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Service Times For Worship Centres

September
2010

East Launceston		
5 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Messy Church
12 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer
19 th	10:00 am	Communion
26 th	10:00 am	Communion

George Town		
5 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Communion Pipers River Morning Prayer George Town Communion
12 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Together @ 10.30
19 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Communion George Town Communion
26 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Communion George Town Communion

Riverside & Trevallyn		
	Riverside	Trevallyn
5 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
12 th	9:00 am Praise & Worship	11:00am Kid's Church
19 th	9:00 am Communion	11:00am Communion
26 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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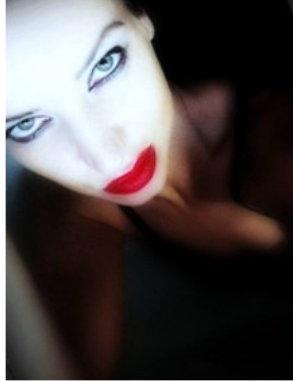
“Living the heartbeat of God”

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



"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.

FROM THE ENABLER



She would have given Hollywood celebrities a run for their money. She'd had five husbands and the bloke she was now shacking up with wasn't her husband. Jesus pointed to her serial adultery as symptomatic of a deep, spiritual thirst – an unfulfilled longing for God's presence and love. The woman was so overwhelmed by that very presence that she left her empty water jar by the well and hurried back to town to tell everyone about 'the Man of her dreams' (and theirs). Meanwhile the disciples urged Jesus to have some food to eat. How impressive is what he said to that?

'I have food to eat that you know nothing about. My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work' (Jn 4:32, 34).

I'm getting to know some of you quite well, and I know that some of you love your food! Judging by the huge popularity of cooking shows on TV, it seems that a lot of us love our food! Perhaps too much, judging by our culture's obesity epidemic.

Are you just a bit uncomfortable, then, with Jesus' priorities in the Lord's Prayer? He places prayer for our daily bread as the *fourth* petition in the *second half* of the Prayer. 'But' you protest, 'we need food to survive.' Yes we do. So what's Jesus getting at? You'd better take a seat before you read the answer. The universe isn't there for us. We're not at the centre. It's not about us. God isn't there for us. I warned you to sit down, didn't I? The day eventually comes when Christians get this; when the coin in the drink machine finally drops right down to the place where it produces a drink; and when that happens, their life begins to be



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I know that doing God's will is often hard. It's hard to get up earlier or turn off the TV earlier to get alone with God and his word. It's hard to speak up for God or to speak about Jesus (what will they think of me, do to me?). It's hard being godly when others aren't and glare at us when we are. Remember, the Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint; and obedience (to God's will) is like a river – it's sometimes slow, sometimes fast-moving, shallow and deep, hot and cold; but it's moving in the right direction, to the sea. The Christian life of growth and obedience is basically a long, slow movement in the right direction.

Jesus certainly didn't find it easy. Do you see him there on the night before his death, in the Garden of Gethsemane? Wrestling with submitting to the Father's revealed will for his Son: to drink down to the dregs the wrath of God as Jesus stood in our place on the cross. In the end, out of love for his Father and for his people, Jesus came to the place where he could say:



'My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will' (Mt 26:39).

Thank God for Jesus' obedience at such cost to himself. Look to him and rely on him for his help to do the Father's will; that by it we, too, would bring life to others and glory to God. You might like to stop and thank God now, and ask for that help now, to share Jesus' 'food', to make him known, to know, desire and do God's will.

Warmly, *David*

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Ending his sermon, a preacher announced that he would preach on Noah and the Ark on the following Sunday, and gave the scriptural reference for the congregation to read ahead of time.

A couple of boys noticed something interesting about the placement of the story in the Bible. They slipped into the church and glued two pages of the pulpit Bible together.

The next Sunday, the preacher got up to read his text. "Noah took unto himself a wife," he began, "and she was" - he turned the page to continue - "three hundred cubits long, fifty wide and thirty high."



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has taken boxes to fill this year for Operation Christmas Child.

