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**LENNIE'S
LEGENDS RELAY FOR
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BELOW:
**MESSY CHURCH "IN
THE
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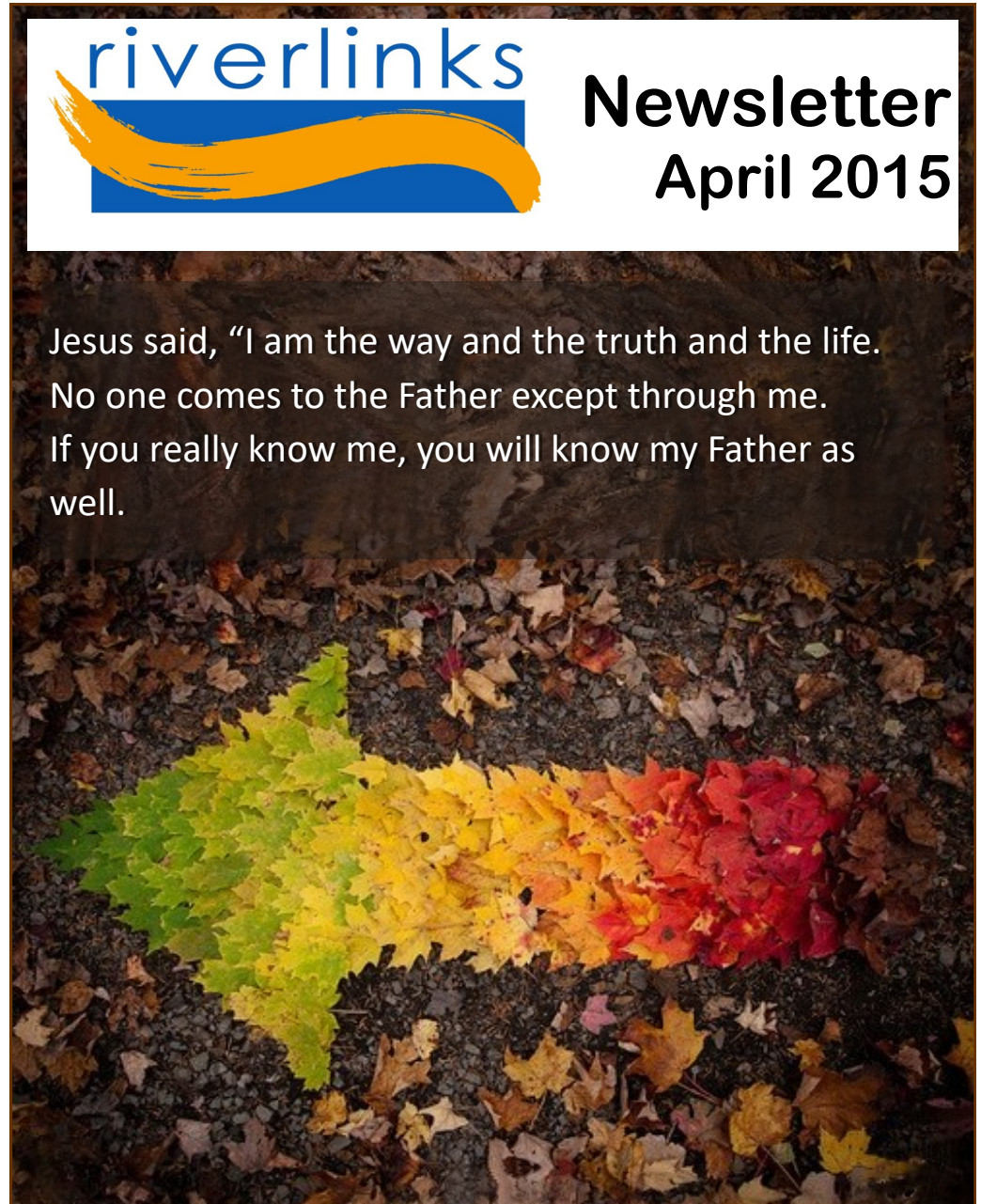
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Newsletter
April 2015

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you really know me, you will know my Father as
well.



*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



Night Will Shine Like The Day

When I was four, my parents took me to Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. We went there with my grandparents, uncle and aunt and cousins, and my baby brother. We took the ferry across from Circular Quay, and then a bus from the dock up to the top entrance of the zoo. (In case you've never been to Taronga Park, the whole zoo is on a hillside, and there's a top and a bottom entrance. The bottom entrance is right next to the ferry dock. My parents wisely decided to spend the day walking downhill rather than up!)

