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LEFT: KC musicians

BELOW: A riveting match



BELOW: Coat of  
many colours

BELOW RIGHT:  
Play dough of  
many colours



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# Newsletter

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Anglican Church



### “Living the heartbeat of God”

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



## Preaching the Songs of Israel

I recently returned from Sydney where I spent 4 days from 9-3:00 and 7-9:00 each day listening to lectures and sermons on why and how to preach The Songs of Israel. We listened to great Bible teachers from America and UK who were inspiring and challenging. It was inspiring to hear the word of God explained and preached by people who were passionate about God's words and who had studied so hard to find the truth within the Bible. It changed my thinking about God and opened up the word and reminded about the GPS (God's Planned Salvation) throughout History. It was challenging to hear one of the lecturers say that he spent about 16 hrs preparing his sermons and he has been writing sermons for over 40 yrs. The knowledge these people had acquired because of their commitment to God, their calling and to God's people made them passionate about preaching well. This was very challenging for me. They admitted that preaching is not an easy thing to do. It requires great perseverance but they also acknowledged how important it was for their personal relationship with God, and for the growth of God's people and for the church. Faithful preaching of the word came at great cost as it demands time and preparation. They said that when you preach it is like standing naked before the congregation because you have put so much of yourself into the sermon. I'm sure there is nakedness each Sunday. Please pray for all in Riverlinks who preach. It is an honour but also a great responsibility as we will stand before God and be accountable to him for the words we speak.

The conference theme was **Preaching the Songs of Israel.**

What are the songs of Israel?

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

## Fun at mainly music



## 2011 Tasmanian Bible Forums

There was much to enjoy and appreciate last Saturday at St Helens, where the Break'O'Day Parish hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> Tasmanian Bible Forum. The stunning drive there and back, the fellowship with God's people, the warmth of the venue with tasty, nourishing food, and especially Bishop John's relaxed yet skillful and heartfelt leading in our workshop on "Prayer as Passionate Spirituality".

John's passion certainly comes through, no wonder his red car still sports the lettering of "People at Prayer".

Nearly 60 folk (from George Town Evandale, Deloraine, Launceston & Swansea to name a few) considered the interrelationship of prayer and faith, that 'Faith bursts into prayer and prayer speaks of faith'.

We shared our own experiences of God in Christ, 'The soil from which our prayer life grows', as well as the examples of God in prayer - in the New Testament in particular:

- Jesus at prayer - especially in chapter 17 of John
- His teaching on prayer
- The early church
- Paul the apostle at prayer

Inspiration indeed and great encouragement and blessing. Thanks be to God and Bishop John.

*Re-read Paul's passionate prayer to the Ephesians (3:14-19) which he prayed for us all.*

Kaye & Ross Gregory

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Sorell**

**Richard Humphrey**

(Dean of St David's Cathedral, Hobart)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at St Aidan's**

**Mike Raiter**

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

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



You've missed out on St Helen's but there are still opportunities to come, including Launceston's **First TBF** at **St Aidan's!**

Hearing God's Word together in Tasmania



The Psalms: the Jewish book of Songs of Praise. They are poems and songs sung and spoken by God's people for generations. Poetry is a genre which is so different from the narrative text. It allows the expression of emotions with great honesty. The Psalms are the poems of agony and adoration of God's people. They are the Songbook Jesus sang as a child in the temple and synagogue which he quoted from in his earthly ministry.

### 1. Why read the Psalms ?

◆ **Teach us how to praise God** They model for us a way to praise God Ps 113 *Praise the Lord. Praise O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised now and forever more.* Our praises on earth will continue for eternity when we will be in God's presence forever. It will be the words of the psalms we will sing- it won't hurt to have a practice!

◆ **They teach us how to pray** Jonah when swallowed by the large fish was in dire straits. In His agony of circumstance and disobedience, he cried out to God in repentance using verses from Psalms as prayer. God in his faithfulness rescued him and enabled him to continue in obedience with the task God had given.

David, when expressing his sin before God pleads that God would forgive and restore and create in him a clean heart and renew a steadfast Spirit within him so that he might teach transgressors God's ways.

◆ **They teach us that we don't know God of the Bible** as much as we think we do. These psalm are God centred, not me centred. The authors are passionate about God and in reading and studying them they force us to deal with God and our relationship with Him.

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These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.

Psalm 42:1-5 NIV

## Signs That Old Age Might Be Creeping Up On You

When you like to be in crowds because they keep you from falling down.

When your knees buckle, but your belt won't

You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

If it takes you longer to rest than to get tired.

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### 2. How should we read the Psalms?

- ◆ **Reverently:** they are CD 's of Israel's (God's chosen people's) worship. They are our songs also. They are worship. They are full of truth about God, about us, His grace, His mercy and His judgement
- ◆ **Imaginatively:** they are poetry. They are full of mood, distress anguish exuberance praise. They are meant to be read aloud. They are prayers so pray spend time praying them aloud to God. They express the full gamut of emotions we feel - our innermost thoughts, even anger, frustration and revenge. God is not removed so far from us that he will not listen to our outpourings of hurt and dismay, but we are never to express our rebellion against him - for that is sin.
- ◆ **Analytically:** they are literature to sing, praise and meditate on. Psalms are written in many forms, so look for the big idea and literary forms to illustrate the greatness of God, feelings and emotions.
- ◆ **Responsively:** In circumstances of life there is no time that Israel did not respond to God. In their despair they poured out their hearts but not in rebellion against God. Psalms give us the words to pray and speak in times of despair and in times of joy. Joy leads to thanks and praise of our God from whose hand we have everything we need. In despair we know God is always present and aware of our need.
- ◆ **Sequentially.** Ralph Davis suggested we wade through the psalms in the order they are written because they reflect life as it truly is. Don't leave out the tricky bits. So start at Ps 1 and keep on going!



