

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE  
LAUNCESTON UNITING CHURCHES

# Launceston *News*

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## *A Vision for our community*

The message central to this community is of transformed living where everyone is loved, accepted, and nourished.

*Building a People of God in Launceston*

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**John 11:25**  
John 11:25, calligraphy by Timothy R. Botts

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*Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said,  
This is my body, broken for you.  
Do this to remember me.*



Broken for you... Each time we come to the table we recall these words Jesus asks us to remember. Why did he ask us to remember his brokenness?

As we journey through lent this year and approach Easter we will again encounter the heart of this story. This meal on the night before his death, with his friends, Jesus uses his final hours speak about power, he tells them about service with the basin and the towel, he takes them through the Passover meal. They are confused and try to make promises and look for victory in his words, that point to a future that isn't there.

How do you respond when the world closes in around you? Isn't it so easy to fall into the fight or flight response? I myself want to "fix" things or jump to a solution.

This Easter I find myself pondering what it means to be broken. We so want to remember strength, life, miracles, resurrection... but brokenness? We don't feel comfortable with recalling brokenness at all!

In his book *Life of the Beloved*, writer Henri Nouwen suggests this about brokenness:

*"The deep truth is that our human suffering need not be an obstacle to the joy and peace we so desire, but can become, instead, the means to it. The great secret of the spiritual life, the life of the Beloved Sons and Daughters of God, is that everything we live, be it gladness or sadness, joy or pain, health or illness, can all be part of the journey toward the full realisation of our humanity".*

When I think about those times where I have suffered with those around me, or struggled to work through tough times with a community, or wrestled with the dark times, they stand out as precious times of closeness where deep friendships are formed. Even when those around were not perhaps the ones I would choose to be there; the deepening of relationship is forged in facing brokenness together.

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# Chairpersons' Corner

## Pilgrim Uniting Church

**Pilgrim Church Council** met on Tuesday February 28, our first meeting for 2017. (We meet bi-monthly). We will join with the other Church Councillors at our second Tri-Council meeting on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> after worship at Launceston North.

As a trial, the **Pilgrim Office** will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A volunteer from the congregation will put together the newsletter at some time on Fridays.

The rebuilding of **Mapoon** UCA church and manse (in far north Queensland) will be a major focus of our fundraising this year. It is especially appropriate as, through Scotch Oakburn College, we have had visits from, and SOC students have made visits to, Cape York since 2009 when Graham Bartley was SOC chaplain. Michelle Cook, and Zane and James Hughes came to Launceston from Mapoon. More details will follow.

Thought was given regarding the **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the UCA in June.

**Pancake Days** – enjoyable and successful. In the Pilgrim Hall on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, and Rod with 18 others from UCA congregations and agencies, made and served pancakes in Civic Square on Shrove Tuesday Feb 28. \$740 was raised between the 2 events.

The **JAM/DONUTS** programme is well underway, and often present their activity during the Faith In Action part of our service. They cooked gluten-free pancakes for Pancake Day.

The 2017 **budget** was presented at a congregational meeting on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

The final part of the **church roof** has been re-slatted.

**Maggie's Café** is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am – 2:30pm, and is staffed by volunteers. Bring your friends and stop by for a cup of tea or coffee and a light meal or muffin/slice. Gluten Free options are also available.

We are delighted to be part of the **Organ Crawl** on Saturday April 8, with Lynda Jessup on the organ, and Monte Mumford on trombone (see page 9). Lunch

(BYO) can be shared in the walkway between performances.

Our **website** is slowly being rebuilt.

**Home Groups** will start in April, with 3 groups meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in peoples' homes. The Family Group will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

**Wendy Cocker** (Pilgrim Church Council Chairperson).

## Launceston North

We have had a busy month as usual. We are still trying to have a new contract signed from **ANZ bank** for their usage at the Parish Centre.

Regarding our shed at Newnham, we have now had **two break-ins**. The first time the BBQ and gas bottles were stolen and the second time the old lawn mower was taken. If you see anyone after hours lurking around our Newnham complex, please call the police. Also, if anyone has a BBQ or one or two gas bottles that they no longer require, please let Amanda or Bron know and we can arrange collection from you. They would certainly come in handy.

We have had a **\$20,000 bequest** from Marj Jones of Newnham to be used at the Newnham complex which is a wonderful gift to the Parish.

We are currently investigating a **hearing loop** for use at Newnham, though having trouble with obtaining quotes and also the excessive pricing. We have had a **\$500 bequest** from Ann Mitchell for use at the Lilydale church also. This will be used for ongoing repairs and maintenance at Lilydale. These two ladies have lovingly served our congregations in the past and we will use the bequests wisely. We miss them greatly.

We have received \$30,000 from Synod/Presbytery from the sale of the **Turners Marsh** church. Your Church Council are working through the best use of this money. We have plenty of plans in the pipeline, so all these funds will certainly become a welcome addition.

As a fund raiser we have decided to obtain **Entertainment book** (see page 10) as a way of raising money for our Parish. If you come across any fundraising ideas, please let our church council members know so that we can follow up on your idea.

God bless you all,

**Chris Dancer** (Launceston North Church Council) .

## Lilydale Laughternoons



The next get together is on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm** in the Lilydale Uniting Church sitting room.

Come for a chat, cuppa, do your craft, or help with a the jigsaw puzzle.

Enquiries:

Phone: **6395 1267**.



There is a regular **PRAYER MEETING** held at the **Punchbowl Reserve at 12:30—1:30pm**.

This is held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each **EVEN** numbered month. The next meeting will be on **13<sup>th</sup> April—4<sup>th</sup> month**.

Bring your lunch: tea & coffee provided.

*Everyone welcome from any Parish.*

**Valerie Hay, Convenor**

(there will be another reminder next month.)

