

Fathers, don't exasperate your children
by coming down hard on them.
Take them by the hand and lead them
in the way of the Master.

Ephesians 6:4 ^{MSG}



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

Father's Day



Any fool
can be a father,
but it takes
a real man
to be a Dad

Philip Whitmore Sr

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

*Clarence
Budington Kelland*

Being a great
father is like
shaving.

No matter
how well you
shaved today
you have to
do it again
tomorrow

Unknown author

Father's Day is upon us again – possibly the very day you're reading this (although if you've been too busy today celebrating your own Dad, and you're only getting to this a few days afterwards, be assured that God forgives you!)

I've just spent a bit of time looking at some of the things I've written, and this jumped out as particularly suitable for Father's Day!

One of the best legacies that my Dad left me was his example of how he loved my Mum. It wasn't that he was showy and romantic (at least, not that we saw). It was that his love was a bedrock for their relationship, and consequently for our family. He anticipated her needs and wants. He brought her tea in bed in the morning. He chipped in with the housework and cooking. He didn't work all-hours, came home for dinners, spent weekends with us. He remembered important dates, and celebrated them appropriately. He remembered unimportant details (often concerning us kids), and so helped carry Mum's burdens.



He always respected her, always spoke kindly and lovingly to her, never bad-mouthed her or her family, and never, ever hit her.

I always felt safe at home (even when I didn't like some of the rules!), and I never felt the least possibility that our home life would change before I left to make a home of my own. The grace of God and the good example of my Dad was so solid that I had trouble understanding some of the family struggles of my classmates.

My first full-time job as a lawyer was a real shock to me. As a Legal Aid lawyer, I was meeting people whose families were built on quicksand, not bedrock. Would Dad come home tonight? Would there be money left after the pub and

the pokies? Would he be quiet, or drunk and violent? Or else the questions would be of a different kind: Why did he leave? Did I do something to drive him away? Who was he anyway?

As I grow older, and see more of the world (and more of my community), I am incredibly grateful to my Dad. I value his example of one man giving himself completely for one woman - and so building a safe place for his family.

My Dad is a great example of that command in Ephesians: 'Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her' (Eph 5:25). I am also reminded of the great example that my Dad was in his role as 'Father'. When we

read in the Bible that God revealed himself as 'Father' (He is referred to as 'Father' 247 times in the New Testament alone!), we begin to see the great privilege that He has given us men. God lets us bear His name. He risks His reputation with our characters, at least in the eyes of our children. Our children will get their first idea of who God is by looking to their own Dad. What will they see?

I am so incredibly grateful that what I saw in my Dad is not so very far from how God reveals Himself in the Scriptures. It has made it that much easier for me to begin to plumb the width, length, height and depth of God's love for me.

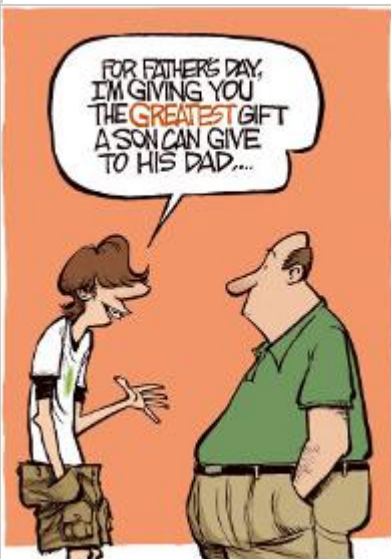
James

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society

Billy Graham

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6,7



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ...
"DAD!"

Author Unknown

Riverlinks Together & Annual Meeting

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! *Psalm 133:1^{NIV}*

Riverlinks Together was a great time of fellowship and teaching at St David's Riverside on 25th August, with 65 people attending the service and around 50 staying for the Parish annual meeting and lunch which followed.

Mark Barry (Bible Society Tas) shared about the work of the Bible Society and then gave an inspirational message from Psalm 19.

Our Youth Trainee, Job, was welcomed to his first Riverlinks annual meeting.

