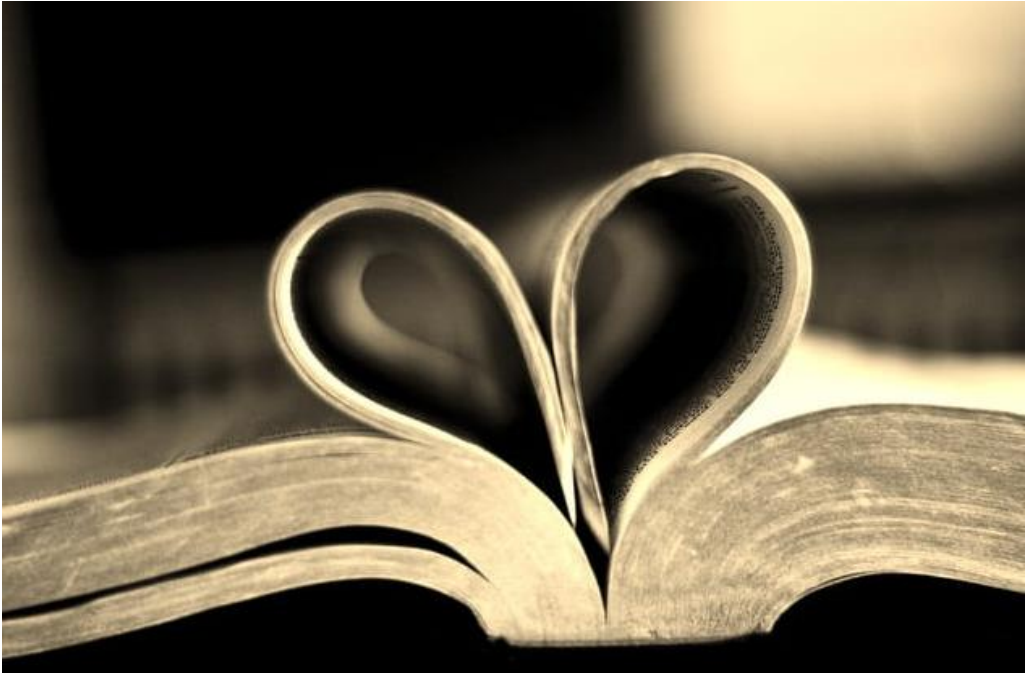




Newsletter

November
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Colossians 2:2 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

My goal is that their hearts may be encouraged and strengthened.
I want them to be joined together in love.
Then their understanding will be rich and complete.
They will know the mystery of God. That mystery is Christ.

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

From Roger



*Lord,
I give you
every day of
this new
week.
Give me
wisdom to
live,
strength
and
firmness,
serenity and
confidence
in you.*



Dear Friends,
It seems only a few weeks ago that I was pruning dormant and leafless twigs and branches on my fruit trees. What a change a season makes. We are always in a process of endings and new beginnings. In fact, Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...a time to tear down and a time to build..." This seems an helpful metaphor for Riverlinks as we come to the end of a season.

Recognise the ending
I expect this will be the last issue of our monthly newsletter. Except for St Mary Magdalene's George Town, we have now locked in dates for the closing of Sunday

services for all our other churches. An ending isn't always a bad thing. Endings can be liberating. We have much to give thanks for in the history of our churches, the journey that gave birth to the parish of Riverlinks, as well as the last 14 years together. Thankfulness is preventative medicine and a powerful healing balm. Bitterness, resentment, anger, fear, disappointment or unforgiveness cannot take root in a grateful heart. As we face this ending, each congregation is giving thought to remembering the things we are grateful for and for which we will give thanks to the Lord in our final gatherings. Gratitude will give us the grace to move on with a healthy perspective.

Lean on Jesus to help us through.

Jesus is the King of new

beginnings. His mercies are new every morning and in him we are a new creation. The Lord has power and control over everything. No situation is too difficult for him. Let us lean on his strength to empower us in this new season of life. When we feel life is overwhelming or too tough, remember his strength is made perfect in our weakness. Trust him to carry us through the seasons of life and to turn our trials, troubles and triumphs into evidence of his goodness toward us.

Embrace the New Beginning.

What would happen if we decided to drive our car looking only in our rear-view mirror? What are the chances we would arrive safely at our destination? Let's not hold on to what has been when it's time to let go. We cannot get to where we are going while

looking over our shoulder at the past. Instead, put the past in its place and surrender our ending to the loving arms of Jesus. God never wastes anything.

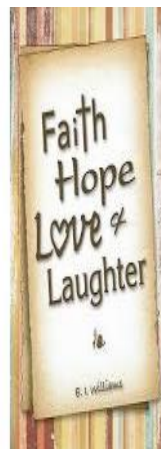
Remember, the lessons we've learned from past experiences will be the fuel to help us successfully navigate the twists and turns of our new seasons of life.

