



Newsletter November 2014

Farewell to David & Julie Rogers-Smith
Sunday 30th NOVEMBER AT ST AIDAN'S



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



Family Reunions - Genesis 45: 1-15

Joseph and Benjamin hugged each other and started crying. Joseph was still crying as he kissed each of his other brothers.

Genesis 45: 14,15 ^{CEV}

Did you hear in the news a couple of months ago, the story of Jannah, the young Indonesian girl who went missing in the 2004 Tsunami, and who has recently been returned to her family after 10 long years?

Jannah and her brother went missing when she was just 4 years old. However, a couple of months ago, a relative spotted a girl in a village, walking home from school who bore a strong resemblance to Jannah.

Subsequent enquiries confirmed her identity and she was soon returned to her family.

Jamaliah, Jannah's mother, said that she and her husband were very happy.

"I am so grateful to God for reuniting us with our child after 10 years of being separated. My heart beat so fast when I saw her. I hugged her and she hugged me back and felt so comfortable in my arms," adding that she could

not stop the "tears from flowing" during the emotional reunion.

Family reunions occur in all sorts of circumstances and they are usually occasions of joy and celebration, although they can also be associated with difficultness and sadness.

One of the best known parables that Jesus taught was the Parable of the Prodigal Son; the story of the reunion of a wayward son with his father. In spite of all that he had done to bring his father sorrow, the father **watched daily for his son's** return and was so overjoyed when that day finally occurred that he hosted a spontaneous party. The older son on the other hand was angry and refused to take part in the celebrations.

Joseph sold by his brothers

Joseph was one of the 12 sons of Jacob who was hated by his brothers because he was Jacob's favourite. At an

opportune time the brother's sold Joseph to some Midianite merchants and ultimately he found himself in Egypt as a slave to Potifar, **the captain of Pharaoh's** guard.

Joseph was highly regarded by Pharaoh and his officials until he was falsely accused **of seducing Potiphar's wife** and he was thrown into **prison**. Years later, Joseph's fortunes changed once more as he found himself before the throne of Pharaoh where he successfully interpreted dreams for Pharaoh relating to the 7 year famine. Joseph rose to become the second most important person in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself.

Meanwhile, Canaan was also ravaged by the effects of the famine and so Jacob sent his 10 eldest sons to buy grain from Egypt. They appeared before Joseph who recognised them at once although they failed to recognise him.

Joseph submitted them to various tests of their integrity

until he reached the point where he could restrain himself no further.

Joseph makes himself known.

In Genesis 45 we read the wonderful account of **Joseph's reunion with his** brothers. The brothers were terrified to be in his presence in fear of retribution as they recalled all they had done to **him**. However, Joseph's priority was to find out if his father (and theirs) was still alive. He also assured them **that it was God's plan to send** him to Egypt so that his family would be provided for in the 7 years of famine.

Pharaoh and all his officials were delighted to hear the news of the reunion of Joseph with his brothers and Pharaoh invited them to move to Egypt where they would be provided for during the famine. Pharaoh made arrangements for Joseph and his father and their extended family to move to Egypt and to settle in the region of Goshen where they would be close to Joseph so that he could provide for them.

The right way is not always the popular and easy way. Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character

Margaret Chase Smith

A disciple is a person who learns to live the life his teacher lives.
Juan Carlos Ortiz

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.

Ernest Hemingway

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“I am going

there to
prepare a
place for
each of you.
After I have
done this,
I will come
back and
take you with
me. Then
we will be
together.

You know the
way to where
I am going.”

John
14: 2b - 4 CEV

The reunion story of Joseph and his family foreshadowed the even greater story of Jesus and the salvation (reunion) which Jesus made possible by his sacrifice for us. During his final hours with the disciples, Jesus sought to encourage and strengthen them and to prepare them for the suffering that they were about to face.

Jesus explained that there were many rooms in the place that he would prepare **for them.** **“In my father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (John 14.2-3)**

Jesus’ ultimate plan for each one of us is that he will return and take us to our special place which he has prepared and where we will be reunited with him for ever. The apostle Paul **expressed it in this way: “But**

our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord **Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).** Heaven is where we ultimately belong and one day Jesus will come and take us to be with him there for ever.

In the meantime, we struggle with all the sin and destruction and evil that is part of our daily lives. The bible allows us glimpses of life in heaven, our ultimate destination. Meanwhile we must wait patiently and expectantly for that time to come.

The last 2 books of the bible (Revelation 21 & 22) give us some wonderful pictures of the new heaven and the new earth and of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. A loud voice declares **“Now the dwelling of God is with men and he will live with them, they will be his people, God himself will be with them and be their God.”**

The family reunion is complete. The people of God

take their place with their God and king. There will be no more tears or death or mourning or crying or pain. All of these enemies of God have been defeated once and for all. Jesus called on his

disciples to “Trust in God” (John 14:1) as they waited for his promises to be fulfilled and we must also trust in God until our reunion with him is complete.

Alister

MISSION
GIVING
JULY TO
SEPTEMBER
2014

CMS
Tim & Emma
\$750

CMS General
\$250

ABM \$450

BCA \$450

Barnabas Fund
\$992

Bible Society
\$502

SU Tas
Riverside HS
Chaplaincy
\$500

SU Tas
George Town
Schools
Chaplaincy
\$200

SU Tas
Staff Support
\$200

World Vision
\$129

Quarterly Financial Report

01/07/14 to 30/09/14	Actual	Budget
Income	\$58,764	\$64,650
Expenditure	76,204	79,772
Loss	(\$17,440)	(\$15,122)

The offertory income for the quarter was \$7,000 below budget. This is quite a large difference. Sometimes this is attributable to people being away on holidays. It would be a help if those going away for an extended period used bank direct deposit. It is also the time of year when new envelopes are available. Please take advantage of these options to recommit for the next year.