The reports from all aspects of Parish life are a tremendous source of encouragement, and we praise God for His blessings of the ministries of the church throughout the Parish.

The business of the Parish was discussed, officers elected and

finance for the coming year considered and approved.

Greg Stanford is the Rector's Warden, appointed by MST. Graeme Barwick was appointed as Church Warden and Ian Morley, Brian Baxter and Ken Pedley were appointed to Parish Council.

Tom Nixon, Greg Clark and Mark Ford have all chosen not to stand in their respective positions this year. The Parish as a whole, and Parish Council especially, sincerely appreciate the commitment and expertise that Tom has given over so many years as Warden for George Town, and the work which Greg and Mark have done in their centres, in service to the Lord.

Rainbow over Riverside on Sunday morning



AGM - Children & Young Family Ministry & Finance

It was both pleasing and refreshing to have people share their opinion about parish issues at the AGM last Sunday. Several people expressed to me the importance of communication and the need to share amongst our membership, decisions when made and the reasons for them. I am also aware that a number of people were not able to attend the AGM for various reasons and that we do have new members of our parish congregation.

So by way of communication:

Children & Young Family Ministry

- a. Four years ago, prior to the appointment of James a parish decision was made to appoint, in partnership with the Diocese of TASMANIA, [70% Riverlinks / 30% DIOCESE] a Children & Young Family Ministry person.
- b. The initial cost to the parish, and our commitment to the program in Year 1 was \$42,000. Parish Council decided it was not realistic to ask, nor expect this funding to immediately come through offertory alone, so it was decided to cover any shortfall from our invested capital over the term of the appointment. One of the

major reasons this decision was made was to grow a Young Family Ministry in our parish now, rather than do nothing in this vital area, or act when it was too late. Another viewpoint – using some capital on ministry was seen as a good investment.

Finance

- a. As you will see from the Financial Reports – General Offertory was \$160,000 and Children & Young Family Ministry Offertory was \$31,000. Praise the Lord!
- b. Our deficit for 2012/2013 was \$36,235 and our projected deficit for 2013/2014 [passed at the AGM] is \$40,483. The only way the deficit will move, and hopefully downward, is to increase income or reduce expenditure, or both.

The challenge for us all over the next twelve months is to :

- i. Increase our prayer time, both individually and in groups, for ministry
- ii. Increase our service to ministry
- iii. Increase our financial support for ministry and reduce the deficit.

**Have the faith that GOD
will work and provide in
our ministry**

Ian M Morley

Lord of every time and place, God beyond our dreaming, we pray for wisdom as we prepare to vote in the Federal election. Give us a Parliament committed to the priorities of your kingdom, so that peace, compassion, truth and justice may prevail among us, and make us a blessing to all peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From www.defenceanglicans.org.au

Riverlinks

September 2013	
1st Sun	<p>Hope For Creation – a day of prayer & committing to action on climate change</p> <p>Kids' Church – 10:30am at St Oswald's</p> <p>Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's</p>
2nd Mon	
3rd Tue	<p><i>(each Tuesday)</i> Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town</p> <p>Home & Study Groups – 1:45pm at Igglesden's home – 7:30pm at Booth's home – 7:30pm at Pedley's home – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's</p>
4th Wed	<p><i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's</p> <p>Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's</p>
5th Thur	<p><i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's</p>
6th Fri	<p><i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town</p> <p>Youth Group – 6:00 to 7:45pm at St John's</p>
7th Sat	<p>*** Federal Election Polling Day ***</p> <p>Opening Of The New Building – 10:00am at St Peter's Church St Leonards</p>
8th Sun	

September 2013	
9th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
10th Tue	
11th Wed	Clergy Conference
12th Thur	<p>Clergy Conference</p> <p>Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's</p> <p>Anglican Women's Fellowship Day – 10:30am at All Saints Exeter.</p> <p>Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm</p>
13th Fri	<p>Clergy Conference</p> <p>CBM Morning Tea with Ernie Sigley – 10:30am at Archers Manor Newnham</p>
14th Sat	
15th Sun	
16th Mon	
17th Tue	
18th Wed	<p>St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm</p> <p>Ainslie Service – 2:15pm</p>
19th Thur	Prescare Legana – 10:45am

