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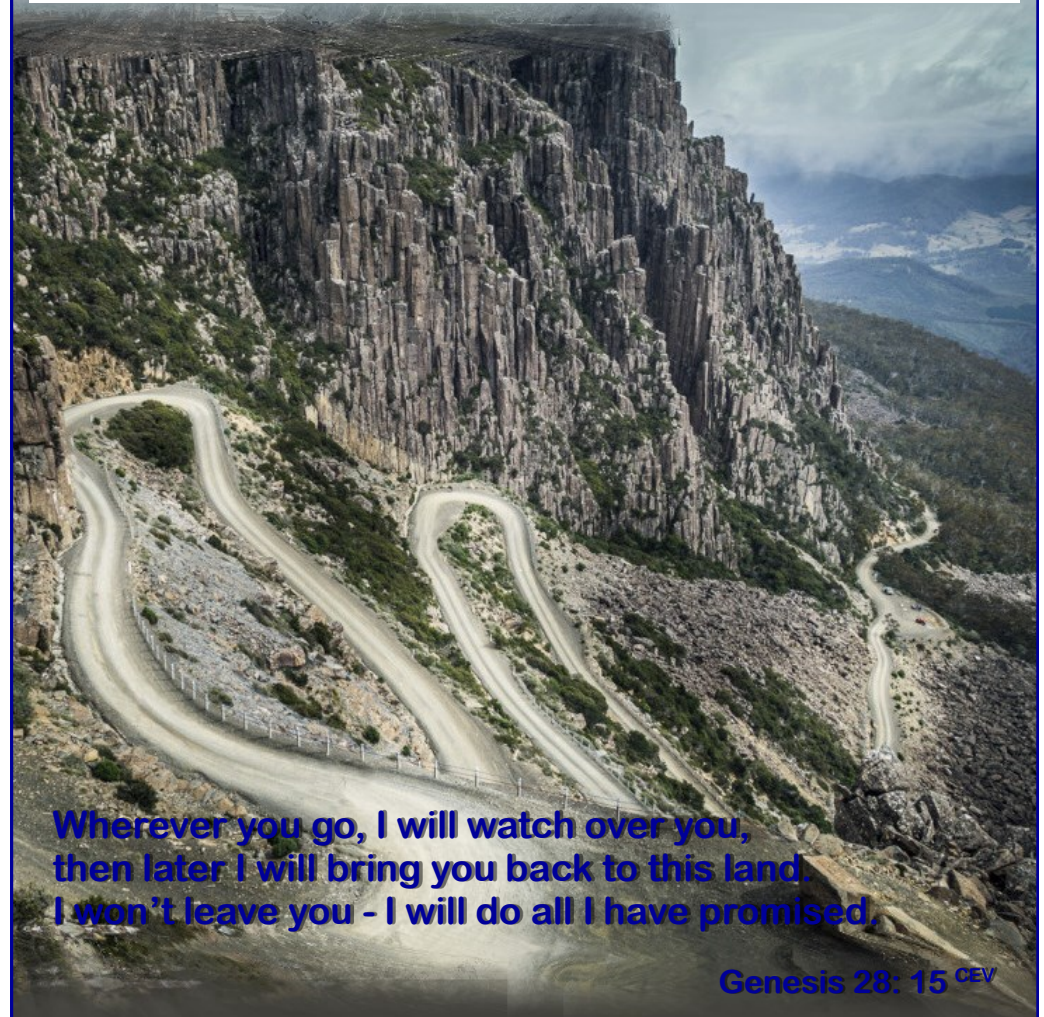
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**Newsletter  
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**Wherever you go, I will watch over you,  
then later I will bring you back to this land.  
I won't leave you - I will do all I have promised.**

**Genesis 28: 15 <sup>CEV</sup>**

**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

by Greg Clarke

This article first appeared at [www.biblesociety.org.au](http://www.biblesociety.org.au)

"I am only one, but still I am one;

I cannot do everything, but still I can do something;

And just because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Helen Keller (1880-1968)

## How Christianity Can Use "Glocalisation"

"Glocalisation" is one of those ugly words that just happens to encapsulate an idea really well. "Think global, act local" is the more attractive expression. But the idea is the same: we now have the capacity to gain a global vision of issues, but we still need to make a difference in our own backyards.

Lifting your eyes to the global picture is essential for many Christian enterprises today. The barriers that kept us apart from each other have dropped quickly and dramatically. Communication is easy around the world, in multiple formats. Trade has brought foreign cultures into home cultures, where they are more often than not accepted, modified and enjoyed. This is all the more the case when you believe in a creed in which there is no racial, cultural or traditional justification for staying apart.