All other aspects of the financials are closely contained to the budget.

Again I would like to remind everyone that the Children,

Youth & Families Ministry funding is separate from the offertory, and I do encourage all to use the envelopes or direct debits to support this important ministry.

Ken Pedley
Treasurer

For offertory direct debits: -
Commonwealth Bank
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Acc 1000 6848
Riverlinks Anglican Church

For CY&FM direct debits: -
Commonwealth Bank
BSB 067 600
Acc 1077 1716
Riverlinks Anglican Church

Riverlinks

November 2014	
1st Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St Johns L'ton
2nd Sun	Kids' Church – 10:30am at St Oswald's Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
3rd Mon	*** Recreation Day Public Holiday ***
4th Tue	*** Parish office closed *** <i>(each Tuesday)</i> 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
5th Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's Men's Shed – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Riverside Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
6th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
7th Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Youth Group – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
8th Sat	
9th Sun	

November 2014	
10th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
11th Tue	
12th Wed	
13th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm Bible Society Public Talk with Michael Raiter – 7:30 to 9pm at Door of Hope
14th Fri	Preaching Workshop with Michael Raiter – 9am to 1pm at St Aidan's
15th Sat	
16th Sun	Prescare Legana – 10:45am
17th Mon	Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
18th Tue	
19th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
20th Thur	
21st Fri	

The deadline for the December Newsletter edition is 24th November

Calendar

November 2014	
22 nd Sat	
23 rd Sun	CCCGT Combined Service Church – 6:00pm at Salvation Army
24 th Mon	
25 th Tue	
26 th Wed	
27 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
28 th Fri	
29 th Sat	
30 th Sun	Riverlinks Together – 10:00am at St Aidan's 10 th Birthday Celebrations and Farewell to David & Julie Rogers-Smith with Bishop John

December and other dates 2015	
7 th December	Kids' Church Christmas & Messy Christmas
14 th December	Christmas Carol Celebration
16 th December	Usual Unusual Christmas Service

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	Inclusive Service	
23 rd	10:00 am	Communion	
30 th	10:00 am	Communion - Riverlinks Together 10 th Birthday & Farewell	
George Town			
2 nd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
9 th	9:00 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
16 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Uniting Church	Communion Combined Service
23 rd	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
30 th	-	No Services	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
2 nd	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Kids' Church
9 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
16 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
23 rd	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
30 th	-	No Services	
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	



(See Matthew 6:19-21)

10-20-2014

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Riverlinks Together

WE'RE celebrating the Parish's
10th Birthday!!!

& farewell to David & Julie Rogers-Smith
10am on Sunday 30th November
@ St Aidan's East Launceston
with guest speaker Bishop John

A shared lunch will follow the service
DON'T MISS IT!

SummerView

Summerview 2015: 15-18 January
| Camp Banksia, Port Sorell

SummerView is a conference and retreat for Christians who want to be inspired and challenged through good teaching, stimulating speakers and fellowship with others to learn more about God. It is the perfect opportunity to find out more about global mission and be encouraged to become more actively involved in God's work.

Participate in stimulating worship, Bible teaching, prayer times, electives and group discussions, as well as hearing from experienced speakers on mission.

Registration forms will be available in all centres shortly.

Are you a knitter with time & spare
wool on your hands?

**The Bell Bay Seafarer's Mission are always
in need of knitted beanies for visiting
seafarers. All colours, patterns & designs in
adult sizes will be gratefully received.**

Beanies can be left with Anne at the Parish office

Please help!





WITH MICHAEL RAITER

GOD'S STORY | OUR STORY
 HOW THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO OUR SOULS

A Public Talk by Michael Raiter
 Thursday 13 November, 7:30-9pm
 at Door of Hope Auditorium, South L'ton

Preaching Workshop with Michael Raiter
"Preaching that connects - bringing God's Word into people's lives"

Friday 14 November, 9am-1pm
 at St Aidan's East Launceston

Our stories define us: who we are and what we believe. They speak of the meaning, purpose and hope we desire for our lives. Yet God is increasingly absent from our cultural stories in Australia. At the same time there seems to be a deeper hunger in us for something better. Could there be a connection? Come and hear how our stories and the story of the Bible may actually intersect.

You can find out more at
www.biblesociety.org.au/events
 or contact the Bible Society 1300 242 537



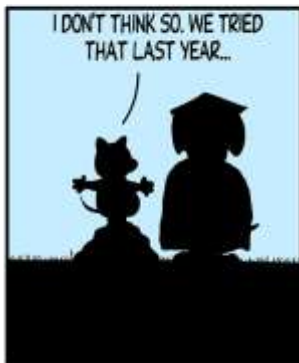
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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



MANY OF US NEED AN "OBEDIENCE TO GOD" CLASS!

Pupil Free Day - The Great Banquet

Q&A

Q: What do you call a fake noodle?

A: An Impasta

Q: What happens if you eat yeast and shoe polish?

A: Every morning you'll rise and shine

Q: What do you call a boy who finally stands up to the bullies?

A: An ambulance

Q: Which dinosaur has the most extensive vocabulary?

A: A Thesaurus





David's Final Preaching Workshop



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East Launceston
0438 378 233

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3 Anne St
George Town
0439 821 038

Hillwood
Hall - Jetty Rd
Hillwood

Low Head
Low Head Rd
Low Head

Peacehaven
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Norwood

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Left & below:
The Great
Banquet



Above & right:

David's Final
Preaching
Workshop



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