If you haven't started yet there is still time as collection doesn't start until October.

Each centre has boxes and brochures so help yourself and enjoy the experience of bringing amazing joy and hope into a child's life.

Remember that your gift is just the beginning, longer term solutions to community needs flow from the contact made through your gift.

Life saving clean water, schools built, medical clinics, care of HIV orphans, vocational training in sewing and farming techniques to name a few.

Most importantly they hear about Jesus who transforms lives for His glory.

Bless you all for being part of this ministry.

Josie Ford
Regional Coordinator



Kids' Church

God made everything!



lived for God as reflected in the first half of the Lord's Prayer – for God's name, kingdom and will, not theirs.

Over the past few articles I've considered the wonder of addressing God as Father and what it means for his name to be hallowed and for his kingdom to come. I shouldn't need to take too long to explain the next petition in the Prayer:

'Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven' (Mt 6:10).

In the immediate context of the Prayer itself, God's will includes the arrival of his kingdom – both now and at the End. When a person repents and believes in Jesus, they enter God's kingdom and place themselves under his rule. When I first did that back in September 1984, I began a new life of discovering God and his perfect will for my life and for the world. When that woman at the well believed in Jesus, she went and told others about him and many of them also believed (Jn 4:39). This is the context of Jesus' words quoted above about his food being the Father's will. Immediately following that Jesus told the disciples to open their eyes and look at the mission field they were in. It was ripe for harvest and the crop is eternal life – people like those Samaritans who come to know God truly through his Son (Jn 4:35-38; cf. 17:3).

This was Jesus' food: preaching the gospel of the kingdom, welcoming 'sinners' into that kingdom, revealing the true and living God and restoring our relationship to God for eternity. Now that's a meal! That's something to sink our teeth into and chew on and live for and by for the rest of our lives. This is how the kingdom comes; and when it does, more and more people in turn begin to live to do the Father's will on earth as it is in heaven; and as they do that, God's name is hallowed (set apart as holy). Do you see how all this is connected? More importantly, what is your, my food? Do be like Jesus, which as Christians is our life goal, includes sharing in his food; to grow to live for and by it; to desire it more than anything else.



Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony

John 4:34-39
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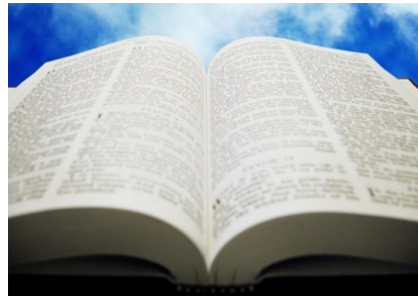
If you have a male living in your house, a son, husband or brother, chances are he's like most males. They've just finished breakfast and they want to know what's for dinner. Am I right? It sort of gives them something to look forward to, to savour through the day, to come home to. Well, Jesus' example and Prayer challenge us blokes *and* sheilas to be more excited about, hungry for, God's will to be done (by us and others).

Okay, so you've decided to change your diet, so to speak, to live for and by God's will. How will you know what God's will for you is? Here's a very big clue: When Jesus had not eaten for forty days and the devil tempted him to use his divine power to turn stones into bread, Jesus said:

'It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"' (Mt 4:4).

Again, Jesus' food was obvious, but notice where he knew to find the Father's will – the words of God. So if you're going to change your diet, to begin to live for and by God's will, you are going to need to pay careful and regular attention to the Scriptures: the written word of God. That is where God has revealed himself, his Son, his eternal purposes and how your church's life and your life and day-to-day fits into those purposes. Let me get tough with you about this. If you're not a keen student of Scripture then you're not very much like Jesus in a really important way; and what's more, you think you know better than him: that real food that counts is what you eat and wear and drive and drink. Or that you can know God's will by some other means: intuition, feelings, reason, hunches, guesses, human traditions, yes even church traditions. Have a look at what Jesus said to people who substituted church traditions for the word of God (Mark 7:1-13).