See this new beginning as part of our ongoing life adventure with Jesus – King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Yours in His love

Roger

Yours in the love of Jesus,



I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13 (NRSV)



Anne Doherty

28/09/1939-28/09/2018

It seems so significant that Anne left this earth on 28th September 2018 her 79th birthday, for her new birth—eternal home with Jesus, the Lord she loved so dearly.

In recent times she has been one of our worship leaders for the Wednesday Healing services which she and all of us valued greatly.

Anne's friendship, love and her beautiful graciousness we've treasured for quite a long time. In particular from the time she (and then dear John), joined our home group at Trevallyn and the support she gave to parishioners and events at Trevallyn and Riverside. We miss her and send much love to John and family with prayers and assurance of support, always remembering one of her most famous hymns "And Can it be" especially Verse 4 the last two lines "My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee."

Kaye and Ross Gregory and friends.

Gwen Baxter

26/02/1927-23/10/2018

A member of St. Albans Church at Pipers River. Gwen grew up in Lefroy and moved to 'Greenside' Pipers River after her marriage to Walter Baxter on 19th April 1947 at Holy Trinity Church, Launceston.

They had 5 children, Brian, Faye, Lindene, Sue and June.

15 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren. She was a capable runner in her youth and a champion tennis player in her adult life. She played for Pipers River Tennis Club and was an avid Swans supporter.

Gwen loved cooking, gardening and good chat. She will be remembered for her twinkling eyes and beaming smile.

George Godman

(8/4/1938-11/10/2018)

George moved with his family to George Town in 1982 as a Senior Sergeant at the George Town Police Station.

Attending and ministering in the local Baptist Church, he was involved with many local organisations such as the Bell Bay Seafarer's Mission, Gideons, George Town Choir, taught school Scripture classes, and much more in both George Town and within the broader Christian community. He also preached regularly at George Town and Lilydale Baptist Churches, and at other churches by invitation.

Retiring from Tasmania Police in 1990, he took up the role as Pastor of George Town Baptist Church for a period of three years, continuing to serve in many capacities including the George Town Minister's Fraternal before retiring permanently to Sisters Beach on the NW Coast in 1993.

George continued to serve the Lord at his local Sisters Beach Fellowship, again wearing a number of hats, regularly preaching there and at Smithton and Marrawah Baptists churches, while also returning from time to time to preach in George Town.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has sent messages of support to me in New Zealand and have been praying for my family and myself since my dad's death. Your love and support is appreciated more than you can know.

Anne Godman



“Be still and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!

The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge”

Psalms 46:10-11 (NKGV)



Riverlinks

November 2018	
1st Thurs	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
2nd Fri	<i>(each Friday)</i> Combined Churches KYB Study Group – 10:00am at the Baptist Church George Town Ainslie Auxiliary Morning Tea – 10:00pm at Memorial Hall, George Town Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
3rd Sat	
4th Sun	Messy Church – 4:30pm at St Aidan's
5th Mon	
6th Tue	World Day of Prayer for Children - 10:00am Organized by Child Evangelism Fellowship St David's <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 the Parish office – 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's
7th 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
8th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's
9th Fri	6:30 SU Fundraiser Dinner - Punchbowl Christian Centre

November 2018	
10th Sat	
11th Sun	9:00 Remembrance Day Service Low Head 11:15am Sound of Peace Celebration - Princess Sqaure
12th Mon	7:00pm - Meeting -Riverlinks Office Combined LMST & those in local leadership
13th Tue	10:00am Balls and Bumpers ,71 Charles St. City Mission Christmas Appeal Launch
14th Wed	
15th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
16th Fri	Fellowship Night – 6:00pm at George Town
17th Sat	
18th Sun	ABU Service – 10:30am at Anglican Church, George Town
19th Mon	
20th Tue	
21st Wed	10:45am Bible Society - Thankyou Fellowship Gathering - Trevallyn Life Church Ainslie Service – 2:15pm
22nd Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's

Calendar

November 2018	
23 rd Fri	
24 th Sat	
25 th Sun	CCCGT Combined Churches Service – 2:30pm at the Salvation
26 th Mon	
27 th Tue	
28 th Wed	
29 th Thur	<i>(each Thursday)</i> mainly music – 10:00am at St Aidan's
30 th Fri	

Going forward	
2nd Dec 10:30am	Final Riverlinks Together— St. Mary Magdalene's George Town
9th Dec	Final St. Aidan's Church Service
30th Dec	Final St. David's Church Service
10th Feb 2019	Final Christ Church Low Head Service
9th Feb 2019	Safe Church Communities Training
3 rd & 4 th May 2019	SAVE THE DATE CMS Tas World Mission Conference Wellspring Anglican, Sandy Bay

