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**Reward her for all she has
done.
Let her deeds publicly declare
her praise.**



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**Newsletter
May 2014**

**the grass withers and the
flowers fall,
but the word of the Lord**

**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



The Fall - Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

“Vandalism closes new gorge platform.”

According to a report a few weeks ago in the Examiner “Launceston’s newest viewing platform at the Cataract Gorge has been closed until further notice, after vandals tampered with its cleats and screws”.

Heather Rose from Tangent Structures said it was “saddening” that someone would tamper with the wonderful tourist platform. How do you feel when you hear such stories? I feel angry and sad, disappointed and cheated. I wonder how God felt when the humans who he had created committed blatant acts of disobedience and vandalism and sought to become gods themselves. The beauty of God’s creation was destroyed by the very people who were given responsibility to look after it. This was vandalism on the grandest scale. We find the ultimate

consequences of this vandalism in the chaos of modern living. Every day the media remind us of the tragedies and disasters and horrendous acts of evil that are constantly occurring around the globe; but it wasn’t like that at the very beginning of creation.

God’s creation was perfect just as He designed. In fact, we are told (Genesis 1:31) that “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. God reviewed his creation with a deep sense of achievement and satisfaction but all of this was undone by a single act of disobedience. In Genesis 2 and 3, we read of humanities futile attempt to take control of God’s creation thereby destroying it.

Man given responsibility for the garden (2:15)

One of the first things that God did was to give Adam a job to do. Work was not a consequence of the Fall, it was part of God’s original

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 2: 15 - 17 *NIV*

Edmunds, our youth trainee, to bless the young people in this ministry. Can you bear to sit back, and not be part of this?! What wouldn’t you give to get on board?

You can get involved! Can you give your **time** to ministry among children or youth? It might be an occasional commitment, a regular evening each month, or hour each week. Can you use your **talents** to serve? Anything you love doing could be an opportunity to serve a child or family, and to share the hope you have! Will you give of your **treasure**? Will you let your money be a good servant of God, rather than a bad master to you?

Please get in touch with James (6327 3482 or kids_families@riverlinks.net.au) to talk about how you can get involved.

Envelopes for donations to the Children, Youth and Families project are available in all our worship centres or from the Parish office. Deposits can also be made directly to the Riverlinks CYF Ministry account:

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Riverlinks Anglican Church

Children’s & families Ministry Workshops

Three workshops to help equip you for ministry with children & families

- Sunday 15 June** Creating faith conversations 1
- Sunday 24 August** Creating faith conversations 2
- Sunday 19 October** Creative storytelling

Contact James for more information

Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father .

Matthew 18:10 NLT



Children, Youth & Families Ministry

Across Riverlinks, God is working.

In George Town, Riverside, Trevallyn, East Launceston, East Tamar and in schools in many other places, God is using the people of Riverlinks to serve the community. In all these places, we work with children who have troubles with behaviour. We work with children who struggle to keep up in class. We work with talented children who take part in extension programs. We work with children who might otherwise fall through the cracks. We lay down our own agendas to love and serve, just as Jesus would.

And God gives us opportunities to share the good news of his Son in these places, with small groups at lunchtime, or with large crowds at Christmas! Wouldn't you like to be involved?

In our ministries across the parish, God is working. At East Launceston, we have

been working for many years now on Messy Church, and we have seen many people from outside our walls come in and hear the life-giving news of Jesus. Now we see God's Spirit prompting some of these people to get involved in serving in Messy Church. We see some of these people reading God's word and praying, sometimes for the first time ever. We are seeing God bringing people from the darkness into His light! You don't want to miss this, do you!?

And as the kids we are reaching grow, we see God challenging them to count the cost of being a disciple. In our youth partnership with St John's, we see these tweens and teens learning what it means to follow Christ the King, we see their enthusiasm kindle and flame for God's kingdom and his glory, and we see them long to share the hope they have with their friends. We rejoice in the way that God is growing and using Job

Direct your children on-to the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Proverbs
22:6 ^{NLT}

design for his creation. Since the Fall however, our work has become a source of frustration. When you experience frustrations and problems in your work or daily routines, be encouraged in the knowledge that you are experiencing the consequences of the Fall.

