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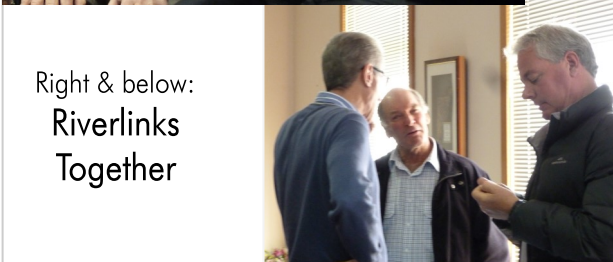
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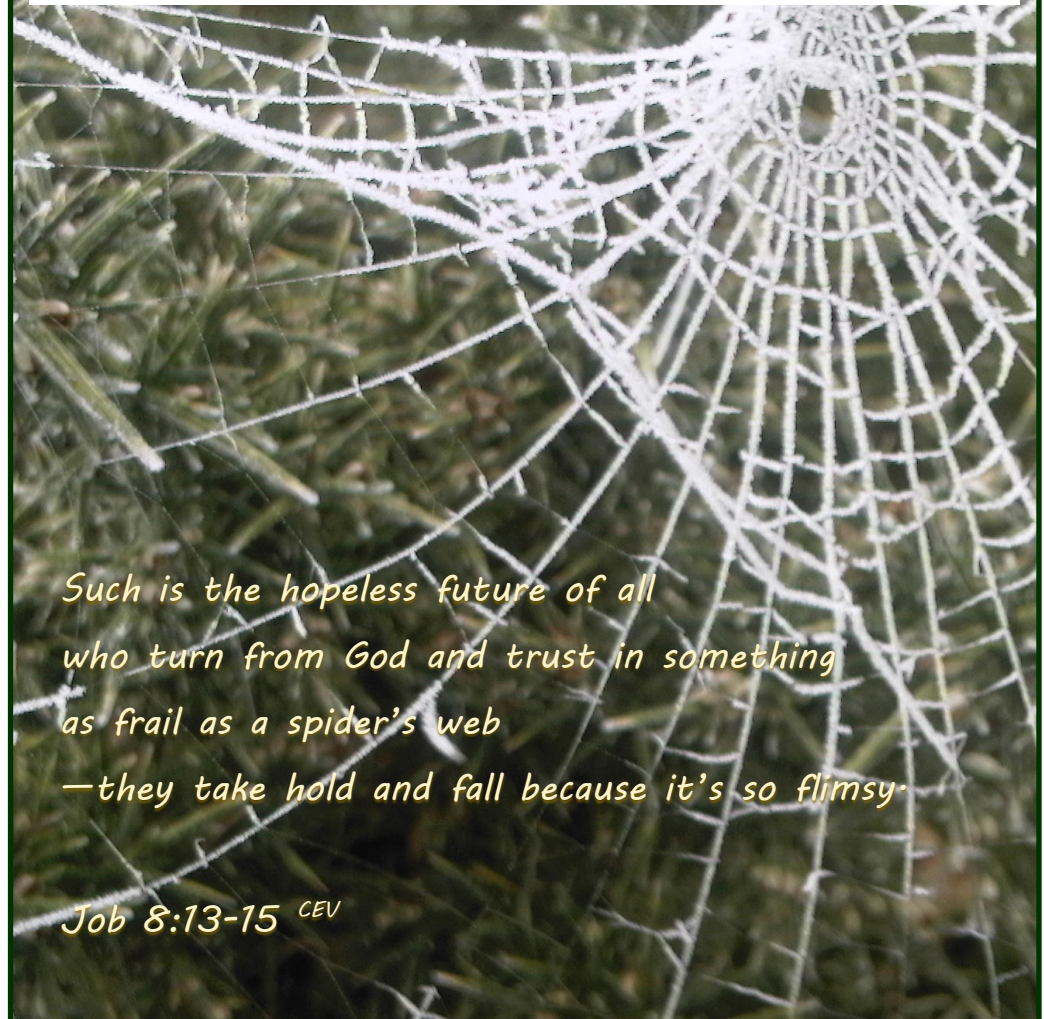
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# Newsletter July 2016



*Such is the hopeless future of all  
who turn from God and trust in something  
as frail as a spider's web  
—they take hold and fall because it's so flimsy.*

*Job 8:13-15 CEV*

**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



## Called to Witness

A study group leader was teaching the principles of Bible study and she explained how to pick out the promises and the commands in Scripture, and what to do with them. Finally, having reviewed her teachings she asked, "Now, what do you do with the commands in scripture?" One member of the group raised their hand and said, "I underline them in blue."

Underlining the Bible's commands in blue might make for a colourful Bible, but the point of the commands is that we *obey* them. Unfortunately, there are many people who have their heads filled with information from the Bible, but they do not obey what the Bible commands. The apostle James put it like this, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves." (James 1:22). Matthew recorded Jesus last instruction to his disciples as "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey, every-

thing I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." (Matt 28:19-20).