It's a big deal saying the Lord's Prayer and meaning it, isn't it? At this point in the Prayer it expresses a deep desire to see God's



I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:10,11,18

Hearing God's Word together in Tasmania

TASMANIAN BIBLE FORUMS

Understanding and applying the book of Isaiah with Rev Gary Nelson

10.00am – 3.00pm

\$15 (includes morning tea & lunch)

Saturday 2nd October at St Paul's, St Helens

Saturday 9th October at Holy Trinity, Ulverstone
Bring your Bible & a pen and **please read Isaiah 6 beforehand**

Gary Nelson has worked as a Maths teacher, a missionary teacher in Papua New Guinea, served in three very different Sydney parishes, and since 2006 he has been Director of External Studies at Moore Theological College.

Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 12th September

Personal invitation is what BTCS is all about, 'a friend inviting a friend' back to church.
Who will you invite back to church?



Do you know about Praypal? www.praypal.org.au

Praypal is an easy way of connecting chaplains with supporters. Once you create an account you can choose to receive updates from your local chaplain(s). This will come in the form of an email whenever the chaplain(s) write news/prayer points. Likewise, you can post news about your church events and they will receive an email regarding that too!

Why is it important to pray for our schools?

The Holy Spirit is active in every school.
God's Kingdom is alive in every school.
However it is alive in tension with the World's ideas and ways. We need people who will pray for God's best to be seen in each and every school in Tasmania.

Preaching Workshop

Sunday 26th September

2 - 4:30pm

at St David's Riverside



Seniors Week service & diabetes education workshop

Friday 1st October

at St David's Riverside

with guests Dr Rob Van Der Vlist, diabetes educator Teresa & dietitian Sunita



NOTICES

Pastors and Leaders Breakfast at Bible House

Tuesday 7th September 7:30 to 9am

to farewell Alister who is retiring
and to welcome Sarah as the new manager

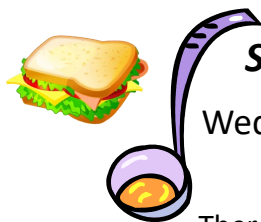
Please RSVP (to Koorong) by Friday 3rd September

Bible House is located at 116a St John Street, between York and Elizabeth Streets (behind Allgoods - entry to which is off Smiths Lane).



**Cursillo
Northern
Ulreya**

Saturday
11th September
from 12 noon
for a shared
lunch
at Holy Trinity,
Beaconsfield



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Wednesday 15th September - 12 noon
at St Oswald's Trevallyn

There will be a trade table & a guest speaker

Cost \$7 per head

Artbeat Exhibition for the City Mission 3rd to 5th September

Friday 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Saturday & Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm

Rex Heathcote
Fine Furniture Building
20 Herbert Street, Invermay

Opening Night: \$20.00
Weekend entry: Adults \$2.00
Family \$5.00

Tickets available at City Mission,
Frederick Street and Eyalines outlets,
ph: 6331 6999



perfect will done in our life and in others' lives; and we've just seen that that means that we need to be students of the Bible: Reading it alone with God and together with his people (Psalm 119; Col 3:16).

But of course, as with Jesus, this means not only *knowing* but *doing* the will of God. How many people have we known who can quote chapter and verse of the Bible, even preach and teach it, but who don't really live it? Remember the Prayer is, 'your will be done.' In the wider context of the Lord's Prayer that must include the discipleship that Jesus calls for in the rest of the Sermon on the Mount; the righteousness that 'surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law' (Mt 5:20). That is, a heart righteousness that truly desires to please God and to imitate God in everything. So you read on and find that it's God's will that his people don't condemn and hate others, don't lust after others, don't divorce, love their enemies, love God not money, seek first God's kingdom, not stuff (Mt 5:21-7:14).

To rescue us from the delusion of thinking that this level of heart discipleship is optional for the really serious dudes, Jesus finishes the Sermon with a really serious warning:

'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"' (Mt 7:21-23)!

