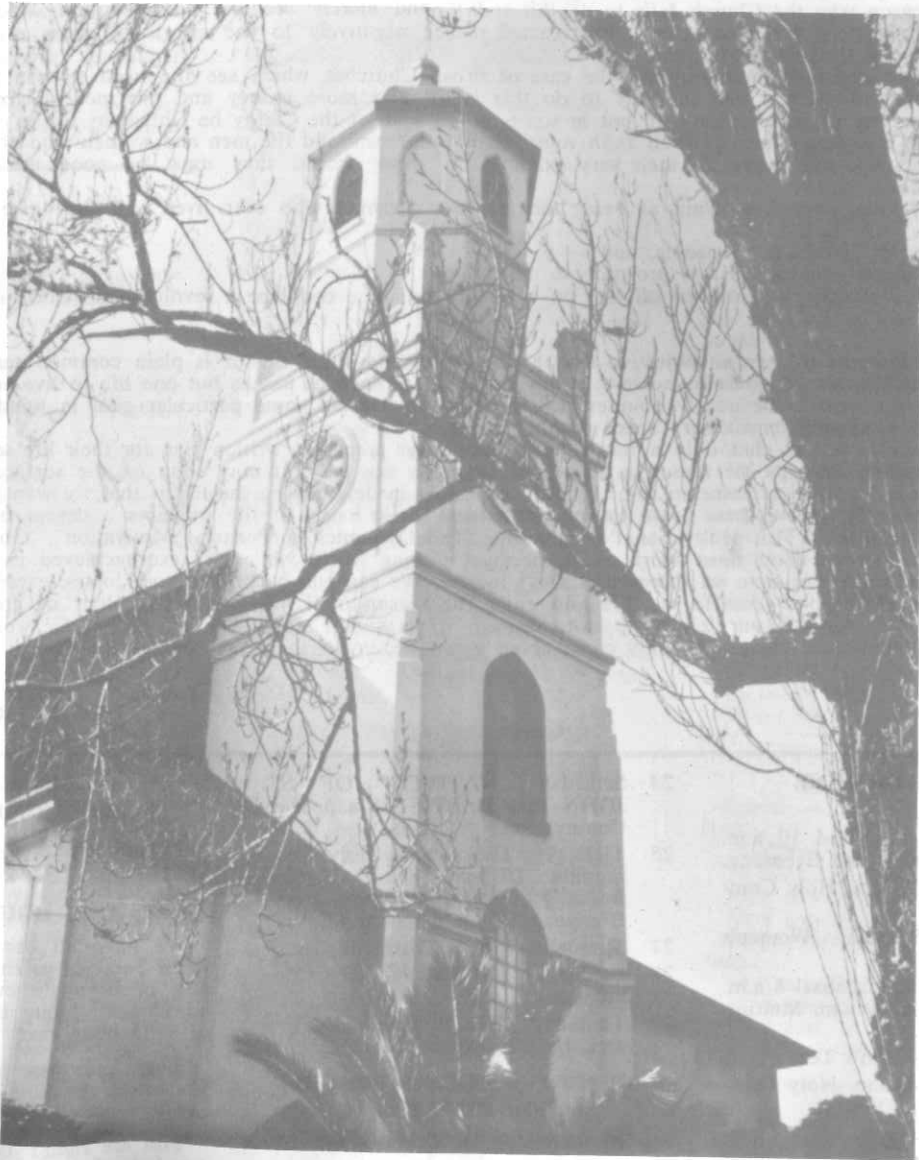


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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's,

This week in a school class we were talking about "The Church — Building or People" and one boy asked a question which encouraged much discussion. It was "What do Christians do about making others Christians?", he went on to add, "I don't mean parsons, I mean the members".

When I arrived home from that class, I received in the post an article by Everald Compton, and as it was so related to the question and discussion at school, I now quote it at length, for it seems to me to be worth sharing with you.

"GETTING ON WITH THE REAL TASK OF THE CHURCH"

The only real purpose for having Churches today is that they have the task of winning new people to the Christian Way of Life. Unless they have that task, there is no possible justification for their existence.

Perhaps the reason why the Church fails to do this today, and merely becomes an institution which is some sort of spiritual home for people, is that the community has reacted rather negatively to the efforts of mass evangelists or to the excesses of fundamentalist Christianity in years past.

