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#### Service Times For **Worship Centres**

East Launceston		
7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
21st	10:00 am	Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer

George Town		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Communion Pipers River Morning Prayer George Town Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Together @ 10.30
21st	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Communion George Town Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Communion

Riverside & Trevallyn		
	Riverside	Trevallyn
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Morning Prayer	11:00am Kid's Church
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 am Communion	11:00 am Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	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		
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer	
21st	10:30 am Holy Communion	
28 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Morning Prayer	

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# **March 2010**

## Newsletter



Nick's last day at George Town

#### "Living the heartbeat of God"

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

#### The One who is to come

By Michael Jensen

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment... (Heb 9:27)

We have to begin theology proper with the gospel that the apostles preached. It was a message that was about the future of the world – and what that means for the present.

It's urgent business. It is a promise of a terrifying disclosure of the how things really are with God and with people.

Why terrifying? It was certainly the case that, as created beings, we could understand that we owe an account of our lives to our creator; and we could grasp our failure, as a race, to live up to this billing. The nation of Israel had the privilege of seeing the might acts of God and of possessing his sweet law – and of knowing with much greater specificity the wretched state of the human race. These two elements alone ought to be enough to sober us up.

But the gospel of Jesus, the crucified and risen Messiah, says more. It is a declaration that a day has been named, and a judge appointed for all people (Acts 17:31) – one of us, and yet one whose life was in every way what ours' aren't. His life alone is an indictment on the rest us.

The Greek word for judgement is krisis: and that is what we face. A personal and collective crisis, beginning now. The apostles preached (as Jesus himself had preached): repent! A wholesale turn is needed, for we are going the wrong way.

After John was put in prison,
Jesus went into Galilee,
proclaiming the good news

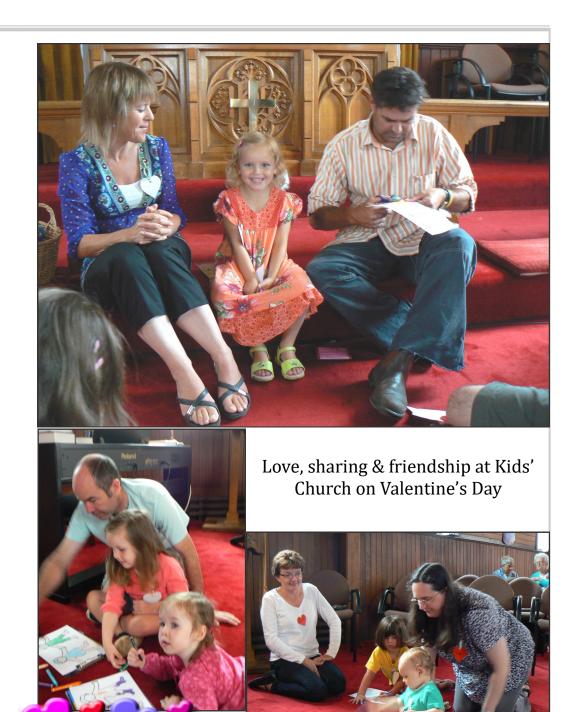
"The time has come," he said.

of God.

"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the

Mark 1:14,15 NIV

good news!"





Hayle Bishop Valentine whose day this is

All the Ayre is thy Diocese

And all the chirping Queristers

And other birds ar thy parishioners

Thou marryest every yeare

The Lyrick Lark, and the graue whispering Doue,

The Sparrow that neglects his life for loue.

The houshold bird with the redd stomacher

Thou makst the Blackbird speede as soone,

As doth the Goldfinch, or the Halcyon

The Husband Cock lookes out and soone is spedd

And meets his wife, which brings her feather-bed.

This day more cheerfully than ever shine

This day which might inflame thy selfe old Valentine.

John Donne

#### Valentine's Day at Kids' Church





That's Jonah's message to the Ninevites, too. Heaven not blankly impassive to their evil: they were going to be overthrown. So... get ready.

... so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. (Heb 9:28)

The declaration of this coming judgement on us is a great mercy, it turns out. Because this message gives us time to seek a remedy.

And in fact, just as it exposes to us the great precariousness of our position, the same gospel is a declaration that there is a greater salvation.