Christians involved in poverty relief, publishing, social enterprise, disability



ministries and the like must think globally. So many of the resources they require to do their work are produced overseas, and so much development and innovation takes place between international partners. Think of Bible production, for example. The printed Bibles you are reading most likely come from China, America, Korea or Germany. They are not developed or produced in Australia. If you want a Bible in your hands, you have to be willing to participate in the massive global endeavour that is Bible publishing. But this global awareness is only valuable if you also act locally. You have to have a plan from the outset to make a difference where you are.

You need to care for your neighbour, and this principle of proximity is a healthy one

Sometimes the wrong tool will achieve your goal, but not as well and efficiently as the right tool would have. A hammer would work much better for driving a nail than a camera does.

Sometimes the wrong tool can be used, but risks some bad consequences. You can open a door with a sledgehammer. A key would be easier, more efficient, and allows the option of closing the door again, but the sledgehammer technically achieves the goal of opening it. You can tighten or loosen a screw with a knife. Many people do it successfully, and some try it and end up in hospital because a knife really isn't the right tool for that job.

Likewise, when churches try to force a tool to do a job it really isn't right for, like an outreach program that doesn't suit the local community, there are a few things that can happen. They might achieve what they were aiming for, with rather more effort than the "right" approach for that community would have taken. They might just not achieve anything because the method was completely unsuitable for the job. Or they might break things, things in most



ministry contexts being people.

When articles are published about methods and tools for outreach, they aren't doing that to say they are the "right" or "correct" one. It's not to say that you have to do whatever has just been written about, or that if you are doing something different you are wrong. These are to show you what some people have found works in their context. To show you new tools that you might like to use if they are useful for the job you are doing.

I suggest thinking of publications, bookshops, and blogs, as a kind of spiritual hardware store. They are full of tools for you to look at, evaluate and explore. But you're objective when you're at a hardware store isn't to buy the newest, shiniest, most popular tool. You're objective is to find the one that'll do the job you have waiting when you get home.

leading you off on some wild-goose chase, after other so-called mysteries, or "the Secret."

I'm a long way off, true, and you may never lay eyes on me, but believe me, I'm on your side, right beside you.

I am delighted to hear of the careful and orderly ways you conduct your affairs, and impressed with the solid substance of your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2: 2-5 MSG

by Renata Carmichael

## The Right Tools

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I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God.

Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on

Christ, God's great mystery.

All the richest treasures of wisdom and

knowledge are embedded in

that mystery and nowhere

else. And we've been shown the

mystery! I'm telling you this

because I don't want anyone

Hammer. Camera. Iron. Sledgehammer. Arbotech. Scissors. Key. Saw. Needle. Screwdriver. Computer. Knife. All of these things are tools. Tools are things that do jobs. Think about the tools listed. Now, which one of those tools is the right one? Which is the best?

The answer, of course, is that you need more information to make that decision. The Arbotech is not always the right tool. In fact, though it is one of my favourite tools, it is only the right one in a quite limited number of circumstances. The Arbotech is effectively an angle-grinder bit with chainsaw teeth. It is very good for shaping wood, for large scale rough carving. It is not very good for much else.

Similarly, there are many tools for outreach and evangelism. There are many methods suggested for how to go about communicating Jesus. Sometimes, people like to push one approach as being the right one or the best one, without thinking there's any need to get additional information before making that claim.

This, I feel, is like picking one of the tools from my list above and stating that it is the "right" tool regardless of what job you are doing. Let's pick the camera - it takes pictures of the world around us and instantly preserves those moments for ever, which is pretty impressive. But it won't work to cut paper, or to mend damaged clothing. It will work to drive a nail, but it's not very efficient and you'll need a new camera for the next nail.

This doesn't make the camera a bad tool, just not the right one for that job. A tool that is good for one job isn't necessarily good for a different job. Sometimes it might not work at all, or it might be very inefficient. The backyard barbeque can be a great tool for deepening relationships with people. All you need is some sausages or steak, a loaf of bread and some sauce. Anyone can do it. But, if the person you're trying to connect with happens to be a vegan who only eats raw food, this is not an effective approach. The barbecue is not a bad tool, it's just not the right one for that job.

(otherwise we could go mad thinking of how we will never meet the vast global needs of which we are now aware; leave God to worry about that). You need to use that Bible in your suburban home study groups, in the local pulpit, in the high school around the corner. You have to think locally about what it is you are trying to achieve with the help of your global resources.