Service Times For Worship Centres

East Launceston			
4 th	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Morning Prayer Messy Church	
11 th	10:00 am	Communion	
18 th	10:00 am	No service	
25 th	10:00 am	Communion	
George Town			
4 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion Communion
11 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Low Head George Town	Communion Together @ 10.30
18 th	9:00 am 10:30 am	Pipers River George Town	Communion ABU Uniting
25 th	9:00 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm	Low Head George Town CCCGT—Cornerstone church	Communion Communion
Riverside & Trevallyn			
4 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
11 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Praise & Worship
18 th	10:00 am	No service	
25 th	10:00 am	Riverside	Communion
Each Wed	10:00am	St Oswald's Healing Service & HC	
Peace Haven			
21 st	10:30 am	Communion	



Expecting to repent



James Chen is a philosophy graduate from the University of Sydney and a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church Carlingford

For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while.

As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that

Are you surprised by your sin?

Rebelling against God and committing idolatry is not meant to be natural; after all, we were created to love God and obey him joyfully. But it should not shock us to know that, willingly or not, we all fall short of doing what is right. We disobey God. We fail to love others. We are more concerned with our wellbeing than with the welfare of those around us. Because of this, it should not surprise us when we recognise our sin—or when others point out our sin to us.

Having begun following Jesus by repenting of our sins, do we really think that repentance is something that has no relevance in the present? A friend from church once said to me, “James, if you point out where I’ve fallen short, then I’ll prayerfully do my best to repent of my sin and grow from this experience”. That was a far cry from my own kneejerk responses to rebuke. At the time, I didn’t know how to respond to his wise words!

It is a humbling experience to be faced with your sin—many of us don’t cope well with it. We may respond with defensiveness, bewilderment, and denial. My own tendency is to hover and wait for my rebuker to make a false or exaggerated claim, and then expose it as soon as possible. Why? If I can show that they haven’t fairly and accurately represented me every single moment, then their entire rebuke is invalid. It is a way of discrediting them and denying my own sinfulness.

While it is true that not every claim of sin is always legitimate, the Christian receiving rebuke and correction should display humble, quiet, patient and thankful sorrow that leads to repentance. And even if some charges may not be accurate, we should focus our attentions on the ones that are rather than draw a spotlight onto the ones that will distract from our transgressions.

Our attitudes regarding correction should be thankfulness for God’s kindness in showing us our

sin, and grief over how we have transgressed vertically (against God) and horizontally (against others). We should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and sluggish to criticize others who have seen, or been affected, by our actions and are bringing them to us.

When we do acknowledge our own sins, it is right to expect that as followers of Jesus we will be grieved. However, Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 demonstrate that sorrow over one's shortcomings is not an experience unique to Christians alone. Grief is universal throughout humanity when we recognize our failures in a legal sense (guilt) or a communal sense (shame). But while sorrow is common, the response to the sorrow is not. Worldly sorrow leads to death. I take it that the reason why worldly sorrow does not lead to repentance is because it instead can result in (e.g.):

- Wallowing in one's wrong
- Resolving to try harder next time
- Denying the wrong ever happened
- Blaming others for the wrong.

We can spend a substantial amount of time tearing ourselves and others down, denying the impact of our actions, and seeking to punish ourselves and others. These responses don't lead us to God. Godly grief leads to repentance; sorrow that is pleasing to God leads the person in the wrong back to God through confession, repentance, and forgiveness for that wrong.

The gift of God in Jesus Christ is eternal life and the pouring out of his Spirit, who helps us put to death the sin in our lives (Rom 8:13). Followers of Jesus have the great assurance that, as we have been justified before God and forgiven by him, we will be glorified and freed from sin (Rom 8:22-30). But until then, we expect to repent.

Examine your heart today: do you ready yourself to humbly, quietly, patiently, and thankfully grieve over your sin and repent of it? The next time someone points out some shortcoming or wrong you have committed, evaluate its legitimacy but do not be surprised that you may have fallen short and need to repent. After all, repentance is an expectation and lifestyle for followers of Jesus.

you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

2 Cor 7:8-11



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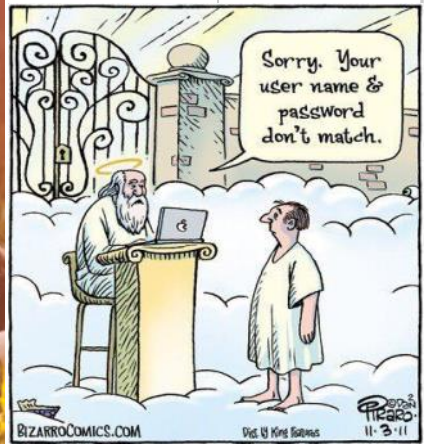
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