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Service Times For Worship Centres

June 2010

| East Launceston | | |
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| 6 th | 10:00 am 4:30 pm | Communion Messy Church |
| 13 th | 10:00 am | Café Church |
| 20 th | 10:00 am | Morning Prayer |
| 27 th | 10:00 am | Communion |

| George Town | | |
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| 6 th | 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am | Hillwood Communion Pipers River Morning Prayer George Town Communion |
| 13 th | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Low Head Communion George Town Together @ 10.30 |
| 27 th | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Pipers River Communion George Town Communion |
| 30 th | 9:00 am 10:30 am | Low Head Communion George Town Communion |

| Riverside & Trevallyn | | |
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| | Riverside | Trevallyn |
| 6 th | 9:00 am Communion | 11:00am Communion |
| 13 th | 9:00 am Praise & Worship | 11:00am Kid's Church |
| 20 th | 9:00 am Communion | 11:00am Communion |
| 27 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 | | |
|------------------|----------|----------------|
| 13 th | 10:30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 20 th | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |
| 27 th | 10:30 am | Morning Prayer |

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Service of Remembrance
ANZAC Day at Peace Haven Chapel

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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

By Andrew Nixon

Edited from an article which first appeared at www.sydneyanglicans.net

The Hard Truth: few adults convert

*The fact that so many of us are converted before 20 * doesn't mean we have youth work under control; it means few adults get converted.*

* Research conducted by NCLS in their 2006 survey shows that 74% of Christians affirm their commitment to be followers of Christ before the age of 20!

Think about your church for a minute. How many people have become Christians in the last year? How many in the last 3 years? Recently I had a chance to ask a couple of churches for a show of hands of those converted in the last 5 years. In one case there were a few hands; in the other there was one.

My aim is not to flagellate those churches, or your church, or all of us in general. I am greatly encouraged to hear of a small church recently where 6 people became Christians during 2009; a big church where the number was closer to 90. So this is not "woe is us". The gospel is powerful and effective and God is bringing people into his kingdom as we proclaim it faithfully, and we rejoice with each one.

At the same time, let's not kid ourselves. As far as I can tell travelling around and talking to lots of people, the numbers of new converts in our churches are tiny. Why is that?

Is it that we are working really hard ground? I often hear that said. And I admit I personally find it a comfort to think so. Friends who have been missionaries in Muslim lands report years of labour with few converts. Sometimes we are called by God to be faithful in tough places and just trust Him. In other places, it seems myriads are just waiting to respond at the first opportunity. There are seasons.

But how do we judge if the ground is rock hard or if we are digging the wrong way? Does it even matter which it is? Do we just keep doing what we've always done and trust God to bring people through the door? Do we need to try a bit harder to get to the bottom of the situation? Make some changes? Try new things?



Lord, in Winter, as white snow blankets the ground,
we are reminded of Your purity and Your perfection.
The complexity and beauty of each single snowflake
only hints at Your transcendent intelligence and creativity.
We hunker down and snuggle in,
knowing this season will wind down
and Spring will reappear, as it always has
because You created an orderly, predictable universe,
not by chance, but from your flawless design.

By Joanna Fuchs



Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-18



ANZAC Day at Peace Haven

A service of Remembrance was held in the Masonic Peace Haven Chapel at 10 am on Anzac Day with seventy people attending. The service was led by Mr. Keith Yost. A very inspiring address was delivered by two Grade 10 Students, Emma Crack and Gemma Williams from Queechy High School. During the address Emma read the last letter by her late Great Grandfather who was a prisoner in Thailand and died on the Burma railway.

Also taking part were Mr. Harold Williams reading a poem "A Tribute to Anzac Day", and Mrs. Noreen Stubbs who also read a poem, "We're all Australians Now" by "Banjo" Paterson. This service was originally formulated by Mr. Max Frost and Mr. Monty McDonald in 2007 and although both have since passed away, the tradition has been carried on by others every year since which gives the residents and friends the opportunity to participate in a service of Remembrance.

At the conclusion of the service morning tea as held in the Day Therapy Centre.

Bill Robinson - Secretary, Chapel Committee

And with
Australia's
flag shall fly

A spray of
wattle-
bough

To
symbolise
our unity --

We're all
Australians
now.

