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Service Times For Worship Centres

August 2009

East Launceston

2 nd	10:00 am	Communion
9 th	10:00 am	Communion
16 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
23 rd	10:00 am	Communion
30 th	10:00 am	'Riverlinks Together' combined service

George Town

2 nd	9:00 am	Hillwood Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
9 th	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Together @ 10.30
16 th	9:00 am	Pipers River Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
23 rd	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
30 th		NO SERVICE

Riverside & Trevallyn

	Riverside	Trevallyn
2 nd	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
9 th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
16 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00 am Communion
23 rd	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
30 th	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE
Each Wednesday there is a Healing Service at St Oswald's based on Holy Communion at 10:00am		

Peace Haven

9 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer
16 th	10:30 am Holy Communion
23 rd	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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Newsletter

it's
mainly music
time!



"Living the heartbeat of God"

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

'What man
is there who
desires
Life and
loves many
days, that he
may see
good?'

(Psalm
34:12)



Happy
Birthday
to David
for
8th August!

FROM THE ENABLER



This month I'm very pleased to interview a very enthusiastic member of our Riverlinks church family Ian fellowships with St Oswald's Trevallyn and St David's Riverside and is Chair of the Parish Council. I hope that his life encourages you in your life with Jesus.

Life with Ian Morley

David

Ian welcome to the *Life* interview.

I know that you moved to Tasmania in the same year I did. When did you move to Launceston, why did you, and where did you come to us from?

Ian

Anne and I moved to Launceston in Nov. 2004 from Bendigo in Central Victoria. We came because we have a daughter [Katrina], son-in-law [Richard] and two grandchildren Chloe [10] and Bayley [6] living in Trevallyn, whom we only managed to see once or twice a year when living in Bendigo. We also have a son [Sean] in Gisborne [Vic], married to Marita. A grand-daughter Rachael [20], a grand-son Daniel [17] and now a dear little grand-daughter Georgia [3 months].

David

I also know that you're married to a special woman. Tell us who that is and why you married her.

Ian

Yes David, a very special woman. Anne and I met through church. We both attended All Saints Cathedral in Bendigo, and started seeing one another and keeping company in early 1960. Even though we were both at the same Teachers' College, it was our involvement in the Young Anglican Fellowship [YAF] that brought us together.

reincarnated by an eastern god? There is a whole spectrum of belief systems in our neighbourhoods. Surprisingly they can be owned by people of the same or similar denominational background or affiliation. If I want to share the gospel of Jesus with them it will be important to understand them. I will need to be ready with the correct information and material that addresses their concerns.

After all, if we were to go overseas as missionaries we would have to do months of preparation in order to understand the people to whom we were going. Is it not strange that we don't at least put some effort into understanding people with similar beliefs (or theology) just because they live next door or share an office with us?

So the question is what is your neighbour's religion? How will you find out? you will have to listen far more attentively to find out. Have a think about it before you next get a chance to talk with them. In your prayers for them ask God to address the particular issues that they have and see if He helps them change their religion.

Chaplaincy - Riverside HS

Please pray for Jared in his work at Riverside High School, an environment which can be challenging, at times frustrating and at times victorious.

PRAISE:

- For the opportunity to share at the Easter assembly and bring the good news to teachers and students, many of whom made comments and contact as a result
- For positive feedback from an ex-student who has broken free of the alcohol & drug abuse cycle
- For the rule change which has meant teachers are more willing to let students out of class to see him

PRAY:

- That volunteers will come forward to re-form a local chaplaincy committee
- Jared's fundraising and awareness initiative for a local homeless shelter called Levi House

Jared
Charles
Stocks

Age: 26

Occupation:
Chaplain at
Riverside
HS & Hotel
Night
Manager

Favourite
Colour: Red

Likes:
Friends,
Fun, Food,
and Faith

Dislikes:
Sprouts,
Sickness,
and Sin





What's your neighbour's religion?

So where do you live? Is it in a block of town-houses, a villa, a suburban house or a tent? Unless you're on a 1,000 hectare farm my guess is that just outside your front door you can see other front doors. A wide ranging bunch of people live behind them. Moreover, it's more than likely they have no happy certainty for eternity.