So, let's resolve with God's help to change our diet (Jesus' food) and our desire (to want to do God's will and so show ourselves to be disciples) and our day-to-day (to do God's revealed will), as we study the word of God with God and his people. That will mean that:

- * We will pray earnestly for God's help with our new 'diet' and to stay on it!
- * We will grow to love God's word and will as life-giving and God honouring
- * Our church family will actively and deliberately share the word of God together (during and after church, in home groups, one-to-one).

A WORD TO THE WISE ...

God sweetens
outward pain
with inward
peace.

Thomas Watson

If we only have
the will to walk,
then God is
pleased with
our stumbles.

C.S. Lewis

The measure of
a life, after all,
is not its
duration, but
its donation.

Corrie Ten Boom

Employ
whatever God
has entrusted
you with, in
doing good, all
possible good,
in every
possible kind
and degree...

John Wesley

You're just a
prayer away
from a change
of heart.

Dr Henry Brandt

Great
opportunities
to help others
seldom come,
but small ones
surround us
every day.
Sally Koch

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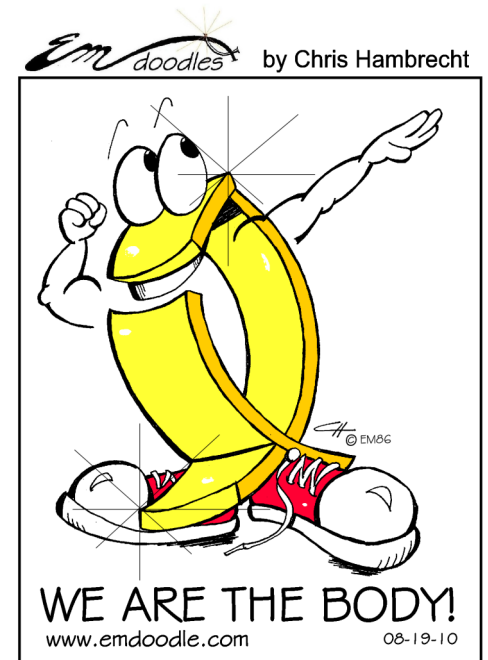
September 2010	
1 st Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> East Launceston Play Group – 10:00am in “The Upper Room” St Aidan’s Home & Study Groups – 7:00pm at Gross’ home Bell Buoy Beach – 7:30pm at Stott’s home – 7:30pm at Bullard’s home
2 nd Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> Home Group – 10:00am at Collyer’s home mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan’s New Guinea Martyrs’ Day service – 11:00am at Holy Trinity Launceston
3 rd Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am
4 th Sat	
5 th Sun	
6 th Mon	
7 th Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> 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 Pastors & Leaders breakfast retirement farewell for Alister Stott

September 2010	
8 th Wed	St David’s Guild – 2:00pm at St David’s
9 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David’s Parish Council – 7:30pm
10 th Fri	
11 th Sat	
12 th Sun	Back to Church Sunday Kids’ Church – 11:00am at St Oswald’s
13 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
14 th Tue	
15 th Wed	St Oswald’s Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:30pm
16 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
17 th Fri	
18 th Sat	
19 th Sun	KYB Study Group – 10:30am at St Alban’s Café on Bain – 4:30pm at St Oswald’s

Calendar

September 2010	
20 th Mon	
21 st Tue	
22 nd Wed	Kids’ Church – 11:00am at St Oswald’s
23 rd Thur	mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan’s Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David’s
24 th Fri	
25 th Sat	
26 th Sun	Preaching Workshop – 2:00pm at St David’s Riverside
27 th Mon	
28 th Tue	
29 th Wed	
30 th Thur	Prayer Group – 1:30pm at George Town Tamar Park – 1:45pm

October and other dates 2010	
1 st October	Seniors Week service & diabetes education workshop at St David’s
2 nd , 9 th & 30 th October	Tasmanian Bible Forums at St Helens, Ulverstone & Sorell
22 nd - 23 rd October	Global Leadership Summit at Door of Hope
3 rd - 5 th November	Clergy Conference



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

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