



Newsletter September 2016

I am the Lord All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test.

Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house.

Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing.

Malachi 3:10 ^{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



by Claire VanRyn

People in power need the power of prayer



Make sure your footprints don't leave the mark of a heel



Jesus should be your steering wheel, not your spare tire

The Measure of a True Friend

I have a coupla thousand 'friends' across my different social media platforms and other connections. As a measure of my friendship support, most would say I'm in a good position, right? Perhaps you're the same. Relatively well endowed in the 'friend' or 'follower' department.

But what happens when things get tough?

Most of us don't share the reality of life on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat... we share the highlights reel. And in this virtual world, many of our friends are like those noddy dogs on the dashboard of old folks' cars; constantly agreeing, liking what you post, commenting with little heart emoticons. We collect friends and likes as a hoarder collects things. They seem necessary. They make us feel good. But when life gets hard, they are a poor substitute for quality.

What does it mean to be a true friend?

In a world afraid to say the hard things for fear of sounding judgemental, offensive or even tight-laced, I would venture to say that a true friend is one who is unafraid of speaking the truth, unafraid of jumping into the deep with you, and whose love is unconditional.

I want to be that kind of friend. It's the difference between liking and loving. A liking friend will do whatever it takes to make you feel better, while a loving friend will take the time to look at the bigger picture with you and navigate the journey by your side.

The nodding ones are as common as dirty public toilets, but a friend who will sit down and listen to you, cry with you, and lovingly point out your blind spots; they are rare and precious as pink diamonds.

"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

- Walter Winchell

How do I be a better friend?

ONE: Connect in real time.

Visit, meet for coffee, call. Ask them how they are and let them talk. We forget that there are nuances of expression and tone that are completely missed in emails, text messages and chat forums. When we're sitting in front of them or with their voice connected to our ear, we can hear their emotion and respond to it immediately.

TWO: Don't just nod. We all know friends who have careened off course, treading a track that everyone knew was wrong. But did anyone gently take her aside and talk through the repercussions? Did anyone bite down their fear and confront him on his actions? A true friend tells the truth, even when it's not pretty. We are a true friend when we address the issue and then love them no matter what choice they make.

THREE: Put action to those words. This is the support factor, because what's the

use of connecting and talking with a friend if we're not willing to give some practical support? Words are nice, but actions are where love is most evident.

When we LOVE our friends, not just LIKE them, we enter into the mess and mayhem of their lives and offer meaningful connections that bring value to who they are.

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Never
borrow
sorrow from
tomorrow



Little is much
if God is in it



You don't
become a
missionary
by crossing
the sea, but
by seeing
the cross



You are
important to
God,
whether
you think so
or not

by Albert Lee
from odb.org

Thanks, Dad

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 12

In the US, more long distance calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day. But on Father's Day, the most reverse charge calls are made. It seems that children still depend on their fathers to provide, even when they are far away from home.

Fathers are needed and wanted for much more than financial help. While 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 is primarily directed toward church leaders, Paul talks about how their role is similar to a father's. He states: "You know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children."

Exhorted is "to call near." It is easy for fathers to think that all that's required of them is to bring home a pay cheque. But children need their close encouragement.

The word comforted is "to console." Nothing is more valuable to a child than the time given by a father to

listen and talk. Without constant relating, relationships turn cold.

Charged is "to affirm." Fathers challenge their children by affirming the truth of God's Word as they live it out in front of them. And even in failings, they affirm what is right through the asking of forgiveness.

How thankful we can be for fathers who help their children "walk worthy of God" (v.12).

We're thankful for our fathers, Lord, they're special gifts from You; Help us to show we honour them by what we say and do.

*Good fathers reflect
the heavenly Father*

The Lord
is like a
father to his
children,
tender and
compassionate
to those who
fear him.

Psalm
103:13 NLT

Dad Jokes

“What time did the man go to the dentist?
Tooth hurt-y.”

‘Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?
They say he made a mint.’

Whenever the cashier at the grocery store asks my dad if he would like the milk in a bag he replies, ‘No, just leave it in the carton!’

Whenever we drive past a graveyard my dad says, ‘Do you know why I can’t be buried there?’
And we all say, ‘Why not?’
And he says, ‘Because I’m not dead yet!’

Me: ‘Hey, I was thinking...’
My dad: ‘I thought I smelled something burning.’

Two peanuts were walking down the street.
One was a salted.

I used to have a job at a calendar factory but I got the sack because I took a couple of days off.

A three-legged dog walks into a bar and says to the bartender, ‘I’m looking for the man who shot my paw.’

5/4 of people admit that they’re bad with fractions.

Two guys walk into a bar, the third one ducks.

When I went to choir practice:
Dad: ‘Don’t forget a bucket.’
Me: ‘Why?’
Dad: ‘To carry your tune.’