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Sadly I can also recall times when stubbornly I pursued strength, independence and the illusion of control, missing the opportunity to grow through being broken together.



I encourage you this Easter to allow yourself to enter the brokenness Jesus asks us to remember, to allow yourself to see the brokenness in your own life.

*Rev'd Will Nicholas.*

## Holy Week Services

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April—Easter Day Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Scotch College	7:00pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Evandale	7:00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pilgrim	7:00pm
Maundy Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church Launceston North	7:00pm
Good Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Launceston North (Combined)	9:00am
Easter Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	North	9:15am
	Balfour St	9:30am
	Pilgrim	10:00am
	Hadspen	11:00am
	Lilydale	11:15am



# Holy Week

You are invited to hear Rev Bill Loader at this gathering:



Bill is a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia and emeritus professor of New Testament at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia.

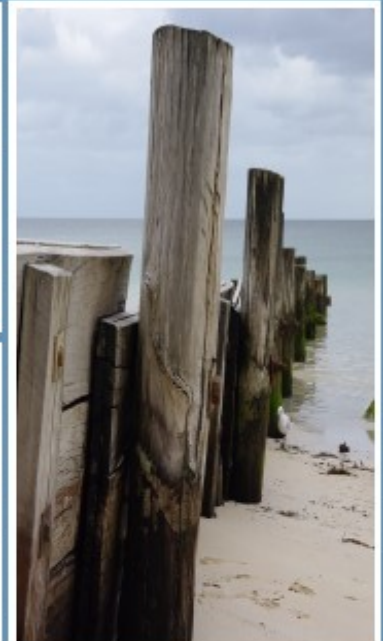
He engages world wide with communities as he encourages people to encounter Jesus through the New Testament gospels and letters. He has a passion for young people, for learning and for open conversations around issues that matter in the life of the wider community and the church.

Bill contributes to the life of the church through his writing and research. His recent work around first century Judaistic and Christian attitudes to sexuality has assisted the discussions across the whole Uniting Church as we continue to grapple with difference around sexuality. He invites to dialogue with some of the difficult questions we may have, and to be respectful as we talk together with difficult issues. His approach to the New Testament, informs the way in which Bill encourages the church to continue to follow in the way of Jesus.

**Lunch: \$15.** Please let us know of any special dietary requirements.

**RSVP 19 April, 2017 to [tas.office@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:tas.office@victas.uca.org.au) or 6331 9784**

*Photos by Denise Savage*



**Refresh** with Rev Bill Loader

**Lay Leadership Conference**

**10.00am—3.00pm Saturday 29 April**

**Robert Dean Centre, Scotch Oakburn College,  
85 Penquite Road, Launceston**

**Uniting Church in  
Australia  
Presbytery of  
Tasmania**





# CITY ORGAN CRAWL

WITH A HINT OF TROMBONE!

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Church of the Apostles 10am

Pilgrim Uniting Church 11.45am

City Church Baptist 2pm

St Johns Anglican Church 3.30pm



Organist: Lynda Nicholls (Jessup) Trombonist: Monte Mumford

**\$10 per adult (for the whole day, or any part of the day) All children free.**

Proceeds will go to each church organ towards the ongoing costs of tuning and repairs.

You are invited to bring a cut lunch to have in the glass walkway at Pilgrim following the program on the  
Dodd pipe organ.

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## **Evandale & White Hills service times**

These are held monthly, on the last Sunday of the month at 5:00pm  
alternating between Evandale & White Hills.



## **Balfour Street**

A Healing Service is held on the last Sunday of each month at 2:00pm.



**Launceston North** is EXCITED to advise we are selling the *Entertainment Book* to help support the activities of the church.

By purchasing a 2017/18 Entertainment Membership, you'll be supporting:

- \* Messy Church
- \* CRU, Young People,
- \* Hall maintenance, etc

... and giving you BIG savings on:

- Dining
- Shopping
- Travel
- Attractions and activities

In addition to having more than \$20,000 worth of value, pre-order your Entertainment Membership NOW and receive many hundreds of dollars worth of savings to start using straight away! **Click here or type this link into your web browser:**

<http://www.entbook.com.au/9403r57> . Happy savings, and THANK YOU.





**Uniting Church in Australia**  
 SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

You are invited to attend a  
**Service of Release**  
 for the  
**Rev Carol Bennett**  
 as  
**Synod Liaison Minister**

Saturday 22 April 2017  
 2.00pm  
 Pilgrim Uniting Church  
 34-38 Paterson St  
 Launceston 7250

**RSVP** 17 April 2017  
 Tasmania Office 03 6331 9784  
 tas.office@victas.uca.org.au



## Is your 1st Aid certificate is current?

If you are a member of the Uniting Church and in active, ongoing service within one of the activities of the church, you may be entitled to some financial help with the cost of your course.

The process to follow is:

1. Book your course
2. Attend and obtain your certificate
3. Provide your certificate to the office at Launceston North
4. The appropriate reimbursement will be paid to you in due course

For further enquiries, please contact the office by phone (03) 6326 5928, or email [lnuc.office@gmail.com](mailto:lnuc.office@gmail.com)



## Will's Movie of the Month!!

Imagine a world where everyone tells the truth all the time compulsively, there is no bending of the truth or flattery nor is there even an attempt to cushion the blow of personal criticism.

Mark Bellison lives in such a world in the Movie *The invention of Lying*. Imagine advertising in this world, imagine movies and TV, imagine going on a date!

Because of this film written and directed by Ricky Gervais and Matthew Robinson you no longer have to imagine.

Everything changes one day when suddenly someone says something that isn't true. This is a charming but sometimes crude comedy that allows us to explore the concept of truth and deception and guides us to ask deeper questions about the way we relate to one another.



## Crafty Corner News for March

Crafty Corner is continuing to provide wonderful fun and fellowship for around one hundred people each Friday morning. The photograph shown here is one of our "Flower Pot Men" made in the Mosaic Class by Gwen Mann. It was finished today and will look spectacular beside her wood heater in her farm house.



