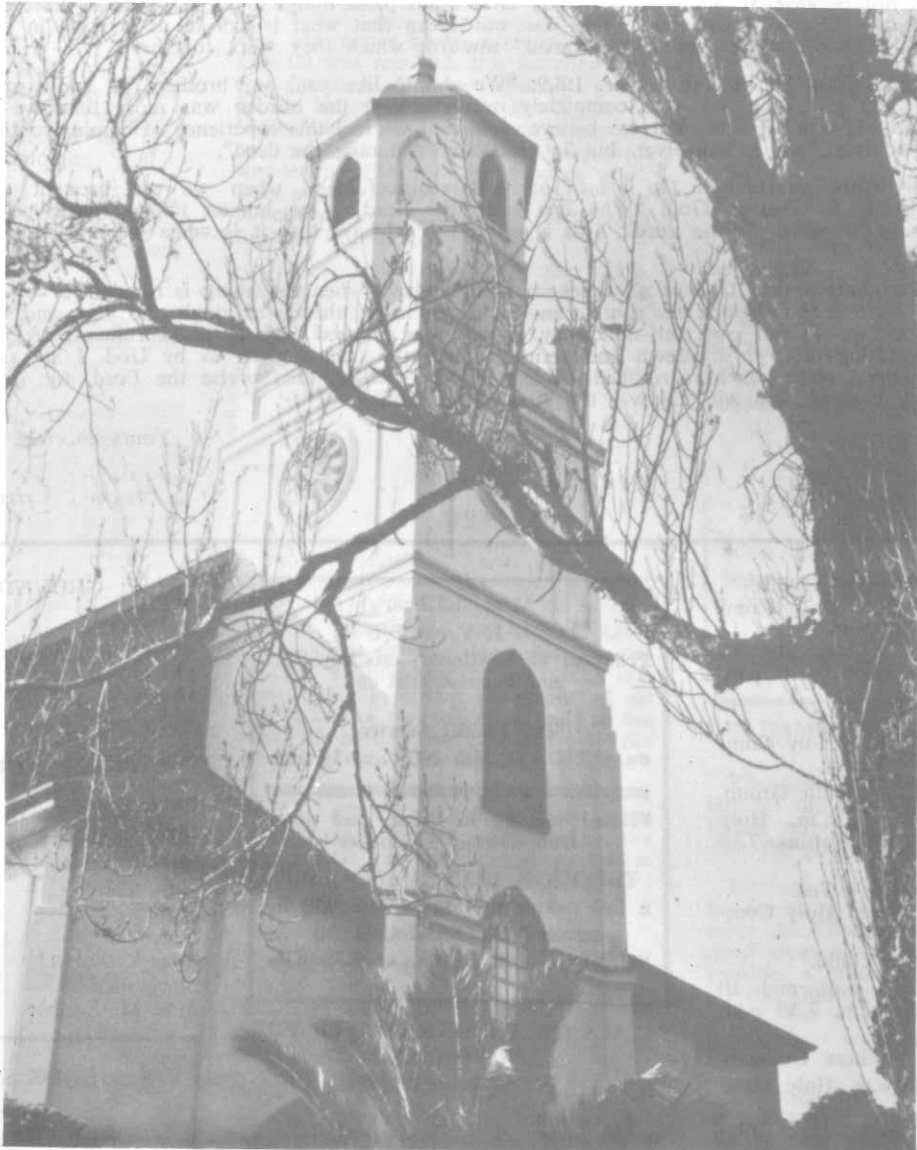


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PARISH MESSENGER



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's

Just before her death the late Enid Hart lent me a book by Merlin Carothers, a G.I. during World War II, who after trafficking on the black market in post war Germany, was converted and later became a chaplain with the U.S. Army in Korea and Vietnam. The burden of his message in "Prison to Praise" is the need to give thanks to God at all times.

Carothers would have us be thankful for our difficulties, for our problems, for our sickness, for our infirmities. This very much goes against the natural grain, for so much of our community attitude, and at times our Church attitude, is concerned with getting rid of these difficulties.

