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Hillwood

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Above: GT School Chaplaincy brochure
launch at the CCCGT service -
Christine, Jackie & Doug, and Jenny

Above: Beautiful day for a BBQ -
MST mission team members Nelson
& Iona, plus Gary
Top: Sharing sausages & chat



Left:
Mark's last
CCCGT
service



Right:
Ian & Bev
hunt for
bargains at
the garage
sale

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Newsletter

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The Mission team from
Melbourne School of Theology
getting involved around
George Town

Above: Community sausage
sizzle at the skate park

Right: SUPA Club



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

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



1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Resurrection has been a source of confusion and a hot topic of debate throughout the history of the Christian church. There was confusion in the church of the 1st century over resurrection and there is probably even more confusion in the church of the 21st century. How often do we hear church leaders denying the resurrection? How many people in the churches of Launceston do not clearly understand the significance of the resurrection of Jesus and the future resurrection of believers? How many people in Riverlinks are confused about their belief in their own bodily resurrection?

These questions are basic to our faith. None of us would like to be amongst those who have believed in vain. (v2) My aim in this series on resurrection is that we may all gain a deeper understanding of resurrection, and that we may all have confidence in our own future bodily resurrection.

Let's have a look at Paul's masterpiece on this topic in chapter 15 of 1 Corinthians. He begins with a rebuke, a kick in the pants, reminding the Corinthians of their initial response to the gospel:

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. (v1&2) Why did Paul begin with this rebuke? Because some of them were saying that there was no resurrection of the dead. Paul continues (v13) that if that were so, then not even Christ has been raised rendering their faith futile. (v17).

You may wonder why it is that these people having already taken a stand may now be in danger of having believed in vain. Actually, it reminds me of the parable of the sower (Mark 4) and in particular of the seed that fell on rocky places where it did not have much soil...when the Sun came up the

The mistakes to avoid

from William Arthur Ward

Remorse over yesterday's failures.

Anxiety over today's problems.

Worry over tomorrow's uncertainty.

Justice and Restoration ~ How can we make it work?

Justice, forgiveness and restoration are central to our lives as Christians.

Putting these into practice can be challenging however! Prison Fellowship Tasmania is a Christian community doing just that by caring for inmates, ex-offenders and their families. For thirty years Prison Fellowship staff and volunteers have been helping to transform, restore and reconcile lives in the local community by living out our faith and sharing the Gospel with those in prison.

In October this year Prison Fellowship will be celebrating 30 years in Australia. We would like you to celebrate with us and invite you to be a part of our important upcoming community events.

Special guest Jonathan Aitken, former Cabinet Minister in the British Government, will be speaking at a public forum in Hobart and at celebration dinners in Launceston and Hobart. Jonathan Aitken is an ex-prisoner turned author, lecturer and campaigner for prison reform.

In Launceston, put **Saturday October 8** in your diary for a gala dinner being held at the Tailrace Centre from 6.30pm.

In Hobart, come to the public forum at the University of Tasmania Sandy Bay campus at 2.30pm on Sunday October 9 or a celebration dinner at the Century Room, Bellerive Oval from 6.30pm.

For tickets and further details please contact Ray on 6266 3949 or by email ray.metcalf@prisonfellowship.org.au

Ray Metcalfe

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**more info available from:
www.prisonfellowship.org.au**

Transforming Lives, Restoring Families, Reconciling Communities

Here are 3 ways you can participate in this vital community based ministry:

Volunteer - join Prison Fellowship's ministry to inmates, ex-inmates, victims of crime...

Pray - commit to uphold prison ministry in your prayers

Donate - enable prison ministry by providing much needed funds

Ministries:
Inmate visiting
Family support
Custodial leave
Mentoring
Letter Writing
Art from Inside

Imagine... you are a young woman who has just given birth. You are alone and feeling overwhelmed. You've come this far, but what now? How will you manage? Where will you live? Maybe you have a home, but it's not the right place for your baby and they've made it quite clear they don't want you anyway. You don't know what to do or how to care for a baby by yourself, and now you're thinking that you'll turn out to be a hopeless mum anyway, if you're anything like your own mother.

Imagine... you have just heard about a place, a home with lots of room and a lovely garden, where you feel safe and people care about you and your baby. In fact they care so much that they spend time with you, quality time, listening and supporting you. They will be there when your baby won't stop crying and you are exhausted. They will be there when you haven't got a clue what to do or how to juggle everything in your life. They will be there when you just need to talk, or to share your baby's first smile. They know how important it is that you and your baby have a great first year together, the beginning of a lifelong relationship of love. They know that good beginnings give the best chance for a bright future. They want you and your baby to have a good beginning.