Each month I am hoping to feature one of our sixteen classes and show everyone some of the wonderful work that is completed at our group. This month I want to show you some of our card making group with their leaders, **Thelma Kiel** and **Bev Guy**. There are ten ladies in this class and they make two cards each week which are designed by the tutors.



This is always a very popular class and as you can see everyone is totally absorbed in their work.

More next month!

*Mary Rothwell.*



**LET THERE BE...**



...**respect** for the earth



...**peace** for its people



...**love** in our lives



...**delight** in the good



...**forgiveness** for past wrongs

...and from now on a **new start!**



From page 123 of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* by Sam Hamilton-Poore. Copyright © 2008 by Sam Hamilton-Poore. All rights reserved.

## **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE** of having a spiritual friend to talk with **?**

A spiritual companion is someone you look up to, someone whom you trust. Generally, you judge this person to be farther down the road than you. This companionship would provide an opportunity to state your experience of God to someone; it would assist you to clarify the next steps of your journey with God.

Normally, a spiritual guide will ask questions more than find answers. Finding a mature friend who is willing to talk with you will take time, so don't be discouraged when he or she doesn't immediately appear.

Part of the selection is the adventure of prayerfully considering different persons and talking with them about your desire for guidance.

Having a friend like this will help you avoid pitfalls; it will spare you times of loneliness; it will give you a sense of accountability.

The search for a spiritual friend is worth beginning immediately.

*Now that we have actually received this amazing **friendship** with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!*  
Rom 5:11

From page 101 of *Time Away: A Guide for Personal Retreat* by Ben Campbell Johnson and Paul H. Lang. Copyright © 2010 by the authors.



## **Yum!**

“Can I shake?” “Where’s the fill-line?”

Yes! It’s Pancake Day again.

The painted “Penny Pancake” sign has been gently swaying in the breeze during the past fortnight, encouraging passers-by, once again, to remember the occasion.



Vibrant pink and yellow balloons team with the familiar “Welcome To Pancake Day” banner giving a cheery invitation to partakers.

A well stocked trade table bustles in the corner, displaying a variety of goodies (book, plants, card, lemons, and teddies).

The pancake makers are heated—it’s time! The fun begins!

Slowly, but steadily, seats are filled, and friendly chatter is a buzz around the room.



As the bright yellow aprons flutter between the tables, order are chosen, changed, and finally taken. Life’s decisions can be quite taxing. “Will that be with strawberry or chocolate topping? With ice cream? Yes, we do have maple syrup and lemon juice! Tea or coffee?”

Where else could one participate in such enjoyable, organised chaos? With our limited number of workers, there’s scarce time for breathers. We leave a little slower and less energetic than we started, but extremely satisfied and uplifted from the great

fellowship experienced for such a wonderful cause.

“Come Shrove Tuesday 2018!”

Hadspen Uniting Church (Helen Slater)



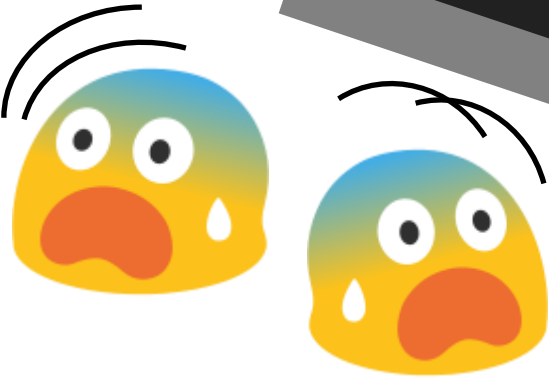
## **YOU WHO ARE WEARY . . .**

- ...Sleepless
- ...Tired
- ...Depressed
- ...Discouraged

***Do not be afraid!***

You who are fed up . . .

- ...Hopeless
- ...Visionless
- ...Fearful
- ...Tearful



***Do not be afraid!***

**God is present in your suffering.**

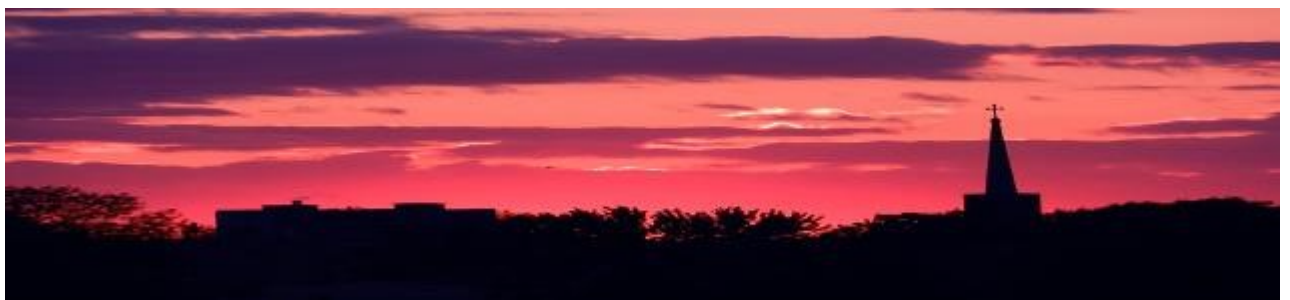
**God will calm the winds and waves of your soul!**



Based on Mark 4:25-31

– Junius Dotson

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**WALK for**

**JUSTICE**

Bring Them Here

**2017**

**for**

**REFUGEES**

It's  
not  
fair

**Close Manus, Close Nauru - Welcome Refugees - Permanent Protection**

**Palm Sunday, April 9**

**BYO Picnic in Princes Square 12.30pm**

**Marshalling from 1.45pm**

**Walk leaves Princes Square 2pm**

**Multicultural Celebration 2.30pm**

**City Park, near Hart Conservatory**

**More information: [jeff@citybaptistchurch.net](mailto:jeff@citybaptistchurch.net)**

An **Evening Service** is now taking place *every Sunday evening* at Launceston North Uniting at 128-132 George Town Road, Newnham.

