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Service Times For Worship Centres

October 2009

East Launceston		
4 th	10:00 am	Communion
11 th	10:00 am	Communion
18 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
25 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Teddy Bears' Picnic

George Town		
4 th	9:00 am	Hillwood Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
11 th	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Together @ 10.30
18 th	9:00 am	Pipers River Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion
25 th	9:00 am	Low Head Communion
	10:30 am	George Town Communion

Riverside & Trevallyn		
	Riverside	Trevallyn
4 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
11 th	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
18 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00 am Communion
25 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Kid's Church
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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Newsletter

Kids' Church turns 2!



“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

FROM THE ENA-

God at our AGM!



Do you realise how extraordinary that heading is? In some parishes, they're flat out getting the people to attend, let alone God! But in my time with Riverlinks the AGM has always been well supported and I even think God was there at the last one in August. Everyone I have spoken to about it has said the same thing: that it was a very special time. There was clear unity around all the important issues, a noticeable absence of politics or pedantics, and an obvious common desire to continue to connect with families, youth and children. This was especially so with the strong endorsement of the parish leadership's recommendation to enter into partnership with the Diocese and St John's Launceston for the employment of a children and youth ministry development officer; and with the belief that God would help us fund our share of the partnership.

It is great to be a part of this parish. I hope you think so. It has lots of great people who really do want to see God's Kingdom come in our midst, and a great leadership team in both the Parish Council and Ministry Support Team, who are leading the parish with vision, courage and hard work. God has blessed this young parish with godly leadership, great people, a great full time Administrator, an

change for the wrong motives, or it may offend other people.

It seems to me that if the Spirit is doing what Paul claims He is doing, then conceit and wrong motives will not be a problem, as praise belongs to the Lord and not the individual. And offending other people is less of a worry than neglecting to praise God for the magnificent work he is doing in someone's life.

Could it be that we don't bother looking to see these virtues develop because we are concerned with other things.

Surely not, as here we have a list of some of the great things God is doing.

Could it be even worse and we don't really value these virtues as much as we should?

May it be that we don't know each other well enough to be able to observe this growth?

A Suggestion

Here is a suggestion to help us and our congregations. Over the next week put into your own words a description of each of the fruit. Then explore what will help and what hinders growth in each of the fruit. Finally, look for the fruit in others, and praise God when you see it.

Archie Poulos

This article first appeared at www.sydneyanglicans.net

The gifts you sent were ... like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end.

You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need,

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Colossians
3:12-14**

NIV

FERTILISING THE FRUIT

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.” Gal. 5:22-23

Even to the misguided Galatians the apostle Paul can write that these virtues will display themselves through the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers.

My question is “do we strive together for these traits, expect to see them, and rejoice when they are seen in our congregational life?”

I ask the question because so often we think that the communication of information is what happens in church. But we should expect that as we know God better His Spirit's transforming work will be seen.

Why We Don't?

I wonder whether we don't rejoice in the progress of our brothers and sisters in these



v i r t u e s because we are worried that they will b e c o m e conceited if attention is drawn to them, or that they will

Enabler who can devote 70% of his time to the parish, some exciting connections with young families and children, the prospect of a strategic and timely staff partnership with the diocese and another parish, and broader strategic involvement in the diocese through administering the diocese's new Certificate in Theology and Ministry. For all this and more we can be very thankful, and excited.

Thanks for leading us!

Following on from our AGM, I want to say a sincere thank you on your behalf to the outgoing and incoming Parish Councillors and Wardens. Thank you for not only looking after our finances and fabric, but also sharing with the MST in planning for our future. I also want to thank on your behalf Anne Godman, who is such a willing and able Administrator for the parish and also for the diocese's Certificate in Theology and Ministry. And of course I want to thank on your behalf the Ministry Support Team who spend many hours in prayer, meetings, study, and ministry. In the past year Robyn Wheeler has stepped down from the Team after more than four years of faithful service and we are very grateful for all that she has done in that capacity from the start of Riverlinks in October 2004 until early this year. Ian Wheeler stepped back from the Team for the first half of this year but is now back on board, for which we are very grateful.

