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*Our Vision: "Growing a community of faith committed to
Christ and making him known"*

Linking ministering communities in East Launceston, George Town,
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Olive shoots around my table

Do you enjoy your children?

As I write this I'm sitting in an ancient rectory about 1300 km away from Sally and the children. The distance frees me a little from that constant, immediate worry about whether I'm doing the right thing for the children. And if I'm perfectly honest with myself, it removes the little annoying things that they do, and allows me to reflect on God's grace in giving me those kids and the enjoyment they bring. What a round-about way of saying that I'm missing them!

I love listening to them play together. Most of the time they're pretty good – they cooperate in their games, finding room for everyone in the game. When they argue, I catch myself holding my breath: will they work it out for themselves, or will I need to intervene? (I love it when they work it out for themselves!)

I enjoy when we get the guitar out after dinner (if there's time), and the kids pester me for yet another Colin Buchanan song. Their favourite this month is an old favourite by the prolific songwriter "anon", with the verse:

The butcher was deaning the back of his shop
he stopped for a moment to lean on his mop
he sat on the slicing machine with a jerk
and found that he'd got all behind in his work

They are transfixed, and howl with laughter every time we sing it.

I love when they create performances for us. The crowning glory so far was when Emily, Sophy and four of their friends created a play for all six parents. The six of us crowded into the darkened auditorium (one of the beds) to watch the stage (the other bed) and the grand performance (five kids whispering to each other about who had to start speaking, and Sophy hiding under a blanket). Suddenly, the door burst open and a

Some thoughts about fatherhood:

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

Clarence Budington Kelland

My child, don't turn away or become bitter when the Lord corrects you.

The Lord corrects everyone he loves, just as parents correct their favourite child.

Proverbs 3:11,12 CEV

sue on which many people in the community have a strong view on... The Government has supported an amended motion calling on Members of Parliament to gauge the views of their constituents on equal treatment for gay couples, including marriage... The Government's position on same-sex marriage has not changed."

Senator Bob Brown (Greens Senator for Tasmania): "Your views relating to the definition of marriage have been noted and your letter will be forwarded to the relevant advisor so your thoughts can be taken into account"

Senator Eric Abetz (Leader of Opposition in the Senate): "You can be assured I have no difficulty in reflecting the views of your members in my representation of them in the Senate and in the Federal Parliament when the issue arises. It is reassuring to see the Anglican Church community take such a pro-active stance on this vitally important issue."

Senator Anne Urquhart (Labor Senator for Tasmania): "It is the view of the Australian Government, that couples who have a mutual commitment to a shared life should be able to have their relationship recognized. Although the Australian Government does not support same-sex marriage, it does support a nationally consistent framework for relationships recognition to be implemented by the States and Territories. My personal opinion and belief is that there is a need for an amendment to the Marriage Act to ensure that Australians remain a country that actively promotes equality, fairness and dignity for all citizens."

Senator Helen Polley (Labor Senator for Tasmania): "You would be well aware of my views in relation to this subject, which are in accord with the sentiments expressed in your letter. I assure you that I will continue to do all that I can to ensure that the definition of marriage continues to be the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others."

Hon Will Hodgman MP (Leader of the Opposition): "The Tasmanian Liberals have a long held view that the institution of marriage should be reserved for a man and a woman."

Senator Stephen Parry (Liberal Senator for Tasmania): "Whilst I am committed to maintaining the Australian tradition of tolerance and respect, I believe very strongly that the union of marriage between man and woman is sacrosanct."

Senator Lisa Singh (Labor Senator for Tasmania): "As it stands our Party supports the current legal definition of marriage. I will not, therefore, be supporting any legislative change currently before Parliament. However, should the opportunity arise within the Party to amend its position, for instance at the National Conference in December, I will be supporting any amendment that recognises the equal dignity of all Australians...I believe that the time is right for Australia to leave behind discrimination in the marriage law as we have in so many other ways..."