## Getting Messy in May with Joseph



Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was the child of his old age.

And he made him an elaborately embroidered coat.

Genesis 37:3 MSG



◆ **Affectionately:** Love the Lord your God is his first command to his people. Psalms will give us the vocabulary and inspiration to do this.

### **So what will the Psalms do for me and you?**

The Psalms will claim us, anchor us, drive us, connect us and sober us so that we might be God's people, reflecting his glorious presence through his Holy Spirit to each other and to our family, friends our workmates and those we meet and are yet to know. They teach us the way of the righteous in the muck of Life.

# Jo

How well God must like you—  
you don't hang out at SinSaloon,  
you don't slink along Dead-End Road,  
you don't go to Smart-Mouth College.

Instead you thrill to God's Word,  
you chew on Scripture day and night.  
You're a tree replanted in Eden,  
bearing fresh fruit every month,  
Never dropping a leaf,  
always in blossom.

You're not at all like the wicked,  
who are mere windblown dust—  
Without defense in court,  
unfit company for innocent people.

God charts the road you take.  
The road they take is Skid Row.

When you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor instead of by the police.

When you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

You wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.

When somebody you consider an old-timer calls you an old-timer.

You're getting old when these one liners all seem familiar.

**Psalms 1** MSG

## Kids' Church



*It's not where you go or what you do; it's whom you help along your way*

### Soup & Sandwich Lunch to support Birgit in Monkey Bay Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

**11:30am - 2pm**

At Helen's - 18 Fairthorne Rd, Trevallyn  
\$5 per head and raffle

RSVP by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August to Helen 6331 1512

### Garage Sale for Children's Ministry

A garage sale will be held at St David's Riverside (date to be finalised) to support children's ministry in Riverlinks.

If you have any suitable items (bric-a-brac, books, produce, furniture, etc.) please leave at the parish office, or if you require pick up of items please contact Ian Morley 6327 1191.



**Cursillo  
Diocesan  
Ultreya**

Saturday  
2<sup>nd</sup> July

10am to 3pm  
at Campbell  
Town High  
School



## Did my neurons make me do it?

2011 ISCAST Annual Lecture

**Speaker: Prof. Nancey Murphy**

Professor of Christian Philosophy  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

**Thursday 25 August, 7.30 pm**


**St Georges, Battery Point**

**Gold Coin Donation**

Contact: Alastair.Richardson@utas.edu.au

Presented by ISCAST: Christians in Science and Technology



**Dr. Allan Meyer**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011**  
**7.30 pm Door of Hope Centre**  
 ONE NIGHT ONLY  
 Topic: building healthy self-esteem in families  
 doorofhope ...a lifesolutions event



**Tasmanian Youth Convention**  
 Youth Conference for Grades 9 - 12  
 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 at St Helen's  
 \$30 early bird registration before 1<sup>st</sup> August

Contact: Jess Partridge 0408 128 462 jess.partridge@hotmail.com

St Oswald's Fellowship Group invite you to join them for

## Lunch at St Oswald's Hall

34 Bain Tce, Trevallyn

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 12 for 12:30pm

Cost is \$8 per person

Our speaker will be James Oakley,  
 speaking about his work in children & young families  
 ministry within Riverlinks and the Tasmanian Diocese.



All proceeds to Riverlinks'  
 Children & Young Families  
 Ministry

*Includes a trade table  
 & lucky door prize*



### WEIRD BUT TRUE

Mosquitoes are attracted to people who have recently eaten bananas. A Blue whale's tongue weighs more than an elephant.

Tiger shark embryos fight each other in their mother's womb. The survivor is born.

There are as many chickens on earth as there are humans.

Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never phoned his wife or mother because they were both deaf.

The average person spends two weeks of their life waiting for a traffic light to change.

## Riverlinks

July 2011	
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	(each Friday) <b>KYB Study Group</b> – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	<b>Cursilb Diocesan Ultreya</b> – 10:00am at Campbell Town High School
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	<b>Messy Church</b> – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	(Each Monday) <b>Home Group</b> – 1:00pm at Collyer's home
5 <sup>th</sup> Tue	(each Tuesday) Women of St Aidan's Prayer Group <b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town <b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b> – 1:45pm at Igglesden's home – 7:30pm at Gross' home – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
6 <sup>th</sup> Wed	(each Wednesday) <b>Healing Service</b> – 10:00am at St Oswald's <b>East Launceston Play Group</b> – 10:00am to 12:00 noon at St Aidan's <b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b> – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
7 <sup>th</sup> Thur	(each Thursday) <b>mainly music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's
8 <sup>th</sup> Fri	

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9 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
11 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Cador na</b> – 2:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
13 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
14 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's
15 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
18 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
19 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
20 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<b>St Oswald's Fellowship Luncheon</b> – 12:00 noon at St Oswald's <b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:15pm

## Calendar

July 2011	
21 <sup>st</sup> Thur	<b>Presbyterian Home Legana</b> – 10:45am
22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>CCCGT Children's Service</b> – 5:00pm at the Uniting Church George Town
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
26 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
28 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's <b>Tamar Park</b> – 1:45pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
31 <sup>st</sup> Sun	

August and other dates 2011	
6 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Northern Prayer Gathering</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Preaching Workshop</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Dr Allan Meyer at Door of Hope</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<b>Tasmanian Bible Forums</b> <b>TBF at Sorrell</b> <b>TBF at St Aidan's</b>

### Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Messy Church	
10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am	Café Church	
George Town			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
31 <sup>st</sup>	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship Café Church
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Café Church
31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' / Café Church
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am		Morning Prayer
17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am		Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am		Morning Prayer

The **deadline** for the August Newsletter edition is **22<sup>nd</sup> July**

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