



riverlinks

# Newsletter

October 2018



Don't think about the past. I am creating something new.  
There it is! Do you see it?  
I provide water in deserts—streams in thirsty lands for my  
chosen people. I made them my own nation,  
so they would praise me.

Isaiah 43:18-21 <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

## From Roger



Dear Friends,

As a small boy on a car trip to Greens Beach, my parents were chatting about the old Anglican church at Kelso. Being too young to grasp the concept of irony, I remember being very confused when we drove past a tiny weather-board building distinguished only by a small cross above the roof which they pointed out was known as the 'Cathedral of the North'. That early childhood memory was stirred as we arrived at church last Sunday. Although not quite so small, no one could ever mistake Christ Church, Low Head for a cathedral.

Compact though this quaint church is, and considering the not inconsiderable community commentary we are facing at the moment, it never the less seemed a fitting place and time to reflect on the nature of spiritual warfare. In our passage from the final chapter of Ephesians set as

the Epistle of the day, we are told to put on the whole armour of God, for we are not fighting human beings. It is much easier to fight human beings but the scripture points to the real source of opposition to the work of the church. Paul explains that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6.12). Indeed we are wrestling in precisely the place where we have been placed in Christ. Remember chapter one, our reading seven weeks ago, it tells us that we are seated with Christ in the Heavenly realms (Eph. 1:3).

Paul then goes on to encourage us to put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand our ground (Eph.6.13). The belt, the breastplate, the shoes, the shield, and the helmet, are all to enable us to remain



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 NIV



safe under attack. Only the sword has a potential attacking capability. I want only to mention one element of the armour here, that of the shield.

At the moment the Anglican Church in Tasmania is facing many “flaming arrows of the evil one” (Eph.6.16).



Commentators agree the reference to the shield of faith extinguishing fiery arrows almost certainly refers to the Roman soldier’s shield that was covered with very soft wood, fiery arrows that plunged into the wood went out. So all the flaming arrows of the evil one fires can be absorbed by our shield of faith. And our faith is in the One who is our Truth, our Righteousness, our Peace and has given us His Spirit. We may have been meeting in a small building last Sunday, but we were worshipping a big God.

Yours in the love of Jesus,

Roger Hesketh  
(locum Rector)



✚ Cross-eyed people have the best vision



When you listen to God, He hears you



The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the try-angle



A guilty conscience needs no accuser



## Financial Position

| OFFERTORY            | <u>Income</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year To Date 31AUG18 | 123,636       |               |
| Profit/(Loss)        |               |               |
| MTD August 2018      | <u>8,334</u>  | <u>13,350</u> |
| TOTAL                | 131,97        | 146,85        |

# The simple trick for better relationships that most people ignore

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

James 1:19 NLT



Many a man would rather you heard his story than granted his request.

Phillip Stanhope



Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble.

Frank Tyger



So I was catching up with a friend the other week and I was really excited to share some news with him.

Now we've all been there. We have something exciting to share and want to tell others so that they can get excited too and support us, just like we support them when it's the other way round.

So I told my friend this news, but sadly, he reacted differently to how I thought he would. He decided to explain why he would never make the same decision as me, *in great detail*.

## We've All Been There

We've all had this happen to us haven't we? Where we feel like we haven't been listened to and come away from a conversation feeling rubbish.

I totally believe that sometimes we need to be challenged. We need people close to us to tell us like it is, we do not just want them to always agree. But we need to be listened to as well. We need people to really hear what we are saying and make us feel valued.

A genuine, relationship-building conversation involves two people really listening and allowing each other to express themselves. When it's just all about them, you leave feeling rubbish. (Assuming of course, there isn't a crisis that they need to talk about in-depth).

## We've All Done It

But then I started to worry about the times I had done that, or got carried away myself. Taking over all of the space and conversation and not really stopping to listen.

I think I can end up doing it, especially when I'm tired or it has been a long day. I find it much harder to listen. To be fully present. I felt bad about

the times when I recently forgot to really hear what others were saying and made other people feel like they weren't listened to.

We can all make mistakes can't we? And get it wrong. But when we forget to really take in what our friend, or our other half, or the other person is saying, the relationship is weakened when we make it about 'me' rather than 'us'.

### Just Stop

I remember ages and ages ago during a talk, someone saying: 'The next time you are talking to someone, just stop talking, and really listen. Because people have a lot to say, and they need to be heard.'

This has always stuck with me. Especially in a society that tells us that to be worth something we need to be the centre of attention, need to

be the 'most unique person' that everyone is talking about. But investing in the relationship is what will answer our deepest need, rather than just focusing on ourselves.

All of this stuff you probably know already. You've probably heard it before. But it's so easy to forget, to just want to talk, to get carried away.

