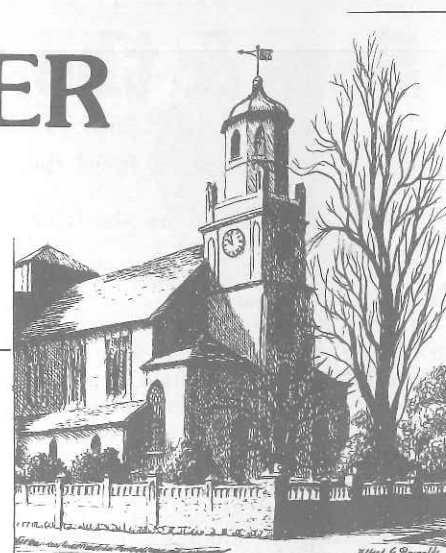


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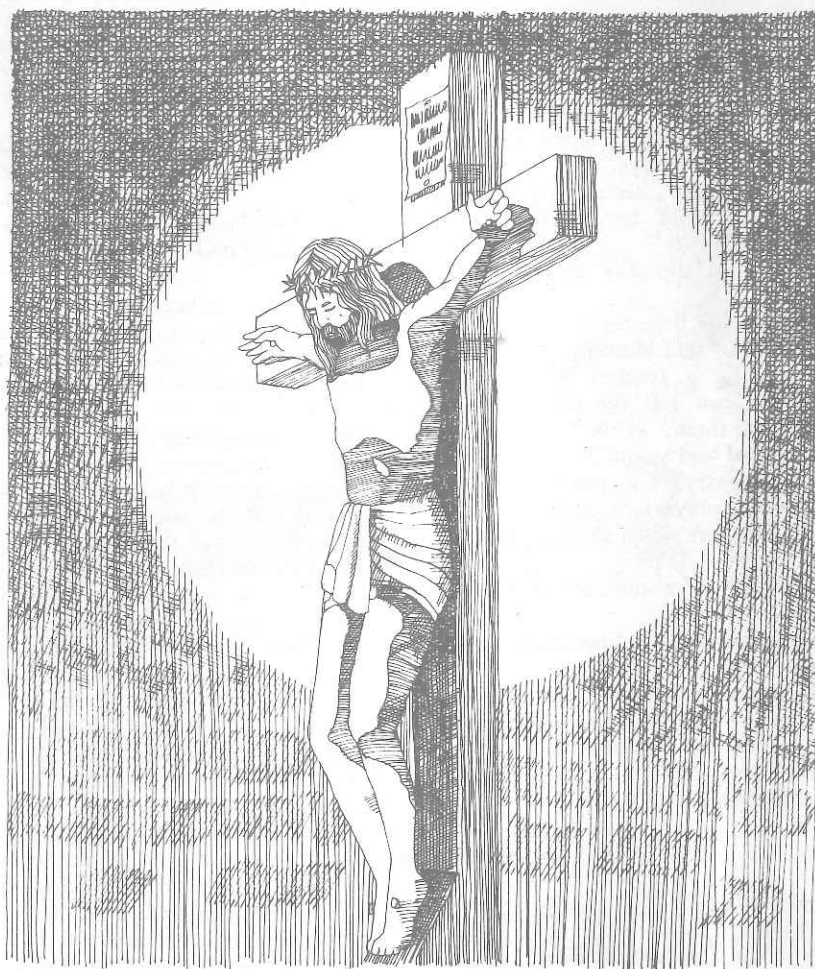
# PARISH MESSENGER

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Who is  
this Jesus?



## SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday.  
Evening Prayer: 7.30 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.  
(Laying on of Hands — 7.30 p.m. 4th Sunday).

## WEEKDAYS

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

# Sam & the postman

BY JOAN KIRK

Sam was waiting for his friend the postman to come.

Every day he waited by the front gate to say "Hello" to him.

Sometimes the postman would say, "Nothing to-day, Sam."

Other times there would be a letter for Daddy or a card if it was somebody's birthday, or perhaps a parcel.

To-day there was a letter for Mummy from New Guinea.

Sam ran inside with it.

"Mummy, here's a letter from Auntie Sue."

Auntie Sue was Mummy's sister. She was a teacher in New Guinea.

Mummy always liked to get a letter from her.

Together Mummy and Sam opened it and Mummy read it to Sam.

At the end of the letter Auntie Sue said how much she had enjoyed seeing them all at Christmas when she had been home on holidays.

"It was nice seeing her," said Mummy. "I miss her, and I know Grandma does too."

"Why does she stay there?" asked Sam.

"Auntie Sue believes it is important to stay there," said Mummy.

"By being a teacher in a church school she can tell the children how Jesus loves them, as well as teaching them to read and write. She is what we call a missionary. You must remember her in your prayers at night, and ask God to help her when she gets tired or lonely."

"I might be a missionary when I grow up," said Sam.