Senator Catryna Bilyk (Labor Senator for Tasmania): "While not supporting same-sex marriage, the Government does support a nationally consistent framework for relationship recognition to be implemented by the States and Territories. This issue is to be discussed further at the ALP National Conference in December 2011..."

For the Sake of Marriage!

An urgent message from Jim Wallace, Managing Director of Australian Christian Lobby:

If we care about marriage we must act... could I ask that your churches be exhorted to respond to this and to go to the www.makeastand.org.au website and access the campaign Man+Wife 4 Life and send an email to their politician. This is made very easy to do there and they should also sign the petition at the same time as it will be presented on next Wed and it is once again important that it can at least match anything thrown up by the other side.

*Clearly the time imperative here, **(emails must be sent by end work on Monday 29th August)** means we must have our churches send this out on their email lists or we will not act in time.*

“Definition of Marriage” – Responses to the letter I sent to several federal politicians regarding the Synod of the Anglican Church of Tasmania’s resolution regarding the definition of marriage:

Dear ,

Definition of Marriage

I write on behalf of Tasmania’s Anglican community regarding the Definition of Marriage.

The Synod meeting in June confirmed its commitment to the definition of marriage under Commonwealth law, that is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life.

I would ask that you bring this resolution of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania to your deliberations on this issue.

Yours sincerely

John D Harrower OAM

Bishop of Tasmania

Here are some responses I have received thus far:

Premier Giddings: “Your correspondence will be drawn to Ms Giddings’ attention at the earliest opportunity.”

Nick McKim MP (Greens Leader and member for Franklin): ‘The Greens have a long-standing policy in favour of marriage equality. I also believe the majority of Tasmanians favour marriage equality and I intend to initiate a parliamentary debate on this issue later this year.’

Senator Nick Sherry (Labor Senator for Tasmania): “There are different views in the community, and we recognize that this is an is-

Extracts
from
Bishop
John’s blog
4th & 20th
August 2011



smiling, crawling Felix started laughing at having found us all sitting in the dark.

I enjoy when I cook a dinner for them that they really love, and they announce that it's going in the “winner dinner list”. I don't get that accolade very often.

I love when Felix won't let me leave his room at night until I've held his hand and prayed with him.

My kids aren't perfect. They are sinners, just like their Dad. There are many ways in which I fail them. But from my current vantage point I can see God's grace to me through them. The words of psalm 128 really resonate with me at the moment:

Blessed is everyone who fear the Lord,
who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion!
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

Does this psalm always reflect my feelings about my children and my family? No, of course not. I mess up, and feel guilty about how I parent. I am frequently unsure about how to deal fairly with my children day-to-day. And of course I don't know how my kids will end up. There is such great hope in psalm 128 – do you see it?

“Blessed are all who fear the Lord”, and “Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord”.

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Just as parents are kind to their children, the Lord is kind to all who worship him.

Psalm 103:13 CEV

We are given children to test us and make us more spiritual.”

George Will

Parents, don't be hard on your children. Raise them properly. Teach them and instruct them about the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 CEV

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If I fear the Lord – if I am in awe of Him and walk in His ways – I can trust Him with my children and my parenting. He deals with my parent sins at the cross (just like all my other sins). As I entrust myself to His care and to His way, I find I can prayerfully entrust my children to Him. As my relationship with Jesus grows closer, my anxieties about my children recede and I find I can enjoy them more.

This is my prayer for you (and me) this fathers day:

The Lord bless you from Zion!
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem,
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

Happy fathers day!

James

Ten million face starvation as they pray for rain

Australians know what it is to watch the skies for rain, but imagine half of the population of Australia having no remedy but to walk hundreds of kilometres to the nearest water source, starving and thirsty, with their children so malnourished, and weakened by travel, that they are likely to be near death by the time they arrive.

This is the situation facing nearly ten million people in the East of Africa. The current drought (the worst in 60 years) is affecting large swathes of Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Kenya, Sudan & Burundi.