From the poem
by ('Banjo')
A. B. Paterson



As I considered how we could possibly determine if the ground is hard, I was struck by the progress of the mission work in Airds, south of Sydney. Tim Scheuer reports that in the first year or so the team made contact with 500 people; to date 50 of those have become Christians. That's 10 percent of people contacted! He says that in door knocking house-to-house, at least 25 percent are interested to know more about God. Now, I would have called Airds a tough area – but is it really? You may say your area is much tougher. (Tim says: don't assume, give it a try and find out!)

Even if your area is much tougher than Airds, and even if you are much happier focusing on your part (mission) and leaving the results (conversions) to God (as I most certainly am); then let me instead ask: how is your part coming along? Has everyone in your suburb/parish/area heard the gospel so far as it depends on you? How is prayer for the people of your parish going?

Something often heard from those who have had the guts to try new/scary things is: "people are more open than we expected!" Especially with door-knocking when it is done well.

This may be very confronting and uncomfortable, but is it the ground that is hard? ... or are the things we need to do hard?

*Jesus said:
I tell you
the truth,
unless you
change and
become
like little
children,
you will never
enter the
kingdom of
heaven.*

Matthew 18:3

CHILDREN'S & YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY FULL-TIME POSITION LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

Riverlinks Parish in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania is seeking a person to further develop, co-ordinate and grow children's and young families ministry in the Parish of Riverlinks and beyond as part of the diocesan Children's and Youth Ministry Strategy.



The successful applicant will be a deeply committed Christian and possess:

- demonstrated leadership and organisational skills
- experience in working with children and young families
- the ability to think strategically, lead and develop volunteers
- The ability to successfully manage relationships with diverse groups of people
- a commitment to team ministry

Remuneration in accordance with the Tasmanian Diocesan Award for stipendiary officers.

For further information including a detailed Position Statement and Selection Criteria please contact:

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Applications close 30 June 2010

New Chaplain's Commissioning

The commissioning service for Janine Targett and the affirmation of Kevin Donohue as school Chaplains was held on Sunday 28th March at the Combined Christian Churches of George Town's monthly service in the Uniting Church.

All the churches in George Town support the two school chaplains, Kevin at South George Town Primary and Janine at Port Dalrymple.

Jenny Baxter



New Chaplain
Janine Targett
with Port
Dalrymple
student leaders

Chaplaincy Committee:

BACK ROW:

Port Dalrymple
Principal
Philip Challis,
SU Support
Officer James
Poland, Christine
Cloudsdale &
Peter Cox

FRONT ROW:

SGTPS Principal
Bev Shadbolt,
Chaplain Kevin
Donohue,
Chaplain Janine
Targett, Jenny
Baxter & Kathy
Manion



Crafty Circle

Thursday 10th June - 10am
at St David's Riverside

50 Plus Bible Convention

Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th June
at Poatina

Faith Under Fire - Three Studies in Job by Brian Vaatstra
Registration brochures available in all centres

Handyman Available



All types of odd jobs done.
Cleaning, painting, gardening, furniture repairs.
Obligation free quotes.
Call Chris Midson 0419756697

Chris is known personally to David Rogers-Smith who can vouch for Chris' high work standard and personal integrity.



Messy Church

Church with no boring bits!

Sunday June 6 from 4.30 – 6:30pm
at St Aidan's

Creative family time, Bible message
& light meal provided

THEME The first rainbow



DRESS IN RAINBOW COLOURS

Saturday 5th June at St David's Riverside
July 22nd - 25th
August 5th - 8th

Northern Ultreya

Men's

Women's

CURSILLO



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



NOTICES

Bishop's Prayer Pilgrimage 'People @ Prayer'

Friday 4th June, 7pm - 8:30pm
at St David's Riverside

An informal gathering which will incorporate prayer and sharing, followed by a light supper



AWF Planning Meeting

Tuesday
15th June,
10:45am

at St John's,
157 St John St
Launceston



Launch & viewing of the new Australian website

June 9th, 11am for morning tea/lunch
at 18 Fairthorne Rd, Trevallyn

RSVP to Helen - 0437918060 or 63311512 willsip@intas.net.au

Birgit writes that the Malawian Government have changed the school term dates to line up with European term times. The Back to School Foundation will now require the annual education sponsorship fee of A\$180 to be paid by August 1st this year. From then on, to be annually due on that date.

