



Newsletter

June 2018

They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together. Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it.

Acts 2:42-45^{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

Collective Responsibility for Righting Past Wrongs



The Anglican Church in Tasmania is proposing to sell over 120 properties to fund its projected obligations to provide redress for survivors of child sexual abuse.

This sacrifice expresses the church's desire to provide restorative justice, recognition and support to survivors for the wrongs they have experienced by past leaders of the church.

So, who is responsible for paying for these wrongs? As the current members of the church didn't perpetrate the wrongs, one might think they should not have to pay.

But the church should pay, because taking collective responsibility for past wrongs is not only right it is profound and powerful.

I remember exactly where I was the morning former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd made the historic apology to the aboriginal people of Australia.

I remember the tears that flowed down my face, and how proud I was at that moment to call myself an Australian.

For years the debate in Australia had raged that we, the current generation, hadn't mistreated the Aborigines, so didn't have a responsibility to say "sorry".

But how profound it was to have the nation take collective responsibility. The speech is etched in many of our minds, as the right thing for a mature nation to do.

Taking responsibility in that way was a powerful way for the country to move towards healing and restoration for the people who had been wronged in our country so many years before.

The Diocese of Tasmania has acknowledged the sins of the past. We have apologised many times for the hurts inflicted on innocent young children in its name by its leaders.

On 26 July 2000, my predecessor Bishop John Harrower, gave the following apology to victims of child sexual abuse by Anglican clergy and church workers in Tasmania. I continue to reaffirm this apology.

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“...I am deeply sorry for what took place. I make an unreserved apology to those who were abused by clergy or other officers of the Anglican Church in Tasmania. My heart goes out to those of you who were abused. Those abuses should never have happened, and I pledge myself, as Bishop, to do all I can to ensure that such abuses do not happen again.”

Now we who are the church today have the opportunity to take responsibility for the next step of the apology by taking the collective costly sacrifice to provide redress to survivors.

This is a whole church collective responsibility. That is why all 48 Parishes will contribute financially to fund redress.

The heart of the Christian message is that the innocent one, Jesus of Nazareth, took the punishment for the sins of the whole world. Sins that he did not commit.

Making a costly sacrifice to right past wrongs is a profoundly Christian thing to do, and most worshipping Anglicans I have spoken to in the last weeks are prepared to do it gladly.

The Anglican Church is connected to our ancestors who gathered weekly to worship God and built the church buildings we treasure.

But we are also connected to those before us who did the wrong. As much as we appreciate the good parts of our heritage, we need to deal with the bad parts of our heritage too.

Over the past 18 years, the Anglican Church in Tasmania has worked collectively towards righting the wrongs of the past.

In 2004, the residence of the Bishop of Tasmania, “Bishopscourt” was sold for \$1.5 million and all the proceeds were used to fund our own redress scheme – the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme.

We have developed Safe Church Communities programs to screen, educate and develop church leaders working to ensure we don’t repeat past failures.

With Jesus as our model of costly sacrifice, the Anglican Church in Tasmania is fully committed to redress, whatever the cost.

The Right Revd Dr Richard Condie
Bishop of Tasmania

Almighty God,
and merciful
Father.
grant to the
victims of abuse
the courage to
tell their stories,
strength to
endure pain,
and healing for
their wounds.
In their sorrow,
give them your
peace.

Refine your
people,
Sovereign Lord
by the light of
your truth
expose in full
the darkness.
Inspire remorse
and establish
justice.
Forgive us.
By your Spirit
renew us,
for the good
of all,
and the glory of
your name;
through Jesus
Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Anglicare Winter Appeal 2018



Exercise daily.
Walk with the
Lord



No man ever
got lost on a
straight road



God still
speaks to
those who
take the time
to listen



Following the
path of least
resistance is
what makes
rivers and men
crooked



We love Tasmania.

But right now, there are some things in our state that are not OK.

Hundreds of Tasmanians cannot find affordable, appropriate housing. Addictive poker machines are taking money from our poorest neighbourhoods. We have traumatised, unaccompanied children who are not receiving the specialised care they need.

Anglicare is standing up and speaking out. We are working hard to respond to the high number of people in crisis.

Your gift to Anglicare's Winter Appeal will allow us to reach out with much-needed support - like providing groceries for a family, assistance with a utility bill, a replacement washing machine or fridge,

or a one-off payment to get someone back on their feet after an unexpected crisis.

We want every Tasmanian to have their basic needs met, as well as opportunities to learn and thrive.

