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Above: GT Combined Christian Churches service in Chaplaincy Week

Right: Robin's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday

Below: SYNOD



A church for  
Tasmania,  
making disciples of  
Jesus.

The new Diocesan  
Vision for Tasmania  
was received with  
alacrity

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# Newsletter July 2017



Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.

Romans 13: 1a, 6-7 <sup>NIV</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



## Can you hear me??

It has often been a source of amusement in our family, that my dad doesn't always hear things properly. You see a click beetle landed in his ear when he was a child, and since then, for whatever reason, he hasn't heard properly, especially on that side. I'm sure that you can imagine the amusing situations that this can sometimes cause – the misheard sentences and ideas, the jokes that come from nowhere and seem completely random and out of place. I'm sure you can imagine also the frustrations: conversations that remain unheard, or talking and then realising later that he simply didn't hear.

Things got better though, the day that he got a hearing aid in that ear. With the simple flick of a switch,



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communication became easier for all of us, and over time, our patterns of communicating were able to adjust as well. Although not always comfortable for dad, suddenly, the things that had been missed weren't being missed anymore – we had never stopped communicating, but it felt like suddenly he had started listening.

I see similarities to this idea, when I think about God speaking – I don't believe that he has ever stopped speaking to us, but perhaps we just don't know how to listen properly, maybe we just need to turn the hearing aid on.

The first and most obvious way that God speaks to us is through his word. As we spend time in scripture, reading it, meditating on it, praying it, God is at work in us by his Spirit, shaping our thoughts and attitudes and actions. Sometimes this might simply be an encouraging reminder of God's faithfulness in a time of struggle, or a reminder of his

My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.

This unit can be counted towards the Bishop's Certificate for those who are interested in further study.

If you are interested in being part of group, studying this together, please contact by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:

[ioshua.skeat@gmail.com](mailto:ioshua.skeat@gmail.com)

0438 681 404

I will work with those interested to organise the best day and time for us to study together.

### Ministry Foundations:

- What is Ministry?
- Spiritual Gifts for Ministering to Others

### Leading Small Groups:

- Managing Group Dynamics
- Using the Bible and Leading Prayer

### Reading the Bible Aloud:

- Valuing the Bible
- Creating Meaning using Techniques

### Reading the Bible Aloud:

- Different literature types

### Leading Prayers in Church

### The Meaning of Christian Worship:

- Introduction to Contemporary Debates
- What Makes a Church Service a Church Service

### The Design of Christian Worship:

- Liturgy as a Spiritual Journey
- Leading Weekly Liturgy



## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

at Hutchins School, Sandy Bay

**Registrations essential** online at:

**[www.bishopstrainingevent.com](http://www.bishopstrainingevent.com)**

### POSSIBLE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

- Developing disciple making pathways
- Creative engagement strategies
- Everyday Evangelism
- Running an Evangelistic event
- One on One Bible Reading

- Disciple making with Seniors
- Growing your children's ministr
- Raising up leaders in your church
- Transforming Public Worship
- The power of welcome
- Pastoral Care basics
- 11 AND MORE!

"I had to swerve or I'd have run over those and blown my tyres!" protested the driver.

"Ok", replied the officer, ripping up the ticket, "but I'm still bringing you in."

"What for?!" retorted the man.

"Tacks evasion", answered the policeman.



Who makes the best detective - Sherlock Holmes or a tax accountant? The tax accountant - she make's more deductions



## Ridley Ministry Skills

There are 3 types of tax accountants. Those who can count and those who can't



A man was driving along the road when all of a sudden he had to swerve to avoid a box falling off a truck in front of him. Seconds later a policeman pulled him over for reckless driving.

As the policeman starting writing the ticket he noticed the box was full of nails and tacks.



At the CMS SummerView conference in January, 2017, Bishop Richard Condie spoke about the reading of Scripture in our services:

*"The whole point of our Anglican prayer book is to expose us to the reading of Scripture. If you read through the book of Common prayer, the way Thomas Cranmer designed it was to put Scripture front and centre, to build prayers around Scripture, to make the reading and imbibing of Scripture second nature to us. Anglicans are Bible people. We must not lose the reading of Scripture..... All too often the Scripture reading is passed to someone at the last minute. ... When a person has thought about the meaning of the words, when someone has done their own exegesis of the passage before they stand to read, then the scriptures come alive. They almost don't need any exposition, because it is so clear. I want to urge you today, if you are a Bible reader in church, please work hard at your Bible*

***reading, work over the text and its meaning, and try and understand what it is that you are saying"***.

In line with this, and our commitment to being lifelong learners, Josh is organising a group to study together the online Ministry Skills unit that is run from Ridley College;

In this very practical subject **Tim Foster & Rhys Bezzant** develop a theological framework for Christian life and ministry teaching students fundamental skills for serving in a church community including reading the Bible aloud, leading services and leading prayers in church, and leading small groups.

