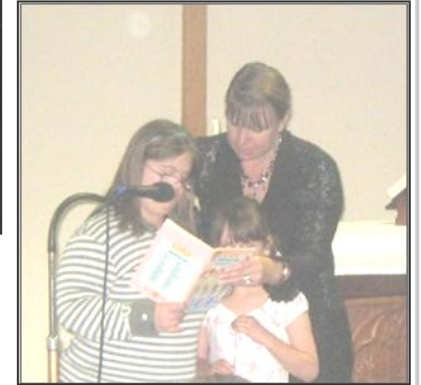
Baden & Wendy Long



Robyn Wheeler  
Very entertaining!



Rachael & Isobel being helped by Robyn



Mark has joined our George Town Music Group & is also helping out with the Children's Service.



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*If you go*



## Poetry & Pasta Night

We all had a wonderful evening - lots of yummy food & laughter!

We raised \$175.00 for the Bush Fire Appeal.

A special treat was having Barbara Brewin, visiting from the UK - Barbara writes children's books & poetry. Barbara read out her beautiful Easter Poem, "The Little Snow Drop", at the conclusion of the evening.

A fantastic night that every one enjoyed and a "Must Do Again".

Jaddy Cooper



Shirley Mills, June Smith & Jamie Collyer "trying to decide what to have" - so much to choose from



Barbara Brewin, a visitor from England who writes children's books & poetry



*THANK YOU!*

*To Kaye Gregory for her hard work in organising*

*To Stephen Janes for providing music*

*And to all the many other helpers on the day*

## Baptisms at St Oswald's



## Easter Sunday @ George Town

It was a fantastic service, the church was full of visitors.

Some of us took part in a skit of the Resurrection. 7 were involved & I was one of them.

Trish showed the Children how to fold paper, first to look like a house - then like a plane - & had them cut the sides & then open them.... Thus making the cross.

All who participated glued their pieces on coloured paper & Trish used the left over pieces to make "Life".  
Jaddy



**What is Cursillo?** The short answer is: - a three day course on Christian living. The other longer answer is that Cursillo is an experience of learning, contemplation, love, joy, laughter, fun, fellowship, prayer, comfortable beds, good food, and unexpected happenings.

This year Cursillo is at Springvale Hostel, North Hobart. For women: 5:30pm approx. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. For men: 5:30pm approx. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are interested in going or have any questions, contact one of the following: - Bev Percey 6344 7102, Jenny Pedley 6327 3520 or Grace Rogers 6327 3982.

## Anglican Women of Australia National Triennial Conference

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston

Riverlinks will be responsible for providing morning tea for the conference on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you can help with provision of food please contact Kaye Gregory who is coordi-

## mainly music - starting 7<sup>th</sup>

**venue** | st aidan's anglican church

21-23 arthur street, east launceston

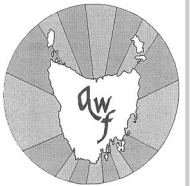
**day** | thursdays [except school holidays]

**time** | 10.00am

**cost** | \$5 per family per session



CURSILLO



mainly  
music

*I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.*

Matthew  
28:5,6  
NIV



## **NOTICES**



### **3 talks by the Rt Rev Dr Peter Brain 'Persevering With Joy'**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Trinity Anglican Church,  
Ulverstone and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Sorell.

\$15 (includes lunch & afternoon tea)

Peter and Christine Brain have been married since 1973. Christine was a school teacher and Peter a clerk/accountant before they went to Theological College in 1971. Ordained in 1975, Peter has worked in Sydney (2 years), Adelaide (4 years), Perth (19 years) and has been Bishop of Armidale since 2000.



## **BIBLE SEMINAR**

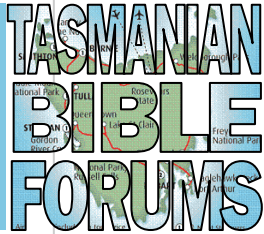
The Rt Rev Paul Barnett, Bible lecturer and author, will be the Sybil Brownrigg Memorial Speaker at the Illumination Seminar

“The Bible in our life together”

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30-9.00 pm  
& Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am -12.30pm

in St. John's Parish Centre

Hearing God's  
Word together  
in Tasmania



Do you have a BCA or Leprosy Mission box? It's time for money to be sent in, so please pass to your local finance rep or the parish office



## **mainly music team**



Our mainly music team have had 2 'trial run' sessions so far in preparation for our beginning on Thursday May 7.

We were given very good feedback from the mums who came with their children to participate, and are confident that we are well prepared.

There has been much to do in preparation, and we would like to give special thanks to Kay Bennett who has supplied craft material and has made instrument bags, scarves and raffia pom pom instruments. Many thanks also to Anne in the office for her help with many things.

There are many who have volunteered to be on the roster to bake morning tea for the mums. This is a very important way to assist us with this ministry as it shows the mums that we value their role as mums.

We are looking forward to what God will do in our midst, so please uphold us in prayer.

Julie Rogers-Smith

**The Team  
from left:**  
*Julie Rogers  
-Smith,  
Maureen  
Brooks,  
Norma  
Barwick,  
Josie Ford,  
Bev Percey,  
Helen Wills.*

*Other team  
members  
absent from  
this photo  
are:  
Ian & Anne  
Morley,  
Bernard &  
Grace Rog-  
ers, Jenny  
Pedley.*



# Riverlinks

May 2009	
1st Fri	
2nd Sat	
3rd Sun	
4th Mon	<b>Ministry Support Team Meeting</b> – 6:45pm
5th Tue	<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 – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
6th Wed	<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
7th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> <b>Mainly Music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's
8th Fri	<b>Illumination Bible Seminar</b> at St John's

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9th Sat	<b>Illumination Bible Seminar</b> at St John's
10th Sun	*** <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>Kid's Church</b> – 11:00am at St Oswald's
11th Mon	<b>Anglican Women of Australia</b> Conference at St John's, Launceston  <b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm  <b>Certificate in Theology &amp; Ministry</b> Term 2 enrolments close
12th Tue	<b>AWA Conference</b> at St John's
13th Wed	<b>AWA Conference</b> at St John's  <b>St David's Guild</b> – 2:00pm
14th Thur	<b>AWA Conference</b> at St John's  <b>Parish Council</b> – 7:30pm
15th Fri	<b>AWA Conference</b> at St John's
16th Sat	
17th Sun	
18th Mon	
19th Tue	

# Calendar

May 2009	
20th Wed	<b>St Oswald's Guild</b> – 2:00pm  <b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:30pm
21st Thur	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana</b> – 10:45am
22nd Fri	<b>Synod</b> at LCGS
23rd Sat	<b>Synod</b> at LCGS
24th Sun	
25th Mon	<b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:30pm at George Town
26th Tue	
27th Wed	
28th Thur	<b>Tamar Park</b> – 1:45pm
29th Fri	
30th Sat	
31st Sun	<b>Riverlinks Together</b> combined service – 10:00am at St Aidan's

May and other dates 2009	
4th - 7th June	<b>Women's Cursillo weekend</b>
13th June,	<b>Tasmanian Bible Forum</b> 11:00am to 4:00pm at Ulverstone
20th June	<b>Tasmanian Bible Forum</b> 11:00am to 4:00pm at Sorell
18th July	<b>Tasmanian Bible Forum</b> 11:00am to 4:00pm at St Helens
17th - 20th September	<b>Men's Cursillo weekend</b>



'I'm always glad when Mother's Day is over. There's something unnatural about having the kids behave themselves for twenty four hours.'

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

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