Please come along and join with others in a more contemporary worship style.

For further details, please contact **Rev'd Amanda Nicholas** on **0413 617 469** or the office on (03) 6326 5928, or email

[LNUC.office@gmail.com](mailto:LNUC.office@gmail.com)



## Safe Church Workshops

**Launceston North Uniting** is hosting a series of safe church workshops run by **Rev Jeff Savage** during **May and June 2017** for you to undertake training.

If this is something you are passionate about, interested in, or know that your role inside your faith community or local congregation requires of you, you are encouraged to register your attendance.



Sessions as follows:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00am to 3:00pm**

Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12:00 noon to 4:00pm**

Afternoon tea provided.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May AND Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 7:00pm to 9:00pm**

Tea and coffee provided.

There is no charge for these workshops, but all donations are gratefully received.

Please call the office to register your attendance or, follow the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/r0VXQzleQaoVVeUY2>

## Launceston North Working Bee

Launceston North members are aware and **EXCITED** that Parish Council has elected to proceed with development of our long-awaited **play-ground**: this will be mostly carried out by volunteers.



*There are also a few other maintenance jobs needing attention.*

Accordingly, we plan to have a working bee on the **third Saturday of each month from April to August**, after which we shall see where we are at. There is no restriction on age or gender. Whilst we shall try to have a good supply of tools on hand, it will always be helpful to have more, so either bring what you think, or, call the number below for advice on what may be needed for the day. You should bring your own PPE (personal protection equipment).



We'll start at **8:00am** and knock off at **11:00am** on the following dates: **Sat April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, **June 17<sup>th</sup>**, **July 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Aug 19<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Details: **0448 281 645** or [irdcfarquhar@bigpond.com](mailto:irdcfarquhar@bigpond.com)

### Lectionary Readings for April & May

Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Ezek 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Rom 8:6-11	Jn 11:1-45
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Is 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	Jn 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Pet 1:3-9	Jn 20:19-31
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Pet 1:17-23	Lk 24:13-35
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Acts 2:42-47	Ps 23	1 Pt 2:19-25	Jn 10:1-10
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Acts 7:55-60	Ps 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Pt 2:2-10	Jn 14:1-14
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Acts 17:22-31	Ps 66:8-20	1 Pt 3:13-22	Jn 14:15-21
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Acts 1:6-14	Ps 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11	Jn 17:1-11

**Dutchman Andrew van der Bijl** was born in 1928. Serving in the Dutch military in Indonesia after WWII, he read the Bible whilst recovering from a bullet wound and committed to the Christian faith. He later studied at the WEC Missionary Training College in Glasgow, Scotland; we too have a WEC college in Launceston. After that training he visited Poland where he became aware of the circumstances of believers living behind the **iron curtain**, where communist governments had banned all religion. He subsequently established a chain of contacts and smuggled Bibles in his VW to various destinations, first in Poland and then further afield in Eastern Block countries and the USSR. This story was published in his first widely read book *God's Smuggler*, and became the beginning of a worldwide organisation called **Open Doors** which distributes scriptures and other Christian teaching material, and provides support for believers in all countries where the faith is suppressed.



At the age of 88, Andrew is now very much the elder statesman of Open Doors and known as **Brother Andrew**. Here are a few quotes from his remarks after a recent visit to Lebanon:

*"Too many people think that the church is a rest room for the saints, whereas the church should be a hospital for sinners. Get into action – changing people, that's God's business".*

*"Why are we today, so afraid of Islam? Because we are defending. We're in a defensive position. The moment we take the initiative, and take the 'going of Jesus' in Matt. 28, literally, we lose our fear. We lost our fear of Communism, / we lost our fear of Islam, and would like to convince people that there is no reason to fear whatsoever."*

(Regarding the increase of persecution in the Muslim world) *"No one will be able to do anything about this so long as we keep calling*

*Muslims ‘terrorists’ and ‘the enemy’. Anything you oppress and reject is going to grow. You see this happening with the persecuted church, which is growing despite oppression, and you also see it happening with radical Islam.”*

**Open Doors has delegates visit Launceston most years: we shall advise. You may also visit [www.opendoors.org.au](http://www.opendoors.org.au) where, among other things, an annual world watch list is published of those countries where it is most dangerous to follow Jesus. You are encouraged to join.**

I leave you with some one minute stories:

*“I am going to grow my beard even longer, I intend to look more like an Islamic State fighter. It is time to be smarter than Islamic State”. A priest in Syria risked his life to rescue Christian prisoners from Islamic State. He grew his beard and went into prisons pretending to be a member of Islamic State. He helped release 220 Christian prisoners in 2016 alone! “There are many more of us. Wait a few more years and you will praise God when you hear how God has made a way for those who are bold for Him.”*



*“We are not afraid but strong and hopeful. We know Jesus will come again. That is why there is so much pain and suffering, that is why there is persecution. He is coming back and those who do not know Him, need Him in their lives”. (Afghan brother)*

*“What we are seeing happening in the Middle East is bringing us all together. We have realised that what we have in common far exceeds what separates us.” (Egyptian church leader)*

*“When I heard that people around the world were praying for me and my country I was given the spiritual strength to go on. Prayer teaches us forgiveness; so, we pray for those who harm us, that God will change their hearts and make them also tools to spread peace & love.” (Church leader, Aleppo, Syria)*

There is much more. Read this a second time, reflect on it, visit the web site, and pray, write and give.

Ian Farquhar

# Active Defence

FREE

2017

Get active  
Have fun  
Sign up now



Active Defence is designed for young people in the community to help provide the basic skills they need to keep themselves safe.