Bishop Richard in his first address to Synod highlighted the need for our Diocese to be actively engaging in the process of, "making disciples of Jesus". I am sure that this does not only apply to Anglicans because ten years ago Dallas Willard wrote a book entitled "The Great Omission," which is subtitled Reclaiming Jesus's essential teachings on discipleship. In his book, Dallas makes the point that a disciple of Jesus is not "the deluxe or heavy-duty model of the Christian – especially padded, textured, streamlined, and empowered for the fast lane on the straight and narrow." He suggests that historically the church made converts who were baptized into church membership of a particular denomination rather than instructing them on how to be disciples who wanted to do what Jesus directed.

Bishop Richard acknowledged the many strengths within our Anglican churches but

Being good is admirable, but doing good is useful



For every sin, Satan has an excuse



Don't make prayer a monologue - make it a conversation

into the next life is the software of our souls.

Don't give your life over to technology then. Instead use technology to help you share your love, shine your light, and spread your joy. Use it to help others and make this world a better place. Use it in a way that makes God smile and the angels sing. And then after you are done turn it off. Remember, what



is essential is inside of you. You may be a child of technology, today but you are child of eternity, forever!



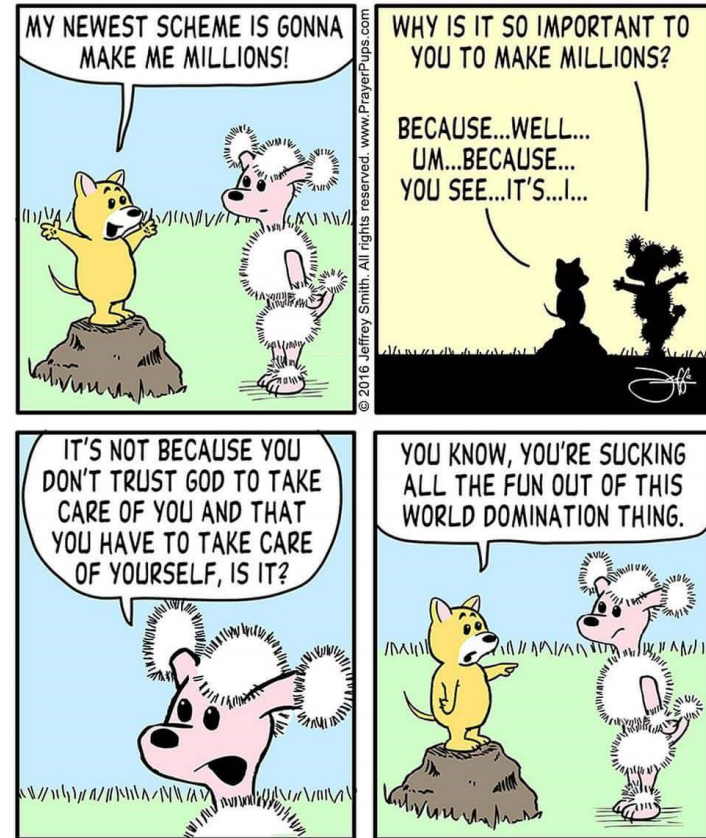
## Dust Of Snow

The way a crow  
Shook down  
on me  
The dust of  
snow  
From a  
hemlock tree

Has given  
my heart  
A change of  
mood  
And saved  
some part  
Of a day I  
had rued

Robert Frost

### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Fire swept the area and burned down a farmer's barn.

While he surveyed the wreckage, his wife called their insurance company and asked them to send a check for \$75,000, the amount of insurance on the barn.

"We don't give you the money," a company official explained. "We replace the barn and all the equipment in it."

"In that case," replied the wife, "cancel the policy I have on my husband."



## Children of Eternity

With the ever increasing speed of change in today's world I have to admit that for the first time I am beginning to feel my age. When I was a boy being online meant helping my Mom hang up my jeans on the clothesline behind our house. Twitter was what you heard from the birds in the trees. There was no Facebook although I often had my face in a book. A smart phone was one with a long cord so you could walk around while you talked to someone. A mouse was something our cat chased. And a computer was that strange thing with the blinking lights I saw on the science fiction television shows.

These days I have learned how to work a desktop computer and I am grateful everyday that I took a typing class in high school. Yet, it seems like there is always a message on my screen asking me to update my software and I am concerned that as soon as I learn the new system it will already be out



of date. My daughter can work her smart phone with the skill of a concert violinist. Whenever I need the answer to something fast I ask her, she asks her phone, and we have the answer. Still, I am thankful that she turns it off from time to time. Everyday I see teenagers with their heads permanently bent to their phones while life passes them by.