But if you also think glocally, you will realise that you may have some resources to support the local needs of others. Since resources are so unevenly distributed around the world, it will almost certainly be the case that we Australians will need to provide the (global) resources for the (local) ministries of others. That is our lot.

We are seeing this dynamic expressed in the recent responses around the world to the refugee crisis stimulated by war in Syria. There is worldwide awareness of the crisis, reported through myriad channels. Some news is

“official”, sanctioned by major media organisations and carefully curated. Other news is immediate, raw, and hard to put in context, delivered through new media such as Facebook, Twitter and Periscope. But there is no denying the common Australian awareness of the crisis; we could barely avoid it if we tried. We are all beneficiaries of the globalisation of information resources.

But we are encouraged to act locally. We have to work with the Australian government and charity sectors to find ways of housing and caring for these refugees. Thankfully, this seems to be coming together. People are even offering to take refugee families into their own homes. That's "live with thy neighbour".

But we also need to give to other organisations who are working around the world, especially in the neighbouring countries of Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. Some of us will need to go and work with them, on the ground. That's the glocal

I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good therefore that

I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now.

Let me not defer not neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

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**A WORD TO THE WISE**

Think God can do better?

Give Him a chance

You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for anything

Do everything ASAP  
- Always saying a prayer

mindset at work. It has been wonderful to see the progress Bible Society Australia has been able to make over five years, as part of the broadest mission movement on the planet: nearly 150 Societies all serving the Scripture needs of the waiting world. It's a movement built on thinking globally. But the truly wonderful achievements are all local ones: remote indigenous people groups reading the Bible for the first time in their own language;

gatherings of Pakistani women taking literacy classes in order to read the New Testament (and read their pay slips and shopping lists); raising funds for Scriptures for the Syrian refugees soon to be arriving in Australia.

Nothing really important happens globally. The global must serve the local. And we will need to think globally to achieve it.

Greg Clarke

**What Does "Wisdom That Bestows Well-Being" Look Like?**

The heading for chapter 3 of the Book of Proverbs is revealing: "Wisdom Bestows Well-Being." What does that wisdom that bestows well-being look like? How does it affect our well-being?

The first insight we get from the chapter is that the wisdom is couched in God's commandments. In learning from them, making them the habits of our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls, we will

prolong our lives, not just here on earth, but eternally. Lives founded in God's commandments will experience and promote a sense of peace in everything they say and do. (verses 1-2)

The virtues of God's wisdom are love and faithfulness. These should be the virtues that all others see in us. We ought to "write them on the tablet of our heart," so that they become, through much

demonstration of two Christmas cards with interesting new "treatments" using stamps and shiny card.

It was an enjoyable celebration of Seniors Week with some special food and the usual coffee/tea and lots of laughter.

Jenny Pedley

Friday - Information on



Dementia: Don't forget to come!

In the morning session Tammy Jones from Alzheimer's Australia spoke on the development of the disease and the effect it has on family life and relationships.

There were 30 people attending and were given an informative presentation.

After lunch Dr Laura from the Dept of Health came up

from Hobart to speak on the importance of babies and people aged 65 and older to be immunised against pneumococcal.

The final speaker was Julie Miloy from Carers Tasmania and her presentation on the support that is provided through their service to carers in the community free of charge.

All the speakers provided valuable information and received many questions from those who attended.

Ken Pedley

Young people take pride in their strength, but the gray hairs of wisdom are even more beautiful.

Proverbs 20:29 CEV



## Seniors Week

But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house.

They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green.

They will declare, "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!"

Psalm 92: 12 - 15 <sup>NLT</sup>

### Wednesday - "Minds Do Matter" & Healing Service

Our Seniors Week Healing Service at St Oswald's was blessed by the visit of Associate Professor George Razay who shared with us, both in his talk and visual presentation during the service, and more informally over lunch in the hall afterwards. Around 30 people attended.

He gave us an overview of his groundbreaking research and work, which began five years ago in an area often associated with dementia. N.P.H. (or normal pressure hydrocephalus), one of the causes of dementia, when diagnosed, can be treated. Dr Razay cited several patients whose lives had been dramatically improved, with regaining of balance, memory and other cognitive abilities. In all he has diagnosed and healed approx. 100 patients with this.

