



# Newsletter

## April 2017

The angel said to the women,  
"Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus,  
who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here!  
God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would."

Matthew 28:5,6a <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

# Easter and Faith



Earth's saddest  
day and  
gladdest day  
were just three  
days apart.

Susan Coolidge

Easter says  
you can put  
truth in a grave,  
but it won't  
stay there.

Clarence W. Hall

Our Lord has  
written the  
promise of the  
resurrection,  
not in books  
alone, but in  
every leaf in  
spring-time.

Martin Luther

Have you ever let one of your friends or family down badly? Ever had that terrible feeling after the event that you could have done something but were too afraid to do so? When thinking over this issue I was brought back to my school days, in primary school, when I was in grade 3. One day when we were lining up and just before the deputy headmaster blew his whistle for silence I pushed the boy standing next to me out of line. The whistle blew and the boy was still out of line. The deputy headmaster called all those out of line up to him and then he peremptorily caned them. The boy came back into line beside me and said nothing. I said nothing to him but I felt awful.

Such a betrayal was one that Peter gave to Jesus on the night of the Last Supper. The Gospel accounts of that meal show Peter at his worst - refusing to have his feet washed, and then while Jesus tried to tell them of the events about to happen Peter

was quite insistent: "I will lay down my life for you."

Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times."

Peter's character is quite an interesting one, with me sometimes it cuts too close. Full of boasting, wanting to please, thinks he knows it all. What a contrast with the quiet John or the questioning Thomas! More importantly it is not giving enough credit to God, and this is what Peter was like. And, like so many of us who can be this way, pride comes before a fall, and this is exactly what would happen to Peter. Before the night was over, not just one, but two of Jesus' disciples would betray him.

After the arrest of Jesus, Peter followed Jesus into the city, to the high priest's house, and was in the courtyard with the mob while Jesus was interrogated.

First a servant girl recognising him, said he was with Jesus when he had been arrested

and Peter replied, “Woman I do not know him.” Still later a man said, “You also are one of them,” and Peter replied, “Man I am not.” An hour later, he was again accused of being one of Jesus’ followers, and Peter again denied it.

So here’s Peter under pressure. With all his boasting, at the critical point when Jesus was facing his greatest crisis, Peter was found wanting. Have you ever been in a situation like Peter was in, having the fear of being physically harmed if we stand up for what we believe? There are Christians who face this problem in many parts of the world today? What would you have done if you had been in Peter’s shoes? If you are like me your whole body would have been in flight mode – deny it. Anything to get out of trouble. What should I have done with the boy I



pushed out of line? Did I think of calling out to the Deputy headmaster that it wasn’t his fault? No! I let him take the punishment. And I think that what hurt me the most was that the other boy knew how gutless I had been. I didn’t even apologise to him.

The same was with Peter. He not only denied Christ to get himself out of trouble, but he stayed around for an hour, thinking he was safe. It may not have been the crowing of the cock that brought Peter to his senses, but the fact that Jesus looked at him. At that point Peter realized that Jesus knew what he had done. Then it all dawned on him, exactly what he had done. And he broke down and wept.

Luke’s version of this story brings in a different aspect. Jesus warned Peter, “Simon! Simon! Listen, Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

Henry Knox Sherrill

On this Easter Sunday ...

Forgive someone.

Tell someone you love them.

Let your light shine.

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from  
previous  
page*

If God is your  
co-pilot,  
switch seats



When you  
get to your  
wit's end,  
you'll find  
God lives  
there



Instead of  
counting your  
days, make  
your days  
count

Jesus already knew that Peter would fail. But he also knew that despite his impetuosity and his boasting Peter really loved Jesus and truly believed in him. These are the key characteristics that held him together. Whatever happens, even though we let people down, even though we let others down, if we truly love Jesus and truly believe in him Satan may be able to get at us through our weaknesses, but he cannot totally destroy us like he did Judas, and he did not destroy Peter.

Our story turns to a happier time, one morning on the beach. Christ is risen and the apostles are out fishing again. With Peter things seem to be back to normal. Jesus has performed one of his miracles, again with the fish. John has recognized him on the shore and told Peter. So what did Peter do? Impetuous Peter! He jumped off the boat, leaving the others to look after the fish, and swam ashore to be the first with Jesus once again – just like one of those big uncontrollable puppy dogs.

But things are not back to normal. The good old days are over, and there is work to be done.

After the breakfast Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Peter’s answer was simple. “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Was this the old Peter answering? It probably was.

Jesus asked again: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” he said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” It was the same answer.

Jesus asked the question a third time, and now Peter was hurt. “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus already knew the pathway Peter would follow. He had said it on the night of the Passover meal: “And you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Till now Peter had not been a good leader. He had been the first to answer questions; he had been the first to run

out to Jesus whenever he had appeared. But the impetuosity and ego-centric nature of the disciple had to be refined. Peter had a far too important tasks to do for these qualities to remain. The three questions Jesus had asked had set Peter thinking. He was now ready



for what Jesus had to say next.