### Imagine If...

Imagine if we remember this simple but powerful idea. That we don't just sit there in silence during a 'conversation' waiting to talk again. But intentionally listened and really took on board what people were saying. That they went away feeling listened too. When we forget this simple trick, it makes our relationships weaker.

For some people, this will be hard, for others it will be harder, but loving people and building relationships starts by valuing the other person and what they have to say.

Andre Adefope

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When you talk, you repeat what you already know; when you listen, you often learn something

Jared Sparks



Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable

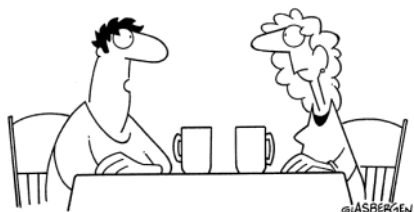
David Augsburger



The word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent'

Alfred Brendel

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"I'm trying to be a good listener, but you keep breaking my concentration by talking!"

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| September 2018          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Sat  | <b>Women's Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St John's L'ton                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Sun  | <b>Messy Church</b> – 4:30pm at St Aidan's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Mon  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Tue  | <i>(each Tuesday)</i><br><b>Prayer Group</b> – 1:00pm at St MM G/Town<br><b>Home &amp; Study Groups</b><br>– 1:30pm at Collings' home<br>– 1:45pm at Igglesden's home<br>– 7:30pm at Booth's home<br>– 7:30pm at the Parish office<br>– 7:30pm Stanford's group at St Aidan's |
| 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed  | <i>(each Wednesday)</i><br><b>Men's Shed</b> – 9:00am to 4:00pm in Riverside<br><b>Healing Service</b> – 10:00am at St Oswald's<br><b>Prayer Gathering</b> – 12:00pm at St Oswald's                                                                                           |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Thur | <i>(each Thursday)</i><br><b>mainly music</b> – 10:00am at St Aidan's                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Fri  | <i>(each Friday)</i><br><b>Combined Churches KYB Study Group</b><br>– 10:00am at the Baptist Church George Town<br><b>Ainslie Auxiliary Morning Tea</b> – 10:00pm<br>at Memorial Hall, George Town<br><b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town                         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Sat  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Mon | <b>Cadorna</b> – 2:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| September 2018           |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Tue  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Thur | <b>Crafty Circle</b> – 10:00am at St David's                                                                                                                                         |
| 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Fri  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Sat  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun  | <b>ABU Service &amp; Farewell Lunch</b> – 10:30am<br>at Baptist Church, George Town                                                                                                  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup><br>Mon  | <b>Staying Healthy in Ministry Seminar</b> – 6:00pm<br>at Door of Hope, South Launceston                                                                                             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Tue  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed  | <b>Bring &amp; Share Farewell Lunch</b> – 12:15pm<br>at St David's<br><b>Ainslie Service</b> – 2:15pm                                                                                |
| 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Thur | <b>Parish Council meeting</b> – 7:30pm                                                                                                                                               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup><br>Fri  | <b>Fellowship Night</b> – 6:00pm at George Town<br><b>Shared Meal &amp; Farewell</b> – 6:00pm at St Aidan's                                                                          |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Sat  | <b>CMS Prayer Breakfast</b> – 8:00am at St John's<br><b>Bishop's Training Event 2018: Making<br/>Disciples Every Day</b> – 10:00am<br>at The Hutchins School, Nelson Road, Sandy Bay |

The **deadline** for the October Newsletter edition is **17<sup>th</sup> September**

# Calendar

| September 2018           |                                                                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>Sun  | CCCGT Combined Churches Service – 2:30pm at the Catholic Church |
| 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Mon  |                                                                 |
| 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Tue  |                                                                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup><br>Wed  |                                                                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Thur | Crafty Circle – 10:00am at St David's                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Fri  |                                                                 |
| 29 <sup>th</sup><br>Sat  |                                                                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun  | Riverlinks Together – 10:00am at St David's Riverside           |

| October and other dates 2018                |                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> October                     | Teaching Children Effectively Level 1 Training Course daily from 9am to 3pm at Punchbowl Christian Centre |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October | Ministry Leaders Conference at Grindelwald                                                                |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October                    | Senior's Variety Concert 1:30pm at Memorial Hall, George Town                                             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October                    | CMS Tasmania AGM 10:30am at St Aidan's                                                                    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2019  | SAVE THE DATE<br>CMS Tas World Mission Conference<br>Wellspring Anglican, Sandy Bay                       |

