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Service Times For Worship Centres

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

George Town		
4 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood 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 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Communion

Riverside & Trevallyn		
	Riverside	Trevallyn
4 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
11 th	9:00 am Praise & Worship	11:00am Kid's Church
18 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am 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	
11 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer
18 th	10:30 am Holy Communion
25 th	10:30 am Morning Prayer

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Newsletter



Launch of the new Australian website for the
Back-to-School Foundation www.btsfmalawi.org

“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



Is that Fairtrade chocolate?

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FROM THE ENABLER

We open our Federal Parliament with it. We nearly always include it in our prayers at church. It's often said at funeral services, even by people who don't go to church. What is it? Yes, it's the Lord's Prayer, so called because the Lord Jesus gave it to his disciples as



a prayer to base our prayers on. Can you see any problems with this usage of it? I can see at least two: first, even in our churches we can be guilty of saying this prayer in the very way that Jesus condemned just before giving this model prayer. Go and get your Bible and open it up to Matthew's Gospel, chapter 6. You'll find the Lord's Prayer in verses 9-13, but first see what Jesus contrasts it with in verses 7 and 8... Mindless, mechanical and voluminous prayers such as are prayed by 'the Gentiles' – by members of pagan religion. An obvious danger with our familiar liturgy in church is that we put our brain into neutral, park our spirit in the driveway, and just say the words (confession, prayers of thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer etc); AND, perhaps think that there is merit or benefit in merely saying them. But what does Jesus say? 'Do not be like them' (Matt 6:8a).

The other problem I can see with our usage of the Lord's Prayer is related to the first: That we use it like we do comfort food. You know what comfort food is? Food that we reach for when we're down; not for its nutritional value but for its 'make me feel good' value. The Lord's Prayer can be used like that. A comfort prayer that is like comfy slippers on a cold night; an old friend that we slip on to feel better before going off to do something else. In fact, how much of some peoples' love of traditional church services could be explained in this way? The familiar, predictable, unchanging pattern can be soothing and reassuring in a fast-changing world.



Website Launch for BTSF Malawi

On behalf of our Manager, Birgit Albers and the young people of Monkey Bay, in Malawi who are sponsored from Launceston we report that a very appreciative group of about 30 supporters met for morning tea, and some stayed on for a bowl of soup, to witness the launch of the new website for the Back-to-School Foundation.

This was the culmination of 6 months work by Birgit, Helen and John Andrius at Polytechnic. We are very grateful to John for donating his time and expertise. The only cost to the Foundation being a gift to John and an annual fee of \$24.

Dick Janes and Bernard Rogers very graciously assisted in the unveiling of the website. Thanks must also go to Eric Paul who set up the pc to show the full website live from the internet on the flat screen TV.

A bring and buy trade table and gold coin donation contributed \$186 to the Foundation, a new sponsor registered, and \$37 donation was made. A big thankyou to all who contributed.

Helen Wills

Please visit: www.btsfmalawi.org



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Gunns

9am - 4pm on Saturday 17th July

Volunteers urgently required to draw up a roster for the day

Please contact Helen 63311512 or 0437 918 060 if you can help

Have you looked at the new website yet?

www.btsfmalawi.org



Café Church on Bain

The first Café on Bain was held on Sunday 16th May. Nine young people attended and had some lively discussions about the DVD and the life of Jesus.

This was followed by a chicken and salad meal and more discussion.

Six children had an enjoyable hour playing games, eating, listening to stories, eating, craft work, eating, then joined their parents in the church for more eating!

3rd Sunday of each month, next 18th July



Pizzas and delicious nibbles and ‘real’ coffee plus lashings of fresh fruit – much appreciated food for the body. But the food for the soul at Café Church on Bain was the highlight.

The small group really appreciated enabler David’s leading of the life of Jesus during the service, encouraging much godly focused discussion.

The children’s program in the hall with food, teaching, games and activities followed the theme of the adults teaching about Jesus coming to bring personal renewal to all - to change our hearts and minds.



The truth is, the Lord’s Prayer is not a feel good, warm and fuzzy prayer, and it isn’t even principally about us. Its first and controlling focus is on God and his glory (vv.9-10), and even the bits that are about us, are mainly about sins, temptations and evil. Far from being like a comfy slipper, it’s more like a work boot – serious and practical. And of course that’s because the world we live in is a very serious place. It’s a theatre of war and God’s enemies are hell-bent on trashing God’s Name, rejecting his Kingdom rule and overturning his will, especially through capturing and compromising his people. The Lord’s Prayer is an immensely serious prayer reflecting an immensely serious situation. We ought to pray it (and prayers like it) with understanding and sincerity and passion. Would you agree?

