

PARISH MESSENGER

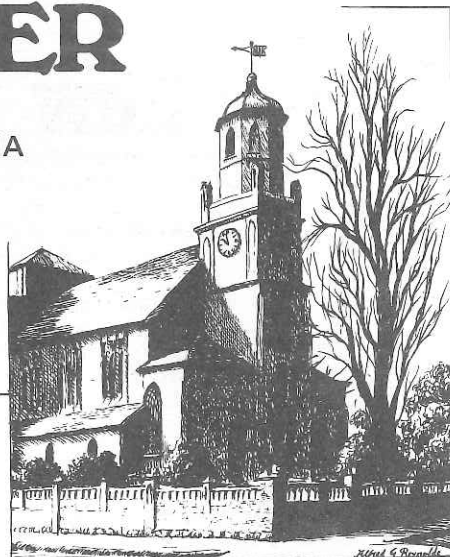
FOR

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

(ANGLICAN)

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Lord,
by your
cross and
resurrection
you have
set us
Free.
You are the
Saviour
of the world.



Easter Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. — Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

9.00 a.m. — Family Service.

12 noon - 3 p.m. — Devotional Service.

7.00 p.m. — Music of the Passion and Readings.

EASTER DAY

8.00 a.m. — Holy Communion.

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7.00 p.m. — Holy Communion.

HE IS RISEN - HE IS ALIVE!

Lisa's new friend

Mum and Dad were rather anxious when it was time for Lisa to start school. She was a quiet shy, little girl, and they knew she would not make friends easily. So they were delighted when Lisa met Mummy at the gate on the first day, eyes shining, and announced, "I've found a friend!"

Lisa's friend was Emma, and each day Mum and Dad heard more about her. Emma drew the best pictures; Emma could read — Lisa was still learning — Emma was so clever, so kind. Emma had lovely long hair, and when they played hairdressers Lisa would brush it. Could Emma come and play?

On Open Day, when Mummy visited Lisa's classroom to see her work and meet her Teacher, she was looking forward to meeting Emma. She hoped Emma's Mother might be there too, so they could arrange for the girls to play after school. "Which is Emma, Lisa?" she asked. Lisa took her hand and led her to her friend. "This is Emma, Mummy," she said. Mummy was startled, "Why! she's in a wheel chair!" she thought.



by Joan Kirk

Just then Emma's Mother spoke to her. "Mrs. Smith? I'm Sue Roberts. We've been so happy to know Lisa and Emma are friends. Lisa has been so good to Emma, she fetches things for her, and wheels her around the playground. We were worried about her coming to school, because you know how unkind children can be when they want, but Lisa has made it so easy for Emma."

They chatted for a while, and Lisa's Mummy heard how Emma had been in a car accident and lost the use of her legs. The girl's teacher joined them, and said how pleased she was about the friendship between them. She said she had been able to encourage the other children to be helpful and kind to Emma, and accept her readily as one of the class.

That night, Mummy said "Why didn't you tell us she was in a wheelchair?" Lisa looked up. "That doesn't matter," she said simply. "She's my friend."

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★ PRAY FOR THE PARISH STAFF ★

Mrs. Joan Ikin needs your prayers as she tries to keep the Rector in order. Her job is a demanding and strategic one. The Office Secretary never has a dull moment nor the opportunity to get in a rut.

— PARISH NOTES —

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP

Parish Centre 6 p.m. TUESDAY, 13TH APRIL.
Guest Speaker — Dr. Trevor Clezy.
Cost — \$3.00.

Dr. Clezy's work in refugee camps in Thailand has left him with a clear view of the needs and problems of these people. He speaks as a Christian and member of the Medical Profession.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 11th April at 11.15 a.m.

If unable to attend please ring Lesley or Michael Perkins on 28 1358 (home).

H. Bourke, M. Easther, G. Swinnerton, T. White, M. Willson, W. Donaldson, D. Plumridge.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Meeting Weekly:

- Parish Fellowship — 8 p.m. Tuesday.
- G.F.S. — 6 p.m. Wednesday.
- C.E.B.S. — 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Choir — 7.30 p.m. Thursday.
- Youth Group — 7.30 p.m. Friday.
- Wednesday Bible Study — 9.15 a.m. at CMS House.

