

PARISH MESSENGER

FOR

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

In May I informed an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners that we were advised Stage One of the restoration, with the extras involved, would cost \$150,000 plus \$25,000 for fees and administration. We thought this left us with \$65,000 for reconstruction of the West Wall Gallery incorporating a Narthex underneath.

Unforeseen problems arose, particularly with the front tower section, plus additional costs were incurred in many other areas. We are now faced with the embarrassing fact that Stage One is costing a total of \$265,000 - \$270,000. A total of \$240,000 has been promised over a three year period and thankfully \$193,000 has already been received. We are forced into a \$50,000 loan/overdraft situation which will add at least another \$5,000 in interest charges. We urgently need to raise an extra \$30,000 to cover cost of Stage One alone.

If it weren't for the fact that the total work on Stage One has been concluded in ten months instead of three years, as initially planned, costs would have been even higher. Sub-contractors have in their work made gifts totalling \$15,000 - \$20,000, for which we are very grateful. The Architect has refunded part of his fee and given another gift in kind; such has been the interest and commitment to the project.

Obviously we cannot proceed with Stage Two at present as it would cost, on current estimates, \$43,000. However, it is hoped that sometime in the future Stage Two can be proceeded with.

The special Thanksgiving service is still to take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, 12th December, 1982. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I could report, at the Service, that God had provided us with a miracle! Why not?

Your friend and Rector,

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.

A hug for dad

by Joan Kirk.

Lyn had Kerry to play after school one day. They were in the same class, but Mum hadn't met Kerry before. When it was time for her to go home, she was going to walk.

"Isn't your Mum going to pick you up?" asked Mum.

"No," said Kerry. "She works."

"Where do you live?" asked Mum.

"In Oak Street. It's not far."

"Is there anyone home then?" asked Mum.

"Yes," said Kerry. "My Gran lives with us."

"Come on," said Mum. "We'll take you home."

When the family were seated at the tea table Mum asked Lyn. "Has Kerry got a Dad?"

"Yes," said Lyn. "But her parents are divorced. She goes to stay with her Dad some weekends. He gives her terrific presents. You should see her bedroom, she's got a record player, and he gave her a digital watch, too."

The family continued their meal,



then Lyn said, "When I grow up I'm going out to work and you can look after my children, Mum."

"Oh no!" said Mum. "Grandma doesn't look after you! Why should I take care of your children?"

"Well, lots of ladies work and leave their children with someone else."

"Yes, if they have no choice, like Kerry's Mum. But I don't want you to think that if you have children you automatically leave them so you can go out to work. If you need me to help look after them I certainly will,

but just don't take it for granted I'll do it all the time."

After tea, when the dishes were washed, and the family were watching TV, Lyn came in from her bath in her pyjamas. She climbed on to Daddy's lap and curled up beside him.

"I'd rather have a Dad than lots of presents," she said. "I'm glad I've got a Dad AND a Mum!"

Daddy hugged her. "I'm glad, too, Lyn," he said.

There's an old saying that says "The family that prays together stays together." There is a more recent one that says, "The family that nourishes together, flourishes together." Does your family all sit down together for your evening meal, give thanks for your food, and talk to each other about what has happened during the day?

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

This group meets on the second Tuesday in the month at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

Guest speakers often bring some new food for thought.

For the September meeting we heard some excerpts from tapes made at a recent parish renewal weekend. These were from addresses given by Reverend Terry Fullam of the Episcopal Church in U.S.A.

After dinner there was a discussion based on the experiences of various members of the Fellowship and how the teaching presented by the Reverend Terry Fullam affected/influenced them.

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

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 11th October at 4.45 p.m.

At 10.30 a.m. Thursday 28th October a special "Morning Tea" will be held in the Parish Centre and proceeds will be for Barclay House our special project for 1982. All welcome. Admission \$1.00. Goods for sale.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND ANNUAL FAIR

23rd October - 10.am. - 12 noon.

Stalls: Cake. Produce, White Elephant, Books, Work Stall (Pillowslips a speciality).

Morning Tea — proceeds to G.F.S. Townsend Carpet Fund.