A Syrian-born Christian, Dr Razay, with his engaging enthusiasm, has contributed

much to medicine here in Australia and overseas. We thank God for him and pray his work will continue to bear fruit and bring hope and healing to many more, as well as more opportunities for him to enjoy life, including his new found love of dancing, along with family members here in Tasmania.

Kaye Gregory

### Thursday - Card Making



### Demonstration

Although we had no 'outside' visitors coming to learn to make a card, this session was enjoyed by six of our regulars. Jillian gave a

practice, the signs of our deepest character. In developing these virtues we will "win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." (verses 3-4)

If we learn to always trust in God with all of our heart, mind, body and soul, and depend on it in all things; if we learn to humbly bend our wills to that of God, all of our endeavors will be profitable. He will never fail with such a one. He will never fail to make all of his or her paths straight and true. (verses 5-6)

Humility ought to be our greatest virtue. It is pride that claims to be wise in its own eyes. And as we know from literature and Sacred Scripture, Pride always goes before a fall. In humility, then, we do not see ourselves as wise, and when we see evil, we avoid it for the good of our souls and for

the good of others. It is this that brings us health in body and nourishment to the "bones" of our souls. (verses 7-8)

These, of course, are only the opening verses of chapter 3 in the Book of Proverbs. In our prayers throughout this day, let us meditate on the wisdom of God that is revealed just in this one chapter. It will certainly bestow well-being on us.

Lord, help us to learn from your wisdom and to carry it out in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds. Help us to develop the habits of virtuous character in our daily lives so that we can be good examples of your peace and faithfulness to our families, friends, neighbours and co-workers. We ask this in your name, Jesus. Amen!

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Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait

Man sees what we do. God sees why

Love someone not because they are a Christian, but because you are

I don't know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow

For peace that lasts, put God first

To those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—

## Financial Report

Income	\$64,870	Budget	\$78,350
Expenditure	\$92,479		\$85,632
Operating Loss	\$27,609		\$7,282

### Quarterly Financial Statement and Report July to September 2015

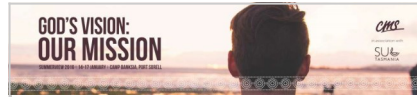
The offertory Budget was \$45,000 and the amount received was \$36,527. Also the support for Children, Youth & Families Ministry is \$2,200 under budget for the quarter. If the Parish income continues at this level for the next quarter then the parish deficit will require serious action. I therefore ask all parishioners to consider their stewardship and offertory for the next twelve months.

The work the Parish is doing with Children, Youth & Families Ministry does require the parish to have an operating deficit. It is important that we endeavour to meet the budget projection to allow the work being undertaken by the staff to continue. This programme has been operating for five years and it is important that the leadership of the Parish know if Riverlinks is both willing and able to continue to support it financially. One way of assessing this will be through the offertory over the next months.

Ken Pedley  
Treasurer

### Mission Contributions YTD

CMS - Tim & Emma	\$750	SU Chaplaincy RHS	\$500
CMS General Support	\$250	SU Chaplaincy GT	\$375
ABM	\$375	SU Staff Support	\$150
BCA	\$400	World Vision	\$129
Barnabas Fund	\$250	SparkLit (Bishop John)	\$500
Bible Society	\$250	TOTAL	\$3,929



### Summerview 2016: 14-17 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.

To register or for more info:  
[www.cms.org.au/tas/summerview](http://www.cms.org.au/tas/summerview)

Who wouldn't love a duck for Christmas?

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping with gifts from the **Parish Office Useful Gifts shop**. Cards available NOW for immediate collection, priced from \$5

Payments accepted by cash, cheque or credit card. Drop in & see Anne for chickens, ducks, education,

### How does the gift catalogue work?

By purchasing a gift from the **Useful Gifts Catalogue**, you are making a donation to the important work of TEAR and our partners, who are working with communities around the world facing poverty and marginalisation. All gifts contribute to long-term community development programs and are not given on a one-off basis. So if you buy a chicken gift, it's part of an overall sustainable program that also includes training and support.



## Freedom Bells For Asylum Seekers Campaign

Churches ringing their bells each week in support of asylum seekers everywhere and to demand release of those held in indefinite detention.

Around the world asylum seekers are travelling in masses not seen since the second world war. They are flooding into Europe and other countries in search of safety and a new life for themselves and their families. They can be greeted with hope or they can be treated cruelly on their arrival.

Freedom Bells have just updated their Facebook page

details to make it inclusive of churches around the world who might like to join the campaign. If you have friends on your FB list who are involved with churches outside Australia please share the information and invite them to join.