Imagine... you could be there when her baby won't stop crying and she is beside herself with exhaustion, when she hasn't got a clue what to do or how to juggle everything in her life, when she just needs to talk and to share her baby's first smile.

Could you be what is needed for this babymum & her baby?

Just imagine...

Babymum Australia is a new and innovative service starting up in Launceston to make life better for young mums and their babies. We aim to achieve this, in partnership with City Mission, through the provision of accommodation, support, education and outreach programs. Right now we are looking for a special couple to be live-in cottage parents to four of our babymums and their babies.

If you think you may be that couple please call Noelene, 0488996633 or email info@babymum.org.au

plants were scorched and they withered because they had no root'. These are the ones Jesus said who "hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root they last only a short time." (Mark 4:16-17)

Paul now turns his attention to the gospel message with a special emphasis on the post resurrection appearances of Jesus. Several aspects of the gospel are highlighted.

Firstly, the source of Paul's gospel message: Paul stresses that the gospel which he originally preached to them was not something that he had personally concocted. (v3a) In his letter to the Galatians, Paul explains this in greater detail. "I want you to know, brothers that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ." (Galatians 1: 11-12). Paul received the gospel by direct revelation from Jesus Christ and it was the same gospel that he passed on to the Corinthians. The words received and passed on were the accepted language for the passing on of aural tradition.

Secondly, the content of Paul's gospel message:

▶ Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: This is the crux of the Christian faith. Without the death of Christ there can be no forgiveness of sins. (v3b) His sacrificial death is also anticipated in many prophetic passages in the Old Testament. (E.g. Isaiah 53)

▶ He was buried: Without the death & burial of Christ, there could be no claim of an empty tomb. (v4)

▶ He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures: Jesus did nothing to bring about his own resurrection. It was entirely an action of God the Father. Without his bodily resurrection, Jesus' cause (forgiveness of sins) would have died with him. (v4)

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Waste of the moment's opportunity.

Procrastination with one's present duty.

Resentment of another's success.

Criticism of a neighbour's imperfection.

Impatience with youth's immaturity.

Scepticism of our nation's future.

Unbelief in God's providence.

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Marriage, religion = social capital

from Bishop John's
blog 23 Sept

Bishop John looks at two research projects and finds "that marriage and religious people in community lead to social well-being. Jesus certainly affirmed marriage and he gathered a community of disciples."

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Thirdly, Jesus post resurrection appearances:

▶ He appeared to Peter, the Twelve, more than 500 others then to James and all the apostles and last of all to Paul. Paul adds strength to his case for the resurrection of Jesus by referring to all those who had seen the resurrected Christ. In particular he mentions the appearance of more than 500 at one time, many of whom were still alive and could thus be available to give an eyewitness account. (v5)

Paul concludes this part of his letter by reflecting on his own position as an apostle. He considers himself to be the least of all the apostles because of his persecution of the church. But by the grace of God, he has become the great apostle to the Gentiles. Regardless of all this, he reminds them that the gospel he has just outlined is the same gospel that was originally preached to them, the same gospel that they had then believed. "This is what we preach, and this is what you believed." (15:11)

In this first part of his response to the wavering Corinthians, Paul has sought to take them back to basics, to re-establish the foundation of their faith by reminding them of the gospel that he preached to them and in particular affirming the reality of Christ's resurrection appearances.

To sum up, this gospel was:

- ▶ Foretold by the Old Testament prophets
- ▶ Received by Paul by revelation from Jesus Christ
- ▶ Passed on to the Corinthians in Paul's preaching
- ▶ Authenticated by God's seal of approval in Jesus' resurrection experiences

We all pass through times when our faith falters, when temptation or difficulties or doubts or health issues trouble us, or when we find ourselves getting caught up in the ways

Community bbq @ the skatepark



It was a gorgeous spring day on Saturday for the community bbq, with opportunities for the MST mission team to share the good news with locals

Leo, Rebecca & Kyron

A very big thank you to all those who have been so generous with their contributions toward the iPad for Rebecca and Leo.

Leo is now able to watch all sorts of entertaining videos in hospital to help improve his outlook.

