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BTSF Malawi



Alligator came for a feed



Chicken & duck housing



Round about 3 houses



Water traps



Bananas with Dyson



Library



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Contending for the Faith of the Gospel

“Hobart euthanasia clinic plan”.

Tasmania could have the first euthanasia clinic in the country, under plans announced recently to take advantage of proposed legislation. Speaking from Switzerland, euthanasia activist Dr Philip Nitschke announced plans to open a clinic in Hobart this year. (ABC online news)

How do you react to news items such as this? Personally it saddens me as I see it as another example of the church’s failure to communicate the wonderful message of hope that we have in Jesus Christ. At the same time, it also challenges me to seek ways of communicating the gospel more effectively.

God has entrusted the gospel to the church, and an important aspect of that trust is the responsibility to proclaim the truth and relevance of the gospel to a hope starved world. When Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, he had the primary importance of the gospel very much in mind. In, fact he was far more concerned about the preaching of the gospel than he was about his own safety and well-being. For Paul, the gospel was more important than life itself. (Phil 1:12-18)

In the first 26 verses of this letter, Paul brings the Philippians up to date with his situation. He is in chains, probably in a Roman gaol and facing the possibility of execution in the not-too-distant future.

In verse 1:27 he turns his attention to the Philippians: “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.”

Paul calls upon the Philippians to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. By this he is reminding them that they are citizens of the Roman colony of Philippi and as such have all the rights and responsibilities of Roman citizens. Similarly, they are also citizens of heaven and their lives in Philippi should reflect their heavenly citizenship.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Back-to-School Foundation

Back to School Foundation is blessed by many answers to prayer.

The 2-Day Mega Garage sale received huge support, thankyou so much to the Riverlinks. Community for your extremely generous assistance. \$2,700 was raised, \$170 worth being the sausage sizzle. We were blessed to have the Saturday Examiner photo story printed on page 2 that weekend.

BTSF appreciates your continued prayer support please.

The Foundation now facilitates secondary education for 150 student orphans per annum. It is working towards upgrading a small shop, which will sell some clothes donated here and produce grown by the students in the BTSF garden.

It would be great if you would continue prayer support of this work.

Prayer points:

- Praise God for the way he provides
- Praise God for the orphans served by this foundation. Asking for their salvation.
- Birgit’s covering and spiritual needs now that she has returned to Malawi
- Solution to plumbing and electrical maintenance issues
- BTSF needs committee members here and in Malawi.

Financial provision for running costs in Monkey Bay, Malawi

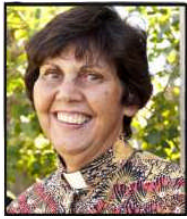
If you are unable to sponsor a child please consider becoming a member of the Foundation for \$50 pa and we will send you updates about progress at Monkey Bay.

Please phone Bernard Rogers - 6327 3982 or Helen Wills - 0437 918 060.



Keep up to date with news

www .btsfmalawi .org



Visit by Reverend Gloria Shipp

Wednesday 6th April - 10am

for St Oswald's Healing Service with lunch to follow

In 1996 Gloria was the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained a priest in the Anglican Church of Australia. She is based in the Diocese of Bathurst where she runs her program. Her ministry includes chaplaincy at a local juvenile justice centre, and holding camps for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women.

Micah Challenge →

HALVE POVERTY BY 2015

Voices for Justice - Will you be involved?

We are hoping to get at least ten Tasmanian delegates (and at least one from each electorate) to attend Voices for Justice in Canberra, 17-20 September. This annual conference sees about 300 Christians converge for two days of training followed by two days of lobbying politicians in Parliament House.

Contact Jeff McKinnon (jeff@citybaptistchurch.net) for more information



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- Ray Comfort, International Evangelist

At Combined Christian Churches of George Town service

Sunday 22nd May

6pm

at George Town Baptist Church
56 Goulburn Street,
George Town



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Paul was hoping to make one more journey to Philippi but regardless of that eventuality, he wanted to know that they were Standing firm, in one spirit, contending as one for the faith of the gospel.

Contending as one: Paul was willing to give his life in contending for the gospel and he wanted to see the same dedication from the Philippian church. Let's have a closer look at the word 'contend'.