Ringing our bells... to show compassion to give voice to the voiceless to stand against oppression



JOIN THE CAMPAIGN: [freedombells.weebly.com](http://freedombells.weebly.com)  
[tinyurl.com/nle17c7](http://tinyurl.com/nle17c7)



## Camp For Kids Fundraiser Spit Roast

at 20B South Street, George Town

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm**

Adults: \$25, children 12 & under free

Come and support this very worthy cause, raising funds for kids in our communities from challenged families so that they can attend these camps.

There will be salads and desserts provided, as well as music and singing by David Rockliff

Contact James Cloudsdale for more info  
0428 543569



You are invited to come & join in celebrating the 190<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of St John's Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
7pm Public History Presentation (supper)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Morning & afternoon conducted tours of St John's

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

9:30am Holy Communion  
12noon Barbecue lunch & 190<sup>th</sup> cake  
7pm Evensong

## God is Light, God is Love

*A Study in 1 John*

Truth and lies 1<sup>st</sup> November

Living in God's love 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Sharing In God's victory 6<sup>th</sup> December

Join us in a new season, in the St Oswald's hall, 34 Bain Terrace, as we explore important questions of life and faith in the context of contemporary Anglican worship on the first and fourth Sunday of each month @ 10:30am

Children's program available  
Join us on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month as we explore what it means to live as the extended family of God 10:30@ St O's  
Stay in touch follow us on Facebook  
[facebook.com/saintoswalds](https://facebook.com/saintoswalds)



A playgroup for parents & caregivers of children



**Mondays 9.30-11am**

**@ St Oswald's Church Hall  
Bain Terrace, Trevallyn**

**\$2 per family per week**



Further information contact  
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## All In Service

We are heirs of the Father  
We are joint heirs with the Son  
We are children of the Kingdom  
We are family, we are one



God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians  
1: 2b - 9 NIV

## CMS Prayer Breakfast



Held on the second Saturday of each month at St John's, Launceston.

All welcome!



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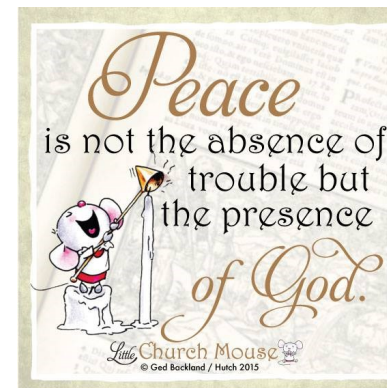
# Riverlinks

November 2015	
1st Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
2nd Mon	*** Recreation Day *** (each Monday) Child's Play at St O's
3rd 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 in the Parish office – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
4th 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
5th Thur	(each Thursday) mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
6th Fri	(each Friday) KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Re:Fuel – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
7th Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's L'ton
8th Sun	
9th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm

November 2015	
10th Tue	
11th Wed	
12th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
13th Fri	
14th Sat	
15th Sun	Camp For Kids Fundraiser Spit Roast – 1:00pm at 20B South St, George Town
16th Mon	
17th Tue	
18th Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
19th Thur	PresCare Legana – 10:45am
20th Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:30pm at George Town
21st Sat	

# Calendar

November 2015	
22nd Sun	CCCGT Combined Service – 2:30pm at Cornerstone
23rd Mon	
24th Tue	
25th Wed	Riverside & Trevallyn Christmas Lunch – 12:00 noon at St Oswald's
26th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
27th Fri	
28th Sat	
29th Sun	Riverlinks Together – 10:00am at St David's Riverside
30th Mon	



December and other dates 2016	
3rd December	PC & MST Christmas Dinner
15th December	Usual Unusual Christmas service at Hillwood
24th December	Carols in the Park at Trevallyn Reserve
14th - 17th January	CMS Summerview at Port Sorell

## Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
1st	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
8th	10:00 am	Communion	
15th	10:00 am	All In Service	
22nd	10:00 am	Communion	
29th	-	No service	
George Town			
1st	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion Communion
8th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Baptism
15th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Baptist Church	Communion ABU Service
22nd	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
29th	-	No services	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
1st	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion 10.30 @ St O's
8th	10:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship Contact Josh 0438 681404
15th	10:00 am 11:00 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion Contact Josh 0438 681404
22nd	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion 10.30 @ St O's
29th	10:00 am	Riverside	Riverlinks Together
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
8th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
15th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
22nd	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

The **deadline** for the December Newsletter edition is **23rd November**

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