As the morning unfolded, we wandered down through the gardens, paths and exhibits, seeing all that the zoo had to offer. Around lunchtime we came to a fairly central park or picnic area, and my grandmother, ever well prepared, brought out our picnic lunch.

My two cousins were about 6 and 4 years older than me, and they bolted their food down and pestered the grownups to be allowed to go

play. My mum asked me if I wanted to go play too, but I said no, so my cousins ran off towards the play equipment and disappeared around the corner of a garden.

Well you can guess what came next. I changed my mind. Without a word to either of my parents, I trotted off as fast as my four-year-old legs could carry me, disappearing around the same corner as my cousins. Or so I thought.

It turns out that I had gone in completely the wrong direction, and before too long I was utterly and hopelessly lost. I wandered along endless asphalt paths, past cages filled with brightly coloured birds, and under the shade of plants and shrubs with enormous, glossy green leaves. I have no memory of how long I was wandering, but at some point a couple must have noticed that I looked lost, and asked me if I needed help.

"I can't find my mum and dad!"

Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate. This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found.

Mark
15:23,24a CEV



St Oswald's Project

Praise God for:

- ❖ His provision in the meeting area at St Oswald's, as it continues to develop as a comfortable and welcoming place - a space where conversation and questioning is welcomed
- ❖ The coming together of the core team over the past month as we meet together to ask: What is God getting our attention about? What are we going to do about it?
- ❖ The open opportunity that has presented at Trevallyn Primary for Josh to be involved weekly at the school as a volunteer working with a variety of students (as of term 2)

Pray for:

- ❖ Continued strengthening of relationships with the community, especially through involvement at the school
- ❖ The upcoming community feast, pupil free day and Easter celebrations - that these would be times of connection and relationship building, and would provide opportunities for us to declare the truth of the gospel into the community of Trevallyn
- ❖ The Crochet for a Cause event on the 18th of April
- ❖ The current development of a caregivers and children ministry



Crochet For A Cause

Saturday 18th April,
10am to 3pm
St Oswald's Hall
34 Bain Terrace,
Trevallyn
Beginner \$60
Book online
(essential) @
store.hamlin.org.au

Messy Church



Fortunately, this couple took me along to the zoo administration, who were able to put an announcement over the public address system and re-unite me with my stressed and anxious parents. (Of course, I only ever heard an abbreviated version of their side of the story some years later, but they told me that one reason they were so worried was that there had been an abduction from nearby in the weeks before our visit. I had no comprehension of such danger!)

This story came to mind recently, as I've been meditating on the words of psalm 139. That psalm is a wonderful reflection of God's deep knowledge of us, of his all-encompassing care for us, and of his limitless capacity to reach us wherever we are. If you haven't read the psalm lately, pause for a moment and read it!

Brian Rosner, writing about the concept of being known by God, has noted that being known by God is less about God's omniscience (ie, his ability to know everything),

and more about his love. We draw a distinction in everyday speech between knowing someone (which implies some form of relationship, and usually a level of regard, love or intimacy) and knowing *about* someone (which is usually just about having information about them). This same distinction is true when we think of God knowing us. He doesn't just know *about* us – he knows us and loves us.

I was really struck by this when I was reading verses 11 and 12 of the psalm lately:

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

I had always read these verses against the background of all those verses in the New Testament which talk about people preferring darkness:

Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:22,23 NIV

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Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School and I asked him what they had studied.

His reply was, "Nothing."

So I asked him, "Didn't you study Jesus?"

"No," Richard replied, "He wasn't even there."

- 'Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.' – John 3:19
- 'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' – John 8:12
- 'For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.' – Romans 1:21
- 'The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.' – Romans 13:12
- 'For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.' – Ephesians 5:8

The image that I had in my mind was that the psalmist was recognising that God could see through the psalmist's own darkness to his own dark deeds and wicked thoughts. That God knew all the evil and wrong things that lay in the psalmist's heart. This is true (as it is true for us all), but it

didn't seem to carry a lot of comfort, and didn't really seem to fit all that well in its place in the psalm!

Then I realised that there is another meaning in verses 11 and 12 of psalm 139. These words could equally well be the cry of a lost child – "I can't find my way back, and my dad will not be able to get to me." Is there a more wretched thought? To be lost, beyond the limits of my own capacity, and also beyond the help of those who love me? Yet the psalm affirms that, with God, this will never happen. No matter how far we have strayed, how lost we become, God knows and loves us. 'Darkness is as light' to him.

