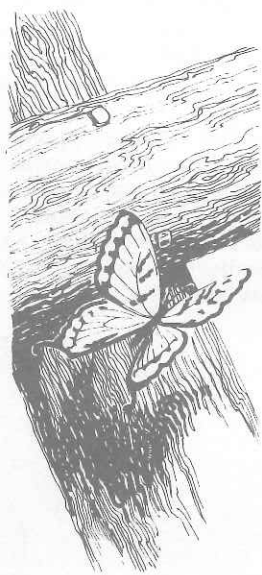
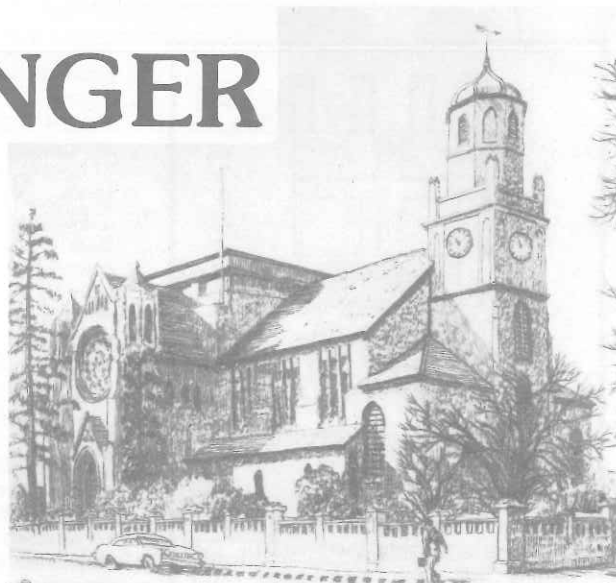


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EASTER~
a time for
celebration
and joy in the

resurrection of our Lord

** EASTER SERVICES **

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
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GOOD FRIDAY

9 a.m. Family Service.
12 noon to 3 p.m. Devotional
service conducted by the
Rt. Rev'd P. K. Newell.
7 p.m. Readings and Music of
Passion.

EASTER DAY

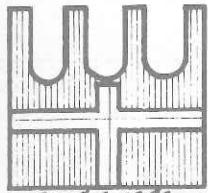
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY SERVICES

H 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.



*Crucified
and Risen*

EASTER DAY

The stories of the appearances of the Risen Jesus cannot be fitted into a tidy pattern. In the details of time and place and circumstance they differ considerably. The one constant feature in all these stories is that Jesus shows himself to his followers to be alive, and active, the same Jesus as they had known, restoring them as before, sending them forth in his name as before. The Risen Jesus takes up the tasks of his earthly ministry, under different conditions but still in all essentials the same tasks. We may not see him as the first disciples did, yet have not we too known One who restores us, though undeserving, and calls us in a way we find impossible to refuse? And can we not recognise in this restoration and this call "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"?

Dr. N Watson

MOTHERS' UNION

St. John's Evening Mothers' Union 20th Annual Report was presented at the Annual General Meeting early in March. The report acknowledged the dedication of M.U. members in carrying out much needed visiting to Barclay House patients at St. Luke's Hospital, as well as reaching out in welcome to the parents of new babies and encouraging the parents of children newly-baptised in the parish. The group has continued with the well-loved tradition of distributing Simnel Cake at all services on Mothering Sunday, and we thank our Rector for incorporating the theme of motherly love and family in the Family Service this year.

A little known piece of information in the report is the group's support for a young man in Hobart — David Wallace. Now 22, David has been an adopted son of Mother's Union for many years, from the time he first entered Royal Derwent Hospital as a small boy. For a long time, when David knew nothing of his real

family, he knew he had a group of mothers in Launceston who loved and prayed for him. Some of us met David for the first time this year — we met a young man with a severe handicap who was still able to express his love and appreciation to us.

During this past year, the group has had many interesting speakers and discussions, both within our Branch and also at Diocesan functions with M.U. members from all parts of the State. We also continued our links with people interstate and overseas — Gerald Crispin at Ridley is remembered with cards at Easter and his birthday, and we have links with M.U. Branches in England, Honiara and Melanesia.

Our Branch is in the midst of another busy and challenging year, and as we look forward to the opportunities for fellowship and service it offers, let us give prayerful consideration to the purpose of M.U.: 'to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.'

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 11th April at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Easter, Mrs. Green, Miss Bennett.

A cheque for \$400 was sent to Barclay House part proceeds from our "Morning Tea" last year. Mrs. Holyman and Mrs. Palliser visited Barclay House on Mothering Sunday.

A "Morning Tea" will be held on Wednesday 18th May — proceeds for Barclay House.

MUSIC FOR FAMILY SERVICE

The music for Family Service is developing very well. At each Family Service there are some new hymns being introduced to help the congregation widen the variety of choice available.

We express our thanks to those who form the Orchestra providing us with the music and to the people responsible for writing music for the different instruments.

Parishioners who can play musical instruments and would offer their talent to the Family Service Orchestra should contact Mr. Glenn Clark.

