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the newsletter

Service Times For Worship Centres

April 2010

East Launceston		
4 th	10:00 am	Communion
11 th	10:00 am	Communion
18 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Messy Church
25 th	10:00 am	Café Church

George Town		
4 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion Pipers River Morning Prayer George Town Communion
11 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Together @ 10.30
18 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Communion George Town Communion
25 th	9:00 am ----	Low Head Communion George Town No Service

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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Happy & Holy

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

And Jesus
Christ our
Lord was
shown to be
the Son of
God when
God
powerfully
raised him
from the
dead by
means of the
Holy Spirit.
Through
Christ, God
has given us
the privilege
and authority
to tell Gentiles
everywhere
what God has
done for them,
so that they
will believe
and obey him,
bringing glory
to his name.

Romans 1:4,5

NLT

FROM THE ENABLER

I'm going to borrow shamelessly from the line
in John Lennon's classic song:

So this is Easter
And what have you become
Another year over
And a new one just begun

I urge you to re-read this line. Go on...

Notice the change? Easter, not Christmas; and a focus on what you've become, not done. You and I live and move and have our being in God, to quote the apostle Paul, but we also live and move and have our being in a near frantic, output obsessed, performance-driven, image-dominated culture. This culture can prevail in our church and personal life. Not so sure? Well, why is it that we always want to know or crow how many people came to this or that event, as if bums-on-seats is a reliable guide to something's value. Further, we seem content with having done or performed certain things – put on a special event or preached a sermon or gone to church or read our Bible, without much interest in what difference those events or activities have made – to me, to others, to God's honour. It is frighteningly easy to go through a whole year of church and home group attendance, church-based activity – organising or turning up to things or performing ministries and tasks, being someone's parent or spouse or child or sibling, with all the duty and commitments that go with that, living and working day after day, and yet scarcely to have experienced God and the deep, abiding change he brings. Hence my new lyric:

So this is Easter, And what have you become
Another year over, And a new one just begun

Have you just managed to get by for another year without truly experiencing God's voice in the Scriptures, his presence by the Spirit, his transformative work by both? Did the profound things you pondered last Easter soon become just background static? Has your spirit shrunk or has it grown to be more like Jesus in some way? If we're not growing, we're either dying or already dead! Here's three pictures illustrating each of those conditions.



When he was nearing the end of his life he said,
"My memory is nearly gone but I can remember two things;
that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great saviour."

The following words are found on his tombstone in the churchyard
of his former parish at Olney:

***"John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and libertine,
a servant of slaves in Africa,
was by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,
preserved, restored, pardoned and appointed to preach the faith
he had long labored to destroy."***

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.



In 1900,
American
composer and
successful
publisher, Ed-
win Othello Ex-
cell (1851-
1921) added
the finishing
touches with
his musical
arrangement .
He also
removed the
final verse from
the original po-
em and
replaced it
with the
following stanza
from
"Jerusalem , My
happy Home".

When we've
been there ten
thousand
years,
Bright shining
as the sun,
We've no less
days to sing
God's praise,
Than when we
first begun.

While **Amazing Grace** has a reference to 1Chronicles 17:16-17 in the original Onley hymnal, it is more likely to be based on Ephesians 2:4-9, Paul's great treatise on Grace, which says:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

[NIV]

Amazing Grace - the story behind the song

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...” So begins one of the most beloved hymns of all times. The author of the words was John Newton, the self-proclaimed wretch who once was lost but then was found, saved by amazing grace.

Newton was born in London in 1725, a sailor Born and bred. When John was eleven, he went to sea with his father and on to serve as a midshipman aboard HMS Harwich. When he was eighteen he deserted but was soon recaptured, publicly flogged and demoted to common seaman. From this he went on to further tribulations, working on slave ships bound for Africa. He was eventually rescued from this life as “a servant of slaves” and set sail for England in 1748.

Newton’s mother, who had died when he was a child, had given him some religious convictions, but these he had lost during his life as “an infidel and libertine”. However, on a voyage home a violent storm threatened the ship and all on it. Newton had what he was to refer to later as his “great deliverance”. He recorded in his journal that when all seemed lost and the ship would surely sink, he called to God to “have mercy upon us. Thro’ many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come”, he noted, in words that ‘Amazing Grace’ echoes. Later in his cabin he reflected on what he had said and began to believe that God had addressed him through the storm and that grace had begun to work for him.

In 1750 he married his long-time love Mary Catlett. Still he continued working the slave routes and only later in the century turned his talents to the abolition of the slave trade, advising William Wilberforce, and writing to support the campaign.