I am not worried about where this technological trip is taking us, though. I know that all roads lead to the same place. We are children of eternity and eventually we all must return to God and His Love. Our smart phones and social media won't be making the trip with us, either. The only things we can take with us are what we have learned and the love we have shared. The only computer we will be carrying

went on to note that we are traditionally weak in the area of evangelism. God does not ask the world to believe without evidence. Disciples of Christ should be that evidence, we should be modelling a life worth living to those around us since in the words of Paul, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (2 Cor. 5:20). Paul also expressed the special relationship that Christians have with Christ in this way, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me," (Gal. 2:20).

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well, recorded in the Gospel of John (4:1-42), is a great illustration of the love and compassion of Christ. She was a Samaritan, a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people. This is evidenced by the fact that she came alone to draw

water from the community well when, during biblical times, drawing water and chatting at the well was the social highpoint of a woman's day. However, this woman was ostracized and marked as immoral, an unmarried woman living openly with the sixth in a series of men.

The story of the woman at the well teaches us that God loves us in spite of our bankrupt lives. God values us enough to actively seek us, to welcome us to intimacy with Him, and to rejoice in our worship. Immediately she went and reported to the people of the town that, 'He told me everything I ever did,' (John 4:29). So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words, many more became believers. "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony." They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour

Every tomorrow has two handles.

We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety, or the handle of faith



Human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills



God promises a safe landing, not smooth sailing

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God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:7,8a NLT

of the world' (John 4:39-42). Our personal testimony about what Jesus has done for us and in our lives is important in leading others to believe in Him.



Over the last few years, the old Penny Royal World was refurbished and opened as the Penny Royal Adventures. One of the adventures involves clipping yourself to a harness and stepping off a clifftop, in free falling for perhaps 20-30 metres and landing in a safety net below. One can watch many people making the descent and have plenty of head knowledge that the activity is safe and exhilarating. However, head knowledge is just not enough for us to step off the platform into the air when we are standing on the platform at the top of the cliff looking down at the ground far below. We need to overcome our fear, as we step into

mid-air, we need to have complete trust that the apparatus will kick into action and control our descent to the ground.

Sometimes sharing our faith can seem like stepping off a safe platform into mid-air. How many times have we wanted to share our faith, but didn't because we were afraid of failing? The apostle Peter wrote, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have," (1Peter 3:15). We are called to be witnesses to the good news of Christ. As we step of the platform of faith by sharing our hope in Christ, we need to put our complete trust in the Holy Spirit to do the rest. Our obedience as disciples of Jesus is measured by how we live a life worthy of Christ day by day; sharing the good news of what Christ done in our lives and trusting God for the results. Our joy as disciples is to see God's Spirit at work in the lives of people that we meet, work and socialise with.

Blessings

*Norman Lawrence*

## In Praise of 'Scruffy Hospitality'

What is scruffy hospitality? On his blog, Rev Jack King defines it this way:

Scruffy hospitality means you're not waiting for everything in your house to be in order before you host and serve visitors in your home. Scruffy hospitality means you hunger more for good conversation and serving a simple meal of what you have, not what you don't have. Scruffy hospitality means you're more interested in quality conversation than the impression your home or lawn makes. If we only share meals with friends when we're excellent, we aren't truly sharing life together.

He encourages people not to allow an unfinished to-do list to stop us from opening our homes to friends and family.

It's hard to let go of the belief that our homes need to be picture-perfect before we can welcome guests. But the



idea that we must make our home look un-lived in before having people over stops so many of us from sharing life together.

I have friends who are excellent housekeepers, and their homes always seem "company ready" to me. I have authentic conversations in their homes, probably because being neat and tidy is authentic for them. Authenticity invites authenticity.

But for anyone whose home is not naturally company-ready, I encourage you to embrace this concept of scruffy hospitality. Open up your home, big or small, as-is. Value community over tidiness. Invite people over and say, "I don't know what I'm serving. I may have to order pizza. I would just love your company."

"Hospitality," writes Rev Jack, "is not a house inspection, it's friendship."

It's more than okay to be scruffy. We can have the kind of open, welcoming home we long to have where authenticity shines, even if our kitchen floors do not.

Extract from an article at [www.mnn.com](http://www.mnn.com)

by Robin Shreeves



Having dirty dishes in the sink when visitors come over shouldn't be a reason to fret

Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

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COLLECT AND DONATE  
1,000 FOOD ITEMS  
IN 10 WEEKS



Are you up for the challenge?  
Every bit helps!

**Challenge from 22 May 2016**

One in seven Tasmanians are living either below or on the poverty line. Many skip meals to ensure their children are fed.

REGISTER TODAY:  
Launceston City Mission  
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## Riverlinks Together Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 10:00am

at St Aidan's East Launceston  
*Bring a plate of food to share in lunch  
together after the service*



## Fellowship Nights



Fellowship Nights are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 6:30pm at St Mary Magdalene's George Town.