## Service Times For Worship Centres

| East Launceston       |                     |                                  |                                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 10:00 am<br>4:30 pm | Morning Prayer<br>Messy Church   |                                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 10:00 am            | Communion                        |                                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>      | 10:00 am            | No service                       |                                    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | 10:00 am            | Communion                        |                                    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>      | -                   | No service                       |                                    |
| George Town           |                     |                                  |                                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 9:00 am<br>10:30 am | Pipers River<br>George Town      | Communion<br>Communion             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 9:00 am<br>10:30 am | Low Head<br>George Town          | Communion<br>Together @ 10.30      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>      | 9:00 am<br>10:30 am | Pipers River<br>George Town      | Communion<br>ABU Baptist           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | 9:00 am<br>10:30 am | Low Head<br>George Town          | Communion<br>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                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>      | 10:00 am            | No service                       |                                    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>      | 10:00 am            | Riverside                        | Communion                          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup>      | 10:00 am            | Riverside                        | Riverlinks Together with Communion |
| Each Wed              | 10:00am             | St Oswald's Healing Service & HC |                                    |
| Peace Haven           |                     |                                  |                                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>      | 10:30 am            | Communion                        |                                    |



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the Parish Office will only be open on  
Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons**

## **Farewell Functions**

**ABU (Anglican, Baptist & Uniting) Service in George Town - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30am** at the Baptist Church, 48 Goulburn Street, George Town. This is Anne's final Sunday in Tassie, and she would love to worship with as many Riverlinks friends as possible. This service will be followed by a shared lunch

**Fellowship Lunch - 12:00 noon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** (following the healing service at St Oswald's) for a farewell lunch at St David's. All welcome

**Bring & Share Dinner - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 6pm** at St Aidan's East Launceston, all welcome

***Please bring a plate of food and come to one, if not all, of these***



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**Saturday 6 October to Friday 12 October**

**9:00am to 3:00pm daily (except Sunday)**

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**of each month**  
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**George Town**  
**6:30pm**  
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**& discussion**  
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## From the trenches



*Nomad Lesley Richards with David & Julie Rogers-Smith*

“Some mornings I wake up  
& wonder where I am!”

This year David has had numerous trips across the region. Sometimes he wakes up clueless about where he is and what he's doing there! Happily it all dawns on him within a couple of seconds. There have been road trips to Emmaville-Deepwater (Northern NSW), Baradine (North West NSW); Tenterfield, Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga, and Grafton (Northern NSW); Dalby-Jandowae (Darling Downs region, QLD), Moranbah-Clermont-Emerald-Blackwater (Central QLD); Atherton (from Cairns), and flights to Cairns (Far North QLD) and Townsville (North Queensland).

While visiting the Collings family in the coal mining

town of Moronbah, David noticed that the street where the church and rectory are is named after the church. The church is named after St Francis, the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> century monk who lived a life of voluntary poverty, preaching and deep love for creation. This BCA-supported church proclaims in word and deed the gospel of our Lord Jesus: 'that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich' (2 Corinthians 8:9).

It was thrilling to attend the church's mainly music program led by a talented and dedicated team and attended by about 15 unchurched families. Since David's visit, the church started having barbecues and Messy Church for mainly music and other unchurched families.

David also made the first BCA visit (he thinks) to St Mark's uneChurch, Armidale, speaking to around 600 people across three services. This church has committed to make BCA one of its mission

partners and to link with the Fergusons in South Tamworth.

One of the many blessings in David's role is to stay in the homes of local Christians. On this trip, it was a joy to stay with Howard & Heather Doran (and Charlie their border collie). David's GPS showed how off the beaten track the road to their property was! BCA supporters like the Dorans are special people - warm and generous people who love Jesus, His Word, His church and His work in the bush through BCA. We thank God for them and for you.

#### *BCA Nomads - a special breed*

While in Emerald and Blackwater (Central QLD) to speak at a number of events and Sunday services, David & Julie had the joy of meeting Lesley Richards, a BCA Nomad and mother of the Anglican Rector in Emerald (The Revd Ien Hercott). Lesley is a gutsy, godly trooper for Jesus and the gospel. She sold her home in Tasmania to buy her new motorhome and, with the Lord's help and strength, plans to make many BCA Nomad trips. Lesley had just

returned from working with a dedicated team of BCA Nomads who helped out at the Katherine Christian Convention.

BCA Nomads is a wonderful ministry open to Christians of any age who want to combine their travels around Australia with serving God in BCA locations. We're always looking for new Nomads and there are many ways to serve. You can visit BCA locations as a single person, couple or family; or visit one or several locations on the one trip - staying for a weekend, week, month or six months.

Are you interested? Know someone who might be? You can find out more about it on our [website:](http://www.bushchurchaid.com.au)  
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**Above & right:** Lauren's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday  
celebration @ Gray's Hotel

**Below:** Riverlinks Together  
@ St MM's George Town



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