He was ordained into the Church of England in 1764 and made curate of Olney in Buckinghamshire, where his preaching attracted a large congregation, including the poet William Cowper. Newton and Cowper together produced a collection of hymns, published in 1779 as Olney Hymns. 288 of these are Newton’s compositions, including Amazing Grace.

John Newton died in London on 21st December 1807 having served the Lord and his church faithfully for almost 60 years.

Which one depicts your life and which one do you want to be?:



A thriving tree planted by an ever-flowing river



One hundred dollars placed in a low-interest bank account with high fees



A whitewashed tomb (see Matthew 23:27-28)

Easter isn’t like Anzac Day where we merely commemorate past sacrifices and service that paid for our present freedoms. Easter marks past events that are meant to change us in the present and into the future. We know that Jesus didn’t stay dead, that he rose from the grave on the third day; but where is he in your life? Could he be frozen in time back in first century Roman Palestine, alive but absent? Is the resurrection of Jesus a theological truth to affirm and defend but not experienced and enjoyed?

Here’s some grammar because it’s important. In the Greek language the New Testament was written in, when a verb is written in the perfect tense it represents *a present state resulting from a past action*. So when the NT writers quote Scripture they will often introduce the quote by saying ‘It stands written’, which is the verb ‘to write’ placed in the perfect tense; meaning that it was written in the past and continues to bear witness and speak in the present. Now here’s my point: When the NT writers speak of Jesus’ resurrection, they sometimes use the perfect tense, such as in 1 Corinthians 15:3:

‘For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that *he was raised* on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures’.

God raised Jesus from the dead and he continues in that glorious, risen state. He is alive today!

The risen, glorified Jesus is present among his churches – see Revelation 2:1; 1 Corinthians 5:4.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you

1 Peter 1:3,4

[NIV]

I Know Something

I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus.

Sure enough, one day he said, "Mum, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy."

Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "What is that?"

He replied, "They're all nocturnal."

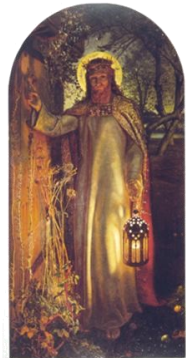
FROM THE ENABLER *cont/...*

The risen, glorified Jesus is ever present to his people – see Matthew 28:20; Colossians 1:27.

He is not merely something to be commemorated (and kept in the past) or talked about. He is God's Son 'who loved me and gave himself for me' (Gal 2:20). He is the Risen Son through whose death we have a 'righteousness from God that depends on faith' (Phil 3:9); and with Paul our life's ambition is to 'know him and the power of his resurrection...and share his sufferings' (Phil 3:10).

In Revelation 3:14-22, the risen, glorified Jesus speaks to a first century church that could easily pass for many Western churches today: affluent and arrogant and yet neither hot nor cold. That is, they look the part outwardly but inwardly they are **lukewarm** or mediocre. Jesus threatens to come in judgment on such a church (Rev 3:15-16) and counsels them to earnestly repent because he loves them (3:18-19). What does the living Lord of the churches offer in order to warm up lukewarm Christians?

Himself.



In verse 20 we hear his gracious, standing invitation to his people, famously illustrated by the painting by William Holman Hunt, *The Light of the World*, which is depicted in the central window in the St Aidan's East Launceston chancel:

'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and *opens the door*, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.'

Here Jesus invites his people to open the door to fellowship with him and to enjoy his loving presence; and the inference is that in this we will be refreshed and changed. Do you hear his knocking, his voice beckoning you to commune daily and deeply with him? If not, it may be because you are not yet one of his own and so do not recognise his voice (John 10:24-27). Or as I suspect will be more the case with many of us, you are too pre-occupied, distracted. Like Martha, who, unlike her sister Mary 'who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching' (Lk 10:39), was 'distracted with much serving' (10:40).

Quiz Worx visit

12th – 20th April

Over this week, literally thousands of primary-aged children will hear about Jesus and his love.

Minimum cost for **each** state school show is \$150. You are to contribute towards the cost of Quiz Worx' **state school** performances, where Quiz Worx have been offered free of charge.