ST. JOHN'S ON TELEVISION

The 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 17th April will be recorded for replay on SUNDAY MAY 15TH.

Maximum attendance would be appreciated on the 17th April and the congregation needs to be seated by 9.40 a.m.

THE POTTER AT WORK

The verse, inscribed on a decorated dish by a Colonial potter, "O Clay I am, it is most true, but scorn me not; for so are you" — should bring us all to the realization that we are mortal. And moreover, should make us humbly understand that, like all living creatures, we have been made by our Creator from the very soil beneath our feet — from the earth we live upon. These same thoughts apply to the potter, who, with his wheel spinning before him, brings life to the shapeless mass of clay turning between his hands. As he centres, opens and raises the clay, he comes to the point where it is no longer a mechanical process, but an intuitive and creative undertaking.

When potters gather to discuss their craft, they not only use words like pots, volume, tension, organic, balance, and symmetry, but the word life is also an important part of their vocabulary. Does the object before them have "life?" This is what distinguishes good pieces of pottery from the bad or just plain ordinary. Above all else, a good pot must have life.

Oddly, enough, many beautiful pots have no life, whereas a humble or mis-shapen pot may. Why? It could be that the potter gave the beautiful pot everything but a sense of dignity and purpose. Beauty without purpose is futile.

Otto Pearsall
Diocese of

North Western Pennsylvania



THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



My dear friends,

As we celebrate Easter Day 1983 at the Lord's Table, let us not forget that Good Friday had to take place first. The events of that day have been variably interpreted down the centuries. Individuals have made light of the whole "Christ event", claiming that Jesus was just another idealistic fool who sacrificed his life for nothing. Others have so spiritualized the events of Good Friday that it is seen as something of religious beauty, to be admired. Let us not live in such a fool's paradise.

We are confronted with the evidence of both the Old and New Testaments, plus the witness of countless Christians in the Church down the centuries. They speak of the reality of the Christ of Golgotha in their lives, the new life He has obtained for them, the release and freedom they have experienced because of the the Lord Jesus Christ and what happened on Good Friday. The close comparison between what was foretold in Isaiah Chapter 53 and the events centuries later, as recorded e.g. in St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 27, should challenge our attention to the detail.

The Isaiah passage clearly states that "The Servant", verse 7, "was oppressed and afflicted." In verse 8, "he was cut off from the land of the living"; verse 9, "he was assigned a grave with the wicked"; verse 10, "he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors." Well may we ask, "why did all this have to happen?" If again we turn to Isaiah chapter 53, the scriptures give us the answers. Verse 8, "for the transgression of my people he was stricken"; verse 10, "the Lord made his life a guilt offering"; verse 11, "by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their

iniquities"; verse 12, "he bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Our society is putting on a bold front. Underneath the facade people are bearing terrible guilt. All around us is corruption and while people may fool some of us some of the time they cannot fool themselves or God forever. Eventually the truth comes home to rest and usually at a time when individuals are least able to cope. Since last Easter the news media have highlighted the sorry tale of human misery, of mistakes made, suffering caused, court action taken. The terrible cost of loose talk and gossip which destroys other people's credibility; the psychological and spiritual damage inflicted by cruelty, incest or sexual abuse; the distrust generated by theft, lies and deception. A growing number of individuals in the workforce complain because they no longer have pride in their work, they are asked to swindle, lie and cheat in an attempt to make bigger profits. I look at the clockface on the tower of St. John's and am reminded that as the minutes pass the number of people cheating and hurting others has grown. Because of this evil inherent in us, Good Friday had to take place. "He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Easter Day is for us a day of celebration because "Christ, our paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8) We celebrate not only because Jesus rose victorious from the grave but because he paid the ransom price for our redemption. I close with the words of scripture, Isaiah chapter 53 verses 4-6, from the New International Version:—

"Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace
was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the
iniquity of us all."

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

— IMPORTANT —
Owing to technical requirements of the ABC film crew the 8 a.m. Service Sunday 17th April will be held in the Parish Centre — no breakfast to follow.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

BIBLE STUDIES:

- * Monday Home Study 7.30 p.m.
- * Wednesday morning at CMS House 9.15 a.m.
- * Wednesday night at the Rectory 8 p.m.
- * "Know your Bible" series for women 10.15 a.m. Thursday at the Rectory.

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

- * GFS — 6 p.m. Wednesday.
- * CEBS — 6 p.m. Thursday.
- * Choir — 7.30 p.m. Thursday.
- * Youth Group — 7.30 p.m. Friday.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

- * 2nd Monday 2.45 p.m. — St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- * 2nd Tuesday 6 p.m. — Men's tea.
- * 2nd Thursday 7.45 p.m. — Women's Guild.
- * 3rd Tuesday 7.45 p.m. — Mothers' Union.
- * 4th Tuesday 7.45 p.m. — GFS Townsend.

WOMEN'S GUILD

A constructive round-the-table conference was held with the Rector at our last meeting, and tentative arrangements discussed re the Floral Festival next September.