Meeting Monthly:

- 2nd Monday — St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital 2.45 p.m.
- 2nd Tuesday — Men's Tea 6.00 p.m.
- 2nd Thursday — Women's Guild 7.45 p.m.
- 3rd Tuesday — Mother's Union 7.45 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday — G.F.S. Townsend 7.45 p.m.

REFLECTIONS

EASTER

Life was suddenly empty. There was no longer anything to live for. Her mind was numb. Her heart broken. She stumbled through the garden, away from the open grave. Where had they taken her Lord?

"Mary!"

Incredulously she stared, joy mounting in her heart.

"Master!" Dear God — he was alive . . . alive!

A band of men stay firmly behind the locked doors of an upper room. They are beaten men with shattered hopes and dreams. They saw him die a criminal's death. After three wonderful years he has gone. What is there to live for?

Suddenly . . . incredibly, Jesus is there, in their very midst, saying: "Peace be with you." And their sorrow is turned to joy.

His presence made all the difference to Mary and the disciples. It still does — to us.

Dorothy O'Neill

THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



Dear Friends,

Many Christians today are upset by the way materialism and commercialization are cashing in on the most important of our Christian Festivals. We need reminding that the Christian Church, in earlier days, used the time set apart for pagan festivals as an opportunity for Christian celebration. Instead of becoming depressed and negative we too need to latch onto the evangelistic opportunity provided.

Commercialization and materialism are bringing into "celebration" an increasing hollowness. They encourage the cult of greed and things, increasing the emptiness in our society. Celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Christ, has for far too many been overshadowed by the commercialization of Santa Claus. Celebration of the Crucified and Risen Saviour has reverted back for many to the fertility cult, an obsession with the "easter bunny". We in the Christian Church have a life-filling dynamic to live and share - none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. If He is not the Crucified and Risen Lord, He is nothing. Far too often our lives and worship give the impression He is nothing to us. This society of ours is looking for purpose, peace and hope. It looks at members of the Christian Church to see if it finds there any evidence of the Lord. I don't believe it is looking for perfect people (it won't find them anyway), but it does want to see the reality of a Risen Saviour in our lives and worship.

I challenge every Christian to proclaim "He is Risen" in both everyday life and worship. By doing so this society of ours will be left in no doubt that we know the One in whom we believe, the One in whom we have found forgiveness and life, the One who gives us His Holy Spirit to be our guide day by day.

Your friend and Rector,

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, held their first meeting for this year in the Parish Centre on Monday March 8th, 1982. The President, Mrs. Holyman, welcomed Mrs. J. Green back to the Auxiliary after an absence of several years. A cheque for \$280.00 has been sent to the hospital towards a new theatre trolley, also \$60.00 for two office chairs. On Mothering Sunday March 21st members will make posies and distribute them to patients in Hospital. Arrangements are being made for the Autumn Morning Tea to be held in the Parish Centre on

Wednesday May 12th, 10 a.m. - ALL WELCOME. Next Meeting Wednesday April 19th 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea Hostesses:- Mrs. G. Atkinson, Mrs. M. Page and Mrs. D. Butler. Members please note alteration of date owing to Easter holiday.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

- 28th March - Richard William Max Lee
- 28th " - Alice Kate Palmer
- 28th " - Rebecca Lauren Smith

MARRIAGE

- 6th March - Roger Clive Trethewie to Susan Jane Crouch
- 6th " - Stephen Robert Thomson to Judith Ann Bosworth
- 6th " - Michael James Eltringham to Christine Joy Stone
- 6th " - Kenneth John Claridge to Debra Anne Cassidy
- 6th " - Grant Terence Dargavel to Jillian Leila Radford
- 13th " - Michael Raymond Tunks to Gail Marie Matthews
- 13th " - Matthew Timothy Bayles to Colleen Mary Burk
- 13th " - Kevin Anthony Cosslet to Anne Marie Dawe
- 20th " - Warwick Richard Allen to Kathryn Ailsa Roberts
- 27th " - Robin Charles Knox to Vicki Dawn Ion
- 27th " - Neil James Green to Sharon Anne George

DEATHS

- 27th February - Frederick Charles Sutor
- 7th March - Frances Mary Findlay
- 15th " - Olive Elsie Arnold

- PARISH NOTES -

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th April, commencing with a Service at 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Members are asked to read and think about the First Object of M.U. for discussion at this meeting.