- ☺ Individuals can pay for all or part of a school show (no amount too small) – use envelopes provided (return through offertory)
- ☺ Congregations can sponsor shows in their local schools

Supporters Night

Wednesday 14th April - 7.30pm

@ St John's Anglican Church

- ☺ Supper supplied ☺ Hear all about Quizworx
- ☺ View Children's Ministry Resources ☺ Donations

Training Day

Saturday 17th April from 9am

*** see advertising on page 11

Contact the parish office for a registration form

Sharing Jesus with kids everywhere
Quiz Worx



Church Mice

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Cursillo

Cursillo this year will be held at Camp Clayton

Men's - July 22nd - 25th

Women's - August 5th - 8th

For more details contact Bev Percey on 6344 7102 or Grace Rogers on 6327 3982

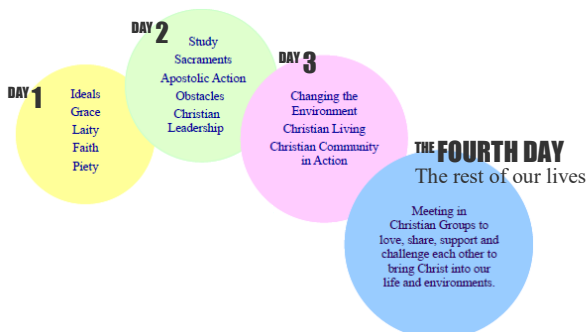
What is Cursillo?

Cursillo is a Spanish word for a 'short course'. It has become the name of a worldwide movement in several denominations of the Christian Church, Within the Anglican tradition, it seeks to deepen the spiritual awareness and commitment of involved members of our Church.

Who's involved?

The movement is a ministry- of the whole Church with Lay people and Clergy working together, under the guidance of the Diocesan Bishop. Cursillo aims to provide support and encouragement within existing Church organisations and does not aim to supplement or supplant them.

Cursillo also provides many opportunities for leadership development and training.



Cursillo in a "nutshell" Cursillo provides:

- ✓ A three-day live-in course in Christian Living
- ✓ On-going support and encouragement for personal growth in the Faith
- ✓ A challenge to live an active Christian life, wherever you may find yourself

Hear what Jesus said to her: 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her' (10:41-42). I urge you to think about what Jesus is saying to you here.

As you read this, are you hearing Jesus' voice, his invitation to experience close fellowship with him? Will you open the door to him? Live in close communion with him, moment by moment, day by day? Go to bed earlier or get up earlier to make some time for him, in order to open yourself to him, to experience his love and his grace and his leading? In this invitation the risen Jesus invites us to dine with him. This isn't drive through KFC on the way to something else, but a solid meal face to face, with real, honest, heart-felt engagement over a good, nutritious meal. A world away from the shallow, unsatisfying KFC Christianity which is the experience of so many.

The risen Jesus came to two of his followers who were disillusioned and downcast. He taught them about himself from all the Scriptures (Lk 24:13-27). They reflected to each other after he had gone, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road while he opened to us the Scriptures' (24:32)?

Are you lukewarm, downcast, distracted? Open yourself up to the living Jesus and to his constant fellowship in his word, among his people, through his Spirit. Set your heart on him, savour him, trust him and obey him. Find your heart burning within you, recover your joy, humility, thankfulness, wonder and amazement.

Accepting this invitation is also the risen Jesus' way of keeping you from succumbing to the world, the flesh and the devil; of ensuring that we finally 'conquer' those powerful enemies (Rev 3:21a) and, remarkably, share in his rule over the new creation (3:21)!

So this is Easter
And what have you become
Another year over
And a new one just begun

Warmly, *David*



Good Idea:
Finding Easter eggs on Easter

Bad Idea:
Finding Easter eggs at Christmas

Harvest Festival

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew
9:36-38
NIV



St David's & St Oswald's recently held their Harvest Festival service.

Non-perishables were collected for City Mission and garden produce was sold to support BCA.



Low Head Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival for Low Head will be on Sunday 11th April at 9:00am.

Please bring along non-perishables which we can pass on to the Benevolent Society for distribution to families in need within our region.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalm 107:8,9



Children's Ministry Training Day - Saturday 17th April

Cost: \$35 per person (includes morning tea and lunch).
Registrations to the Parish office by Friday 9th April

A great line up of speakers -
Mark Holland (assistant Chaplain at Hutchins School Hobart), Jenny Cowley (Scripture Union), Elizabeth Poland (LCGS Junior School Chaplain) & special guests from Sydney,

Quiz Worx 

HURRY! Register now, don't miss out!

50 PLUS BIBLE CONVENTION Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th June At Poatina

Supported by Bishop John Harrower & Rev David Jones

FAITH UNDER FIRE by Brian Vaatstra

Three Studies in Job

- Trouble in a good man's life
- Unbelievable belief
- Wisdom and an unexpected answer

Registration by 27th May, brochures now available in all centres

Quiz
Worx will
also be
special
guests at

Messy
Church

Sunday
April 18

4.30 -
6.30pm

at
St Aidan's

Church
with no
boring
bits!