As you can see, this unit provides a very thorough grounding in understanding and leading many of the ministry areas of our life together as the people of God. The unit combines video lectures, with discussion together, and the assessment is through multiple choice questionnaire – with a total cost of \$80.

grace and love for us in a time when we are feeling lost or alone. Other times it may be that a particular verse or passage stands out for us or speaks into a specific situation in our lives. If you want to hear God speak, don't neglect reading his word!

Sometimes God speaks to us through our friends – and I don't mean by a specific word of knowledge, although I don't discount that, rather I mean when a friend says something and our spirit quickens. We know that there is wisdom, encouragement, or conviction in what they are saying. God takes their words and applies it into our lives.

Psalm 19 tells us that "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day the pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth". Just because there is no words, doesn't mean that God is not speaking!! Look

around you, look at creation, watch the sun rise and set, see the beauty of the stars – what does it tell you about God? How might these things be speaking to us?

Sometimes our emotions and feelings are indications that God is speaking to us. For me, I have experienced this, when at a busy time in my ministry, I felt a deep sense of guilt that I hadn't kept a promise to my son. As I searched out this feeling and the circumstances around it, it became clear to me that in fact, this sense of guilt was a way that God was getting my attention about needing to reconsider my priorities and how I was keeping myself busy, rather than being intentional about the way I was utilising my time in being faithful.

I don't want to limit the ways in which God might speak, but perhaps a starting list might also include:

- Dreams and Visions (cf. Acts 2:17ff.)
- Scriptures coming to mind
- Repeated circumstantial experiences

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the Lord will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared.

Proverbs 3:1-26 NIV

Eternal life insurance - you are the soul beneficiary



The difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is how you use them



You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage them

- A sense of inner prompting, or 'gut feeling'
- Seeing things in a new or different way to prior experience

You see, for me the question is not: Is God speaking? Rather, what I am more interested in, is am I listening? Maybe like my dad, we just need to flick the switch on – realise the tools that God has given to us to hear his voice. Maybe like my family communicating with dad, we just need to practice more and get used to hearing God speak to us.

Whatever the case is for you, this I know. In the beginning God spoke, and it was. He has never stopped speaking. And if the voice that called this very universe into existence wants to take the time to speak to me – well, I want to be listening, don't you?

Perhaps a better set of questions for us to regularly consider then, may well be:

*How is God getting my attention?*

*What is God saying?*

*What am I going to do about it?*

## Financial Position

OFFERTORY	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Year To Date 31MAY17	145,093	151,250
MTD June 2017	<u>10,787</u>	<u>13,750</u>
TOTAL	155,880	165,000
Profit/(Loss) Year To Date		<u><u>(9,120)</u></u>

Direct deposit account details for your Parish offertory contributions:

BSB 067 021  
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Worldview Centre warmly invites you to participate in its annual **ART COMPETITION**  
 THEME: "COMMUNITY" Youth & Open Categories in Photography and Painted Canvas CASH PRIZES  
 Entries Close: Friday 28 July  
 www.worldview.edu.au  
 WORLDVIEW Centre for Intercultural Studies

**Tasmanian Bible Forum**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
 10am to 3pm  
 @ St Aidan's East L'ton  
 Cost: \$20  
 (includes morning tea & lunch)  
 Book your place thru the Parish office: 63240039 or office@riverlnks.net.au



**Riverlinks Together CMS**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10am**  
**at St David's Riverside**  
 Scott Sargent, CMS Tasmania State Director, will be the guest speaker  
 Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared lunch after the service



Events happening throughout July  
 See the website for full details  
**TAMAR VALLEY PEACE festival**  
 www.tamarcommunitypeace.org.au



**George Town Schools Chaplaincy**  
**Soup & Sandwich Lunches**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 12 noon**  
**at the Anglican Church**  
 3 Anne Street, George Town  
**\$10 per person (children negotiable)**  
 Please join us for some good food and good company and support Chaplaincy in our schools  
 Also on 24<sup>th</sup> August




**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**



**Operation Christmas Child**  
 Launceston/Tamar & Meander Valley 2017 Launch  
**Christmas in July Morning Tea & 2017 Operation Christmas Child Launch**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10am**  
**at Punchbowl Christian Centre**  
 Guest Speaker: OCC Tas State Manager Kim Miller  
 RSVP to Judy by 4<sup>th</sup> July 0407 301 666



# The Bible in China from banned book to bestseller!



Launceston Morning Tea with Wee Seng Kua  
Director of the UBS China Partnership

**BIBLE SOCIETY**  
1817-2017

**Saturday 8 July**  
10am - 12noon  
Tailrace Centre  
Riverside

EVENTS

ANGLICAN CAMPING TASMANIA

'Leaders in Training' Camp  
July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

## Managing Anxiety & Depression and Grief & Loss

A free community information session

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
**2pm to 4pm**

at Aldersgate Village, 3 Tallentire Rd, Newnham

Speakers:

Robyn Priestley, Alzheimer's Australia  
Kerry Whitlock, Palliative Care specialist  
Ian Wheeler, Chaplain, Uniting AgeWell



Are you involved in a Messy Church? Have you wondered what Messy Church is all about? This

## Messy Meet Up

is for you!

