



Newsletter

May 2018

*You made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to set.*

Psalm 104:19 ^{NLT}

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

Living in the Light



John 3:16... *'For God so love the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life,'* is really the 'Gospel in a nutshell'. The metaphor, a nutshell, is a small thing, but full of life. New life, potential. All that is perfect and needed to grow, like a baby growing as an embryo and becoming a child to be nurtured in love.

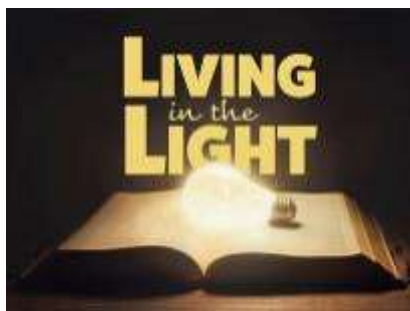
Jesus spoke often of small things, lilies, a sparrow, a lost coin, and having faith even as little as a mustard seed. Starting off in the dark and growing into the light. God's power at work. For all who believe in Jesus, it is living in the light of Christ which grows us and guides and saves us from the darkness of our sin and failures. This light is not hidden away but there for others to see. (John 16:21)

Coming from darkness into light, like newborn babies, is wonderful but it can be scary.

So how important it is to support and encourage one another in the faith and with hope and especially in prayer, daily listening and seeking prayer. It is all in the growing, not going backwards, but forward in the light.

The apostle John, in his first Epistle, writes to early Christians to encourage them. Vs 5-7 *"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in darkness we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

We have a choice, to accept or reject it, darkness or light,



In the dark?
Follow the Son



How will you
spend eternity
-- smoking or
non-smoking?



If you're
headed in the wrong
direction,
God allows
U-turns



If you can't
sleep, don't
count sheep.
Talk to the
Shepherd



there is no middle ground, and when we walk in the light we live in fellowship with God the Father, through Jesus, who brought the Light into the world and we share it with our fellow believers, enabled and guided by the Holy Spirit.

The catechism, I learnt as a child, asked the question, 'What did God do for you at your baptism?' The response being, 'At my baptism, (wherein) I was made a

member of Christ, a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.' What an outcome!

Thanks be to God for his great gift of love – His one and only Son who died for each of us to give us that hope of eternal live with him. May each of us come to true faith and walk forever in His light.

Kaye Gregory



Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death



When satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you please get that for me?"



A clean conscience makes a soft pillow



A person who kneels before God can stand before anyone!



2018 Ethical Fashion Report

2018 Ethical Fashion Report Card



- Etiko, Freeset, Mighty Good Undies, Outland Denim
- Cotton On, Kofflemunda, Kowtow, Patagonia
- odibot, Bondu, Country Road, Iuliusmeier Afrika, Nude Jeans, Sportscraft
- AGOS, Esprit, Glasses, H&M, Indulge, Jansweat, Kmart, Rip Curl
- Leo, Macpac, New Balance, Puma, Road & Gunn, Target, Vans
- Calvin Klein*, Converse, Kookai, Nike, Seafolly, Speech*†
- AGOS, David Lawrence, Gorman, Julius Marlow, Miss Shop, TopShop, yd, Zimmerman
- Best & Less, S&Bong, Ewood
- See Sherman, Revere, Seed Heritage
- Lazzari, Ralph Lauren*, Rockman, UNIQLO*
- Iacoboo, Oxford, Wasted
- Belts, Lower*, Roger David
- Ally*, Blach*, Coco Beach*, Deckbar*, Vicky*

The grades awarded by the Ethical Fashion Report are a measure of the efforts undertaken by each company to mitigate the risks of forced labour, child labour and worker exploitation in their supply chains. Higher grades are given to companies with labour rights management systems that, if implemented well, should reduce the extent of worker exploitation.

How does your favourite brand stack up?

Visit:

behindthebarcode.org.au for more detailed info

For the full list of 407 brands go to www.behindthebarcode.org.au

*Not included in the questionnaire but companies that ranked on a graded level or possibly include information about their supply chains and their engagement with their stakeholders for the study

A Vase Full Of Good Intentions

Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.”

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.”

Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

James
4:13-17 NLT

In a *Peanuts* cartoon by Charles Schulz, Marcie gives her schoolteacher some flowers. Not to be outdone, Peppermint Patty says to the teacher, “I thought about doing the same thing, Ma’am, but I never got around to it. Could you use a vase full of good intentions?”

We’ve all had intentions of doing something good but then failed to follow through. We may want to make a phone call to check up on a friend, or visit a sick neighbour, or write a note of encouragement to a loved one. But we don’t take the time.

Some people know that Jesus Christ is the only way to

heaven, and they plan to trust in Him someday. Yet they keep putting it off. They may have good intentions, but that won’t bring salvation.

As Christians, we may say that we want to grow closer to the Lord, but somehow we don’t make the time to read the Word of God or to pray.

James has some strong words about our problem of not taking action: “To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin” (4:17).