Contend is a word that implies action. You cannot contend for anything passively. One translation uses the expression 'striving side by side' which is a military image consisting of a body of trained spearmen who fought in closed ranks. There are 2 aspects to contending for the faith of the gospel;

Defending the gospel from attack both within the church and without

Proclaiming the gospel to those who do not yet believe

Contending requires passion. Are you passionate for Jesus, passionate for the gospel, passionate for the church?

The phrases stand firm and in one spirit anticipate chapters 2 and 3 of Paul's letter. Chapter 2 (in one spirit) is all about unity and specifically unity within the church and chapter 3 is Paul's strategy for standing firm in the faith.

Let's have a look at Chapter 2 – Unity in the church. In verses 2 to 4 Paul gives the Philippian church a number of guidelines for encouraging and maintaining unity within their congregation:

Being like-minded

Having the same love

Being one in spirit and purpose

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit

In humility consider others better than yourselves

Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also to the interests of others

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians
2:1-11
NIV**

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

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Let me emphasize that this was a pattern of behavior that Paul wanted to see WITHIN the church. This was how church members should behave toward one another.

We come now to a very well-known and often quoted piece of scripture (2: 5-11), sometimes referred to as ‘The Christ hymn’. Although used widely it is very often quoted out of context. Have a close look at verse 5, the introductory verse. ‘Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus’. This passage is not principally about Christ’s humiliation, death and exhalation. Rather, it is about the attitudes that members of the Philippian church should hold towards one-another.

These attitudes play an important part in our ability to contend as one for the faith of the gospel. The world will sit up and take notice when church members start to live in this way.

Paul concludes the chapter on unity by quoting examples of 2 people who lived according to these principles. Speaking of Timothy, Paul says:

“I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.

For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ”. (Philippians 2: 20-21) Compare with (2:4).

Epaphroditus, Paul said, should be welcomed in the Lord with great joy and honor...because he almost died for the work of Christ. (2:29-30)

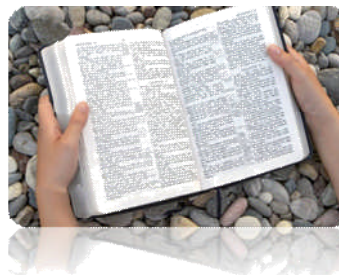
We turn now to chapter 3 to see what we can discover about Paul’s strategy for standing firm. Philippians was written to a persecuted church which had opponents both within and outside the church. Paul’s challenge in chapter 3 is that they stand firm in the face of this double-edged opposition.

Paul’s strategy included:

Rejoice in the Lord (verse 1)

Watch out for false teachers (verse 2)

2011 Tasmanian Bible Forums



**Prayer as
Passionate Spirituality
with Bishop John Harrower**

Saturday 25th June, 2011

10.00am – 3.00pm

St Paul’s Anglican Parish hall,

58 Cecilia Street, St Helens

\$15 (includes morning tea & lunch)

Bring your Bible and a pen

**RSVP:
22nd June - 6376 1144**

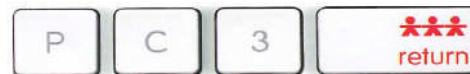
Saturday 15th October at Sorell

Richard Humphrey (Dean of St David’s Cathedral, Hobart)

Saturday 22nd October at St Aidan’s East L’ton

Mike Raiter (Principal, Melbourne School of Theology [previously BCV])

'No Turning Back' - 3 sessions on the Book of Numbers



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solo act

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"Creation"
Sunday 17th April 2pm

at St Mary's
Anglican Church Hagley

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Teddy Bears' Picnic
Sunday 10th April 12:30pm
following
Kids' Church
at Trevallyn Park

Come and join us



City Mission Open Day & Family Fun Day

See and hear about the extensive work City Mission is doing in Northern Tasmania



Where? Missiondale, Leighlands Rd Evandale

When? Sunday 10th April
12:30 - 3:30pm



Admission: 1 can of food per person



"Can I have social justice with that?"

Justice & International Mission Unit Convention 2011

Saturday 9 April

9:30am - 4:30pm

Longford Uniting Church, High Street, Longford

Registration forms available in all centres or from the Parish office

Messy Easter
Church with no boring bits!
Sunday 3rd April
4.30 - 6:30pm
at St Aidan's
Jo 6344 1938, Maureen 6334 9442
or Grace 6327 3982
BBQ

Consider everything as a loss/rubbish apart from knowing Christ (verse 8)

Seek the righteousness that comes from God (verse 9)

Focus on knowing Christ (verse 10)

Forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead (verse 13)

Follow Paul's example of Christian living (verse 17)

Live on earth as if you are a citizen of heaven (verse 20)

Eagerly await the return of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ (Verse 20)

Paul concludes this section of the letter in 4:1: "that is how you should stand firm in the Lord dear friends." As we look back over these strategies, it becomes apparent that they all have to do with our relationship with God. The way to standing firm in our faith is to stay close to God, to be vigilant in the daily disciplines of Christian living.