**Date:** 5 August 2017

**Time:** 3pm - 7:30pm

**Venue:** Uniting Church, North Launceston  
128-132 George Town Rd, Newnham

**Cost:** \$6 p.p. to offset cost of food

www.eventbrite.com/e/messy-meet-up-registration-34346252566  
More Info: James Oakley 0407 325 275 / kids.families@riverlinks.net.au



**COLIN LIVE IN CONCERT**

SPECIAL GUEST PASTOR

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 4:30pm**  
@ Door of Hope  
South Launceston  
Tickets from Koorong  
6331 6759

TICKETS \$12.95  
FOR PEOPLE OVER 18  
CHILDREN UNDER 18  
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www.colinliveconcerts.com.au - Companion - KOORONG

## Making plans

"There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord." Proverbs 21:30-31

Sometimes I get all muddled up in my plans for the future: what I want to achieve, learn, make, do, conquer. My first reading of this verse put the Enemy in that role "against the Lord". Others. Them.

But the enemy is usually myself. The plans I make would even appear pure: motivated by love for my family, community and God. But when they don't come from God, and are filling up spaces of my life and thoughts that belong to Him, what do I call that?

I'm at this place where opportunities are knocking frequently on my door. They are great opportunities, exciting, good on so many

levels. But I'm learning that if they are not in line with God's will for my life, they are pointless to pursue. Distractions. Things to divert me from my true, God-given purpose.

What a victory it is to know this. And be at peace with it. Even if it comes after the mind wrestle of a million "what-if-I-miss-out" doubts. My wisdom, my insights, my plans: there is no victory there. Only in Jesus. Shalom.

Claire Van Ryn



There are only two kinds of people in the world: those you love and those you don't understand



They see our methods, He sees our motives



Trade God your pieces for His peace

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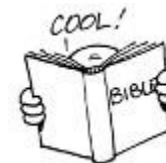
# Riverlinks

July 2017	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	<b>Women's Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St John's Launceston
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	<b>Messy Church</b> – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	(each Monday) <b>Child's Play</b> – 9:30am at St O's <b>Colin Buchanan in Concert</b> – 4:30pm at Door of Hope Church, South Launceston
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	(each Tuesday) <b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town <b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b> – 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	(each Wednesday) <b>Healing Service</b> – 10:00am at St Oswald'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
6 <sup>th</sup> Thur	(each Thursday) <b>mainly music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's
7 <sup>th</sup> Fri	(each Friday) <b>KYB Study Group</b> – 10:00am at Baptist Church George Town <b>Good News Club</b> – 3:30pm at St David's Riverside <b>Youth Group</b> – 5:00pm at St John's Launceston <b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	<b>Bible Society Morning Tea</b> – 10:00am at Tailrace Centre, Riverside <b>OCC Launch Christmas in July Morning Tea</b> – 10:00am at Punchbowl Christian Centre

July 2017	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>BBSM Sea Sunday Service</b> – 2:30pm at Cornerstone Church, George Town
10 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>Cadoma</b> – 2:00pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
12 <sup>th</sup> Wed	
13 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's <b>Parish Council meeting</b> – 7:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun	
17 <sup>th</sup> Mon	<b>'Leaders in Training' Camp</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> Tue	<b>'Leaders in Training' Camp</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<b>'Leaders in Training' Camp</b> <b>Fellowship Group</b> – 2:00pm <b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:15pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>PresCare Legana</b> – 10:45am <b>Chaplaincy Soup &amp; Sandwich Lunch</b> – 12:00pm at St MM's Anglican Church, George Town

# Calendar

July 2017	
21 <sup>st</sup> Fri	<b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	<b>CMS Prayer Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St John's
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	<b>CCCGT Combined Service</b> – 2:30pm at the Catholic Church
24 <sup>th</sup> Mon	
25 <sup>th</sup> Tue	
26 <sup>th</sup> Wed	<b>Managing Anxiety &amp; Depression &amp; Grief and Loss</b> – 2:00pm at Aldersgate Village, Newnham
27 <sup>th</sup> Thur	<b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's
28 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
29 <sup>th</sup> Sat	
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun	<b>Riverlinks Together</b> – 10:00am at St David's, Riverside
31 <sup>st</sup> Mon	



August and other dates 2017	
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Messy Meet Up @ Uniting Church North Launceston
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Tasmanian Bible Forum @ St Aidan's with Bp Richard Condie
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Riverlinks Together @ St MM's G/Town
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Men's Bible Conference @ The Branch
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Bishop's Training Event 'Flourish' @ Hutchins School, Sandy Bay
12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> October	The Second Coming Convention @ Seahorse World, Beauty Point

## Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Combined HC <b>at St David's</b> 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>	-	No service	
George Town			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Hillwood Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion ABU Uniting
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	-	No service	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Praise & Worship	
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am	Communion	
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Riverlinks Together	
Each Wed	10:00am	St Oswald's Healing Service & HC	
Peace Haven			
16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Morning Prayer	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Holy Communion	

The **deadline** for the August Newsletter edition is **18<sup>th</sup> July**

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