It seems crazy to thank God for our problems, our misery, or our personal difficulties. Yet St. Paul says "In everything give thanks". This is not because St. Paul believes that God sends these things to us, but because he believes that "all things work together for good to those who love God". This does not mean that what is evil to us is good in itself, but rather that they "work together for good". What then is the "good" towards which they work together?

The answer comes from St. Paul in 2 Cor. 1:8,9: "We should like you, our brothers, to know something of what we went through in Asia. At that time, we were completely overwhelmed, the burden was more than we could bear; in fact we told ourselves that this was the end. Yet we believe now that we had this experience of coming to the end of our tether, that we might learn to trust, not in ourselves, but in God who can raise the dead".

Often it is only when we come to the end of our self-resourcefulness, when we are brought to the end of our tether, that we are ready to trust in God, "Who can raise the dead". Our human nature makes us want to do it all ourselves. Our faith says "be strong in the Lord". This is why St. Paul says that it is when we are weak that we are strong. (2 Cor. 12:10).

This is why Carothers praises God at all times, and particularly when the going is rough. For when we know that we can do nothing, we discover how much the Lord can do. Very often this is through the lips and skill of those who have been near us, but we, in our own self-sufficiency, have never allowed them to be instruments of God's love.

I am not advocating that we sit down and refuse to use the talents given us by God. I am saying, when you are sick, when you are in need, when you have reached the end of your tether, then praise the Lord, for if you will allow him then, at your weakest moment, you will discover the strength of God.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Girvan

CALENDER FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 ALL SAINTS DAY: Holy Communion 8 and 10.30 a.m.
- 5 TRINITY XXIII: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L.
- 8 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 11 Saturday: 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 12 TRINITY XXIV: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 15 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 16 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild.
- 19 TRINITY XXV: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 21 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 22 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 TRINITY XXVI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 2.30 p.m. Confirmation. 7.30 p.m. Evensong. 8.45 p.m. 20 & Overs.
- 29 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 30 ST. ANDREW'S DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR
NOVEMBER

G. Thurley.
J. Stevenson.
M. Easter.
S. Murray.
G. Lillico.
G. Atkins.
L. Watts.
L. Hutchinson.
W. Donaldson.
G. Hill.

GROUNDS ROSTER

November —
4 G. Swinnerton.
11 G. Lillico.
18 J. Roberts.
25 L. Jones.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church	Chapel
November 5 — Mrs. Cornish.	Mrs. Crawford
November 12 — Mrs. B. Easter	Mrs. Watson Jnr.
November 19 — Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Girvan
November 26 — Mrs. M. Easter	Mrs. Smith

GOD'S SMUGGLER

in Australia

BROTHER ANDREW

Smuggler of Scriptures beyond the
Iron Curtain

will speak in the Princess Theatre on
MONDAY, 13th NOV. at 7.30 p.m.



HAPPENINGS

Were you in church when the Rector announced that Lindsay Hutchinson has been awarded a Travelling Scholarship by the University of Melbourne? For a moment I thought the congregation was going to clap. Why don't we let ourselves go on these occasions? With or without the clap, congratulations to Lindsay II.

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"There's a time and place for everything". After the last two Family Service I now vote for more "mod" tunes and guitars at what has become the best attended service of the month.

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Congratulations to Vestryman Ken Atkins and his wife Aileen who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

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Newest parishioner this month is Philip Victor Routley, born on October 3rd. Congratulations to Ian and Jennifer.

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We didn't see much of Enid Hart, wife of Rupert, a former church-warden. For years she carried the burden of ill health, yet through her prayer life she had a very real ministry. Her sudden death on September 28th ended that ministry, but many will continue to thank God for it.

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Good to see so many at the Parish Family Luncheon. The greenery hid the defects of the old hall, the food was tasty and ample, and we had time to talk. Full marks to those who organised it for us.

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Hear some of our young people helped the St. John Ambulance doorknock. Our future is safe in the hands of such public spirited youths.