That's what community is all about.

Homelessness, gambling addiction, injustice and poverty do not belong here. Not in Tasmania. Not in our backyard.

Donate now to Anglicare's Winter Appeal 2018 online at www.givenow.com.au/winterappeal2018 or call 1800 243 232 to make a donation over the phone. Donations can also be made at any Anglicare office.



Breaking Bread Together



Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26 NV

On Pentecost, Sunday 20th May, over 140 churches around Tasmania participated in the City Networks' "Breaking Bread Together" initiative.

balloons, and members of all three denominations, many wearing red for the occasion, celebrated communion and then shared lunch together.

St David's Riverside, St Alban's Pipers River and St Mary Magdalene's George Town all took part.

In George Town this coincided with the monthly ABU (Anglican Baptist & Uniting combined) service.

Trish's sermon included an auditory demonstration of the 'wind of the Spirit' using red



Riverlinks

June 2018	
1 st Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> Combined Churches KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church George Town Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town SYNOD – 7:00pm at Tailrace Centre, Riverside
2 nd Sat	Women's Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's L'ton SYNOD – 8:30am at Tailrace Centre, Riverside
3 rd Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
4 th Mon	
5 th 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 Raising Kinds in a Digital Age – 7:00pm at Riverbank Christian Church, Riverside
6 th Wed	<i>(each Wednesday)</i> Men's Shed – 9:00am to 4:00pm in Riverside Healing Service – 10:00am at St Oswald's Prayer Gathering – 12:00pm at St Oswald's
7 th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
8 th Fri	
9 th Sat	

June 2018	
10 th Sun	
11 th Mon	Cadorna – 2:00pm
12 th Tue	
13 th Wed	
14 th Thur	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's Parish Council meeting – 7:30pm
15 th Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
16 th Sat	TWBC North – 9:00am at Riverbank Christian Church, Riverside
17 th Sun	
18 th Mon	
19 th Tue	
20 th Wed	Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
21 st Thur	Chaplaincy Soup & Sandwich Lunch – 12:00pm at St MM's George Town
22 nd Fri	

The deadline for the July Newsletter edition is 24th June

Calendar

June 2018	
23 rd Sat	CMS Prayer Breakfast – 8:00am at St John's OCC Launceston, Tamar & Meander Valley Launch – 10:00am at Punchbowl Christian Centre
24 th Sun	CCCGT Combined Churches Service – 2:30pm at Uniting Church
25 th Mon	
26 th Tue	
27 th Wed	
28 th Thur	
29 th Fri	Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
30 th Sat	

July and other dates 2018	
9 th - 12 th July	LiT (Leadership in Training) Camp
28 th July	Preaching Training Workshop
29 th July	Riverlinks Together at George Town
11 th August	Bible Forum at St Aidan's East L'ton

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
3 rd	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
10 th	10:00 am	Communion	
17 th	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	
24 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
3 rd	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
10 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
17 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion ABU Baptist
24 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
3 rd	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
10 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
17 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
24 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
Each Wed	10:00am	St Oswald's Healing Service & HC	
Peace Haven			
24 th	10:30 am	Communion	

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FRIEND AND LIKE JESUS, TEXT HIM MY
PRAYERS, AND SHARE ALL HIS TWEETS?

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**On display at the
Queen Victoria Museum,
Inveresk
until 22 July 2018**

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



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



Raising Kids in a Digital Age is an evening for parents with Brad Huddleston at Riverbank Christian Church, Riverside at 7pm Tuesday 5 June. Bookings are essential and can be secured by going to the Launceston Christian School website www.lcs.tas.edu.au



Financial Position

OFFERTORY	<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Year To Date 30APR18	123,636	133,500
Profit/(Loss)		<u>(9,864)</u>
MTD May 2018	<u>8,334</u>	<u>13,350</u>
TOTAL	131,970	146,850

Direct deposit account details for your Parish offertory contributions:

BSB 067 021 Account # 1000 6848

Name Riverlinks Anglican Church 8

Sit Back and Get (UN)Comfortable

If you have recently visited a train station in Melbourne, you will be familiar with the “safety zone”. It’s distinguishable by its bright yellow lines painted on the platform, signage and proximity to the platform’s entrance. I appreciate that it’s there, however, in order to get on the train and move forward on my journey, I have to step out of the safety zone rectangle.