The program will include an introduction to self-defence and various martial arts over the eight-week period.

Active Defence aims to improve self-confidence, control emotions, and to help young people to remove themselves from risky situations - all while getting active and having fun!



App now available  
on IOS and Android



For more information call us on 0438 386 025  
or visit [www.activelaunceston.com.au](http://www.activelaunceston.com.au)

Event managed by

**WHO:**

- 1️⃣ 11-17 yr old males and females
- 2️⃣ Please note Active Defence is NOT a babysitting service. Parental/guardian supervision is required and we also encourage their participation.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

- 1️⃣ A drink
- 2️⃣ Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear
- 3️⃣ Arrive 10 mins early

These sessions are supported by the Tasmania Police, who will attend sessions from time to time with some practical advice on safety in the community.

Dates	When	Time	What	Location
14 March	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Self Defence	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
15 March	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Self Defence	Launceston North Uniting Church 128-132 George Town Road, Newham
21 March	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Self Defence	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
22 March	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Self Defence	Launceston North Uniting Church 128-132 George Town Road, Newham
28 March	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Krav Maga	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
29 March	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Bang-fu	Launceston North Uniting Church 128-132 George Town Road, Newham
4 April	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Krav Maga	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
5 April	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Kali/Arnis	Launceston North Uniting Church 128-132 George Town Road, Newham
11 April	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Krav Maga	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
12 April	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Kali/Arnis	Rochester Football Club Gym, Ground level, Archer St Rochester
<b>School Holidays/ Easter Break</b>				
2 May	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Krav Maga	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
3 May	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Shao Lin Qinnashou	Rochester Football Club Gym, Ground level, Archer St Rochester
9 May	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Boxing	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
10 May	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Boxing	Rochester Football Club Gym, Ground level, Archer St Rochester
16 May	Tuesday	4.30 – 5.30pm (60 min)	Boxing	Ravenwood Neighbourhood House, Prossers Forest Road.
17 May	Wednesday	3.15 – 4.15pm (60 min)	Boxing	Rochester Football Club Gym, Ground level, Archer St Rochester

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

Sign up now for Active Launceston with the I'm In by Healthy Tasmania phone app available on IOS and Android. Fill in your details then register at each session by scanning your phone

(QR Code) with the session coordinators phone. If this doesn't work for you, just bring your phone to the session and we'll sort it, or you can use our phone to register. Step by step process available at [www.active-launceston.com.au](http://www.active-launceston.com.au)

## CROSSROADS NORTH

6pm — 8pm Uniting Church Hall

Third Tuesday of each month

George Town Road, Newnham

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Hello everybody! Here is the Crossroads bit for the month. We had a good night on 21<sup>st</sup> of March with about 25 people attending, three from Perth that we were very glad to see return for the night. Dancing was enjoyed by all either listening and watching or getting up on the dance floor to bust a few moves (see photos). Our food was very varied and yummy, so thank you to everybody who brought a plate to share. I would also like to thank Vince for bringing all the bread to give away, we had a large table full.

This night we welcomed back Sue Porter, who has been away after a heart attack and Sue Swaine who has returned after family issues. Welcome back to you both. We are hoping to get some other old members back soon who have been recovering from illnesses and are nearly on the mend.

Next month we are going to the South Crossroads group to enjoy an Easter program on 4<sup>th</sup> of April to be run by Will and Amanda.

The Crossroads North regular meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> of April has been cancelled. But, we will continue meeting at the Launceston North uniting Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, which in May is on 16<sup>th</sup>.

We will catch you all next month, but in the mean time enjoy our latest photos.

*Carolyn.*

***For transport call  
David 6334 5843 or  
Mobile 0437 428 864  
Cost \$7.00***

***Reminder --- Have you paid your \$10  
Registration fee?  
Enquiries Margaret 6395 1267 or  
Carolyn 0407 843 715***





# YOUNG FAMILIES HOME GROUP

Welcome to 2017 Young Families Home Group. Below is the calendar for this year. We meet on the third Sunday of the month during school terms (on one occasion we will meet on Saturday night). Typically we gather around 12noon at our destination with a bring your own picnic lunch. Prior to the event we send a reminder email. If you would like this email please let Lani Gunn ([lanimark@bigpond.com](mailto:lanimark@bigpond.com)) or Kylie Gurteen ([skgur@internode.on.net](mailto:skgur@internode.on.net)) know. If the weather is not favourable our back up plan is usually the Launceston Aquatic Centre. (This year other options can include indoor bowls at Launceston North UC or a movie 'on the big screen' at Pilgrim UC.)

Month	Activity
FEBRUARY	Supply River Mill Reserve. 197 Deviot Rd, Robigana. (For all the Geocache enthusiasts there is a cache to find on the walk to the Reserve). BYO picnic lunch.
MARCH	Rupertswood Crop Maze at Hagley. There is a cost involved, please check their website for details <a href="http://www.rupertswoodfarm.com">www.rupertswoodfarm.com</a> or find them on Facebook.
APRIL	Easter School Holidays
MAY	Tailrace Park. For those interested, there will be a group bike riding from Pilgrim UC or you can meet us at the Park for a picnic and play.
JUNE (Sat 18 at 5pm)	Indian themed dinner at Launceston North UC. (Dress up optional!)
JULY	School Holidays
AUGUST	Snow. Location: somewhere close if there is any around.
SEPTEMBER	Board games etc. at Launceston North UC
OCTOBER	School Holidays. KUCA is on 21-22 October.
NOVEMBER	Breakfast at Maggie's Café 8am. BYO breakfast to share. Sometimes we convince the Maggie's Café Barista to operate the coffee machine.
DECEMBER	Christmas Church. Date to be confirmed.