Morning Tea in Holy Week, Wednesday, 7th April after the 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service. ALL WELCOME. Anyone requiring transport please ring -

Mrs. Jan Easterher on 947287
Mrs. Sue Cartledge on 315789

WOMEN'S GUILD

Meetings will continue to be held on 2nd Thursday each month, 7.45 p.m. On Saturday, 1st May, 2.30 p.m. a "Paradette" with musical items will be held in the Parish Centre (by courtesy of Capri). Donation \$2.50. Tickets available at the Office. Next meeting 13th May. Supper hostesses - B. Parramore, K. Ford, M. Peck.

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JESUS IS ABLE

- He is able to save. Hebrews 7:25.
- He is able to keep you from falling. Jude 24.
- He is able to help those who are tempted. 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- He is able to do for us more than we ask or think. Ephesians 3:20.
- He is able to make all grace abound. 2 Corinthians 9:8.

GOOD FRIDAY

This puzzle contains 40 words and phrases from John 19:17-30 (the shorter version of the Gospel reading for Good Friday). The words may be forward, backward, up, down or diagonal, but they are always in a straight line. Some of the letters are used more than once, and there are some letters that you won't use at all. Circle the words in the diagram as you find them, and cross them off the list.

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| Bowl | Mary |
| Cheap wine | Mary Magdalene |
| Chief priests | Mother |
| Clothes | Notice |
| Completed | One piece |
| Cross | Pilate |
| Crucified | Robe |
| Died | Scripture |
| Disciple | Seams |
| Divided | Sister |
| Four parts | Skull |
| Gambled | Soldiers |
| Golgotha | Sponge |
| Greek | Thirsty |
| Hebrew | Throw dice |
| He is your son | Woven cloth |
| Hyssop | Written |
| Jesus of Nazareth | |
| John | |
| King of the Jews | |
| Latin | |
| Loved | |

N.B. the words and phrases are found in the Good News Bible version of John 19:17-39. Read the passage for yourself to see how they fit into the story.

A WORD SEARCH

A H J B C O M P L E T E D S D D E O
 K G Y E J J I S K U L L E P H I F N
 L O R S S O L D I E R S I O M V W E
 N L N E S U H M N O P T F N A I R P
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A RULE OF LIFE

While Lent is time for a special Rule, a Christian should have for all seasons a Rule of Life. This has been a mark of both Catholic and Evangelical spirituality down the ages. Within the Anglican tradition, for example, it has a mark of the saints of the Anglo-Catholic revival of the Oxford Movement; and no less of Evangelicals like William Wilberforce. Indeed, John Wesley and his friends were nicknamed "Methodists" because they were so methodical about the discipline of ordered spiritual life.

This sense of Rule in the Christian life has sadly been lost by many of those who today would accept the label "Anglo Catholic" or "Evangelical" to say nothing of those who would simply call themselves "Anglican" or "Christian". This is a great loss.

I want to suggest to you that we would all do well to develop for ourselves not only a special rule for Lent, but a Rule of Life to provide a basic framework for a disciplined spirituality throughout the whole year.

*Archbishop Keith Rayner,
The Adelaide Church Guardian.*

★★★★ DIARY SPECIALS (APRIL) ★★★★★

- Tuesday 13th — Men's Tea.
- Wednesday 14th — Vestry.
- Thursday 15th — Sunday School Teachers Meeting.
- Wednesday 21st — 1.30 p.m. Service for — "Australian Church Women".
- Tuesday 27th — Annual Meeting of the Towns- end Group.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

God created us to love people and to use things; our problem comes when we love things and try to use people.
Author unknown.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday.
Evening Prayer: 7 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
(Laying on of Hands — 7 p.m. 4th Sunday).

WEEKDAYS

7.30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Holy Communion: 10.30 a.m. Wednesday.