“When you were younger you used to fasten your own belt And go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” He then said, “Follow me.”

Peter’s next thought was on John. “Lord, what about him?” And Jesus replied, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me.”

Peter Cox

Prayer is asking for rain.

Faith is carrying an umbrella



God answers prayers - not advice



Kind words are always the right kind

## Financial Position

OFFERTORY	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Year To Date 28FEB17	105,952	110,000
MTD March 2017	<u>8,679</u>	<u>13,750</u>
TOTAL	114,631	123,750
Profit/Loss Year To Date		<u><u>- 9,119</u></u>

*Direct deposit account details for your Parish offertory contributions:*

BSB                    067 021  
 Account #        1000 6848  
 Name:                Riverlinks Anglican Church

# Riverlinks

April 2017	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	LMST & PC Retreat – 10:00am at St Oswald's
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	Messy Easter – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	<i>(each Monday)</i> <b>Child's Play</b> – 9:30am at St O's Home & Study Groups – 2:30pm St Oswald's at Collings' home  God's Design Genius fund Raiser Dinner – 6:00pm at Trevallyn Life Church
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	<i>(each Tuesday)</i> Prayer Group – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town Home & Study Groups – 1:30pm at Collings' home – 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
5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Healing Service – 10:00am at St David's <b>Men's Shed</b> – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Riverside Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home <b>God's Design Genius</b> – 6:30pm at Seventh Day Adventist Church Launceston
6 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's  Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> 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

April 2017	
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sun	PALM SUNDAY <b>Citywide Prayer Meeting &amp; "War Room" Movie</b> Screening – 1:00pm & 3:30pm at Door of Hope
10 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
12 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
13 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Launceston Alive Easter Festival 13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> April  Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's  Passover Meal – 6:00pm at St Aidan's  Multicultural Dinner – 6:30pm at Salvation Army, Elizabeth St. L'ton
14 <sup>th</sup> Fri	GOOD FRIDAY  Good Friday – 9:00am at St MM's George Town Good Friday – 10:00am at St David's Riverside  Face to Face Citywide Gathering – 7:00pm at Launceston Conference Centre (Door of Hope)  Easter Festival @ Camp Clayton 14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> April
15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	<b>Easter Saturday Children's &amp; Family Fun Festival</b> featuring Riverlinks Café – 11:00am to 3:00pm  Worship Workshop – 10:30am at Freeliffe Church
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun	EASTER SUNDAY  Combined Churches Resurrection Celebration – 5:00pm at St John's, 157 St John St. L'ton
17 <sup>th</sup> Mon	EASTER MONDAY

The deadline for the May Newsletter edition is 25<sup>th</sup> April

# Calendar

April 2017	
18 <sup>th</sup> Tue	DIOCESAN HOLIDAY
19 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<b>St Oswald's Fellowship Group</b> – 2:00pm Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Thur	PresCare Legana – 10:45am
21 <sup>st</sup> Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	CCCCGT Combined Service – 2:30pm at Uniting Church
24 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
25 <sup>th</sup> Tue	ANZAC DAY ANZAC Commemoration Service – 10:00am at Peace Haven Chapel Norwood
26 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
27 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
28 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
29 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Tasmanian Bible Forum – 10:00am at Mission 21 Huonville with Mike Bird (Ridley)
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	Riverlinks Together with Tim & Emma – 10:00am at St Aidan's

May and other dates 2017	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	SYNOD
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Riverlinks Together @ St David's
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Tasmanian Bible Forum @ St Aidan's

## Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	All In Service	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverlinks Together	
George Town			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Morning Prayer Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	George Town	Good Friday Redemption Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 9:00am 10:30 am	Pipers River Low Head George Town	Communion Morning Prayer ABU Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	-	No services	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Good Friday Service
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Riverside	Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	-	No services	
Each Wed	10:00am	Trevallyn	Healing Service & HC
Peace Haven			
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion	
25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	ANZAC Day Service	

Please send articles, comments, information & photos to the Parish Office  
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Check the website for full  
programme, times & locations  
[www.launceston.org.au](http://www.launceston.org.au)



*just  
in  
time*

LAUNCESTON ALIVE  
EASTER FESTIVAL  
13-16 April 2017

ART ❖ MUSIC ❖ THOUGHT ❖ FOOD ❖ TIME

There are a wide range of functions and programs happening over the course of the festival 12-16 April, to suit all ages and tastes, including:

- ❖ Poetry competition
- ❖ Multicultural dinner
- ❖ Prayer meetings
- ❖ Church services
- ❖ Children's & Family Fun Festival
- ❖ Worship Workshop
- ❖ Community Art Wall
- ❖ Resurrection Celebration

Grab a copy of the program or go to the website [www.launceston.org.au](http://www.launceston.org.au)



The first Tasmanian Bible Forum for 2017 will be on Saturday  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am to 3:30pm at Mission 21, 21 Wilmot St. Huonville