What's their religion? Start guessing now. You may not have seen them heading off to a temple and they don't perform animal sacrifice under a full moon, so it may be hard to pick. Maybe they are some of the recently proclaimed, and rapidly growing, 'No Religion' group identified by the recent national Census.

Perhaps after you engaged them in conversation they spoke about 'Baptist' or 'Roman Catholic' links and you were somewhat relieved to drop them into the appropriate slots. Even if they don't practice at least it's a safe religion. Big mistake!

Asking 'What's your neighbour's religion?' is not the same as asking 'What's your neighbour's denomination? Or 'What are your neighbour's religious affiliations?' In reality that requires very little effort on our part. To be more accurate, identifying someone's religion is like identifying their theology or their belief system. It's trickier but ever so much more helpful.

Why go down this path? Simply because we love people. Think of the people Jesus meets in the gospel narratives. With the exception of the occasional feral Gentile the bulk of them were Jewish. Did these men and women always express the same 'theology'? Not at all. Their views of God, His character and purposes, varied from person to person. Just as we might ask "What did Jesus' contemporaries think God was like?" so we might ask the same of those around us.

Does my neighbour think God is benign? Are my work colleagues hoping that God will suspend justice and overlook their behaviour? Do my mates think they will be

I can say we married because we had similar interests, including an active involvement in church life and enjoyed one another's company and spending time together. And we still do.

David

Let's hope Anne read that! When you pray for your family, what do you pray for the most?

Ian

I give thanks for the wonderful family that God has blessed us with, and that each member will come closer to, and to know our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that they will be aware of his love, peace and presence in their lives.

David

What were you doing before you 'retired' and how does that background contribute to your life and ministry in 'retirement?'

Ian

Firstly, I have come to the conclusion there is no such thing as 'retirement'! You just transition / move from one busy life to the next. I commenced teaching in 1962 and retired in 1996, the final ten years in the capacity of school principal. The time that Anne and I spent in education greatly assisted in the development of Kids' Church at St Oswald's. Prior to that we had run a series of holiday programs at our previous parish.

David

What do you say to middle-aged Christians whose main hope in life is to retire, play golf and travel forever?

Ian

David, that question seems to be a "me" thing. All about "me". Life isn't or shouldn't be all about "me". Retirement like any phase in life is all a matter of priorities and getting those priorities in the right order. The first priority of a Christian is to lead others to a knowledge of Jesus and to increase your ministry and involvement within the church rather than decrease it.

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'An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her Life'

(Prov 31:10-12)

Jim Ramsay is the CEO of Evangelism Ministries, the outreach arm of the Sydney Diocese.

This article first appeared at www.sydneyaglicans.net

'LIFE' cont/...

At the same time Christians need to be active members of community groups. We can minister to others through our involvement with people at golf, tennis, bowls and even while travelling. But do we?

David

I know that you read the Bible much more and much more enthusiastically than you previously did. How did that happen and what has happened as a result?

Ian

You are quite correct to say that David. Last year I set myself a two year time frame to read the Bible from start to finish with Don Carson's Bible Commentary beside me. I set this goal after experiencing some very gifted teachers at both CMS Summerview and the Ministry Conference. Their level of knowledge and understanding of scripture and their ability to unfold the word highlighted my lack of knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. I asked myself why / how can they explain scripture with such clarity. The answer seemed simple to me – regular reading and study.

Why do I know and understand so little? Easy – lack of any real discipline to read and study the Bible on a regular basis. Solution: set a realistic target, say two years, to slowly read and study the Bible. I am enjoying it so much that my two years is likely to become three, and then I have a voice that keeps saying why not a 'lifetime' target?

For those who have never attended CMS Summerview at Port Sorell [14-17 Jan. 2010] or the Ministry Conference at Turner's Beach I can very highly recommend both.

David

You are a passionate person. Who or what fires you in the gut?

Ian

Seeing and hearing a person turn to Christ and through the Holy Spirit assisting and supporting a person to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour is the greatest thing that can fire me.

*The fruit of
the
righteous is
a tree of
Life,
and whoever
captures
souls is wise'
(Proverbs
11:30)*

A recent comment from one of the mums: "It is the highlight of my week!"