It is most important to email Bernard bernrogers@hotmail.net.au and Helen willsip@intas.net.au, telling us the date your money is banked, so that we can allocate your child.

Thankyou, Bernard Rogers

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 067003 Account: 10034342

Account Name: Back to School Foundation/ Monkey Bay Project.

Or mail cheque to treasurer B. Rogers, 85 Cormiston Rd, Riverside 7250



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Gunns 9am - 4pm on Saturday 17th July

Please contact Helen 0437918060 if you can help



Back To School
Foundation



Riverlinks Together

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24,25

Riverlinks Together at St Aidan's was, as always, a great opportunity to share with our whole church family from all around the parish.

Due to the unfortunate hospitalization of Gaylene, Bishop John was unable to speak. In his absence Ian Wheeler gave a thought provoking and inspiring message, reminding us that we all contribute to the whole picture of the Lord's work in Riverlinks.

A delicious lunch followed, tables groaning under the weight of the food, and sharing, laughter and conversation flowed freely.

I'm certain we're all looking forward to our next opportunity to share together on 29th August.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Saturday 8th May Louise Brown and Trish Anderson organised a Mother's Day breakfast. At least 60 people attended, raising \$401 toward sending students on the Uluru Pilgrimage next year. Louise did a fantastic job!

We had a power failure, and people rushed around to get gas stoves etc. so that we could finish cooking.

Louise has stepped up to the mark of late, she leads us at church most weekends and the people from George Town have asked me to compliment her as an encouragement to continue into the future.

Greg Clark



A shepherd sent his sheep-dog out to gather and count the flock to make sure none were missing. The dog returns and says that there are 40 sheep.

Shepherd: "40? I only started with 38!"

Dog: "Yeah, but you told me to round them up."

A man was running late for the work one day, so he was exceeding the speed limit along the highway.

The next thing he knows his wife rings up & tells him to be careful because she's just seen on the TV that there's a maniac going down the wrong side of the highway.

The man replies, "One? It's all of them!"

Riverlinks

| June 2010 | |
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| 1 st 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 |
| 2 nd Wed | (each Wednesday) East Launceston Play Group – 10:00am 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 Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home |
| 3 rd Thur | (each Thursday) Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer's home |
| 4 th Fri | (each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church G/Town Bishop's Prayer Pilgrimage – 7:00pm at St David's Riverside |
| 5 th Sat | Cursillo Northern Ultreya – 12:00pm at St David's Riverside |
| 6 th Sun | (each Sunday) KYB Study Group – 3:00pm at the Baptist Church G/Town Messy Church – 4:30pm |
| 7 th Mon | |

| June 2010 | |
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| 8 th Tue | |
| 9 th Wed | Website Launch – 11:00am at Helen Wills' home for Back to School Foundation |
| 10 th Thur | Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council – 7:30pm 50 Plus Bible Convention at Poatina |
| 11 th Fri | 50 Plus Bible Convention |
| 12 th Sat | 50 Plus Bible Convention |
| 13 th Sun | Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's |
| 14 th Mon | *** Queen's Birthday Holiday Cadorna – 2:00pm |
| 15 th Tue | AWF Planning Meeting – 10:45am at St John's Launceston |
| 16 th Wed | St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm |
| 17 th Thur | mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am |
| 18 th Fri | |
| 19 th Sat | |

Calendar

| June 2010 | |
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| 20 th Sun | Café on Bain - 4:30pm at St Oswald's |
| 21 st Mon | |
| 22 nd Tue | |
| 23 rd Wed | |
| 24 th Thur | mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Tamar Park – 1:45pm |
| 25 th Fri | |
| 26 th Sat | |
| 27 th Sun | Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's |
| 28 th Mon | Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town |
| 29 th Tue | |
| 30 th Wed | |
| 1 st July Thur | AWF George Town – 10:00am at the Gunn Deck Café |
| 2 nd July Fri | |

| July and other dates 2010 | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 nd - 25 th July 5 th - 8 th August | Cursillo - Men's 24 Cursillo - Women's 24 |
| 2 nd & 9 th October | Tasmanian Bible Forums |
| 22 nd - 23 rd October | Global Leadership Summit |
| | |

a time to
Laugh



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