This is a tragedy, but even more tragic is the case of those Churches which see the need to win new people to the Christian Way of Life but decided that the way to do this is to raise more money and put more Clergymen in the field. This is merely another way of saying, 'Let's all put in some money and let the Clergy be Christians for us'

The winning of people to the Christian faith must involve the rank and file men and women who are Church Members. They must be the ones who win people by their very example. In other words, they must be good advertisements for the Christian Way of Life.

Most salesmen today regard St. Paul as being the greatest salesman who ever lived and they give him this title for two main reasons:

- (a) He never stopped talking to people, and
- (b) He never stopped looking for new prospects to talk to.

If a fraction of St. Paul's techniques rubbed off just on a few of us, there could be a revolution in Christianity, to the benefit of all mankind.

GOAL SETTING

If we pause a moment to take an objective look at life we would agree that it is plain common sense that every man and woman should have a set of goals to achieve in his or her life. Each of us has but one life to live and we will not pass this way again. It would seem to be utterly pointless to live this life without some particular goal in mind, otherwise we are just wasting time and occupying unnecessary space on the planet.

Yet social scientists tell us that only a handful of people ever prepare a written plan for their life setting out the things that they want to achieve. Perhaps the reason is that goal setting is not easy. It may seem on the surface to be easy but it is very difficult, because we have to come to some priority of values in determining the things that we want to do and we have to change a few attitudes to achieve these goals. Facing up to these basic issues of life, requires a degree of moral courage.

Paul Meyer says in the S.M.I. Motivational Programme "The Dynamics of Personal Motivation", 'Goal setting is a fundamental of human existence. You must work at it, because nothing worth while was ever achieved in life without goals. So let's resolve not to waste our time on things that don't matter. We can win back all of our losses, except time'.

Those thoughts make good sense to me. We now enter the season of Trinity, with its colour of green — for growth. If we are to grow in the faith, if our fellowship is to deepen, if we would see others join us in our worship and activities, then let us be certain that these things will only come about when we, under the power of the Holy Spirit, "sell" our faith by word and deed.

Yours sincerely,
HUGH GIRVAN

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

June —

- 4 TRINITY I: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 11 TRINITY II: (St. Barnabas) 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 14 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 18 TRINITY III: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Grammar Founders Day Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 20 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 21 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

24 Saturday: NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

25 TRINITY IV: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. Bar-B-Q Lunch after service. 7 p.m. Evensong. 8.15 p.m. "20 and Overs".

27 Tuesday: G. F. S. Townsend Group.

28 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

29 Thursday: ST. PETER'S DAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR JUNE 11th

1. Mr. and Mrs. W. Donaldson.
2. Mr. and Mrs. G. Lillico.
3. Mr. and Mrs. G. Hill.
4. Miss Willson and Mr. R. Girvan.
5. Mr. K. Jack.
6. Mr. Hutchinson and Miss Brownrigg.
7. Mr. J. Roberts and Mr. P. Roberts.

8. Mr. and Mrs. S. Murray.

9. Mr. and Mrs. P. Cranswick.

Anyone unable to attend, please notify M. Perkins 31 3541.

A 35 HOUR YEAR?

We have all heard of the 40 hour week. Some of us enjoy a 35 hour week. Few of us might even yearn for a 30 hour week. None of us would dream of a 35 hour year.

A 35 hour year is not necessarily an advantage. At time it is a distant handicap — especially in Sunday School work.

You are right! Your child is at Sunday School for no more than 35 hours each year. In fact, the average child attends no more than two Sundays out of three. This reduces the hours to 24 This is about the number of hours some children spend in front of the T.V. set each fortnight.

Is 24 hours of instruction per annum sufficient? Is this all the Spiritual and Christian education your child needs and deserves? The answer and the remedy lies with you. Sunday is not a substitute for a Christian home and family worship.

"THE REASONABLENESS OF CHRISTIAN UNITY"

A meeting will be held at the Presbytery, Church of the Apostles, Margaret Street, on

THURSDAY, 8th JUNE
at 8.00 p.m.

to discuss the above paper presented by Dr. S. GIUDICI at the Faith and Order Discussion Day, held at the Launceston Teachers' College on 4th September, 1971.

All interested in the reunion of Christian denominations are urged to attend.



HAPPENINGS

Wedding Bells for Michael Wakefield — formerly involved with our Youth Group and now teaching at Queenstown, and Anne Reardon, also a teacher at Queenstown. Archdeacon Jerrim assisted at the Ceremony in the Central Baptist Church.

Something went wrong with my information service and I missed the wedding on 1st April of former Sunday School teacher, Jenny Stokes with Dennis Carter. Our congratulations.