Please pray that the team would be able to care for each of these families as particular needs arise, and pray for us as a team as we plan into the future special events to provide gospel opportunities.

As there are some mums who are expecting babies soon, we would love to be able to give them a gift from our church family, as an expression of our care for them. There will be a **gift collection box** placed at the church entrances soon. Would you please consider placing something in this box appropriate for a newborn baby and their mum. (For baby: booties, bibs, singlets, nappies ... For mum: powder, soap, or a nice treat of some kind...)

Also, if you have a favourite recipe you think would be good to include in the recipe book, please email it to Anne in the office. They need to be simple for busy young mums to make and nut free. We would like to include main meals and desserts as well as cakes/slices.

Thank you in anticipation of your help with this ministry.

Julie Rogers-Smith



St Oswald's Fellowship Group

At a meeting held at Robin McKendrick's on Wednesday 15th July "new" office bearers elected were: Robin McKendrick (Chair), Roan Blyth (Secretary), Joan Wilkins & Margaret (Treasurers)

Donations were made to Clifford Craig Research and Scripture Union for school chaplaincy.

A soup and sandwich luncheon is planned for September to replenish our funds.

A happy time was spent exchanging household hints, followed by a yummy afternoon tea.

Next meeting is planned for **August 19th** at Joan Wilkins' home, all welcome.

Mary Bonnily

mainly music update

'mainly music' commenced in May this year with 15 families registered, plus 2 families on a waiting list!

There is a dedicated team of 12 people from the East Launceston and Riverside/Trevallyn congregations who make this ministry happen every Thursday. The wider church family is contributing by providing home baked morning teas each week which is much appreciated by the mums (and the team!) As the mums have been asking for some of the morning tea recipes, we have decided to create a **recipe book** containing some of the recipes the mums have been enjoying. The funds raised from this will be given to a Christian ministry project for children (yet to be decided).

Besides providing a fun interactive music session for the mums and children, we are seeking to build friendship with these families. There is a lovely warm friendly atmosphere and a sense of 'community' present amongst the team members and mums who come.

David

What are your dreams for Riverlinks and beyond?

Ian

Wow! What a question. That Riverlinks will continue to do all they can to minister effectively to our immediate community – to children, youth, young adults and not so young through bold new initiatives, for example, mainly music and a cafe church style of worship that will provide opportunities to minister and present the gospel in a relevant and non-threatening format to the wider non-churched community.

David

As Chair of Parish Council and as a brother in Christ, what do you want to say to your Riverlinks family? Here's your chance!

Ian

Let's continue to pray and dream that Riverlinks can reach out and minister effectively to young families and the not so young, but especially pray that we can commence an effective outreach to the youth and young adults who are missing out on the most important message of all.

To assist with our prayer I suggest that each member of the Riverlinks family read the Youth & Children's Ministry – a strategy for Tasmania pamphlet. Our ministry for the youth will be addressed at the Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday 30th August at St Aidan's. Please come!

David

Thank you very much, Ian, for speaking honestly with us about your life. Here's my last regular question:

What are you especially looking forward to in the New Creation?

Ian

Peace! Glorious peace! A peace not able to be experienced on earth. And of course being with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and all our fellow believers.



'Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my

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from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back'

(Isaiah 38:17)

"I will bless you with a future filled with hope --a future of success, not of suffering. You will turn back to me and ask for help, and I will answer your prayers. You will worship me with all your heart, and I will be with you," says the Lord.

Jeremiah
29:11-13
CEV

'LIFE' cont/...

Dear Riverlinks member,
join me in thanking God for Ian and in praying for him as you read this. I hope that his *Life* is an encouragement and challenge to you, as are the Bible verses I have selected this month on *Life*.

Warmly,
David

Kids' Church at St O's

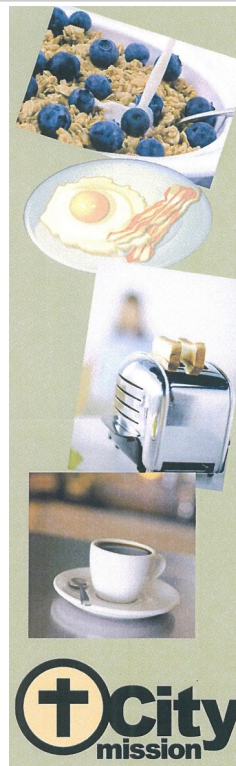
As the rain was bucketing down on Sunday 12th July we were expecting people to remain in the comfort of their homes.