The **deadline** for the October Newsletter edition is **22nd September**

Calendar

September 2013	
20 th Fri	
21 st Sat	
22 nd Sun	CCCGT Service – 6:00pm
23 rd Mon	
24 th Tue	
25 th Wed	Centenary Celebration for Leprosy Mission – 10:00am at Exeter Uniting Church
26 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Tamar Park – 1:45pm
27 th Fri	
28 th Sat	
29 th Sun	
30 th Mon	

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October and other dates 2013	
5 th October	Men's Bible Conference
13 th October	Riverlinks Together at St Aidan's with Bishop Ross Nicholson
20 th October	Preaching Workshop
26 th October	Tasmanian Bible Forum at St Helens
30 th October	Dr John Dickson public talks and Q&A sessions "Would we be better off without Christianity?"

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
1 st	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
8 th	10:00 am	Communion	
15 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
22 nd	10:00 am	Café Church	
29 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
1 st	9:00 am	Hillwood	Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
8 th	9:00 am	Low Head	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Together @ 10.30
15 th	9:00 am	Pipers River	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
22 nd	9:00 am	Low Head	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
29 th	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
1 st	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
	10:30 am	Trevallyn	Kids' Church
8 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & worship
	4:00 pm	Trevallyn	Communion
15 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
22 nd	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
29 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & worship
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
8 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
15 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
22 nd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

Please send articles, comments, information & photos to the Parish Office

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CBM Australia

Celebration Morning Tea

Friday 13th September

10:30am to 12 noon

at Archers Manor 17 Alanvale Rd, Newnham

Over morning tea you'll hear from Gold Logie winner Ernie Sigley and his wife Glenys, who have recently returned home from visiting CBM's maternal health projects in Tanzania

Free morning tea

RSVP by 6th September 1800 678 069



Ernie and Glenys Sigley

Riverlinks Together & Presentation to CTM Graduates

Sunday 13th October

10am

at St Aidan's East Launceston

Bishop Ross Nicholson will be preaching and making the certificate presentations on behalf of the Diocese of Tasmania

Please bring a plate of finger food to share in lunch after the service



Official opening of the new building at St Peter's Church St Leonards

**Saturday 7th September
10am**

RSVP to Janet 6339 2450



Saturday 5 October, 2013

@ the Branch, Innocent St, Kings Meadows

Men who make a difference



www.thebranch.org.au/mbc

To register or for further information
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Ph: 6334 8145



Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 136:26

Tim Crawshaw

Subscribe to Tim Crawshaw's daily Scripture photo at www.timcrawshaw.com

Tasmanian Bible Forums



Did you miss the TBF with
Revd Adrian Lane?



Good news! All sessions are available to download from the Parish website, www.riverlinks.net.au/pastforums.htm or contact the Parish office if you would like CDs

PLUS!
STILL TO COME

'In the Beginning': Genesis 1-12
with Revd Richard Humphrey

Saturday 26th October

10.00am to 3.00pm (Registration 9.30am)

at St Helens Christian Fellowship, 54 Cecilia Street, St Helens

\$20 (includes morning tea & lunch)

RSVP for catering: 22nd October - 6376 1144



**Would we be
better off
without
Christianity?**

Dr John Dickson will be giving a public talk and Q&A session addressing the popular claim that Christianity over the last 2000 years has brought about more harm than good.

- **Date:** Wednesday, 30 October 2013
- **Time:** 7:30pm – 9pm
- **Venue:** Door of Hope Main Auditorium
50 Glen Dhu Street, South Launceston
- **Cost:** A gold coin donation is appreciated to help cover costs. Parking is free

Please heartily encourage your friends, family and neighbours to come along!
God-willing, the talk and Q&A time afterwards will encourage Christians in their faith and challenge skeptics to take seriously the claims of Jesus.