Eating instructions (2:16-17)

The man is given one strict commandment: He is free to eat from any tree in the garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The consequence of disobedience was certain death.

The serpent tempts the woman (3:1-5)

We come now to the well-known story of Adam and Eve and the crafty serpent who put a series of questions or assertions to Eve which were at best half-truths, and at worst outright lies.

The serpent implied that God had said they must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden, but God had forbidden only the fruit of

this one tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The fruit of the rest of the trees was freely available to them.

Eve told the serpent that the penalty for eating the forbidden fruit was death, however the serpent denied this saying "you will not surely die".

The serpent falsely claimed that anyone who ate the fruit would have their eyes opened and that they would become like God, knowing good and evil.

The serpent is and always has been the master of lies.

"for there is no truth in him. When he lies he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

And so we see the serpent's motive for what it really is. This is a declaration of war; a war that has been fought ever since; a war that is relentless; but ultimately the victory is God's;

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Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing

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good and
evil.” ...

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis
3: 1 - 7 *NIV*

the Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of Satan.

The woman succumbs (3:6)

The temptation was too great for the woman. She saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye and also desirable for gaining wisdom, so she took some and ate it. She gave some to her husband who also ate.

Consequences (3:7)

Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realized that they were naked. The serpent promised them equality with God, but in the end all they got was the sight of one-another's naked bodies. They had fallen for the greatest SCAM in all history. The whole human race is guilty of vandalizing god's creation. Each act of disobedience increases the accumulation of human guilt.

The remainder of chapter 3 spells out details of God's judgement on Adam, Eve and the serpent. Principally, this judgement took the form of

alienation from God. The human race was created to live in a harmonious relationship with God. However, this relationship was destroyed by sin. Yet, there is still hope; God has another plan which centres initially on the serpent and the woman (3:15), and ultimately on his son Jesus. God sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ to die for the sin of the whole world and to be the means by which our fractured relationship with God can be restored.



Questions to ponder:

In what way have you experienced even good things in life as tainted and imperfect?

Can you think of a time when you knew the right thing to do but didn't do it? Were there any negative consequences of your actions?

Some thoughts about Mothers

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie. ~ Tenneva Jordan

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love. ~ Mildred B. Vermont

If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been. ~ Robert Brault

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~ Author Unknown

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child. ~ Sophia Loren

All mothers are working mothers. ~ Author Unknown

Mother — that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. ~ T. DeWitt Talmage

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. ~ Jewish Proverb

A mother understands what a child does not say. ~ Author Unknown

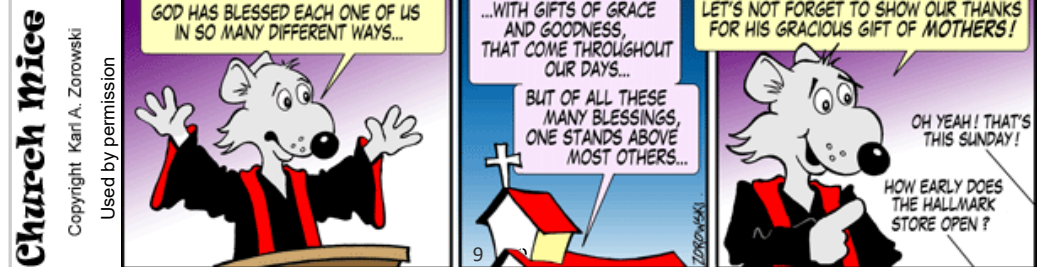
I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life. ~ Abraham Lincoln

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. ~ Irish Proverb

Mother, the ribbons of your love are woven around my heart. ~ Author Unknown

Church Mice

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Tasmanian Bible Forums

Hearing God's Word together in Tasmania



TASMANIAN BIBLE FORUMS

Revelation Unwrapped with Revd Dr Tim Foster

Saturday 21st June

10.00am – 3.00pm

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

\$15 (includes morning tea & lunch)