Instead we welcomed 60 to St Oswald's, 22 children and 38 adults.

Maybe as with Saul they saw the light! Praise the Lord!

Torches aglow and Saul's conversion dramatized, Kids' Church was a time of great involvement.

At a meeting of St Oswald's congregation, it was decided to extend Kids' Church from monthly to twice a month, 2nd & 4th Sundays. PTL!



BREAKFAST

@ City Mission

Come and enjoy breakfast with us. Hear about and see the work City Mission is doing in our local community.

Thursday 13th August
7:30am

City Mission Chapel
46 Frederick Street, Launceston

You are also invited to stay on after breakfast and attend a guided tour of the Frederick Street premises

RSVP by Monday 10th August

Enjoy Dinner With Peter Ervine

Co-founder of Gloria Jean's Coffees in Australia

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet and hear this inspiring speaker. With over 40 years experience in business and a strong faith in God, Peter is well qualified to talk about business and life's priorities.

Friday 14th August - 6:30pm

at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside \$65 pp

RSVP by Friday 7th August to the Bible Society

Ph. 6331 0248 or email bstas@bible.com.au

Operation Christmas Child

2009 launch at Punchbowl Bible Chapel

Saturday 1st August at 10:00am

All welcome



Anglican Diocese of Tasmania
Ministry Conference
7-9 August 09
Camp Clayton Ulverstone



NOTICES

Cursillo Northern Regional Ultreya



Saturday 1st August

1.00pm to 3.00pm with shared lunch at noon
St Mark's Church Hall
East Westbury Place, Deloraine

Riverlinks Together

The next combined parish service will be held
at St Aidan's East Launceston

10:00am
on Sunday 30th August

Preach the Good News! preaching conference

Tuesday 4th August
St Aidan's East Launceston

One-day preaching conference organised by Gospel Outreach Ministries, Sydney, led by David Cook, Principal of Sydney Missionary & Bible College, Malcolm Gill, lecturer in preaching and New Testament at SMBC, and Abraham Kuruvilla, lecturer in preaching at Dallas Theological Seminary, USA.

Registration brochures are available in each centre

Saul's
conversion
at Kids'
Church!



Term 3 enrolments close on 10th August
for the Certificate in Theology & Ministry.
Have you considered study?



REGISTRATIONS MUST
BE RECEIVED BY
2ND AUGUST!

Riverlinks

August 2009	
1st Sat	Cursillo Northern Ultreya – 12:00 noon Operation Christmas Child Launch – 10:00am at Punchbowl Bible Chapel
2nd Sun	
3rd Mon	
4th Tue	'Preach the Good News' preaching conference at St Aidan's <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 – 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
5th 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
6th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer's home mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
7th Fri	Equip Ministry Conference
8th Sat	Equip Ministry Conference

August 2009	
9th Sun	Equip Ministry Conference Kid's Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's
10th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm
11th Tue	
12th Wed	
13th Thur	City Mission Breakfast – 7:30am at City Mission Chapel Parish Council – 7:30pm
14th Fri	Bible Society Dinner with Peter Irvine – 6:30pm at the Tailrace Centre
15th Sat	
16th Sun	Taizé Service – 5:30pm at Holy Trinity, Launceston
17th Mon	
18th Tue	
19th Wed	St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm

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

Calendar

August 2009	
20th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
21st Fri	
22nd Sat	
23rd Sun	
24th Mon	
25th Tue	
26th Wed	
27th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
28th Fri	
29th Sat	
30th Sun	Riverlinks Together at St Aidan's
31st Mon	Prayer & Healing Service – 1:30pm at George Town

September and other dates 2009	
17th - 20th Sept	Men's Cursillo weekend
10th October	Diocesan Cursillo Gathering (Ultreya) 10 am for 10.30 am start at Campbell Town District High School
4th - 6th November	Clergy Conference

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