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Our "hidden talents" department has revealed an author in our midst. Bruce Proverbs has had his book "Effective Business Communication" published by Angus and Robertson. Next month Bruce leaves, with his family, to take up an overseas Travel Scholarship.

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Overheard some teenagers discussing whether girls or boys were the more intelligent. Finally one girl finished any argument, "boys may be more intelligent than girls" said she, "but you never see a woman marrying a dumb man because of his shape".

Elizabeth Street

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

Members of the Auxiliary will meet at the home of the President Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, on Monday, November 20th at 2.45 p.m. Members please note the alteration of date — this is our final meeting for 1972. Afternoon tea hostesses — Mesdames A. H. Roake, A. Shephard and J. Gee.

On behalf of the President and members I would like to thank those who attended the card afternoon held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Gardiner, Adelaide St. The sum of \$62.00 was raised. Also the morning tea at Mrs. Holyman's home, a record sum of \$322.00 was received, this included several donations. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Taylor of Valleyfield, who support us so generously each year. Mr. Taylor arrived laden with wonderful gifts for the produce stall. This indeed is very encouraging to our members who willingly support each function throughout the year.

On St. Luke's Day, October 18th, Mesdames Holyman and Palliser made and presented posies to patients in St. Luke's hospital.

Wishing all our friends and supporters the Compliments of the Season.

E. PALLISER,

Hon. Secretary.

AID TO SCHOOLS

For the benefit of those involved in Aid to Schools the following resolution of this year's Synod should be noted.

"This Synod urges the Federal Government to allocate increased finance for the development of education systems which recognise the needs of all groups in the community as well as the right of parents to choose freely the education they wish for their children".

In other words Synod wants more Federal Aid to all schools, bearing in mind the right of all children to receive help in the kind of educational system their parents have chosen for them.

JUMBLE SALE

At the last sale \$36 was raised for Sunday School equipment. Please start collecting now for the next sale and leave your goods at the Rectory.

MOTHERS' UNION

After viewing Mr. Ormrod's excellent set of slides and hearing of the practical needs of many of our fellow citizens of this city, we all felt more enlightened. If any parishioners have any clothing (clean and in good repair) or suitable household items for which they have no further need, Mr. Ormrod and his staff would gratefully receive them.

Miss Lilly Best will be guest speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday, 21st November. Miss Best has a wonderful set of slides of her travels through New Guinea and North Western Australia. We are assured of a great night. All welcome. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Roberts and Piper.

Members are reminded of the cleaning of the Chapel on Tuesday, 14th November, at 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Owing to illness and some members being away on holidays, the meeting was over in a short time as there were only six members present.

Major issues were not discussed. However, it was decided to send \$10 to the Mission to Seamen, and to have the sanctuary curtains dry cleaned and also to hold a stall on December 2nd, Election Day.

BUT!! we did not pack up and go home, after attending to the several small items, we all enjoyed very much the music Mrs. Watson played for us on her piano.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Page, 12 Spencer Street. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Page and Easter.

You are invited
to a
PUBLIC RECEPTION
in honour of
the Rt. Rev. DAVID HAND
Bishop of Papua-New Guinea and
the Rev. CAEDMON KOIEBA
in St. John's Hall
on Thursday, November 9th

GRAHAM & HELEN THURLEY TO B.C.A.

The Rev. Graham Thurley, our assistant for the last two years, and his wife Helen, have been accepted for service with the Bush Church Aid Society.

Graham and Helen will leave us early in February (more of this later) and serve the Church in one of those scattered areas of population where B.C.A. provides a ministry. The exact location for the Thurleys has not yet been determined, but wherever it may be it will involve heat and dust and flies and isolation.

To offer for this kind of missionary service within Australia seldom carries the glamour of overseas service, but it requires great courage and deep faith. B.C.A. on its part accepts only the best of those who offer for this difficult work, and we offer our congratulations to Graham and Helen and promise them our interest and prayers as they undertake their new work.

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