Those who patronised our stall on Polling Day will be happy to know that the proceeds \$103, together with \$200 from Guild funds have been forwarded to the Guilds of three churches destroyed in the recent tragic bushfires. Our grateful thanks to those who gave support, and to our members for the food and help involved.

Three new members were welcomed to our Guild, Mesdames Brown, Butler and Dutton. At our next meeting on 14th April Rev. Bob McKay will be our guest speaker. Supper Hostesses: Mesdames Gee, Sheldrick and Stevenson.

GERALD CRISPIN writes from Ridley College, Melbourne -

"... please convey to all my friends at St. John's my very great appreciation for their continuing support and prayers. Their unselfish giving which I received in December helped me through a tight spot and will of course greatly assist in the purchase of books this year. The constant prayers and gifts of so many is indeed a very humbling thing. . . Praise God with me, I have passed all my exams sat in 1982, what a wonderful encouragement." (Gerald is a Candidate for Holy Orders from the Diocese of Tasmania and worshipped at St. John's prior to departure for Melbourne.)

DIARY SPECIALS AND PRAYER POINTERS

- April 12 -3 p.m. Rural Deanery Beaconsfield.
- 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 8 p.m. Induction-Longford
- April 13 -7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- April 19 -11 a.m. Senior Chaplains Committee.
- April 20 -8 p.m. Bible Study recommences.
- April 26 -7.45 p.m. GFS Townsend Annual Meeting.
- April 30 -Esquires Camp — CEBS.

MEN'S TEA

Superintendent Geoff Ling of Police Headquarters, Launceston was Guest Speaker in March. He spoke about the agonies, the helps and hopes of Police Officers as they must confront the changing standards in society and people hurting from these changes.

The work of a Police Officer has become far more complex and risky. However, the human person wearing a police uniform is also an individual in need of dignity and self-respect.

If the Superintendent did nothing else, he encouraged us to pray positively for our Police Officers.

A rabbi shares this sad story. During the funeral of a woman from his congregation the bereaved husband totally broke down at the graveside. He kept repeating, "I loved her - I loved her" and refused to leave the graveside. Finally the rabbi tried to comfort him by pointing out that he was so fortunate to have spent so many years with the woman he loved. The bereaved husband said through his tears, "I loved her very much, but I never let her know it."

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday 10th April at 11.15 a.m.

- M. Wing, M. Easter, J. Stevenson, T. White, M. Willson, W. Donaldson, D. Plumridge, J. Moxon, V. Murgatroyd, M. Perkins.

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

Reflections

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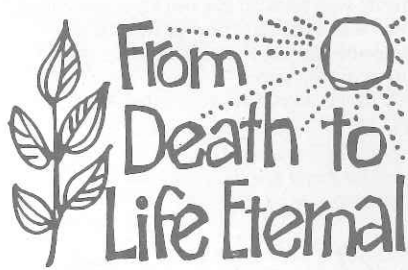
Life was suddenly empty. There was no longer anything to live for. Her mind was numb. Her heart broken. She stumbled through the garden, away from the open grave. Where had they taken her Lord? Incredulously she stared, joy mounting in her heart. "Master!" Dear God - he was alive . . . alive!

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.



Parish Register

Baptisms

- 13th Mar — Leigh Donald Shipp
- Samantha Jane Rossiter
- 20th Mar — Zachary Paul Nichols

Marriages

- 12th Mar — Leon Eric Nicholls to Annette Joyce Yaxley
- 19th Mar — Maxwell Bevan Evans to Lynne Elizabeth Eadie
- Donald Andrew Hinds to Wendy Maree Lee
- 26th Mar — Alan Charles Goss to Tracie-Lee Reading
- Brendan John Jones to Helen Joan Barber
- Anthony John Oliver to Rosanne Evans

During March a number of people have been set apart by the congregation for special ministry.

- Mr. Ross Mitchell as a new Lay Reader in the parish.
- Mr. Glenn Clark as Sacristan.
- Mr. George Paxton, Mr. David Downing and Mr. Ross Mitchell as those who have the Bishop's permission to assist with the Chalice at Holy Communion.
- GFS and CEBS leaders were commissioned at the Family Service.
- Youth Group leaders at the first Sunday night service in March.
- Sunday School Teachers at the 3rd Sunday morning service.

All this has been helpful to the whole congregation for it calls us to pray for those entrusted with such responsibility.

At Family Service a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. G. Dutton and Mr. and Mrs. P. Farrington as a thanksgiving for the years of service given as Sunday School Teachers. The Rector wished them well in their new endeavours.

COME TO THE PARISH CAMP AT
*** ULVERSTONE ***

FRIDAY P.M. 6TH MAY TO SUNDAY P.M. 8TH MAY

Camp Speaker: The Reverend Brian Roberts Rector of Zeehan Parish

Children's Programme:

Mixed Activities:

Leaflet with details available at St. John's. Mrs. Pam Windsor is Camp Treasurer — Pay in instalments and lighten the load. Maximum for a family:—\$60.