This realisation has changed my thinking about the psalm dramatically. These verses don't talk of God as though he were sifting through my dark secrets, looking for some way to catch me out. Rather, he is a loving father, willing and able to reach me even in the midst of darkness, and to bring me into the light.



PARENT FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ESCAPE!

THE EMPTY TOMB

Thursday 2 April

at St Oswald's, Trevallyn from 9am - 3pm

For more info call James Oakley 6327 3482 or email



Here's to the Heroes

A tribute to the ANZAC Spirit in music and song

Country Club Tasmania
25th April at 2.30pm

Tickets
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Phone: 6335 5777

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Audrey Smith, OAM
President

Country Club Tasmania

PARENT FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ESCAPE!

THE EMPTY TOMB

COOKING CRAFT MUSIC GAMES

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th April
9am to 1pm

at St Mary Magdalene's, George Town

Please register by Thursday 9th April, \$10 per family
Be quick – only 30 places available!

For more information or to register please call James Oakley 6327 3482 or email kids_families@riverlinks.net.au



LAUNCESTON EASTER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

ART - MUSIC - THOUGHT

April 3	1:00pm	Launch of Ken Duncan's Exhibition - QVMAG Inveresk
	7:00pm	Festival Launch & Face To Face Speakers Ken Duncan, Prof. Tim MacCormack, Prof. Fred Watson - Albert Hall
April 4	10:00am	Dance Workshops - QVMAG Inveresk
	11:00am	Outdoor Festival & BBQ until 3pm - Inveresk
	1:15pm	Ken Duncan Photographic Workshop - Inveresk
	5:25pm	Canapes - Inveresk
	5:45pm	Multicultural Show - Inveresk
	7:00pm	Evening Meal - Tramsheds Inveresk
April 5	6:00pm	Combined Churches Event - Location TBA

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LIGHT AUSTRALIA 2015

Community Feast

Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer"

Immortalised in DaVinci's 'Last Supper', and celebrated in churches throughout the world, Jesus last meal with his disciples is an important part of the Christian faith, and the Easter story.

Join us as we share a Passover style meal together, and explore:

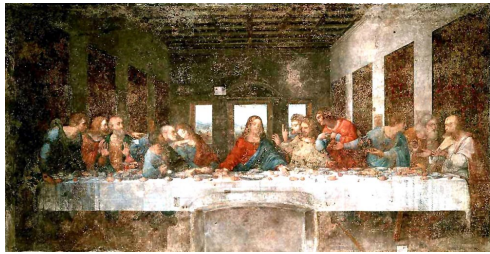
What was the significance of this meal? Why did Jesus value it? And why do Churches still remember this meal, 2000 years later?

When: Wednesday, 1st April
5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

Where: St Oswald's Hall,
Bain Terrace, Trevallyn

How Much: Donations gratefully
accepted to cover costs

R.S.V.P: by Friday 27th March
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**Leprosy Mission
Afternoon Tea**

**Wednesday 1st April, 2pm
All Saints Church Exeter**

**Dr Colin Martin, chair of the TMLA
board, who has worked in
Anandaban Hospital will be
speaking about Nepal & leprosy -
now and the future**

**Donation at the door for the work
of TLM, RSVP to Marguerite Tyson
6394 4453**

INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD?

The Anglican Board of Missions (ABM) and Holy Trinity Church, Launceston are looking for someone wanting to go beyond the square and experience the developing world - a YOUTH AMBASSADOR who will spend a fortnight in Papua New Guinea taking part in the MODAWA PILGRIMAGE which ABM organises each year. The Youth Ambassador will also meet the Melanesian Brothers and Sisters and see the work that they do in Papua New Guinea.

Visit www.holytrinitylaunceston.org to find out more & download an application form

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**SATURDAY
MAY 2
7PM**

"It Is Finished"

"It is finished," Jesus cried! Stop and listen, Can you imagine the cry from the cross? What was finished? The history-long plan of redeeming man. The message of God to man. The works done by Jesus as a man on earth were finished.

Had Jesus' hands not been fastened down, I dare say that a triumphant fist would have punched the dark sky. This is no cry of despair. It is a cry of completion. A cry of victory. A cry of fulfillment. Yes, even a cry of relief.