Enjoyed the exhibition held in conjunction with the "Tasmania in May" service. A permanent display, as in St. David's Cathedral, could prove very popular.

Met two very special visitors during the month, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, the parents of our organist. We now know where Lindsay got his charm.

The Churches do care. I noted the report that the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief together received \$2,285,000 in 1971, for their overseas aid and development programmes.

Which reminds me that the World Council of Churches was widely criticised when it made grants under its Programme to Combat Racism Scheme, but the press have not been quick to headline the part played by the W.C.C. in helping to settle the civil war that has plagued the Sudan for the last seven years.

Nicely put — Recently I read: "Church externals are not important. It is the inner life and spirit of the Church that is important. It is the coins in a money-box that possess value. The shape of the box does not matter."

One for the husbands. It seems that King Solomon's 999th wife was feeling coy one afternoon. So flirting a little, she tickled his nose with an ostrich feather and said, "Sol, tell me — do you really love me? Am I important to you?"

Solomon — a man of wisdom, remember — replied: "Darling, you are one in a thousand!"

Elizabeth Street

MOTHERS' UNION

What an enjoyable meeting we had in May, we commenced with a service in the Chapel conducted by the Rector, who spoke on three aspects of the Holy Spirit — the Liberty, the Power and the Fellowship.

Following the business, our new Enrolling Member, Mrs. Girvan, discussed with us Family Bible Study and available booklets. We will endeavour to make time available each day and discuss our results at the next meeting. Mrs. Girvan then demonstrated fabric painting with crayons on tea towels. This was a new handcraft to most, and we had fun commencing one of our own. These tea towels will supplement our gifts to the overseas sale.

We look forward to our next meeting when we will sort and price items for the old clothes sale which will aid the Sunday School. Our tea towels will be collected at this meeting. Supper hostesses will be — Mesdames M. Easther and T. White.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church	Chapel
June 4 —	
Mrs. J. Stevenson	
Mrs. B. Easther	Mrs. Girvan
June 11 —	
Mrs. Cornish	Mrs. Smith
June 18 —	
Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Greuber
June 25 —	
Mrs. M. Easther	Mrs. Thompson
July 2 —	
Mrs. Page	Mrs. Watson Jnr.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD MAY REPORT

The Annual and General meeting of St. John's Women's Guild were held at the home of Mrs. Palliser, with 15 members in attendance. The previous office bearers were re-elected namely: President Mrs. T. White
Vice President Mrs. H. Palliser
Secretary Mrs. H. Harris
Treasurer Mrs. J. Sheldrick

The Guild Committee: Mesdames Easther, Swinnerton and Andrews.

It was moved that the subscription for Guild membership be increased to \$1.00 per year. The President would like to thank those people who answered our request for knitters, thank you so much.

August 15th may seem in the distant future but!! 10 weeks only. Keep this date in mind, the time 8 p.m., the event our "Fashion Parade".

The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Record, 59 Ann St., on June 8th. Remember ours is a hobby night. Supper hostesses — Mesdames Record and Kerrison.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday June 19th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Mesdames Cox and Maclaine. Members please note the alteration of the Annual meeting. Owing to several of our members who seek the warmer climate in July, it was decided to advance the meeting one month, and because of the holiday weekend, the date fixed was June 19th.

Last month the meeting was held at the hospital. Matron Wynwood joined members for afternoon tea, after which Matron invited members to inspect the new wall-to-wall carpet recently purchased down-stairs, also the new carpet-arm chairs and curtains for the Nurses Home.

It was indeed very rewarding for members to see that money which we have donated put towards these improvements.

The Graduation Ceremony was attended by Mesdames Holyman, Palliser, Strickland and Miss Lockwood.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

June:	
4 —	B. Proverbs.
11 —	G. Hill.
18 —	Mr. Perkins.
July:	
2 —	J. Stevenson.

READERS ROSTER

Epistle —	
June:	
4 8 a.m.	I Newman
11 8 a.m.	J Sheldrick
18 8 a.m.	M. Parker.
25 8 a.m.	M. Scott.
Intercessions —	
June:	
4 8 a.m.	G. Swinnerton
11 8 a.m.	J. Jones.
18 8 a.m.	M. Easther.
25 8 a.m.	Lady James.

BAR-B-Q

Parents of our Sunday School children are invited to bring their families to a Bar-B-Q to be held in the Rectory garden after the Family Service on Sunday 25th June.

Tea, coffee and cordial will be supplied. Bring your own food.

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