I MET A MAN CALLED... PETER

Remember the film about Peter Marshall and that beautiful song from the film?

Did you know that Catherine Marshall has written a number of books since her biography on her husband?

They are about another man in her life, A MAN CALLED... JESUS. Her books are simply written and full of inspiration.

BEYOND OURSELVES is a book for people who are searching for real meaning to life and a closer relationship with God.

CLAIMING GOD'S PROMISES —

Catherine Marshall is co-author with such great christians as J. B. Phillips, Cliff Richard and Malcolm Muggeridge, and here we have a book which brings the promises of God into our everyday experiences.

These and other books may be borrowed from St. John's Church library or purchased from C.M.S. bookshop.

LORD COGGAN IN LAUNCESTON

The Most Reverend F. Donald Coggan (101st Archbishop of Canterbury) will be visiting Launceston briefly in October. He will be delivering a public lecture for the Bible Society.

WHEN: 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 27th October

WHERE: Albert Hall

COST: Donation to the Bible Society.

LECTURE TITLE: "Christ's Second Eye".

The Archbishop is well known for his humour, his ability as a scholar and speaker. His visit will make this one of those once in a lifetime opportunities to hear a great christian leader in action.

Preceding the lecture is an Organ Recital by Graham Piper (City Organist).

THE WALSH WINDOW

On Sunday 24th October at the 10 a.m. Service a new window will be Dedicated. It is in memory of Joan Carr Walsh who died 12th August, 1978. The window features motherhood, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, Elizabeth the Mother of John the Baptist, and the words of Luke 1:46.

The stained glass windows are a great feature of our church. the Perrin window over the Westminster Gallery is a fine example of a "Rose" window, and it depicts the biblical images of Jesus (lion, lamb, vine etc).

In the Sanctuary windows depict the life of Jesus from his conception to the calling of Paul. All these windows are worth a close look.

ST. LUKE

On October 18th the church remembers the life and work of St. Luke. Did you know that this great man was:-

- * A member of the medical profession.
- * Secretary to Paul the Apostle.
- * A traveller who visited much of the Mediterranean area.
- * An Evangelist who taught and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- * An author who wrote at least two books (The Gospel of Luke and The Acts of the Apostles).

If doing one job seems wearing, remember St. Luke. But remember too that his strength and ability came from God and not from himself. Luke wanted to write down the truths which he knew. He investigated these carefully and then wrote his books. (Luke 1:3).

OVERCOMING FEAR THROUGH FAITH

An inscription above the fireplace of an old English inn says, "Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered; no one was there."

The older we grow, the more we come to grips with this thing called fear - fear of failing health, fear of the future, fear of the unknown, perhaps even fear of age itself.

The first thing we should remember is that fear is nothing to be ashamed of. On the other hand, uncontrolled fear is a poison that can paralyse and immobilise.

One antidote to fear is courage. Courage is not the absence of fear. It is the ability to go ahead in spite of fear. What is the source of courage like this? Its source is faith in God - faith in that power which created the universe and endowed it with such virtues as kindness and love.

Another antidote to fear is a healthy confidence in ourselves, a confidence which says, "With God's help, I can overcome my difficulties or find the patience and strength to endure them."

When fear knocks, let faith answer. With God's help we can overcome our fears.

Thanks be to God for winds of change

By: BRUCE PREWER

With ecumenism and all that, what do we do now "Reformation Day?"

Such occasions used to be opportunities for exhilarating singing, praying, stirring, preaching on the theme of why "they" were all wrong and "we" were all right.

Since then we have looked deeply into the eyes of our Roman Catholic friends. It is hard to believe that they were the kids with whom we used to exchange insults and stones on the way home from school.

Thank God for the wind of change. Yet sometimes we may feel insecure in it all.

Some folk can't stand it. For them the scene is too open, too threatening. They say that we have betrayed the faith.

For the rump, we must put up with the insecurity as we continue to discover where the wind of God is carrying us. Come to think of it this insecurity is remarkably akin to what one finds in the writing of Martin Luther. I wonder if . . .