Is there something you’ve been putting off? Write that card or letter today. Visit that sick friend. A vase full of good intentions never brightened anyone’s day.

By Anne Cetas



“I do intend to do Your will”
Is what we often tell the Lord,
But what will honour Him the most
Are deeds of love to back our word.

—D. De Haan

The Importance of Redress

In 2015 the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommended a National Redress Scheme (NRS) for all institutions. Their hope was that an accessible, independent, fair, accountable, and efficient scheme would be established to allow as many survivors as possible to access redress.

Our Bishop, The Right Revd Dr Richard Condie, reaffirms his church's commitment to a National Redress Scheme and acknowledges how important it is for survivors of child sexual abuse.

Bp: The Anglican Church of Tasmania is thankful for the Royal Commission exposing the depth of the child sexual abuse problem in our country and especially in Anglican institutions.

We are committed to redress for survivors of sexual abuse under the principles of the National Redress Scheme and are hoping to join the scheme.

Redress will require all institutions to make costly

sacrifices, but this is necessary for restorative justice, recognition and support for survivors.

Making redress payments ensures a measure of restorative justice, as the institution acknowledges that the abuse occurred.

Redress provides recognition to those who have suffered abuse. Institutions can own their past and acknowledge and accept responsibility for the damage done in their name.

Redress is important as it begins the process of providing support for those whose lives have been damaged by experiencing child sexual abuse within an institution.

The Anglican Church of Tasmania wants to be a *church for Tasmania* and so reaffirms its commitment to survivors and rebuilding community trust.

We urge the Tasmanian Government to be part of the National Redress Scheme.

Bp Richard Condie



Have you visited the updated Diocesan website recently?

anglicantas.org.au

Subscribe to Bishop Richard's daily prayer points with the PrayerMate App for your mobile or tablet



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Riverlinks

May 2018	
1 st Tue	<p><i>(each Tuesday)</i></p> 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
2 nd Wed	<p><i>(each Wednesday)</i></p> Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's Prayer Gathering – 12:00pm at St Oswald's Men's Shed – 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Riverside Home & Study Groups – 7:30pm at Stott's home
3 rd Thur	<p><i>(each Thursday)</i></p> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
4 th Fri	<p><i>(each Friday)</i></p> Combined Churches KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church George Town Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town CMS World Mission Conference at Wellspring Anglican, Sandy Bay
5 th Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's L'ton CMS World Mission Conference at Wellspring Anglican, Sandy Bay
6 th Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
7 th Mon	MST Meeting – 6:45pm
8 th Tue	Soup & Sandwich Lunch – 12:00pm at St Mark-on-the-hill South Launceston

May 2018	
9 th Wed	
10 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
11 th Fri	
12 th Sat	
13 th Sun	☀ Mother's Day ☀
14 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
15 th Tue	
16 th Wed	Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
17 th Thur	
18 th Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
19 th Sat	Bible Forum in Burnie
20 th Sun	Breaking Bread Together Start of Chaplaincy Week
21 st Mon	

The deadline for the June Newsletter edition is 21st May

Calendar

May 2018		C H A P L A I N G Y W E E K
22 nd Tue		
23 rd Wed		
24 th Thur		
25 th Fri		
26 th Sat	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's	
27 th Sun	Riverlinks Together & Special Meeting with Bishop Richard Condie – 10:00am at St Aidan's East Launceston CCCGT Combined Churches Service – 2:30pm at Salvation Army	
28 th Mon	CMS Prayer Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's	
29 th Tue		
30 th Wed		
31 st Thur		
1 st June Fri	SYNOD	
2 nd June Sat	SYNOD	

June and other dates 2018	
16 th June	TWBC North at Riverbank Christian Church, Riverside

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Eve models the new Autumn line

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
6 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
13 th	10:00 am	Communion	
20 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
27 th	10:00 am	Riverlinks Together & Special Parish Meeting	
George Town			
6 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River Low Head George Town	PPP Communion Communion
13 th	10:30 am	George Town	Together @ 10.30
20 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Morning Prayer ABU Uniting
27 th	-	NO SERVICES	
Riverside & Trevallyn			
6 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
13 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
20 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
27 th	-	NO SERVICE	
Each Wed	10:00am	St Oswald's	Healing Service & HC
Peace Haven			
27 th	10:30 am	Communion	

Please send articles, comments, information & photos to the Parish Office
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**Riverlinks
Together
Sunday
27th May
10:00am
at St Aidan's
East Launceston**

Models Miniature and Memories
The Three Ms

**On display at the
Queen Victoria Museum,
Inveresk
24 March - 22 July 2018**



Celebrating the art of miniatures and focusing on our fascination with all things small

Financial Position

OFFERTORY	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Year To Date 31MAR18	111,101	120,150
Profit/(Loss)		<u>(9,049)</u>
MTD April 2018	<u>9,832</u>	<u>13,350</u>
TOTAL	120,933	133,500

Direct deposit account details for your Parish offertory contributions:

BSB 067 021 Account # 1000 6848

Name Riverlinks Anglican Church 8

Soup & Sandwich Lunch - Tuesday 8th May, 12:00 noon
at St Mark-on-the-hill, Hobart Road South Launceston

This is St Mark's Mothers Union annual event to raise funds for overseas missions
& Northern outreach projects.