**Boots 'n' All** was established by *Scripture Union Tasmania* in 1981 and offers people of all ages and abilities in Northern Tasmania opportunities to share together in a range of outdoor activities led by experienced Christian walkers. Subject to safety and equipment requirements, activities are open to all.

Here are the following scheduled walks for April and the start of May. Please contact the numbers supplied if you would like to join the next group.

Mar 25 (or Apr 8)	Mt Blackboy & Evercreech Falls	Combining two great features of our state: a rarely visited north-east mountain and a beautiful waterfall.	Easy— Medium	Louise Fairfax (03) 6327 2374
Apr 8 (or 25 Mar)	Lobster Creek & Nells Bluff	Higgs Track, to Lady Lake and descend into top of Lobster Creek Gorge to view seldom seen beautiful rainforest and very large pencil pines. Return via Nells Bluff in time.	Medium SME	John Tabor (03) 6428 6512
Apr 29 (7:00am)	Cradle Fagus Time	Experience the unique beauty of the 'fagus' in full autumn colour in the spectacular surrounds of Cradle Mountain	Medium DEMS	Phil Dawson (03) 6382 3561

## Boots N' All - An activity of Scripture Union Tasmania... Tasmanian wilderness hiking with a difference!

**“Love the bush and praise its Creator”**

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- B** Boulder field walkers need to be able to confidently step from rock to rock.
- C** Climbing sections using rocks and vegetation as hand holds.
- D** Drive distance requires early departure usually 7:30 am
- E** Exposed alpine conditions can be dangerous in poor weather if not fully equipped see below.
- L** A long days walk in excess of 3 hours each way.
- M** Marshy or muddy sections be prepared to walk with wet feet.
- S** Steep incline for at least part of the way

Bush walking can involve an element of danger. All who participate in Boots n All activities do so at their own risk. Intending walkers new to Boots N All must contact the leader personally unless the walk is rated “easy” or “Family”.

## Famous Hymns and their stories...

### THERE IS A GREEN HILL

Mrs Alexander was the daughter of a major and the wife of a bishop. She was a tireless visitor, going from cottage to cottage in all weathers, supporting her husband's work in his diocese in Northern Ireland.

This hymn, dating from before her marriage, was written at the bedside of a child who was ill. The profits from *Hymns for Little Children*, where it first appeared in print, went to a school for deaf and dumb children in Londonderry. And Mendelssohn's friend William Horsely, who wrote the famous tune, was organist for eighteen years at a home for orphan girls in London.

The girl for whom the words were written recovered from her illness, and always regarded the hymn as especially hers, even when she grew up. It's greatness lies in the fact that so many other adults have done the same.

**There is a green hill far away**

**Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven,  
Saved by His precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven, and let us in.**

**O dearly, dearly has He loved,  
And we must love him too,  
And trust in His redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.**

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

## KOORONG *book review...*

Josh McDowell's timeless examination of the true nature of Christ and his impact on our lives is one of the best-selling Christian books ever (more than eight million copies in print worldwide!).

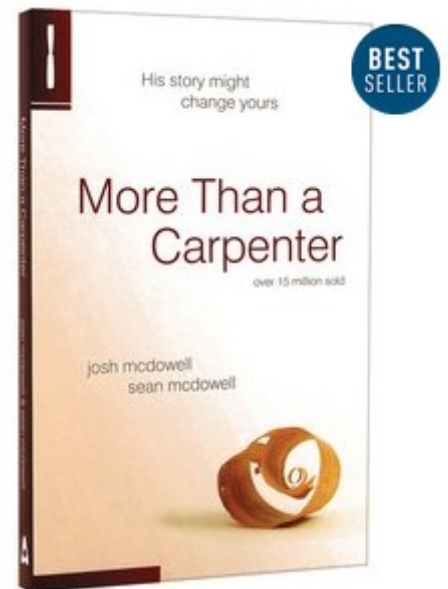
As a college student, Josh McDowell thought Christians must be *out of their minds*. He put them down and argued against their faith. But eventually he saw that his arguments wouldn't stand up, that Jesus really was God in human flesh. Josh became a speaker on college and university campuses, challenging those who were just as sceptical as he had been. Here Josh focuses upon the person who changed his life - Jesus Christ. A hard-headed book for people who are sceptical about Jesus' deity, his resurrection, and his claims on their lives.

### Authors:

**Josh McDowell** is an internationally known speaker, author, and champion of the *Beyond Belief* Campaign. He is a travelling representative of Campus Crusade for Christ speaking to more than ten million people in at least 84 countries, including 700 university and college campuses.

Josh has authored or co-authored more than 90 books, including the classic *A Ready Defense*, *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* and *Answers to Tough Questions*.

**Sean McDowell** is a popular speaker at schools, churches, and conferences, focuses on helping young people think critically about key moral issues. He is a highschool teacher, holds advanced degrees in philosophy and theology, and has compiled *Josh McDowell's Youth Ministry Handbook* and authored *Ethix: Being Bold in a Whatever World* and co-authored *Understanding Intelligent Design* along with William A. Dembski and *The Credible Resurrection* with Josh McDowell (Gospel Light, 2008).



***This book is available from Koroong for just \$6.99 (paperback).***

# Community Involvement



East Tamar Primary and the Launceston North Uniting Church are strengthening their partnership by beginning a **mentoring program for kids**.

If you have an **hour a week** to give to one child to offer them the opportunity to develop a significant relationship with an older person, please see **Barrie Robinson** for more details. Ongoing training, support, and resources will be provided.

It doesn't take a lot to impact upon a child's life: what might YOU be able to offer in one hour a week?