RSVP for catering by 17th June to Anne
p: 63274742 e: office@riverlinks.net.au

Bill Hybels in Launceston

16th May, from 1.00pm
at Door of Hope

Tickets are strictly limited, so register
online at door-of-hope.org/shop

Children's Ministry Network Conference

Saturday 24th May

9:15am to 3:30pm

Registration from 9am

Scotch Oakburn Senior campus,
Penquite Road, Newstead

Registration: \$50 or 17 years & under \$10

Contact James Oakley for more info

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Bible Society Pakistan's General Secretary Anthony Lamuel

A rare opportunity to hear firsthand about Bible mission. Through the **Beacon of Hope** programme, it is the vision of the Bible Society to teach thousands of Pakistani women to read the Bible, so they can bring God's word into the lives of their families and so impact their nation.

DATE: Wednesday, 7 May

TIME: 6:30pm-7:30pm - BBQ Dinner
7:30pm-8:30pm - Presentation
by Anthony Lamuel

VENUE: Legana Christian Church

COST: Gold coin donation

By opening up God's word for these people, we can help give them hope in Jesus, the light of the World!

Mother's Day Eve breakfast Saturday May 10th, 8.30am

\$10 adults, \$5 children under 12

at the Anglican Church, Anne Street, George Town

More info and bookings:

Louise 0474508164 or Trish 0400 675 362

Fundraising for Lennie's Legends Relay for Life Team



A Prayer:

Almighty God

Thank-you for your creation and for our place in it. Thank -you for the privilege of being bearers of your image.

Lord we confess that we continually let you down. We know how we should live but we fail to do so.

We look for the day when Jesus will return and the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

In the meantime, please help us to live lives that reflect your image; lives that point others to you; lives lived in anticipation of your return.

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

A truly good wife is the most precious treasure a man can find!

Her husband depends on her, and she never lets him down. She is good to him every day of her life

Proverbs 31:10-12 CEV

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May 2014	
1 st Thur	(each Thursday) mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
2 nd Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Youth Group – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston Parent-free School Holiday Escape – 9:00am to 3:00pm at St Oswald's Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
3 rd Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St Johns L'ton
4 th Sun	Kids' Church – 10:30am at St Oswald's Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
5 th Mon	
6 th Tue	(each Tuesday) Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town 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
7 th Wed	(each Wednesday) Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's Formation 2014 at Punchbowl Christian Centre Anthony Lamuel, Bible Society Pakistan – 6:30pm bbq dinner, 7:30pm presentation

May 2014	
8 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm Formation 2014 at Punchbowl Christian Centre
9 th Fri	Formation 2014 at Punchbowl Christian Centre
10 th Sat	Mother's Day Eve Breakfast – 8:30am at St Mary Magdalene's George Town
11 th Sun	Preaching Workshop – 2:00pm in the Parish Office
12 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	
15 th Thur	Prescare Legana – 10:45am
16 th Fri	Bill Hybels – 1:00pm at Door Of Hope Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
17 th Sat	
18 th Sun	
19 th Mon	

Calendar

May 2014	
20 th Tue	
21 st Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
21 st Wed	
22 nd Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
23 rd Fri	SYNOD
24 th Sat	SYNOD Connect CMN Conference – 9:00am to 3:30pm at Scotch Oakburn College Senior Campus
25 th Sun	CCCGT – 6:00pm at the Salvation Army
26 th Mon	
27 th Tue	
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	
30 th Fri	
31 st Sat	

June and other dates 2014	
15 th June	C&FM Workshop
21 st June	TBF at St Aidan's
29 th June	Riverlinks Together at Riverside
27 th July	Preaching Workshop

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
4 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
	4:30 pm	Messy Church	
11 th	10:00 am	Café Chruch	
18 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
25 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
4 th	9:00 am	Hillwood	Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
11 th	9:00 am	Low Head	Communion
		George Town	Together @ 10.30
18 th	9:00 am	Pipers River	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
25 th	9:00 am	Low Head	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
4 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
	10:30 am	Trevallyn	Kids' Church
11 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & worship
18 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
25 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
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 May Newsletter edition is **25th May**

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