The Ninevites repented and found to their surprise (but to Jonah's disappointment!) that the Lord is a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. (Jonah 4:2)

And so he is. The same man who is divinely appointed to judge all people is the one who offered himself on the cross for the taking away of the sins of many. It is he, the judge himself, who stays the hand of judgement, by offering himself to be judged. And his second appearing – his return – need not then be a matter of fear, but of great expectation. It's truly **good** news, in every sense.

Michael Jensen is a lecturer at Moore College This article first appeared at www.sydneyanglicans.net 16/2/10



"Owed to the spelling checker"

Eye have a spelling chequer, It came with my pea sea It plainly marks four my revue Miss steaks eye can knot sea.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no Its letter perfect awl the weigh,
My chequer tolled me sew.

CHURCH MICE

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#### **Farewell to Nick in George Town**





Goodbye Nick, we will miss you!



#### Backto Church Sunday







### The Imagine Project presents 'Unlocking the Growth'

with Michael Harvey

In this informative and interactive seminar Michael Harvey, the UK innovator of 'BacktoChurchSunday', will help us become 'inviting churches'.

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 12.30pm-3.30pm

St John's Anglican Church 157 St John St Launceston
Cost \$25 Lunch and afternoon tea provided

'Unlocking the Growth' offers simple and effective ideas for increasing the number of people gathered to invitational services. Michael will show us how to deal with the 12 habits that make 'Uninviting Churches', why Christians don't invite friends, relatives or neighbours to church, as well as the role welcoming plays in enfolding new comers.

Bring your leaders, bring your teams!

Registration Essential by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Register now to Valerie Murgatroyd office@stjohns.net.au or phone 6331 4896

#### **World Day of Prayer**

Services will be held at 10:00am

#### Friday 5th March

at St Francis' Catholic Church in Riverside & Cornerstone Church in George Town



The first preaching workshop for 2010 will be on Sunday 14th March 2-4pm in the Parish Office at St David's

Micah Challenge

#### **NOTICES**

Did you know that 25,000 children die each day due to the lack of clean water and food?

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A worship service focusing on the
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
will be held at
City Baptist Church (13 Frederick St L'ton)
10am on Sunday 14 March

The National Director of Micah Challenge, John Beckett, will be speaking and Senator Guy Barnett, cochair of the Parliamentary Friends of MDGs, will participate & other political leaders have been invited.

A **Survive Past Five 'birthday party'** will be held for morning tea in Milton Hall next door from 11.30am

Please take time to pray for our national leaders, especially for compassion, generosity and justice for the world's poorest people

High School Chaplaincy meeting

Riverside

Tuesday 9th March 4:00pm at the High School

















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	March 2010
1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	
	(each Tuesday) Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	Home & Study Groups  - 11:00am at St David's Hall followed by prayer at 12:00pm  - 1:45pm at Igglesden's home  - 5:30pm at St Mary Magdalene's GTown  - 7:30pm at Booth's home  - 7:30pm at Pedley's home
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	(each Wednesday) East Launceston Play Group – 10:30am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's
	Home & Study Groups  - 7:00pm at Gross' home Bell Buoy Beach  - 7:00pm at Woods' home at Lulworth  - 7:30pm at Boughton's home  - 7:30pm at Bullard's home
4 <sup>th</sup> Thur	(each Thursday) Home Group - 10:00am at Collyer's home mainly music - 10:00am at St Aidan's
5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	(each Friday) <b>KYB Study Group</b> – 10:00am at the Baptist Church G/Town
	World Day of Prayer – 10:00am at St Francis' Church Riverside & Cornerstone Church George Town
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	(each Sunday) <b>KYB Study Group</b> – 3:00pm at the Baptist Church G/Town

	March 2010
8 <sup>th</sup>	*** Eight Hours Day public holiday
Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Tue	RHS Chaplaincy meeting – 4:00pm at Riverside High School
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
11 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Parish Council – 7:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Preaching Workshop – 2:00pm in the Parish Office at St David's
15 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
16 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
17 <sup>th</sup> Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group- 2:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
19 <sup>th</sup> Fri	

March 2010	
20 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town
23 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	
24 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
25 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
27 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
29 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
30 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
31 <sup>st</sup> Wed	

April and other dates 2010	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter
12th - 17th April 17th April	Quiz Worx visit to Tasmania Children's Ministry Training Day
28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Synod
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Tasmanian Bible Forums



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