# Let Us Pray...

## *Global*

### ***Give thanks for:***

- The wonders of the universe, the stars, the sun, the moon, and our seasons
- The people who care so much they give up their lives to serve others in missionary work in isolated countries

### ***Pray for:***

- The ongoing tensions and frustrations continuing with the new American presidency. Pray that everyone in leadership will be lead by God in all their decision making
- The severe famine which has now been declared in South Sudan. Pray that God will help us to do what we can to show our love and care for the peoples of this land

O Lord our God, source of all goodness and love, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of Your mercies look with compassion upon all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to You we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

## *National & State*

- Pray for those effected by the storms and flooding on the mid-north coast of NSW
- For the staff in our Synod offices in Melbourne as well as our local Presbytery office
- Continual guidance for our politicians and those who lead

## *Local*

- For each group and person our churches come in contact with through all the different avenues of outreach
- For the sick, weak, homeless, and bereaved in our communities, that they will see and know God's love through us as we minister to them
- For each member of the church councils as important decisions are being made, that each will know God's direction
- For the volunteers who serve not only in the community as a whole, but within our own buildings, faithfully, week by week, that God will continue to give them strength and encouragement

# Kids Corner

## But Whom Do You Say That I AM?

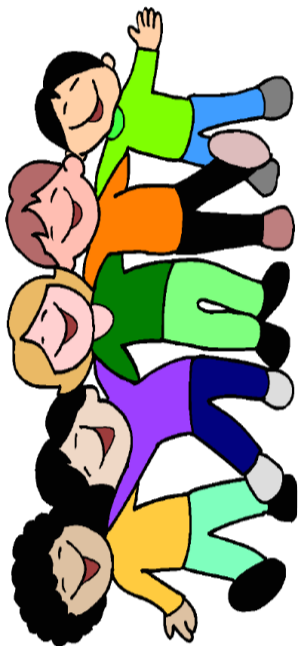
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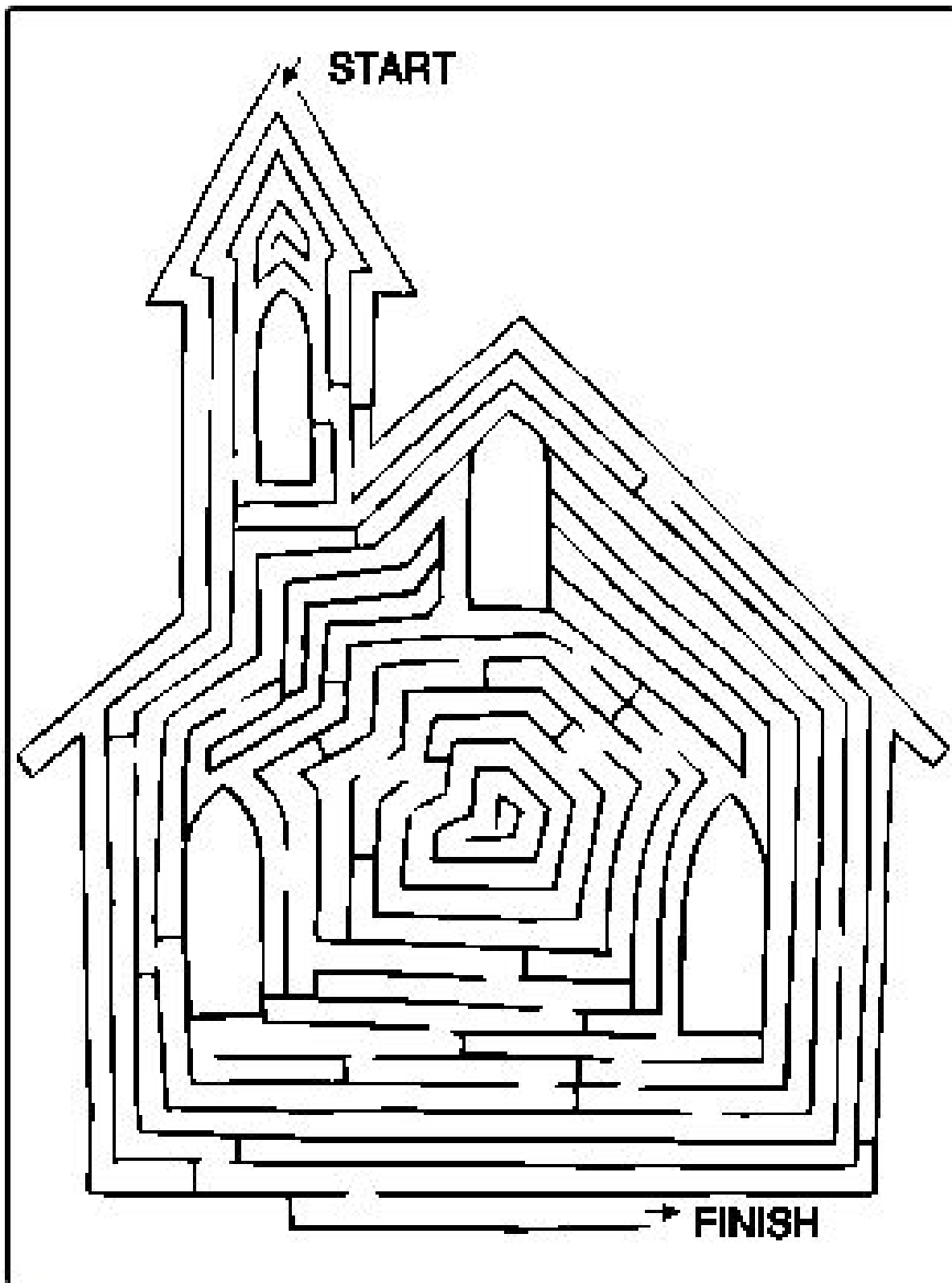
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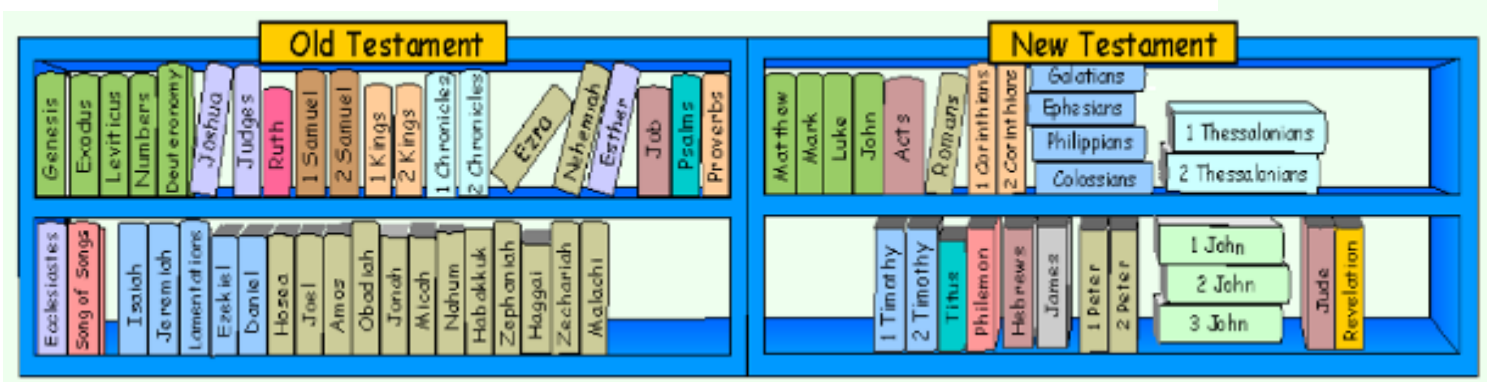