Bring some food for a shared meal, DVD and discussion. All welcome



## ANNUAL BOOKFEST

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

July

9:00am to

4:00pm

at

Door of Hope

50 Glen Dhu

Street

Sth L'ton

Thousands of  
books for sale!

If you love reading, watching a movie, flicking through old magazines and just can't resist a bargain, don't miss BookFest!



George Town  
Schools Chaplaincy  
Soup & sandwich  
Lunches



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon  
at the Anglican Church

3 Anne Street, George Town

\$10 per head (children negotiable)

*Please join us for some good food and good company and support Chaplaincy in our schools*

*Also on 25<sup>th</sup> August*



## BEANIE DAY

Beanie Day is part of Homelessness Prevention Week for Launceston City Mission.

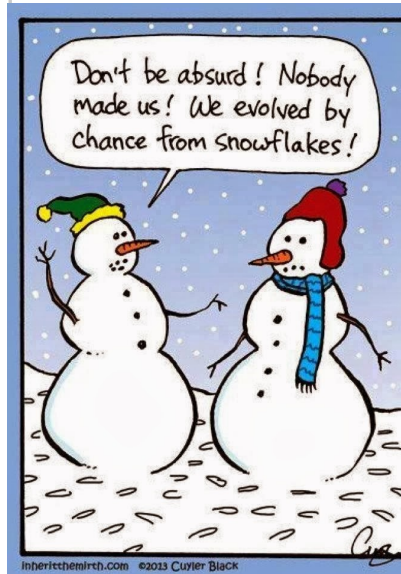
Wear your favourite beanie and make a gold coin donation to help the homeless in our communities.

It's not just about beanies, feel free to wear a scarf or gloves for the cause.

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST



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# Riverlinks

July 2016	
1st Fri	(each Friday) <b>KYB Study Group</b> – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town <b>Re:Fuel</b> – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston  <b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town
2nd Sat	* Federal Election Polling Day <b>Women's Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St John's L'ton
3rd Sun	<b>Messy Church</b> – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
4th Mon	<b>Combined LMST Meeting</b> – 6:45pm
5th Tue	(each Tuesday) <b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town <b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b> – 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
6th Wed	(each Wednesday) <b>Healing Service</b> – 10:00am at St David's <b>Men's Shed</b> – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Riverside <b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b> – 7:30pm at Stott's home – 7:30pm St Oswald's
7th Thur	
8th Fri	<b>BookFest</b> – 9:00am to 4:00pm at Door of Hope
9th Sat	<b>BookFest</b> – 9:00am to 4:00pm at Door of Hope

July 2016	
10th Sun	<b>Sea Sunday Service</b> – 2:30pm at the Catholic Church, George Town
11th Mon	<b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm
12th Tue	
13th Wed	
14th Thur	<b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's <b>Parish Council meeting</b> – 7:30pm
15th Fri	<b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town
16th Sat	<b>Men's Bible Conference</b> at the Branch
17th Sun	
18th Mon	<b>Child's Play</b> – 9:30am at St O's
19th Tue	
20th Wed	<b>St Oswald's Fellowship Group</b> – 2:00pm <b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:15pm
21st Thur	<b>mainly music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's <b>PresCare Legana</b> – 10:45am

# Calendar

July 2016	
22nd Fri	
23rd Sat	
24th Sun	<b>CCCGT Combined Service</b> – 2:30pm at Salvation Army
25th Mon	<b>Child's Play</b> – 9:30am at St O's
26th Tue	
27th Wed	
28th Thur	<b>mainly music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's <b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's <b>Chaplaincy Lunch</b> – 12:00pm at St MM's G'Town
29th Fri	
30th Sat	
31st Sun	<b>Riverlinks Together</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's, East Launceston

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August and other dates 2016	
5th August	<b>Beanie Day</b> as part of National Homelessness Prevention Week
8th October	<b>Tasmanian Bible Forum</b> (North)
12th-14th October	<b>Clergy Conference</b>

## Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
3rd	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
10th	10:00 am	Communion	
17th	10:00 am	All In Service	
24th	10:00 am	Communion	
31st	10:00 am	Riverlinks Together	
George Town			
3rd	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
10th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
17th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River ABU Service	Communion Unifying Church
24th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
31st	-	No services	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
3rd	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion 10.30 Worship @ St O's
10th	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Praise & Worship 10.30 Oikos @ St O's
17th	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion 10.30 Conversations Café @ St O's
24th	10:00 am 10:30 am	Riverside Trevallyn	Communion 10.30 Worship @ St O's
31st	-	No services	
Each Wed	10:00am	Riverside	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
10th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
17th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
24th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

The **deadline** for the August Newsletter edition is **25th July**

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