**'Paul - an Apostle for the 21st Century'**  
with Revd Dr Michael Bird, Ridley College, Melbourne

Cost \$20 (includes morning tea & light lunch)  
Bring your Bible, notebook & pen



**Friday 14 - Monday 17 April, 2017**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND ARTISTS**

JIM COLLING	Tasmanian State Director, Family Voice Australia
MIKE RATER	Director, Centre for Biblical Preaching
DAVID SMITH	Principal, Perth Bible College
STUART THOMPSON	Students Training Coordinator, G.D College of Ministries
TM KIRKEDAR	Pastor, West Pennant Hills Community Church
JARED WILSON	Author and Director of Content Strategy, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - USA
SONS OF KORAH	Australian based band giving a fresh voice to the psalms
PETER SHURLEY	Tasmanian Singer and Violinist

[campclayton.org.au/easterfestival.html](http://campclayton.org.au/easterfestival.html)

## Shared Passover

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
5:30 for 6:00pm

at St Aidan's Church  
21-23 Arthur St. East Launceston

RSVP to Jo  
0408 441938





# Messy Church



The Riverlinks website has had a revamp!

*Working Together as Team Jesus*



Visit [riverlinks.net.au](http://riverlinks.net.au) to see what's new.



If you have an event or function to add to the calendar, please email (or phone) the details to Anne at the Parish office [office@riverlinks.net.au](mailto:office@riverlinks.net.au)





## You Disappear When You Get Old



*Easter Eggs  
Are Good  
For You!*

Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Beans are vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake!

It was a mild autumn afternoon by the river, the water still and the light all toffee and caramel. We were ambling along the water's edge when an elderly lady came walking her puppy – a silky terrier no larger than a rodent. The pup made instant friends with our two-year-old. There were giggles and face-licking, shrill yapping and shivers of excitement.

So it was that I got chatting to a complete stranger.

The elegant lady shared openly of her life, a story of immense sorrow and high joys. Her journey was intriguing – I was captivated. I must have stood there with this woman for 20 minutes, until she became self-conscious, realising she had interrupted our stroll. We exchanged names, shook hands and walked our separate ways. In all that she said, there was one sentence that resounded – because it wasn't the first time I'd heard it.

*"You disappear when you get old,"* she said sadly.

My friend (let's call her Liz), now in her 80s, said those very words no more than a week earlier.

*"You fade into the background."*

*"People don't notice you."*

*"They see right through you."*

We walked further along the water's edge that day to a short jetty and leaned over the rail to watch the current where hundreds of jellyfish were pulsing and wriggling in the tide. Their translucent bodies passed beneath us like ghosts.

When Liz told me how it is when you get old, I was angry. That's terrible, I said. How awful! But she just shrugged her shoulders and replied, *"It's just the way it is."* I don't like the way it is. No person in society should feel invisible, like



something only half here, moving with the tide.

The elderly people in our community are a rich living resource, a veritable treasure trove of wisdom and knowledge that can only be acquired over time. We should uphold them, revere them, honour them, seek their advice.

The Bible declares old age to be glorious. *“Grey hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”* (Prov 16:31)

Job says, *“Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.”* (Job 12:12)

With each year we are adding invaluable experience, the kind that cannot be learnt at a university. We pull through hardship, we solve problems, we deepen relationships, we overcome vice, we move forward. We’re all heading

there – to old age that is. So let’s open our eyes to the invisibles in our midst and the lifetime of treasure secreted in their heads and hearts. Let’s value a person’s input irrespective of age, engage with them, affirm our love and need for them.

I know I can do better at this.

After all, one day it may be me walking alone at the water’s edge, hungry for conversation.

Claire Van Ryn

### KEEPING THE FAITH

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This article first appeared at [www.faithlikeamushroom.com](http://www.faithlikeamushroom.com)

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

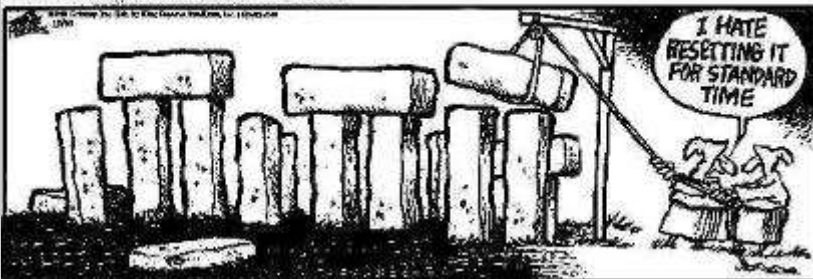
A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn’t that handy?

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It’ll take the edge off your appetite, and you’ll eat less.

For a balanced diet, be sure to eat equal parts white and dark chocolate

Mother Goose & Grimm / M. Peters



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Above & Left:  
Cooking damper  
&  
Team Jesus  
messy eating



Left & Below:  
World Day of Prayer



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