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his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity.

*Philippians
4:18-19
MSG*

The story of every great Christian achievement is the history of answered prayer.

E.M. Bounds

Your neighbour is anyone whose needs you can meet!

Dr David Jeremiah

FROM THE ENABLER *cont/...*

Helen Boughton has been helping on the St Aidan's Team in Mike and Jo's four month absence and has done a great job. She is considering her options for the future. Jenny Huang is now trialling Team membership on the George Town Team for which we are thankful to God. Trish Anderson did a great job holding the fort on the George Town Team while Peter Cox was away and before Ian stepped back up. She seems to be developing a much appreciated funeral ministry in the George Town district. A number of your MST members are still doing theological study by distance, some even sitting 2.5 hour exams! They do this in order to be more able ministers of God's Word and servants of his people. Thank you, too, to all those others who faithfully lead and minister among us week after week, on Sundays, in home groups, nursing homes and Healing services, on the mainly music team, in pastorally caring for others, and in numerous other ways.

The future

There are very encouraging signs that God is re-connecting us with lost generations and moving us into uncharted waters. We will need to heed Jesus' words to Peter out there on the tumultuous Sea of Galilee:

'Come.' Matthew then tells us that 'Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and

method please contact Anne in the Parish office.

We all need to continually give thanks and praise to God for His provision and to seek direction for His leading. God is indeed the great provider. What we have from God is His love, His generosity, and His promise. If we ask through prayer He will provide not only for our individual needs but also for the needs of Riverlinks.

Ian Morley

Chair – Parish Council

St Oswald's Fellowship Group

Thirty people enjoyed fellowship at a soup and sandwich lunch on Wednesday 16th September. A short dvd of Shaun the Sheep kept people entertained after lunch.

A very moving dvd about lives touched by Operation Christmas Child followed Josie Ford's very informative talk about Samaritan's Purse and her work as Regional Coordinator within Tasmania.

Operation Christmas Child (shoe boxes) and Turn on the Tap are two ongoing programmes of Samaritan's Purse. They also assist in times of disaster at home and abroad, such as the Victorian bushfires and the Burma floods.

Mary Bonnily

**** If anyone has any old undated envelopes, please return to the Parish office*



October 23rd is the **ABSOLUTE FINAL** date to drop off Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes at the Punchbowl Bible Chapel for 2009

Finally,
brothers,
whatever is
true,
whatever
is noble,
whatever
is right,
whatever
is pure,
whatever
is lovely,
whatever is
admirable —
if anything
is excellent
or praise-
worthy —
think about
such things.

Philippians
4:8
NIV

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to those who were able to attend the recent Parish AGM for the positive response and endorsement to move forward in mission, especially in the ministry to children, youth and young families.

For those who were not able to attend the following two MOTIONS were passed unanimously:

MOTION 1:

“That the Parish of Riverlinks endorse the appointment of a Children’s and Youth Development Officer [CYM] commencing early 2010. That

- i. the funding and placement of the CYM be in partnership with St John’s and the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania on the basis of a 2:2:1 ratio;*
- ii. the placement be for a period of three years with on-going review.”*

MOTION 2:

“That our Parish Budget be increased by \$12,500 for the next twelve months.”

We believe much of the increase in offertory required can be achieved by an increasing number of our members committing to a regular weekly offering through either envelopes [now dated] or by direct crediting to the Riverlinks Parish Bank Account on a regular basis. If you wish to adopt the direct crediting

came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God” (Matt 14:29-33).

As the Lord Jesus beckons us to follow him into new areas of mission and new ways of doing church, we will be surrounded by winds of change and seas of challenge. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, the Lord of the church, not on the changes and challenges, lest we sink in fears and doubt and self-preservation. We will need to trust him and go to where he is leading us. It won’t be easy but he’ll be with us. And all the change and ministry and hard work will be so that we and others will worship Him, saying with the disciples, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

So I encourage all of us to join Peter in hopping out of the safety and comfort of the boat, and bravely go to where Jesus is, bringing his love and gospel to his people and to those who need it, in ways we couldn’t have imagined. See you out on the water.