"That would be a fine thing, Sam," said Mummy "but first you have to go to school and learn to be the best person you can be, by sharing and caring about other people and wanting to help them, so Jesus can speak, and work and love through you."



**A Prayer: Dear God, please bless all missionaries who are far away from their home and families. Help them to make new friends through their love for your Son, Jesus, and to be happy and helpful for you. Amen.**

## ANGLICAN/ROMAN CATHOLIC REPORT

The division between the Church of Rome and the reformed churches (including the Anglican) was principally due to differences on the doctrine of revelation and the doctrine of salvation. Differences about the ministry and the sacraments, though important in their own way, were only subsidiary aspects of the doctrine of salvation.

According to the Biblical teaching on salvation, man is not saved by his own efforts but by God. Nor is he saved simply by what God does *in* him, but by what God has already done *for* him, through Jesus Christ, in whom he must place his faith. Christ on the cross had paid for our sins, so that, by repenting of them and putting our faith in Christ, we may be justified in God's sight.

Evangelicals have always urged that justification by faith ought to be on the ARCIC agenda. The ARCIC report says many good things. But its silence on the doctrine of salvation, its failure to agree on the doctrine of revelation, and its adoption of unacceptable Roman Catholic teaching on papal primacy and the Holy Communion, mean that it fails to provide a doctrinal basis for closer relations between the two churches.

*ROGER BECKWITH commenting on the report of the Anglican/Roman Catholic commission in CEN.*

"I Spy!" . . . .

Have you noticed how nervous the Rector is lately, especially when Bishop Newell's name is mentioned? "I Spy!" can reliably report that on a very hot day just after Christmas Bishop Newell was minding his own business sitting in his car outside the Rectory when the Rector turned the hose on him and half drowned him.

Of course the Rector's version is quite different from this one.

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## Parish Register

### BAPTISMS (December/January)

- 5th December — Claire Victoria McKenzie
- 5th December — Lauren Jane Knott
- 5th December — Andrew John Austin
- 9th January — Jessica Anne Kate Hayes

### MARRIAGES (December/January)

- 4th December — Kenneth Craig Langford to Julie Maree Shipp
- 11th December — John Christopher Igglesden to Jennifer Anne Sims
- 18th December — Peter Anthony Claridge to Amanda Rondeau Davidson
- 1st January — Craig Leslie Marshall to Karen Marie Hancock
- 8th January — Russell Hadley Perkins to Katrina Elizabeth Robinson
- 8th January — Martin Donald Gilmour to Christine Anne Brown
- 8th January — Mark William Bayliss to Vicki Lynette Shuter
- 14th January — Andrew John Neil to Linda Jane Bowie
- 15th January — Gordon William Sanders to Maree Phyllis Berne
- 15th January — Brendon Keith Morrison to Gail Straitton
- 22nd January — Bruce James Blackman to Kathryn Jayne Clark
- 29th January — Perry George Mastroyanis to Lisa Ann Harris

### DEATHS (November/December)

- 20th November — Queenie May Evans
- 27th November — Lionel Edgar Tuffin
- 2nd December — Aileen Mavis Rainsford
- 3rd December — George Underwood
- 22nd December — Merle Ann White

*In thanks to God for the life of Merle Ann White*



**BRING A CHILD UP  
IN FAITH  
and  
LOVE**

THE  
RECTOR'S  
LETTER



My dear friends,

December was a month of mixed emotions. The Confirmees attended their First Communion with rich memories of the inspirational Confirmation Service, a great occasion for us all. Then followed the last Annual Service for the students of Broadland House School. More than once I found myself struggling with emotional feelings as I realised the finality of the occasion. This was quickly followed by the Valedictory Dinner, the Old Girls Holy Communion Service and Breakfast, plus the Speech Night. We thank God for all that Broadland House School has done to help the scholastic character and spiritual formation of young women. We pray for God's guidance and blessing on all responsible for the organisation, vision and planning necessary to get the new school off to a positive commencement in 1983.

On Sunday 12th December a large congregation gathered for the Thanksgiving Service. Archdeacon Girvan gave an inspirational sermon which he felt led of God to rewrite the night before. It was good to have Bishop Jerrim and Archdeacon Booth with us and to have them actively participate in the Service, a Service which emphasised Thanksgiving to God for His blessing in the past and the dedication of ourselves and St. John's for His use and glory into the future. I was particularly pleased that the wives of five Rector's were in attendance, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Jerrim, Mrs. Girvan, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Horth.

Christmas Services were an inspiration especially the Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols. The Church was packed and atmosphere of expectancy hung over us all. Special thanks to the readers, the

organist/choirmaster and to all members of the choir. Particularly noticeable was the congregation's singing and the "atmosphere" in the Church.