Jesus is Lord  
 Enthroned above  
 Who gave a gift  
 Of perfect love,  
 Who bled & died  
 To save us all  
 Now reigns  
 supreme  
 As Lord of  
 Lords.

God  
 loved  
 the  
 world  
 so much  
 that He  
 gave  
 His only  
 Son so  
 that if  
 anyone  
 believes  
 in Him  
 they will  
 not die  
 but have  
 eternal  
 life.  
 John 3:16



# What's on near you this month...?

## Launceston North

### April

**Sunday Worship (Newnham)** 9.15am & 5:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Worship (Lilydale)** 11.15am

2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

**CWA Lilydale** Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

**Haven Table Top Games (Newnham)** Friday

7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

**Messy Church (Newnham)** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>

**Church Council (Newnham)** Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

**CRU** Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

**Crossroads (Newnham)** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Lilydale Laughternoon** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

### May

**Sunday Worship (Newnham)** 9.15am & 5:00pm

7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Worship (Lilydale)** 11.15am

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**CWA Lilydale** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Haven Table Top Games (Newnham)** Friday

5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

**Messy Church (Newnham)** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Church Council (Newnham)** Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

**CRU (to be advised)** Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

**Crossroads (Newnham)** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Lilydale Laughternoon** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

## Pilgrim's Monthly Schedule of Activities for April

**Sundays 10:00am:** Family Worship

including JAM (Jesus and Me) and DONUTS.

**First Sunday of month:** Holy Communion

**Fourth Sunday of month:** Home Groups meet at 12 noon

in homes

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays:** 10:30am to

2:30pm Maggie's Café

**Fourth Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pilgrim Church Council

**Wednesdays:** 12:30pm–1:15pm – Mid week Communion

in the Ida Birchall Room

**Fridays 6:00pm:** Music Group meet in the

Worship Centre





## Launceston South's Monthly Schedule of Activities



<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 1.30pm-3:00pm Vera Pickett <i>80 Poplar Parade Youngtown Ph: 6344 5036</i> <b>TENNIS</b> 9:00am-11:00am Margaret Spencer <i>East Launceston Courts East Launceston Ph: 6344 3297</i>
	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>CROSSROADS</b> 6:00pm-8:00pm Janet Day Ph: 6344 2679 <b>TRINITY MODEL TRAIN CLUB</b> 7:30pm David Miller Ph: 6331 5185
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> 10:00am Juanita Miller Ph: 63315185 <i>Trinity Church</i>
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>KYB BIBLE STUDY</b> 3:00pm Edna McCormack Ph 6393 6273 <i>Hadspen Church Centre</i>
	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> (even months)	<b>PRAYER GROUP</b> Val Hewitt Ph: 6339 2204 <i>Various locations</i>
	<b>EVERY FRIDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CRAFTY CORNER</b> 9.30am-11.30am Mary Rothwell Ph: 6344 4813, Hillary Parry Ph: 6344 6210 <i>Punchbowl Christian Centre, Punchbowl Road, Punchbowl</i>
	<b>EVERY SATURDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY SATURDAY</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b> Various times Craig Osborne Ph: 6344 4552
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	As above
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	As above
	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> 7:00pm Edna Ph: 6393 6273 <i>Trinity Church</i>
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	As above
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	As above
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	As above
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>TUESDAY TUESDAY</b>	As above <b>MODEL TRAIN CLUB</b>
	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	As above
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<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	As above
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	<b>EVERY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	As above
<b>LAST WEEK</b>		<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>EAST/LV UCAF</b> Sue Harman Ph: 63434 2573 Check details

## Our Vision and Mission Principles



The vision of our church is the story we are called to live within our changing world.

It articulates our passion, our collective inspiration and our joy as people shaping our lives by the story of God among us. We seek to be accessible to all who are interested in Christ and all who identify with our values.

Our Mission Principles seek to capture God's ongoing story of love, grace, and mercy known to us through Jesus Christ. They mark how we will respond as life-giving communities of faithful people.

## *Launceston News*

*Monthly newsletter of the Launceston Uniting Churches* A place where we can celebrate our community, share stories, news, and events of our local parishes and beyond. The invitation is there for anyone with something to share to send in your "article", or advertisement for inclusion. Let's get celebrating!

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information contact : Ian Farquhar



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