Creative
family time,
Bible
message, &
BBO tea +
gold coin
donation
per family



NOTICES

Easter Services



Good Friday

- 9am St Mary Magdalene's George Town
& 'Stations of the Cross' ecumenical walk
- 10am St David' Riverside
- 2-4pm St Oswald's Trevallyn - Reflection

Easter Sunday

- 9am St David's Riverside
- 9am St Alban's Pipers River
- 9am Christ Church Low Head
- 10am St Aidan's East Launceston
- 10:30am St Mary Magdalene's George Town
- 11am St Oswald's Trevallyn



Tasmania's Easter Passion Spectacular

Good Friday—2nd April—10.45 am
commencing in Charcoal Chicken's car park
(cnr Brisbane & Wellington Streets, L'ton)

Easter Sunday—4th April—2.30 pm
Music, drama, action, lights at the Gateway Baptist
Church (next to Charcoal Chicken)

Parish Council report

The following is a brief report of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 march 2010

- ✓ To place an Easter feature in The Examiner with church service times. Editorial comment to be written by David our Enabler.
- ✓ Synod reps for Synod will be – Kaye Gregory [clergy]; Ross Gregory; Brian Baxter and Stephen Janes [laity]
- ✓ ***It was decided to allocate \$35,000 per year for three years for the appointment of a Children's and young Families Ministry position to be shared with the Diocese of Tasmania***
- ✓ Painting was approved for the St Oswald's Hall
- ✓ It was reported that a Café style Church will commence at St Oswald's in May to minister to the Kids' Church parents
- ✓ It was noted that our offertory was down below budget
- ✓ It was decided to up-grade the photocopier in the church office at a saving of \$1200 per year
- ✓ A new stained glass window has been installed at St Aidan's

Ian Morley
Chairperson

Please Note

Parish Office closed - The Parish office will be closed from 2nd - 11th April inclusive. For any urgent matters please contact a member of the MST or Parish Council.

ANZAC Day in George Town - No service will be held in St Mary Magdalene's George Town on 25th April due to road closures for the ANZAC Day parade & fun afternoon in Max Harris Reserve.



Crafty Circle

beginning
**Thursday
15th April
2:00pm**
at St David's

**Have you ever
wanted to learn**

to knit or
embroider, do
something
useful, make
your own cards,
connect with
others or write a
journal?

Then come
along - and
bring a
friend!



29th MAY 2010
Thanking God...
Thanking each other

National Day of
Thanksgiving



Riverlinks

April 2010	
1 st Thur	Blessing of the Oils – 10:00am at St Peter's Church St Leonards (each Thursday) Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer's home mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
2 nd Fri	***** <i>Good Friday</i> Easter Passion Spectacular – 10:45am in Charcoal Chicken's car park
3 rd Sat	
4 th Sun	***** <i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter Passion Spectacular – 2:30pm at Gateway Baptist Church
5 th Mon	***** <i>Easter Monday</i>
6 th Tue	(each Tuesday) Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group 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 – 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 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

April 2010	
8 th Thur	Parish Council – 7:30pm
9 th Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church G/Town
10 th Sat	
11 th Sun	Harvest Festival – 9:00am at Low Head Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's (each Sunday) KYB Study Group – 3:00pm at the Baptist Church G/Town
12 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	Quiz Worx Supporters Night – 7:30pm at St John's
15 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am Crafty Circle – 2:00pm at St David's
16 th Fri	
17 th Sat	Children's Ministry Training Day 9am - 4pm at The Branch Kings Meadows

Quiz Worx



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

Calendar

April 2010	
19 th Mon	
20 th Tue	
21 st Wed	St Oswald's Guild – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
22 nd Thur	
23 rd Fri	
24 th Sat	
25 th Sun	***** <i>ANZAC Day</i> Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's
26 th Mon	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town
27 th Tue	
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	Tamar Park – 1:45pm
30 th Fri	

May and other dates 2010	
2 nd May	Preaching Workshop
16 th May	Riverlinks Together with Bishop John at St Aidan's
28 th - 30 th May	SYNOD
29 th May	National Day of Thanksgiving
10 th - 12 th June	50 Plus Bible Convention
22 nd - 25 th July	Cursillo - Men's 24
5 th - 8 th August	Cursillo - Women's 24
2 nd & 9 th October	Tasmanian Bible Forums
22 nd - 23 rd October	Global Leadership Summit

BE THANKFUL FOR EVERYDAY,



EVEN BAD HAIR DAYS!!

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