Paul challenged the church in Philippi to "stand firm in one spirit, contending as one for the faith of the gospel." We have seen that an essential aspect of this is to place a very high priority on our relationship with God and on our relationships with one another in the church.

Riverlinks is a great parish to belong to. There are so many things happening particularly in the area of children's and family ministries. We are guardians of Good News so desperately needed in the world around us and our impact on the wider community is growing.

As we move forward, let's be careful not to neglect our relationship with God and to remember the example of self-sacrifice that Jesus set us in our relationships with one another.

"...stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel"... (Phil. 1:27)

Alister

And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians
2:12-18
NIV

World Day of Prayer

Services for World Day of Prayer 2011 were held at St David's Riverside and at St Mary Magdalene's George Town on Friday 4th March.

This year's service was prepared by the women of Chile.

Nancy Potter, whose son is currently living and working in Chile, shared at the George Town service.

In Riverside Rev Kaye Gregory spoke about the sharing of the bread of life and was then joined by Stella, who with her mother Doreen, are from Chile and have revisited in recent years. She spoke of the Christian school there attended by her mother and grandmother.

An inspiring DVD of an interview with Christian mine survivor Jose Enrique and Rev Alf Cooper was shown.



Parish Finances

Our major source of parish income is the offertory and for the six months (July-December 2010) our offertory was \$6,380 under budget. The early months of this year have continued this trend. We need to meet our budget to meet our commitments.

Please pray that as a parish we will be able to reach our budget target by the end of this financial year (June 30th).

Ian Morley

Parish Council Chair

200 Years of Anglican Worship

On 21st May 2011 at 2.00 pm the Anglican Church will celebrate 200 years of continuous ministry in the North of the Tasmania with a public worship service in the Prince's Square.

The combined public celebration service will be run by St John's Anglican Church with the help of other Anglican Churches in the Tamar Valley.

Church History Committee Chairman, Mr. Tim MacLeavy said, "On 26th February 1811, 200 years ago the Reverend Robert Knopwood M.A who was the chaplain of the settlement of Hobart Town visited Launceston for several weeks. He solemnized 23 marriages and performed 43 baptisms.

The commemorative event will be staged under the trees in Princes Square. The Rev Knopwood performed the ceremonies under the trees in the area that is now Cameron Street. It seems appropriate that the commemoration should be held now under the trees close by the first church in the area."

For further information please contact either Tim MacLeavy 0447391846, Gail Gill 63982133 or John Smith 63273390, 0419566166

Always
be full of joy
in the Lord.
I say it again—
rejoice!

Philippians
4:4
NLT

Commitment Card

Name:

Address:

email:

Signature:

Return to James Oakley

Riverlinks Anglican Church, 399 West Tamar Rd, Riverside, 7250

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.

For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

Hebrews
11:1,2,39,40
NLT

"I am the vine;
you are the
branches.
If you remain in me
and I in you,
you will bear
much fruit;
apart from me
you can do
nothing.
If you do not
remain in me,
you are like a
branch that is
thrown away and
withers;
such branches
are picked up,
thrown into the
fire and burned.
If you remain in
me and my words
remain in you,
ask whatever
you wish, and
it will be done
for you.
This is to my
Father's glory,
that you bear
much fruit,
showing
yourselves to be
my disciples.

John
15:5-8
NIV

Please pray!!!

You can do more than pray after you have prayed. But you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. Prayer is striking the winning blow at the concealed enemy, service is gathering up the results of that blow among the men and women (and children!) we see and touch. - S. D. Gordon, from Quiet Talks on Prayer

I know that many of you have been praying faithfully for our ministry to children and their families. Many of you know already that our real battle is the one we wage on our knees. I also know that we can and should pray more than we do, and that we should target our prayers more carefully than we do.

As we commit ourselves to prayer, we will see ourselves transformed more into the likeness of God. As we pray, we will see our church resemble more closely the body of Christ. As we pray, we will see the growth of God's Kingdom in our suburbs, towns and cities.