Happy Father’s Day.
You’re the tops.
Your list of good traits never stops.
You’re smart, you’re strong.
You’re always there
To fix a bike
or change a spare.
You’re good for laughs and grins and yucks
(and could I please have twenty bucks?)

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Children,
always obey
your parents,
for this
pleases the
Lord.
Fathers,
do not
aggravate
your
children,
or they will
become
discouraged.

Colossians
3:20,21 NLT



Riverlinks

September 2016	
1 st Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's What is True Islam, and who is my Muslim neighbour? – 7:00pm at Riverbank Church
2 nd Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> KYB Study Group – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town Good News Club – 3:30pm at St David's Riverside Re:Fuel – 6:00pm at St John's Launceston Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
3 rd Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's L'ton
4 th Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
5 th Mon	<i>(each Monday)</i> Child's Play – 9:30am at St O's
6 th Tue	<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 Pedley's group at St David's – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
7 th Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St David'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 School Chaplaincy Networking Event – 4:30pm at Legana Christian Church
8 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm

September 2016	
9 th Fri	
10 th Sat	Tasmanian Bible Forum at Battery Point
11 th Sun	
12 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
13 th Tue	
14 th Wed	TLM Morning Tea with Pam Lake – 10:00am at Legana Christian Church
15 th Thur	
16 th Fri	
17 th Sat	
18 th Sun	PresCare Legana – 10:45am
19 th Mon	Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town Preaching Workshop with Mike Raiter – 9:30am to 1:00pm at St John's Launceston
20 th Tue	

The deadline for the October Newsletter edition is 26th September

Calendar

September 2016	
21 st Wed	St Oswald's Fellowship Group – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
22 nd Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Chaplaincy Lunch – 12:00pm at St MM's G'Town
23 rd Fri	
24 th Sat	Tasmanian Bible Forum at Burnie
25 th Sun	CCCGT Combined Service – 2:30pm at Anglican Church
26 th Mon	
27 th Tue	
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	
30 th Fri	
1 st Oct Sat	
2 nd Oct Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's

October and other dates 2016	
8 th October	Tasmanian Bible Forum (North)
9 th October	Riverlinks Together at George Town with Bp Richard Condie
12 th -14 th October	Clergy Conference
29 th October	Diocesan Training Event at St Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
4 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
11 th	10:00 am	Communion	
18 th	10:00 am	All In Service	
25 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
4 th	9:00 am	Hillwood	Communion
	9:00 am	Pipers River	Morning Prayer
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
11 th	9:00 am	Low Head	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	Communion
18 th	9:00 am	Pipers River	Communion
	10:30 am	George Town	ABU Baptist
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	10.30 Worship @ St O's
11 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
	10:30 am	Trevallyn	10.30 Oikos @ St O's
18 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
	10:30 am	Trevallyn	10.30 Conversations Café @ St O's
25 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
	10:30 am	Trevallyn	10.30 Worship @ St O's
Each Wed	10:00am	Riverside	Healing Service
Peace Haven			
11 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
18 th	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
25 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

Please send articles, comments, information & photos to the Parish Office
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TASMANIA

What is True Islam, and who is my Muslim neighbour?

A PUBLIC TALK BY

RICHARD SHUMACK

Thursday 1 September 2016, 7pm - 8:30pm

Riverbank Christian Church, Riverbank Place, Riverside

Islam is no longer "out there" but right next door. Many of us have Muslim friends, neighbours and colleagues. But what do they believe?

Come and hear Richard clear up confusion about the diversity of Muslim beliefs and explain why there's no need to be scared of talking to Muslims about Jesus.



Richard is a Christian philosopher, a Research Fellow at the Centre for Public Christianity (CPC) and the Director of Melbourne School of Theology's Islamic Studies programme. He lives in Sydney with his wife Judy and their four boys. He loves eating curry, playing and coaching AFL, and both tennis and horse golf.

A grant donation would be appreciated to help cover costs. For more information, please call 1300 342 337 or email isa@taspedalsociety.org.au



KOORONG



Eternity



Preaching Workshop
Saturday 19th September
at St John's Anglican Church
St John Street Launceston
from 9.30am to 1pm

Register online at Eventbrite:
goo.gl/wfk7ty

Morning tea will be provided but please BYO lunch if you'd like to stay and chat with Mike or other attendees after the workshop

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHAPLAINCY YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



The Exeter High School Chaplaincy Committee invites you to a

School Chaplaincy Networking Event

Date: 7 September 2016

Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Venue: Legana Christian Church

1 Gerrard Close, Legana

(Light food and drink provided)

Including:

Launch of the **updated Spirituality Toolbox**, now linked to the Australian Curriculum for use in school classrooms, school camps and in church groups or camps.