Cost \$10, RSVP to Karen 6344 4658 by Friday 4th May

BREAKING BREAD STATE-WIDE

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 20

A LOCAL
BAKERY
WILL MIX A



SINGLE BATCH
DOUGH

BAKE ENOUGH LOAVES
FOR
EVERY CHURCH




LOAVES ARE DELIVERED
TO CHURCHES


EACH CHURCH
PARTICIPATES
BY SHARING COMMUNION IN THEIR
USUAL WAY

**George Town
Schools Chaplaincy
Soup & Sandwich
Lunches**



**Thursday 21st June, 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 19th July & 16th August



Support & pray for our local Chaplains during
Chaplaincy Week
20th to 27th May

Janine Targett - SGTPS & Port Dalrymple
Tracey Cassin - Waverley PS
Lindy Bailey - Riverside PS
Ben Lundie - Riverside HS

Monthly Prayer Meetings
for Chaplaincy:
12th May, 8:30am
Contact 6395 1350
David & Tania Strong
for the address



Also 16th June
at Barney's,
Alanvale Rd,
Newnham

**CHAPLAINCY
WEEK** SUN
TAS Chaplaincy

20 - 27 MAY 2018

Don't be afraid,
for I am with
you. Don't be
discouraged,
for I am your
God. I will
strengthen you
and help you.
I will hold you
up with my
victorious right
hand.

Isaiah
41:10 NLT

Support that saves lives

There's tremendous power in 'just being there' and listening to a person in pain.

Anglicare's Neale Apps provides specialised support to people who have recently attempted suicide. The weeks immediately after a suicide attempt represent a critical time for high quality care. 'Aftercare' focuses on keeping people safe and wrapping tailored support around them.

"It is a satisfying job," says Neale. "A lot of the time people have attempted suicide because they had no hope and were desperate for some. I'm able to shine a light on that for them".

Neale says many people have occasions when they feel their coping mechanisms are stretched to the limit. That's when it's important to reach out to others for support.

"Often people can identify situational things like a relationship breakdown, loss of a job, financial problems, drug or alcohol issues or gambling. But those things can be

manageable if someone feels their suffering can be shared with someone else," he says. "It is feeling alone in that suffering that is the major driving factor behind most suicide attempts".

Anglicare provides intensive counselling support, particularly in the first 2-3 weeks following a suicide attempt.

"We ask about the driving factors that led the person to such a crisis, then figure out what tailored supports can be brought to bear" says Neale. "Whatever they need to make them feel they're not in this on their own, we can arrange the relevant services and referrals". This collaborative model of aftercare includes safety planning, as people identify ways to reduce the risk of re-attempt. "These include activities they can use to calm



themselves, friends and family they can reach out to, crisis lines they can call,” he says. “It’s about proactively putting a range of safety measures in place.”

Neale says the presence of supportive family and friends is also invaluable. “Being there for someone with thoughts of suicide is really important,” he says. Often people contemplating suicide deliberately isolate themselves, so connection with others helps to reduce the risk of re-attempt. “It is not about supplying a whole lot of good advice to them or anything like that,” he says. “It is about listening in a way that conveys you’ve really heard what the person tried to tell you. Sometimes that means exploring what it is that’s hurting. Sometimes just sitting in silence with someone can be enough”.

He says family and friends need to be aware of their own feelings as they care for a loved one.

“There are quite a number of emotions that can go through

someone’s head when a loved one attempts suicide,” he says. “There’s shock, anger, bewilderment, sadness, people will often ask themselves ‘wasn’t I enough to keep them here?’ All of those emotions are natural and if you’re experiencing them make sure you’re well supported too”.

Tasmania has the second highest suicide rate of any state or territory. “Studies show that for every completed suicide there are between 10-30 suicide attempts,” says Neale. “That means there could be thousands happening in our communities each year”.

“Suicide prevention work is vital and so is excellent aftercare following a suicide attempt,” says Neale. “That kind of wrap-around support is effective in saving people’s lives”.

Crisis services:

Lifeline 13 11 14

www.lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

www.kidshelp.com.au

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalm
34:7-20 ^{NLT}

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Low Head

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We Pray for Mothers

*Loving God,
we ask your blessings on all mothers.
May they be inspired by your mercy, wisdom, strength and selfless love.
We pray for new mothers with new responsibilities;
For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
For those who balance the tasks of work and family;
For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
For those who raise children on their own;
For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty;
For those who selflessly place their child for adoption;
For those who adopt a child into their family;
For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others;
For those whose children have left home;
For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know
and do what is good and pleasing in your sight.
Amen.*



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