Finally, December saw three of our congregation "called home". Aileen Rainsford had struggled with illhealth all year and we were privileged to uphold her and the family in prayer and love. George Underwood, after a long and distinguished career, died the day following Aileen. We were saddened by their loss but give thanks to God that they are now in peace and released from suffering. Looking over the life of George Underwood, I was impressed by the contribution he has left behind, as an architect, for future generations to enjoy. Just before Christmas we were all shocked by the death of Merle White who has contributed so lovingly to the life, activity and beauty of St. John's. I was particularly thrilled that while attending Christmas Service, Tom felt the peace of Jesus flood over him. To the bereaved in all three families we offer our love and encouragement as they journey the road of grief.

May we all be strengthened in the words of Jesus recorded in John 14:1-3, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms: if it were not so, would I have told you I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Your friend and Rector,



GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

**The tag** - "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

**The wrapping** - "And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12)

**The trimmings** - "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2: 13,14).

**The contents** - "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4, 5).

**Gratitude** - "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).



Contemplation

By Fr. WILLIAM MODYSTACK

Lord, help me to realise I am human.  
When there's tension at work or troubles begin to mount up at home  
and I start to feel that life's almost too much to bear  
Don't let me be too proud to admit I'm scared.  
Sure, I feel like running away from it all.  
At times like this remind me that you were scared too.  
You wanted to get up and run away in the Garden  
when the police came to arrest you  
for a crime you hadn't committed.  
For love of me, you didn't run.  
Help me to be faithful to you.



**DIARY SPECIALS AND PRAYER POINTERS**

- Feb 2nd - 18th Anniversary of Rector being made a Deacon.
- Feb 7th - Conference of Rural Deans at St. John's with Bishops and Archdeacons.
- Feb 8th - Northern Rural Deanery.
- Feb 9th - Vestry.
- Feb 10th - Archdeaconry Property Committee.
- Feb 10th - 7.45pm Holy Communion Women's Guild.
- Feb 12th - CEBS Diocesan Annual Meeting at St. John's.
- Feb 16th - Ash Wednesday Services 7.30 and 10.30am; 7.30pm (followed by Lenten Study).
- Feb 20th - 17th Anniversary of Rector's Ordination to the Priesthood.
- Feb 21st - Anglican Church Women.
- Feb 27th - 3pm Music Recital.

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS (Some recommence in March)**

**Meeting Weekly:**

- Home Bible Study — 7.30 p.m. Monday.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study, C.M.S. House 9.15 a.m. (commencing 2nd March).
- G.F.S. — 6 p.m. Wednesday.
- "Know your Bible" series for women in Rectory — 10.15 a.m. Thursday (commencing 17th February).
- C.E.B.S. — 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Choir — 7.30 p.m. Thursday.
- 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.

**Reflections**

**TREASURES OF DARKNESS**

"Bless you prison!" says Solzhenitsyn through the mouth of a character in one of his books. He has learned that even in prison a man may be free in spirit. "Bless you, prison!" says St. Paul, writing joyfully to the Philippian church from prison in Rome. For him prison has meant greater opportunity to serve the Gospel. "Bless you, prison!" says Rita Nightingale, a young nurse now in prison in Bangkok. She has found new life in prison for she has found Christ. She says:

"If I had not been put into prison I would have gone on in my own selfish life."

The Spirit of God gives blessings even in prison. Loneliness, fear shyness and self-hate are some of life's intangible "prisons" from which a believer can find the blessing of release.

The Bible calls such blessings the "treasures of darkness."

Dorothy O'Neill.

**PRAY AND GIVE THANKS**

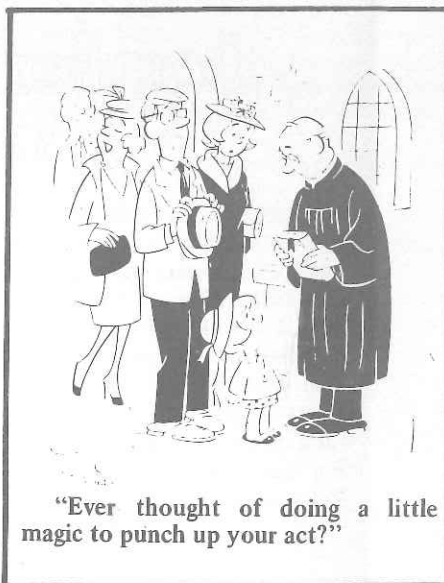


**WOMEN'S GUILD**

First meeting for 1983 will be on 10th February, commencing with Communion in the chapel.

On a sad note; how much we are going to miss our dear friend and companion, Merle White, but we will remember her as not only a foundation member of the Guild but whose constancy, enthusiasm and happy personality will always be an inspiration to us.

A warm welcome to prospective new members. Supper hostesses — Mesdames Cornish, Holyman and Peck.



"Ever thought of doing a little magic to punch up your act?"

The vicar of the local church was not exactly popular. Then one Sunday he announced. "The Lord has told me that He has work for me elsewhere. The Lord Jesus has told me the time has come for me to move to another parish." Whereupon the congregation rose spontaneously and sang "What a friend we have in Jesus."

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

recommences

10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, 27th FEBRUARY**