Thank you
Greg & Pippa
Stanford



↑
Rebecca, Kyron and Leo just after receiving the iPad so generously donated by so many well wishers including those at St Aidan's

Fitness 4 U will hold an auction on 15th October raising funds to help cover Leo's medical costs.

Leo the Lion toys are also being made to sell. To contribute or learn how to make the toys contact penedaniel@hotmail.com

Leo the Lion photo courtesy of the Launceston Examiner 12



of the world. These are times when, like the doubting Corinthians, we need to go back to basics, back to the foundations of our faith, back to the simple message of the gospel, back to the Word of God.

At Jesus empty tomb,
on the first Easter morning,
the greatest breaking news of all history:
HE IS NOT HERE, HE HAS RISEN!!

Alister

References:
Surprised By Hope by Tom Wright
TNTC 1Corinthians by Leon Morris
BST The Message of 1Corinthians by David Prior



I serve a risen Saviour
He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him He's always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.
Alfred Henry Ackley

THANK YOU! Garage Sale

Many thanks to all those many wonderful people who assisted and supported the recent Garage Sale for Children's Ministry. Thank you to the many that 'deaned out' home and the many who assisted on the day. In total \$2,276 was raised. A wonderful response.



Parish Annual Meeting



←
CMS's
David Boyd
shared

→
Sunday
afternoon kids'
group performed
some of the
"Genesis to Jesus"
programme



Change is inevitable, but ...

Fads appear in our culture all the time. Many behaviors and things that were not socially acceptable in our parents' time are deemed as appropriate by the pop culture of today. The Bible tells the Christian in 1 Thessalonians 5:21 to "test everything" against the standard of the Bible and keep only that which is good.

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Thanks to Daniel Goodman 12-13-2010
WOAH THERE ... I DON'T LIKE CHANGE!

Don't turn away God's Spirit or ignore prophecies. Put everything to the test. Accept what is good and don't have anything to do with evil.

1 Thessalonians 5: 19-22 ^{CEV}

Hearing God's
Word together
in Tasmania



TASMANIAN
BIBLE
FORUMS

RSVP:
14th October - 6327 4742
or office@riverlinks.net.au

No turning back!

**3 sessions on the book of Numbers
with Rev Mike Raiter**

**Saturday 22nd October, 2011
10.00am – 3.00pm**

**St Aidan's Anglican Church
21-23 Arthur St, East Launceston**

**\$15 (includes morning tea & lunch)
Bring your Bible and a pen**

Mike Raiter



Mike Raiter is the Principal of Melbourne School of Theology (previously, Bible College of Victoria). He is married to Sarah and they have 4 children. After 11 years missionary service in Pakistan with CMS and then Interserve, in 1997 Mike returned to Moore College in Sydney to establish the mission department. In 2006 he was appointed Principal of MST. To keep fit Mike likes to wrap his mind around cryptic crosswords, sudokus and Scandinavian crime novels. He is the author of the 2004 Australian Christian Book of the Year, Stirrings of the Soul.

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Bible Society TAS & Scripture Union TAS resources for display & sale

TBS are organised by Rev David Rogers-Smith for the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania. For more info contact Riverlinks Anglican Church on 6327 4742

Holy Trinity Beaconsfield
21st Annual
Floral Festival
Saturday 29th October
9:30am - 3:00pm

Featuring:
Morning Teas
Cake stall
Trash & treasure
Guessing competition
Plant stall
Jams & preserves
PLUS

Community display of floral art
And art work from
Beaconsfield Primary School



COLIN BUCHANAN
in concert
Saturday
22nd October
11:00am

Tickets from Koorong
\$9.95 each
(under 2 free)



Service of Remembrance

Christ Church Low Head

9am on Sunday 16th October

Speaker: Korean War Veteran
Walter Perkins



Blessing of the Pets, market, face painting & BBQ

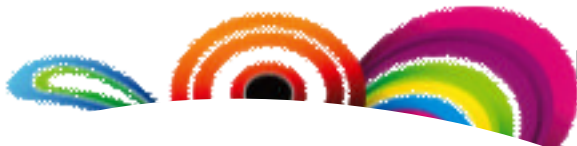
10.00 am start, in the grounds of St Andrew's Church
42 Meander Valley Highway Carrick

Blessing service begins at 11.00 am in the Church

ALSO

Blessing of the Pets Ceremony @ Holy Trinity

12 noon Sunday 2nd October



**RSVP to
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6327 4742**

Healthy Mind. Healthy life

Friday 7th October, 11am to 3pm

St David's Church 399 West Tamar Hwy Riverside

Gold coin donation lunch provided by Riverlinks

11am - "Maintaining Good Mental Health for Life" with mental health expert Rod Lambert

12pm - Lunch

1pm - "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 & Director of life solutions)



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a colourful week to be grey!