In my last article we looked at the way Jesus directs us to address our prayers – to ‘our Father in heaven’ (v.9). This is an inestimable privilege for Christians alone. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus has become the God and Father of his followers (Jn 20:17); and he is none other than the One who is in Heaven. The uncreated, eternal, majestic, sovereign Lord of all. THAT one is ‘our Father.’ So we draw near with both confidence, as his adopted, beloved children, and with great reverence and holy fear. If you didn’t see that article, you’ll find it in the May newsletter. If you don’t have a copy, you can get one from the church office.

Notice that the prayer’s first petition so naturally follows on from the prayer’s address. If there is one, uncreated, eternal, majestic and sovereign God in heaven, it follows as night follows day that the supreme purpose and goal is for his name to be glorified. I enjoy telling the preachers in my preaching workshops that contrary to popular opinion (especially among Christians), the Bible isn’t actually about us; rather, it is about God; funny about that. Why didn’t we see it? Because we think that the universe is about us and exists for us, humanity generally and me in particular! The truth is, that’s a lie. We are not ‘in heaven.’

We are not God; though we like to think that we are. God alone is God and God alone is in heaven. We are creatures on earth and we are here for God’s pleasure and glory, not the other way around.

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for these farmers and their families through the fair price they receive as well as additional funds to develop their communities and invest in everyday things like education and healthcare.

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A man applying for a job at a Mildura lemon grove seemed to be far too qualified for the job.

The foreman frowned and said: "I have to ask you this - have you had any actual experience in picking lemons?"

The man replied: "Yes, I have. I've been divorced three times, I bought Telstra shares, I invested in Pyramid, I drive a Holden, I voted for Kevin Rudd and I support Melbourne Storm."

From the Enabler continued ...

If Jesus the Son of God directs his people to pray before all else that his Father's name be hallowed, then we have here the very reason for everything. Here is God's first concern. But what is it, exactly? We dare not be confused about something so supremely important, like the three-year old boy who prayed, 'Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is his name.' This petition isn't about God's name as such and his name isn't Harold! In Jesus' day and world, a person's name represented the person. So when John says in his Gospel that 'to all who did receive him (Jesus), who believed **in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God' (Jn 1:12), John means that Jesus gives that right to all who believe **in him**. Similarly, to pray in Jesus' name (Jn 14:14), is to ask for things that reflect Jesus' character and purposes. That's why we don't pray to become more selfish (if that's possible!) or malicious. Those things reflect Satan's character, not Jesus'.

So Jesus directs his people to centre their prayers and focus on God himself to be hallowed. But what does it mean for God to be hallowed? The word means to be set apart, made holy. But hang on. God is already set apart in so far as he is other than the rest of his creation. He alone is holy. So what are we asking God to do, if not be what he already is? It must mean that we are asking God our Father so to move in peoples' hearts and minds that they set him apart, fear and worship and serve him as the holy God and Father in heaven.

Riverlinks' mission statement is 'Living the Heartbeat of God.' Now we know what God's heartbeat is. It is that God be God to us humans; that his very great Name/Person not be trashed but treasured; not diminished but magnified; not disobeyed but obeyed.

Are you living the heartbeat of God? Is your highest priority and life's purpose this? If so, it will be reflected in your prayers, passions and priorities. If not, what will you do? Is your congregation living the heartbeat of God? If so, then this will be reflected in its prayers, passions and priorities. If not, what will you do?

This will certainly mean supporting the new children's and young families' worker that Riverlinks hopes to employ; praying that



Bible teaching convention
At St Brendan Shaw College, Devonport

Saturday 17th July

8:30am - 5:pm

Come for the full day or selected sessions

Register by 12th July

Cost: 'Love Offering' on the day

Registration forms & info available from the Parish office or go to

www.womenwithfaith.org



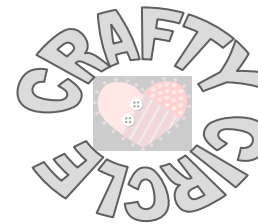
Saturday 21st August
at Door of Hope, Launceston

a unique opportunity for Christian sisters to invite non-Christian friends to an event designed specifically with them in mind

Cost \$45 per person if booked before 21st July (\$65 thereafter)

Registration forms & info available from the Parish office or go to

www.flourishexperience.com



CRAFTY CIRCLE

By popular demand is now twice a month!

2nd & 4th Thursdays

8th & 22nd July, 10am



Messy Church

Church with no boring bits!