The Anglican Church of Kenya is ready to help famine- and drought-affected people.

Here's how you can help their emergency response:

- ✚ open your heart and pray;
- ✚ open your wallet and donate.

That will help those who are hungry, thirsty, and despondent to feel heartened.



You can donate securely online
www.anglicord.org.au
or by phone on 1800 249 880



Why did the clown go to the doctor?

He was feeling a little funny.

Patches the clown used to work in a chocolate factory but they let him go.

He kept throwing away all the M&M's that said W.

Why did Buttons the clown eat a \$5 note?

She thought it was her lunch money.

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Policeman stops a clown with a desk strapped on his back, a typewriter under one arm, a wastebasket and a pencil sharpener under the other.

"What are you doing?" asks the cop.

The clown says, "Impersonating an office, sir."

Why did Bubbles the clown put his cake in the freezer?

He wanted icing on it.



CFM Mission team on the way!

A Mission Team from Melbourne School of Theology will be working in George Town & Pipers River from **18th - 25th September**.

The regular Combined Christian Churches of George Town service will take place on Saturday 24th September at 5pm, with a mission focus as a culmination of the week.

While the team are here they will need accommodation, transport & assistance. **If you are able to help in any way, especially by billeting a member of the team or loaning them a car during their stay, please contact James Oakley on 6327 3482.**



Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to every one 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 your self 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 flows from the contact made through your gift.

Life saving clean water, schools built, medical clinics, care of HIV orphans, vocational training in sewing & 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.



Your donation of \$9 or more covers our project costs of organising and delivering the boxes.

Josie Ford
Regional Coordinator
Operation Christmas Child

Kids' /Café Church @ new time 4:30pm



Hearing God's
Word together
in Tasmania

TASMANIAN BIBLE FORUMS Saturday 22nd October at St Aidan's Mike Raiter

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

'No Turning Back'

Three sessions on the Book of Numbers

10.00am - 3.00pm, only \$15

RSVP to the Parish office by 14th October

Also: Saturday 15th October at Sorell
Richard Humphrey (Dean of St David's Cathedral, Hobart)



ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Dr. Allan Meyer

*Parents with courage
... building families that last the distance ...*

Parenting is challenging and we can't pass our parent badge back!

Dr Allan Meyer speaks on how to make it as a parent.

7.30 - 8.30 pm,

Tuesday 27 September

Children's Centre, Door of Hope

Glen Dhu St, South Launceston

Info: Grace Fleming ph 6344 8450



Seniors Week at St David's
Friday 7th October

Riverlinks Anglican Church
HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY LIFE

399 West Tamar Hwy,
Riverside
Friday 7th October

11am Morning Session

"Maintaining Good Mental Health for Life" mental health expert, Rod Lambert



12pm Lunch

1pm Afternoon session

"Taking Care" - Diversional Therapy with Chris Divona, Diversional Therapist & Janene Clark, Massage Therapist + "Where to from here? Future opportunities to invest in good mental health" with Grace Fleming, Mental Health Provider, Counsellor and Director of life solutions)





Monster Garage Sale for Children's Ministry



Saturday 3rd September

8:00am - 2:00pm

at St David's, 399 West Tamar Hwy Riverside



If you have goods to add to the sale please bring to St David's Hall between 1:00 & 4:00pm on Friday 2nd September.

This is a great one-off opportunity to support children's ministry.

Clean out the house and get rid of all those unwanted.



Tasmanian Youth Convention

Youth Conference for Grades 9 - 12

16th - 18th September
at Tidal Waters, St Helen's

\$40 per person

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

Only Launceston performance

Friday September 23rd

7.00 pm

St John's Anglican Church,
Launceston

Free Admission an offering is taken during the concert.

Don't miss an inspirational evening of music, song and dance.

For more info contact Elizabeth Poland 0429 949 389



Food Safety Reminder

Good food hygiene and quality are everyone's responsibility. The reputation of this organization and the safety of everyone is in your hands.