Warmly,

David



Teach me to
be patient in
everything I
do, content
to trust your
wisdom in
everything
I do.

Helen Steiner
Rice

A kind answer
soothes angry
feelings, but
harsh
words stir
them up.

Proverbs 15:1

KIDS' CHURCH 2nd BIRTHDAY

Sausage sizzle, stained-glass cake, party food, bouncing castle slide ... the party was in full swing at St Oswald's on 27th October for Kids' Church 2nd birthday!



"The Global Leadership Summit"

Oct 16 - 17, 2009

at Door of Hope Christian Church, Launceston

Speakers include: Bill Hybels, Tony Blair, Bono, Harvey Carey, Patrick Lencioni, Wess Stafford

For more info, registration and full speaker list... www.willowcreek.org.au/events 2009 is being described as the best yet!



The Anglican Parish of St Leonards invites you to join them for the **Ordination of Sherry Rees as Deacon**

Sunday 25th October at 4pm to be followed by afternoon tea at St Peters Church St Leonards

RSVP by 20th Oct 6339 2450

mainly music



mainly music cook book

Do you have any favourite family recipes to share in the soon to be released mainly music fundraising cook book?

If so, please email to office@riverlinks.net.au or drop in to the parish office as soon as possible to make sure they're included!



NOTICES

Would you like to be a part of history and help the poor at the same time???



“Tasmania’s Longest Conga Line”

**Saturday 7th November
2:00pm at Royal Park**

All funds raised go to help the poor & under-privileged children in the Baan Sop Heuy Fan Community, NW Thailand - a Compassion Child Development Centre (Project TH-977)

The event is planned only to go for about 30 minutes and is being held on the river side of Royal Park. It is for everyone, ages 0 - 100+ ... **if you can do 1, 2, 3 kick then there is nothing stopping you!!!**



Organised by
Gateway Baptist Church
Launceston

Presbytery of Bass DAY CONFERENCE



How to Plant a Church (by God’s grace!) - Rev Brian Vaatstra

**10th October 2009
10am - 3pm
St Andrews Church, Launceston**

RSVP by 7 October 2009
Ph: (03) 6331 5412
Email: office@launceston.pctas.org.au

BYO sandwich lunch to share
Soup, Tea & Coffee provided

St Aidan’s Teddy Bears’ Picnic Sunday 25th October 4:30 - 6:00 pm

There will be songs, craft, picnic races, a story, BBQ tea and lots of fun!

All bears welcome (with their owners & families!)



Riverlinks

October 2009	
1 st Thur	(each Thursday) Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer's home mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
2 nd Fri	Seniors Service – 2:00pm at St David's
3 rd Sat	"You Can Change" Men's Bible Conference at the Branch Kings Meadows
4 th Sun	
5 th Mon	Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm
6 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
7 th 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 Boughton's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home
8 th Thur	

October 2009	
9 th Fri	
10 th Sat	Diocesan Cursillo Gathering (Ultreya) – 10:00am at Campbell Town Church Planting Conference – 10:00am
11 th Sun	Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's
12 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
15 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am Parish Council – 7:30 pm
16 th Fri	Global Leadership Summit
17 th Sat	Global Leadership Summit
18 th Sun	Prayer Gathering – 4:30 pm at St David's Riverside
19 th Mon	

Calendar

October 2009	
20 th Tue	
21 st Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
22 nd Thur	
23 rd Fri	
24 th Sat	
25 th Sun	Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's Teddy Bears Picnic – 4:30 pm at St Aidan's Ordination of Sherry Rees – 4:30 pm at St Leonards
26 th Mon	Prayer & Healing Service – 1:30pm at George Town
27 th Tue	
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
30 th Fri	
31 st Sat	

November and other dates 2009	
4 th - 6 th Nov	Clergy Conference
7 th Nov	Tasmania's Longest Conga Line at Royal Park Launceston
8 th Nov	Preaching Workshop at Riverside
14 th Nov	Cursillo Northern Ultreya at Christ Church Longford
29 th Nov	Riverlinks Together combined service at George Town



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

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