Sunday July 4 from 4.30 – 6:30pm
at St Aidan's

Creative family time, Bible message & light meal provided

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Happy Families



CURSILLO
Men's
Women's

July 22nd - 25th
August 5th - 8th

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



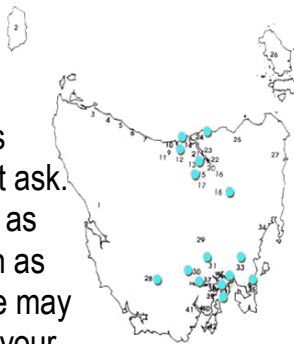
NOTICES

Bishop's Prayer Pilgrimage 'People @ Prayer'

Please continue to pray for and with Bishop John & Chris Sadler as they conclude the Prayer Pilgrimage this month.

Pilgrimage Prayer

Heavenly Father, your word teaches us that we do not have because we do not ask. By your Spirit make us as keen to pray as you are to listen as determined to listen as you have always been to speak that we may be equipped for mission and united as your people, healthy churches transforming our lives and those of all Tasmanians through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ABM
Auxiliary
Centenary
Celebrations
at St David's Cathedral
Hobart

Wednesday
14th July
1:30pm



will be performing in concert at Gateway Baptist Church, Wellington Street, Launceston

Friday night, 16th July @ 7.00 p.m.

sharing their happy music, dance, and puppetry

\$10 per person or
\$20 family

(2 adults & immediate children)

Tickets available at the door



through that person's work God would come to be obeyed by more and more children and families, and, if at all possible, increasing our giving so that this ministry can be funded.

As is often the case, we are a big part of the answer to this prayer. Yes, God must change peoples' hearts by his Spirit and grant them repentance and faith, but we his people are an important part of that process; of commending the Lord Jesus by our lives and our lips. It is very instructive that the same verb 'to be hallowed/set apart/made holy' is used in 1 Peter 3:15. Peter is telling Christians what to do in a hostile, unbelieving environment (3:13-17), which our environment resembles more and more; and the key response appears in verse 15: 'But in your hearts set apart/regard as holy Christ the Lord.' If God's Name/Person is to be set apart as holy by more and more people, including those who are hostile to him and to us, then we his people need to be likewise setting Jesus apart in our own lives – as Lord. In other words, what we are to be asking God to do for others, we must be doing for ourselves; and when we truly serve and reverence Jesus as Lord God, we will also be 'prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you' (1 Pet 3:15 – **second half of the same verse!**).



Therefore, to ask you if God's highest concern is your highest concern is also to ask you if you are daily setting apart Jesus as Lord. Well are you? Am I? And did you notice that the New Testament directs us to set apart as holy BOTH Jesus and the Father? Jesus said that 'whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him' (Jn 5:23). To hallow Jesus as God is to hallow the Father as God and to commend both the Son and the Father to an unbelieving world.

Before you pray the Lord's Prayer or anything like it, remember what you are asking: for God to be treasured and served by more and more people who currently treasure and serve false gods; and remember that this must be so in YOUR life.

Warmly, *David*



Many thanks to all those who helped with catering for the CMS fundraising dinner on Saturday night at Synod. Riverlinks were responsible for the meal.

Special thanks to Ken Pedley for coordinating everything and to Tom & Ann Nixon for organisation and preparation of the food and serving of the meal. Thanks also the extra hands from St John's, and to those who donated cooked chickens.

CMS, to whom the profits go, were very appreciative.

Riverlinks

July 2010	
1 st Thur	(each Thursday) Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer's home mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's AWF George Town – 10:00am at the Gunn Deck Café Tamar Park – 1:45pm
2 nd Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church G/Town
3 rd Sat	
4 th Sun	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:30am at St Alban's Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
5 th Mon	
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 – 10:00am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's Home & Study Groups – 7:00pm at Gross' home Bell Buoy Beach – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home

July 2010	
8 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
9 th Fri	
10 th Sat	
11 th Sun	Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's KYB Study Group – 3:00pm at the Baptist Church G/Town
12 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	ABM Auxiliary Centenary Celebration – 1:30pm at St David's Cathedral Hobart
15 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am Parish Council – 7:30pm
16 th Fri	The New America Singers in concert – 7:00pm at Gateway Baptist Church L'ton
17 th Sat	Women with Faith Bible teaching convention – from 8:30am at Devonport
18 th Sun	Café on Bain - 4:30pm at St Oswald's
19 th Mon	

Calendar

July 2010	
20 th Tue	
21 st Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
22 nd Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
23 rd Fri	
24 th Sat	
25 th Sun	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	
31 st Sat	

August and other dates 2010	
22 nd - 25 th July	Cursillo - Men's 24
5 th - 8 th August	Cursillo - Women's 24
21 st August	Cursillo - Diocesan Ultreya
21 st August	'Flourish' women's outreach event
21 st September	Back to Church Sunday
2 nd , 9 th & 30 th October	Tasmanian Bible Forums at St Helens, Ulverstone & Sorell
22 nd - 23 rd October	Global Leadership Summit



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