Parish Annual Meeting Report

Following a service of praise and thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene's George Town on Sunday 28 August, where the local Combined Kids Sunday Group in costume presented an action song about Daniel, and the congregation gave an emotional farewell to Mark for his enthusiastic support to ministry during his time at George Town, the parish Annual Meeting went smoothly with 35 in attendance. In addition 21 registered their apologies.

In finance offertory came in \$10,000 under budget at \$158,000. However, it was reported that \$14,300 was received to support the new budget item of Children and Young Family Ministry. It was noted that a \$20,000 deficit is budgeted for the 2011-2012 financial year which takes into account a full twelve months funding for our new ministry to children and young families.

Mission giving was set at 10% of offertory. It was raised and agreed that a quarterly report on mission giving be provided in the parish newsletter.

For those unable to attend the AGM I would encourage you to read the Annual Reports if you have not already done so as they give a good appraisal of parish life in Riverlinks and some of our plans for the future.

Ian Morley

Chair – Parish Council



Mission Giving 2011/12 YTD:

Scripture Union
RHS Chaplaincy
\$750

CMS P&A Lake
\$750

CMS General
\$500

ABM \$500

Bush Church Aid
\$500

Barnabas Fund
\$300

Bible Society
\$250

TOTAL \$3550

(Budget \$4800)

Riverlinks Together

Combined service at St David's Riverside

Sunday 30th October, 10:00am

Followed by a shared lunch at Trevallyn Recreation Area.

BBQ facilities also available.

(Weather permitting, in case of rain lunch will be in the church hall)

Riverlinks

October 2011	
1 st Sat	
2 nd Sun	Blessing of the Pets Ceremony – 12:00pm at Holy Trinity Launceston Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
3 rd Mon	Ministry Support Team Meeting – 6:45pm
4 th Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> Pat's Prayer Group – 2:00pm (6324 5111) 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
5 th Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
6 th Thur	*** Launceston Show Day <i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
7 th Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town "Healthy mind, healthy life" – 11:00am to 3pm Seniors Week seminars at St David's

October 2011	
8 th Sat	Cursillo Diocesan Ultraya – 10:00am at Campbell Town High School Blessing of the Pets, BBQ & market – 10:00am at St Andrew's Carrick Men's Bible Conference at The Branch Prison Fellowship Tas Gala Dinner – 6:30pm at the Tailrace Centre Global Insight - India & Mongolia – 6:15pm at Bible House Launceston
9 th Sun	
10 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
11 th Tue	Bible Teacher & Evangelist Don Fleming – 9:30am at Gateway Baptist Church
12 th Wed	
13 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
14 th Fri	
15 th Sat	Tasmanian Bible Forum – 10:00am at Sorell
16 th Sun	Remembrance Service – 9:00am at Christ Church Low Head
17 th Mon	
18 th Tue	

Calendar

October 2011	
19 th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
20 th Thur	Presbyterian Home Legana – 10:45am
21 st Fri	
22 nd Sat	Tasmanian Bible Forum – 10:00am at St Aidan's East Launceston Colin Buchanan in Concert – 11:00am
23 rd Sun	
24 th Mon	Parents With Courage course begins – 7:30pm at Door of Hope Children's Centre
25 th Tue	
26 th Wed	
27 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Tamar Park – 1:45pm
28 th Fri	
29 th Sat	Annual Floral Festival – 9:30am to 3:00pm at Holy Trinity Beaconsfield
30 th Sun	Riverlinks Together – 10:00am at St David's Riverside
31 st Mon	

November and other dates 2011	
2 nd - 4 th Nov	Clergy Conference
6 th Nov	Preaching Workshop
13 th Nov	Induction of Helen Boughton to MST
12 th - 15 th Jan 2012	CMS Summer view

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
2 nd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
9 th	10:00 am	Communion	
16 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
23 rd	10:00 am	Communion	
30 th	-	No service	
George Town			
2 nd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion Communion
9 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
16 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
23 rd	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
30 th	-	No service	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
2 nd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
9 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship Kids'/Café Church
16 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
23 rd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids'/Café Church
30 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Riverlinks Together
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
9 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
16 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
23 rd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

The **deadline** for the October Newsletter edition is **21st October**

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