Maintaining food safety is a legal requirement, and is an important part of providing safe, quality food. If you knowingly provide food that is not fit for human consumption, or people attending our ministries, fundraising or social events get food poisoning or find foreign bodies in the food, the organization could be prosecuted.

Do not touch ready-to-eat foods with your bare hands

- ▶ Wear gloves
- ▶ Use tongs, deli tissue or other serving utensils.
- ▶ Remove all jewelry, nail polish or false nails
- ▶ ALWAYS wear gloves when you have a cut or sore on your hand or when you can't remove your jewellery

Change gloves:

- ▶ as often as you wash your hands
- ▶ when they are torn or soiled
- ▶ wash your hands before you put on new gloves

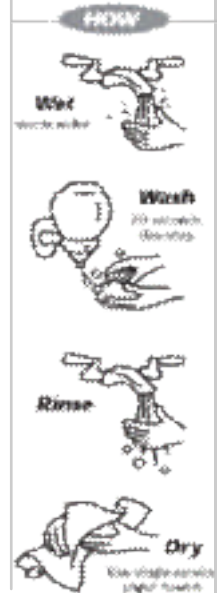


Wash your hands before you prepare food or as often as needed

Wash after you:

- ▶ use the toilet
- ▶ touch uncooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs or other potentially hazardous foods
- ▶ interrupt working with food (such as answering the phone, opening a door or drawer)
- ▶ eat, smoke or chew gum
- ▶ touch soiled plates, utensils or equipment
- ▶ take out trash
- ▶ touch your nose, mouth, or any part of your body
- ▶ sneeze or cough

Contact the Parish office if you would like a free copy of The Anglican Church and Food Safety Handbook



Riverlinks

September 2011	
1 st Thur	
2 nd Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town
3 rd Sat	Monster Garage Sale for Children's Ministry – 8:00am to 2:00pm at St David's Riverside
4 th Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
5 th Mon	
6 th Tue	(each Tuesday) Pat's Prayer Group – 2:00pm (63245111) Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town Home & Study Groups – 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
7 th Wed	(each Wednesday) Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's East Launceston Play Group – 10:00am to 12:00 noon at St Aidan's Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
8 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm in the Parish office

September 2011	
9 th Fri	
10 th Sat	
11 th Sun	"From Genesis to Jesus" Encore – 11:00am at Uniting Church George Town
12 th Mon	Cador na – 2:00pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	
15 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am Cursillo Women's 25
16 th Fri	Tasmanian Youth Convention St Helens Cursillo Women's 25
17 th Sat	TYC & Cursillo Women's 25
18 th Sun	TYC & Cursillo Women's 25 <i>CFM Mission week</i>
19 th Mon	<i>CFM Mission week</i>
20 th Tue	<i>CFM Mission week</i>

Calendar

September 2011	
21 st Wed	<i>CFM Mission week</i> St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
22 nd Thur	<i>CFM Mission week</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
23 rd Fri	<i>CFM Mission week</i> Watoto Children's Choir – 7:00pm at St John's Anglican Church, Launceston
24 th Sat	CFM Mission & CCCGT service – 5:00pm at St MM Anglican Church, George Town
25 th Sun	<i>CFM Mission week</i>
26 th Mon	
27 th Tue	Dr Allan Meyer – 7:30pm at Door of Hope
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Tamar Park – 1:45pm
30 th Fri	
1 st Oct Sat	

October and other dates 2011	
7 th October	"Healthy mind, healthy life" Seniors Week seminar at St David's
8 th October	Men's Bible Conference
15 th Oct 22 nd Oct	Tasmanian Bible Forums TBF at Sorrell TBF at St Aidan's

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
4 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
11 th	10:00 am	Communion	
18 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
25 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
4 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
11 th	9:00 am -	Low Head George Town	Communion No service ("Genesis to Jesus" @ Uniting Church)
18 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
25 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
4 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
11 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship Kids'/Café Church
18 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
25 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
11 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
18 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
25 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

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

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