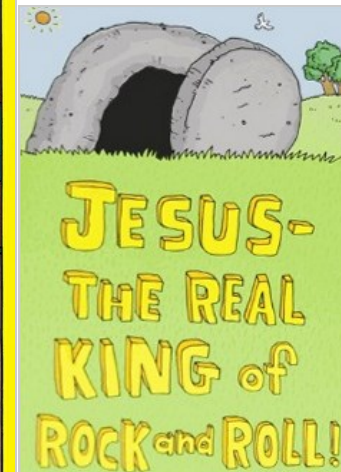
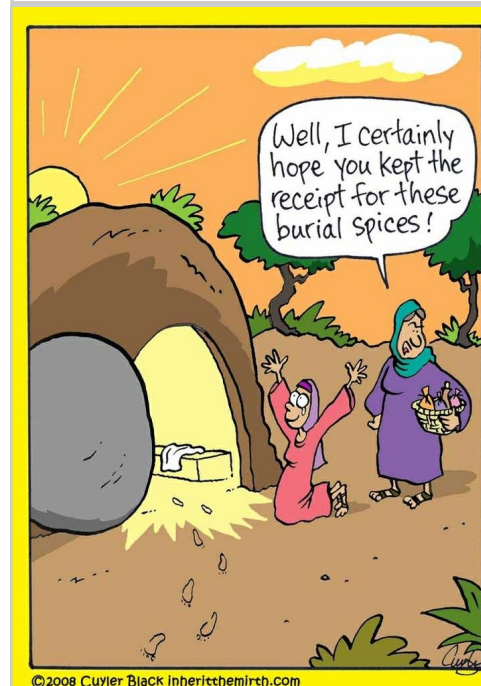
"Take me home." Come, ten thousand angels! Come and take this wounded one to the cradle of his Father's arms.

Farewell, manger's infant. Yes, take him home. Take his Son to his Father. He deserves a rest. Bless you, holy ambassador. God home, rest well. The battle is over!

It is finished.

Max Lucado

From "On Calvary's Hill"



Easter spells
out beauty,
the rare
beauty of
new life.

S.D. Gordon

I ask not for
a lighter
burden, but
for broader
shoulders.

Jewish
Proverb

Easter tells
us that life
is to be
interpreted
not simply
in terms of
things but
in terms of
ideals.

Charles M.
Crowe

Riverlinks

April 2015	
1 st Wed	(each Wednesday) 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 Leprosy Mission Afternoon Tea – 2:00pm at All Saints, Exeter Community Feast – 5:30pm at St Oswald's
2 nd Thur	mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Pupil Free Day School Holiday Escape – 9:00am to 3:00pm at St Oswald's
3 rd Fri	*** Good Friday *** Good Friday Services 9:00am at St Mary Magdalene's 10:00am at St David's Launceston Easter Community Festival – 7:00pm at the Albert Hall, Launceston
4 th Sat	
5 th Sun	*** Easter Day *** Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
6 th Mon	*** Easter Monday ***
7 th Tue	*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** (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
8 th Wed	*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***

April 2015	
9 th Thur	*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *** Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
10 th Fri	*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ***
11 th Sat	Diocesan LMST & Enablers' Meeting – 10:00am to 3.30pm at Longford
12 th Sun	
13 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
14 th Tue	
15 th Wed	School Holiday Escape – 9:00am to 3:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
16 th Thur	School Holiday Escape – 9:00am to 3:00pm at St Mary Magdalene's PresCare Legana – 10:45am
17 th Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
18 th Sat	Crochet For A Cause – 10:00am at St Oswald's
19 th Sun	

Calendar

April 2015	
20 th Mon	
21 st Tue	
22 nd Wed	
23 rd Thur	mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
24 th Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Youth Group – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston
25 th Sat	*** ANZAC Day *** Here's To The Heroes Concert – 2:30pm at Country Club Tasmania
26 th Sun	CCCGT Combined Service – 2:30pm at Salvation Army
27 th Mon	
28 th Tue	
29 th Wed	
30 th Thur	

May and other dates 2015	
31 st May	Riverlinks Together @ George Town
12 th & 13 th June	SYNOD
18 th July	Bishop's Workshop @ St Aidan's

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
5 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Communion Messy Easter	
12 th	10:00 am	Communion	
19 th	10:00 am	Inclusive Service	
26 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
3 rd	9:00 am	George Town	Good Friday
5 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
12 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
19 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion ABU Comb Service
26 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
3 rd	10:00 am	Riverside	Good Friday
5 th	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Café Church
12 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
19 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
26 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
5 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
12 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
19 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
25 th	10:30 am	ANZAC Day Service	

The **deadline** for the May Newsletter edition is **20th April**

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