I am now asking for your commitment. Will you commit with me to pray regularly and intently for children and their families? For those within our church, and for those whom God is calling? Will you commit with me to pray for all of us who serve these families?

Our commitment will be:

- ◆ for one year – from Easter 2011 until Easter 2012.
- ◆ to pray every Monday at 12 noon (or another day/time if necessary), wherever you are at that time.
- ◆ to gather for a prayer meeting once a month.
- ◆ To share with each other what God is saying to us.

If you're willing to commit to this important ministry, please complete your details below, detach the slip on the opposite page and return it to me. Alternatively, you can email me with these details on kids_families@riverlinks.com.au . I will send you our first set of prayer requests, and other information/resources as they become available.

Rockidz last Sunday

We talked about what Passing the Peace means

We made many hand-outlines and joined them in a 'pass the peace' chain to decorate the Sonroom window.

Around the table we crossed arms in front of our bodies and shook hands with the person next to us, sending Gods Peace around.

We wrote Philippians 4:7, Peace that is beyond our understanding, on our cut out hands and stuck them on straws to take home.

We wondered what this word peace really means.

NOT a piece of fruit. Something we cannot see, but something we can know and feel.

Something God gives us.

Like the new baby asleep with his arms curled above his head in pure beauty and calm.

We sang a lullaby on the guitar and tried to remember if our mum's or dad's sang us a lullaby?

We all pretended to be lying in the long grass, or on warm sand. We had coloured rugs to lay on, under the window, where we could watch the clouds and grasses and feel Gods Peace trough the warm Autumn sun, while the guitar played softly.

We felt His stillness and beauty in what he Has made.

We want to share this around with other people.

Helen Wills



Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me— everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians
4: 8b, 9
NIV

Riverlinks

April 2011	
1st Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church G/Town
2nd Sat	
3rd Sun	Messy Easter – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
4th Mon	(Each Monday) Home Group – 1:00pm at Collyer's home
5th Tue	(each Tuesday) Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group CCCGT Prayer Group – 1:00pm Home & Study Groups – 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
6th Wed	(each Wednesday) East Launceston Play Group – 10:00am to 12:00 noon in "The Upper Room" St Aidan's Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Gross' home Bell Buoy Beach – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm at Bullard's home Rev Gloria Shipp – 10:00am at St Oswald's followed by lunch
7th Thur	(each Thursday) mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
8th Fri	

April 2011	
9th Sat	Social Justice Convention – 9:30am to 4:30pm at Longford Uniting Church
10th Sun	Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's Teddy Bears' Picnic – 12:30pm at Trevallyn Park City Mission Family Fun Day – 12:30pm at Missiondale, Leighlands Road Evandale
11th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
12th Tue	
13th Wed	
14th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council – 7:30pm
15th Fri	
16th Sat	
17th Sun	Don Chorale presents Haydn's "Creation" – 2:00pm at St Mary's Church Hagley Grant Norsworthy (PC3) to sing & speak – 5:00pm at Door of Hope
18th Mon	Paul Colman Trio Concert – 7:30pm at Door of Hope
19th Tue	

Calendar

April 2011	
20th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
21st Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
22nd Fri	*** Good Friday Good Friday services – 9:00am at St Mary Magdalene's – 10:00am at St David's – 10:00am at St Aidan's
23rd Sat	
24th Sun	*** Easter Day Kids' Church – 11:00am at St Oswald's
25th Mon	*** Easter Monday & ANZAC Day
26th Tue	*** Bank Holiday
27th Wed	
28th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Tamar Park – 1:45pm
29th Fri	
30th Sat	
1st May Sun	

May and other dates 2011	
21st May	Celebration of 200 years of Anglican ministry in Nthn Tas
22nd May	Preaching Workshop
29th May	Riverlinks Together
25th June 15th Oct 22nd Oct	Tasmanian Bible Forums

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
3rd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Messy Church	
10th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
17th	10:00 am	Communion	
22nd	10:00 am	Service of Reflection	
24th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
3rd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
10th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
17th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
22nd	9:00 am	George Town	Good Friday
24th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
3rd	9:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Communion
10th	9:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship Kids' Church
17th	9:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Communion
22nd	10:00 am 2-4:00 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Good Friday Quiet reflection
24th	9:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
10th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
17th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
24th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	

The **deadline** for the May Newsletter edition is **9am on 18th April**

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