It’s the same for our lives. Our regular routines help us maintain a productive and balanced life. If we are not careful though, a routine day can become a routine life. The routine can become our life’s yellow painted lines on the platform that keep us safe and comfortable, but at the same time, keep us from stepping out and moving forward.

In our comfort zones, we do what we’ve done before, we don’t challenge ourselves and we definitely don’t do anything we might fail at. In our comfort zones, we pat ourselves on the back and think it was all us. But God didn’t intend for us to live in our comfort zones. The more comfortable we are, the easier it is to think that we can rely on ourselves rather than on God.

We were created by Him, to be nourished by Him and to bear fruit. As we rely on Him and His provision, we can branch out from a place of comfort to a place of freedom in Him.

Cross-cultural worker, David, shares what this looks like for him in the Silk Road Area. “I step out of my comfort zone every time I need to engage with new people (which is often!). I found meeting new people uncomfortable in Australia, but without being fluent in the local language, it’s especially uncomfortable here on the Silk Road. I can have the words to say in my head, but when I meet someone new, they disappear. However, I know I have to talk to them. If we are to build relationships and share the message of Jesus, then I have to push myself out of my comfort zone and speak. And so, with God’s strength, I do.”

As a follower of Jesus, how are you being challenged to step out of your comfort zone? Seek God’s will in your decision making, and ask Him to give you opportunities to step out of your comfort zone (dangerous, I know!)⁹

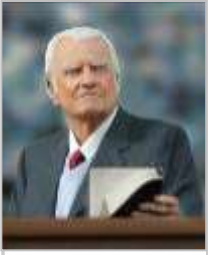


Christ
gives me
the strength
to face
anything.

Philippians
4:13 CEV



Learning to Pray



Dr Billy Graham passed away peacefully at his home in February this year aged 99. During nearly 80 years of ministry, he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more than 215 million people, and reached millions more through TV, video, film, internet and books. May these words, taken from his book "The Journey", deeply encourage you.

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.

John Bunyan

The fewer the words the better prayer.

Martin Luther

Prayer is an effort of will.

Oswald Chambers

Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it.

A man is powerful on his knees.

Corrie Ten Boom



How can you make prayer a part of your daily life? Let me suggest six guidelines that have helped me.

Firstly, have the right attitude. A friend of mine likes to define prayer as "a declaration of dependence", and he has a point. We will only pray when we realise how dependant we are on

God and we trust Him to hear our prayers and answer them according to His will. The Bible reminds us that, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:4 ^{ESV})

Second, seek God's will in your prayers. God wants us to bring our every concern to Him in prayer and to be persistent. But we don't see the whole picture, and sometimes we ask for things that are unwise or even wrong. James wrote, "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives." (James 4:3 ^{NIV}) Ask above all for God's will to be done.

Third, bring everything to God in prayer. God loves us, and He is concerned about every detail of our lives, both big and small. I have known young people who prayed about minor things, but then didn't pray about their choice of college or their career or their future spouse. On the other hand I've also known

people who prayed only when they faced a crisis. The Bible says, "In everything ... present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6 ^{CSB})

Fourth, learn to pray at all times, and in all situations. Nothing can replace a daily time spent alone with God in prayer. But we also can be in an attitude of prayer throughout the day – sitting in a car or at our desks, working in the kitchen, even talking to someone on the phone. The Bible says, "pray continually." (1 Thess. 5:17 ^{NIV})

Fifth, trust God for the outcome. One of the most frequent questions people ask me concerns unanswered prayer. But God knows what is best for us, and we need to learn to trust Him for the outcome. Sometimes God answers "Yes" when we ask Him for something. But sometimes His answer is "Not yet" or even "No". And sometimes His answer is simply, "Trust Me, even if you don't understand."

Finally, learn to listen. Prayer is speaking to God, but sometimes He uses our prayerful silence to speak to us in return. He may simply give us an inner assurance of His presence, or He may guide us in a certain direction. The Bible says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." (Psalm 37:7 ^{ESV})

Pray because of Jesus' example.

Pray because God has commanded it.

Pray because Christ died to give us access to the Father.

Pray because God is worthy of your praise.

Pray because you need His forgiveness and guidance and protection.

Pray because others need your prayers.

Pray most of all because God wants your fellowship and you need His fellowship on this journey He has set before you.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 14:13,14 ^{NIV}

If you only pray when you're in trouble ...you're in trouble.

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Breaking Bread Together
ABU Pentecost Service
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George Town



10th Birthday
celebration
for East L'ton
mainly music

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