Back to the original question, "Where now Reformation Day?" Recent experience may help us to look more objectively at the Reformation.

It was a disaster in that it split the church into many segments and fostered terrible torture, persecution and war. It opened a chasm between secular and religious life, and it per-

mitted national groups to play one section of the church off against the other.

Worst of all, the split church has made it almost impossible for the Prince of Peace to be seen as a cred-



ible reconciling force in a frightened and hate-filled world.

On the other side of the balance sheet remains the glory of the Reformation. The joy in the Gospel whereby we stand free and accepted before God simply by His grace. An emphasis on the Word as the authority rather than the heavy hand of the institutional church. The value of the individual before God and a new awareness of the liberty of the child- ren of God.

Such affirmations are still worth celebrating.

Today the "battle lines" are not drawn between Protestant and Roman Catholic. Rather there is a new line, by which some of us stand with many

RC's against the legalists in both Protestant and Roman Catholic Church.

So the Reformation still goes on. Pray God that the struggle this time will be in dialogue. Not in alienation, scorn, mistrust and hatred.

LIFESTYLE AND GOSPEL

"We need to take some more-than-symbolic actions to reduce our dependence on luxuries, reduce our travelling, endless meetings, and consumption of energy, and in some way begin to act as the people of God in a world of limited resources and energy. Our standard of living isn't possible any more. The gospel will not permit us to live this way any more."

Howard L. Rice.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Meeting Weekly:

- Home Bible Study - 7.30 p.m. Monday.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study, C.M.S. House - 9.15 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Rectory - 8 p.m.
- G.F.S. - 6 p.m. Wednesday.
- "Know your Bible" series for women in Rectory - 10.15 a.m. Thursday.
- C.E.B.S. - 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Choir - 7.30 p.m.
- Youth Group - 7.30 p.m. Friday.

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.

WHICH HALF ?

I must concentrate
 On the half of my argument
 That is right
 And the half of his argument
 that is wrong
 And so we can argue
 For ever -

But if I could add
 The half of his argument
 That is right,
 To the half of my argument
 That is right,
 We could move
 Towards
 A solution

By Ken Walsh
 Sometimes I Weep (SCM PRESS)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

- 29th August - Jonathon James Welsh
- 12th September - Matthew Scott Jordan
- 26th September - Fabienne Susanthi
 Joyce Bethley

MARRIAGE

- 18th September - Peter Maurice Copleman to Tracey Eilleen Phillips
- 26th September - Shane Anthony Lockwood to Katrina Maree Murray

DEATHS

- 19th September - Athol Stanley Huxtable

YOUTH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

At St. John's Church, 24th October at 2.30 p.m. Youth Orchestra, the Training Orchestra, and the St. Cecilia Junior Orchestra, soloists including Gaylene Cohen organist.

MOTHERS' UNION

Over 200 people gathered at St. John's for the 10 a.m. Service on Sunday 19th September when the new Mothers' Union Banner was dedicated in memory of Mrs. Ida V. Alcock.

The Banner is the result of many hours of fine craftsmanship by members of the Embroiderers' Guild to whom we say our sincere thanks.

Reflections

GOD SPEAKS IN WHISPERS

God sometimes speaks in whispers. He spoke to one man who was standing at his mother's grave, through a single, autumn leaf falling on to the shiny wood of the coffin.

God spoke in a whisper to a mother and child at the dentist's. The little girl was frightened and the mother prayed for her. Just before she went into the surgery a bird came to sing just outside the window. The child was so entranced that she forgot her fears.

God speaks in whispers through nature and in many other ways. He spoke directly to a depressed prophet in a "still, small voice", he spoke to David Wilkerson through a picture in the paper - a picture that haunted him and changed his life.

God speaks to us in everyday life, but do we hear him? Sometimes we are so immersed in ourselves and our problems that we shut out his voice. Jesus said that to hear God we have to listen. He said we must have "ears to hear."

Dorothy O'Neill.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

To be baptised into Christ is to be baptised into hope - and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Archbishop Donald Coggan and Pope Paul VI in their 1977 Common Declaration.