Looking ahead for school chaplaincy, what does it achieve? Why is church involvement essential? What can we do today to prepare for tomorrow?

Come and share your experiences and opinions with us and other school chaplaincy committees.

RSVP: 29 August 2016 to stephanie.sebastian@sutas.org.au or 0427 553 424

Tasmanian Bible Forum with Bishop Richard Condie

Saturday 8th October at St Aidan's East Launceston

2 Peter: A Precious Faith - "To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ" – 2 Peter 1:1

Contact the Parish office 6324 0039 office@riverlinks.net.au to book your place

Anglican Women's Retreat

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd
October
at Maryknoll
Blackmans Bay

The Retreat Conductor is Revd John Stewart from Melbourne, founding Director of the Living Well Centre for Christian Spirituality Inc.

Theme: Living the seasons of our lives

All women are warmly invited to attend.
Contact Jeanette Lewis 6225 3233

Save the Date
Diocesan Training Event
#makedisciples#confidence#getequipped
Saturday 29th October 2016 (10am-5pm)
St Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart
Guest speakers, interactive sessions, workshops, resources,
food, fun & fellowship
Click for information available here
A diocesan event for Clergy and Lay people

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The 2016 Communities for Children Conference
Every Child Succeeds
Door of Hope Centre, Launceston,
26-27 October 2016

Keynotes and workshops will address how we can better work together collectively to make a difference by honouring the voices and wishes of children.

In addition, we will explore how to maximize parental engagement, promote non-violence, and better understand trauma and attachment issues.

Attendance is free, but places are limited.

Register by 31 August
<https://www.anglicans-tas.org.au/CPC2016>

Keynote speakers
Rigel Richardson (UK)
Elaine Dyer (NSW)
Liz Weaver (Canada)
Andrew O'Keefe (Aus)

Who should come:

- community members,
- volunteers,
- students,
- policy makers and
- all those working with children and families.

Bishop Richard Condie
will be visiting the Parish to speak at
Riverlinks Together
Sunday 9th October
10:30am
at St Mary Magdalene's
George Town

*Please bring a plate of food to share in lunch
together after the service*





by Sam Chan
www.espresso
theology.com
**YOUR WORLD
TO JESUS IN 60
SECONDS**

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

Pokémon Go offers eternal life

Pokémon Go has got people out into the streets looking for virtual monsters. The game uses the player's smartphone's GPS and camera to create a world of augmented reality.

With Pokémon Go, our mundane morning train ride is now a quest. While standing in line for our bus, we can catch a Bulbasaur. During our lunch-hour, we can engage in a Pokébattle.

Critics might say that players should "get a life". But defenders respond that Pokémon Go gives us a better life - it's got us outdoors, walking, and socialising. It gives us a purpose. An adventure.

So maybe our reality needs to be augmented.

Because if all we are is atoms, then any talk of purpose, love, justice is merely an artificial construct.

And if all we are is another species of life on this planet, then survival by itself can get pretty mundane. How many

more days of sleep-work-eat do we really need?

Augmented reality is not such a bad thing.

But as good as it is, Pokémon Go's augmented reality is still an artificial construct - coloured pixels super-imposed upon reality.

In the Bible, Jesus offers us eternal life - i.e., augmented life.

Jesus claims if we believe in him, his Spirit renews us and gives us augmented life. A life with purpose, love, justice. A life with adventure. Beyond survival. An adventure with Jesus.



Please Support Sheku



This is Sheku Conteh from Sierra Leone, aged 14. He had surgery on The Mercy Ship in 2003, to remove

the life-threatening tumour in his maxilla. After high school he returned to the ship, where he was trained as an engine hand, then ships' mechanic. He then trained as a Marine Engine Mechanic in Ghana, West Africa in 2014. He is now in Hobart doing Foundational Studies at Tas Uni, prior to studying Marine Technology Management at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston beginning in 2017, as he wishes to return to work on the Mercy Ship.

(Mercyships.org.au)

Sheku managed to get to Australia with the help of a sponsor, however he needs to raise \$10,500 a semester (\$21,000 a year) for the next 3 years in order to do his degree. His only source of

income currently is 2 days a week washing dishes in a restaurant.

I met Sheku through a mutual friend, who contacted us because of my Mercy Ship work, and we are supporting him with maths and physics tutoring, and with general living costs.

I have set up a gofundme campaign for him, and would really appreciate your support. If many people in the hospital donate even 5 or 10 dollars each (a cup of coffee or two), we could make huge difference in this young man's life.

Wendy Falloon

(Anaesthetist)

[gofundme.com/sheku](https://www.gofundme.com/sheku)



Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians

4: 21-24 ^{CEV}

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Above & right:
Riverlinks Together @ St Aidan's



Left : Helen's birthday
@ mainly music

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