**Centenary Celebration
Service & Luncheon**

**Wednesday
25 September
10am**

at Exeter Uniting Church
Cost is a donation

Pam Lake will be speaking,
& DVD "The Hidden
People" will be shown

**RSVP to Marguerite Tyson
6394 4453**

There will be Trade Tables, and
all funds will go to providing
Leprosy Mission Staff Training in
Timor Leste



50th Anniversary Celebration

**You might
be 50 if...**

You sing along
with elevator
music.

Your investment
in health
insurance is
finally beginning
to pay off.

Your secrets
are safe with
your friends
because they
can't remember
them either.
(And that's if
they heard
them in the
first place!)

If you see
things that you
don't like, you
just need to
take off your
glasses

50th Anniversary of the dedication of the current St David's Anglican Church

On 18 August 2013 St David's Church in Riverside joyfully and with thanksgiving celebrated the 50th Anniversary [to the day] of the dedication of the new church erected on the West Tamar Hwy site. The old wooden church of St David's was used as a hall until it was replaced by the present hall.

It is thanks to Connie Curtis, who worshipped at the old church and has been at St David's ever since, that many people connected to St David's over the years were invited and came to the celebration. Connie also set up a lovely display of memorabilia which she and Noel had kept over the years and which was much appreciated by all.

The service, during which people were invited to share reflections and recollections of happenings at St David's over the years, gave thanks to our gracious God for the past, present and the future. During the service a wonderful burst of sunshine lit up the coloured windows and the light coming through the cross window was a great reminder to all of the shining hope of our Saviour Jesus.

The luncheon to follow was a delight and a time of great fellowship on what was, weather wise, mainly a very stormy and cold day.

Ian & Anne Morley

Golden Anniversary Celebration



Are the days of 'love your neighbour as yourself' over?

On the ABC's Religion and Ethics website, there is a powerful article by Lord Jonathan Sacks. He looks at what the article calls, 'Why atheism is powerless against the barbarians'. Sacks is the outgoing Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth. As such, it might come as a surprise to Christians to see him say something like this:

Time and again in his later writings, Nietzsche tells us that losing Christian faith will mean abandoning Christian morality. No more "Love your neighbour as yourself"; instead the will to power. No more "Thou shalt not"; instead, people would live by the law of nature, the strong dominating or eliminating the weak. "An act of injury, violence, exploitation or destruction cannot be 'unjust' as such, because life functions essentially in an injurious, violent, exploitative and destructive manner."

Again, he has this to say about New Atheism:

Nietzsche and Heine were making the same point. Lose the Judeo-Christian sanctity of

life and there will be nothing to contain the evil men do when given the chance and the provocation. Richard Dawkins, whom I respect, partly understands this. He has said often that Darwinism is a science, not an ethic. Turn natural selection into a code of conduct and you get disaster. But if asked where we get our morality from, if not from science or religion, the new atheists start to stammer. They tend to argue that ethics is obvious (which it isn't), or natural (which it manifestly isn't either) and end up vaguely hinting that this isn't their problem. Let someone else worry about it.

Sacks leaves me wondering what will happen to our society when Christianity ceases to be mainstream thought. Today as our leaders publicly look at abortion, euthanasia, refugees, marriage and other ethical issues in a very different way to our forebears, one might ask, *Has this change already arrived?*

Read the full article at:
www.tinyurl.com/n83bgrg
or www.abc.net.au/religion

***Jokes only
your Dad
would tell***

When an emergency service vehicle goes past with siren blazing, "You'll not sell many ice creams going that fast."

When driving past some black and white cows, "Boy it must be cold out there, those cows are Friesian!"

Anywhere with stuffed and mounted animal heads - "It must have been going pretty fast when it hit that wall!"

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Riverlinks Together
& Parish Annual Meeting
Riverside 25th August

