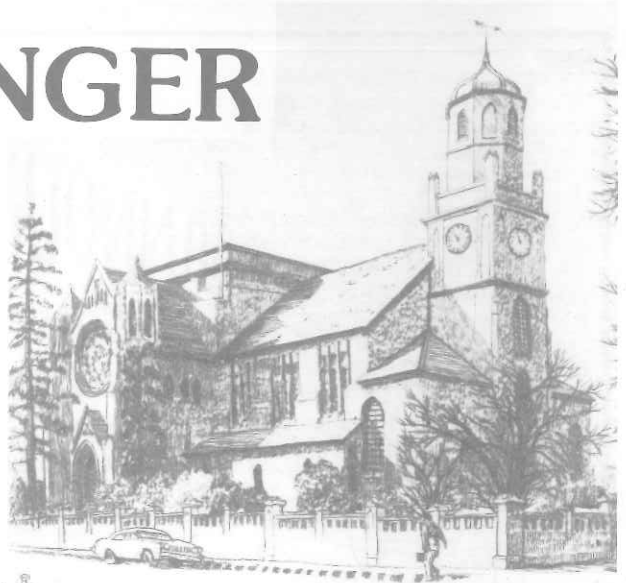


ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER

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“WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST”

The 1983 Parish Camp at Ulverstone was a time of wonderful spiritual teaching led by the Reverend Brian Roberts of Zeehan. His message, on the Body of Christ and the Ministry of the Church, is particularly relevant to share with all members of St. John's.

The teaching was based on Ephesians Chapter four, particularly verses one to sixteen, a passage of scripture full of instruction and encouragement. If you haven't read this Chapter recently do take the time to read it again now.

In this passage Paul identifies five callings or ministries (v 11) which are vital to the proper functioning of the Church, the Body of Christ. These are -

1. The Apostolic Function (Go) — we are called to be a pilgrim people.
2. The Prophetic Function (Hear) — we need people who can **listen** to God and clearly **speak** His message.
3. The Evangelistic Function (Reach) — do we “gossip the Gospel” as the early Christians did?
4. The Pastoral Role (Care) — not just in crises; we need to **know** one another and **look after** one another, such care inevitably brings about mutual growth.
5. The Teaching Function (Teach) — in the early Church this was every day not just on Sunday.

There is a diversity of functions because each person has different gifts (we were never meant to be identical or stereotyped) but the overall spiritual **unity** cannot be overstressed. Brian likened St. John's, or any Church, to a fisherman's net, which needs to be ‘knitted together’ — unified, whole, even, with all parts present and in good working order — to be effective in its job. The God-given functions or ministries equip the Church for its work, that is, to build up the Body of Christ, and we need to be unified or knit-together to achieve this.

All ministry in the Church means **service**. In the New Testament the word used for ministry or service is a common word, with no sense of importance. Paul urges us to “be always humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another.” (v2) We are not all called to serve, and this service is not a stepping-stone to nobility, it is in fact nobility itself, the only nobility recognised by God.

Paul's doctrine of ministry climaxes in verse fifteen, “by speaking the truth in a spirit of **love**, we must grow up in every way to Christ, He is the head.” Jesus is the head of our Body, our Church. He is in control, He holds us together.

All the teaching by Brian Roberts on the Church as the Body of Christ and the

ministries we all can share was always practically orientated to our own situation at St. John's. We were challenged with what we thought about our Church — what did we see as the image of St. John's in the community, the failures or weaknesses of St. John's, the obstacles (both corporate and personal) to any “overhaul” necessary. On a more positive note we also looked at what jobs we as individuals did at St. John's, what appeared to be the primary task of St. John's what **should** be the primary goal and what skills would be needed to reach this goal.

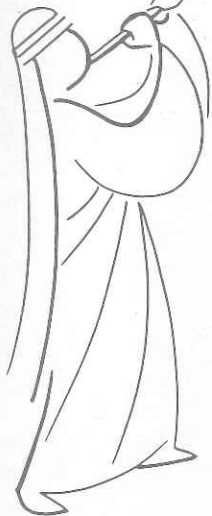
But we can't leave it there. How would you answer these questions? We **all** need to answer and share our ideas. We need commitment to go forward with a planned purpose. As Brian said in his sermon on the Sunday, we need “objectives, organisation, and optimism”. Jesus prayed that his followers would be **one** as He and the Father were one (John 17:11). Starting with a spirit of forgiveness towards one another (Ephesians 4:32) let us never cease to work and pray that we may be just that.

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.



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W H E N . . .

Saturday, 30th July, 1983

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**Albert Hall, Launceston
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- CHOIR: Directed by Mr. Barry Birtwistle
- JUNIOR CHOIR: Directed by Mrs. Marlene Davies
- SALVATION ARMY BAND
- LAUNCESTON ORCHESTRA: Directed by Mr. David Pooke
- INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE
- MUSICAL ITEMS: Keith and Pearl Treasure
Helen Jones
- And supporting Artists

COMPERE: Mr. John Seaman
CO-ORDINATOR:
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GETTING LOVE OR GIVING LOVE

Out of the experience of being married to the same man for fifty years, Anna B. Mow has written a book for newly weds and for those about to be married. She writes of love in two stages: getting-love and giving-love. She illustrates the difference with what she calls "cat love" (not to be confused with puppy love): "A cat does not caress you when she rubs herself against you; she is caressing herself. You may still have to learn the difference between getting-love and giving-love. The love stories in poetry and prose that concluded with "and so they were married and lived happily ever afterward" were mostly about getting-love. Giving-love in depth really develops after two people begin to live together. . . . To a certain extent you may have been in love with love even up to your wedding day and through the honeymoon, but after that you are really in the school of maturing love, as you learn to love each other more than you ever could have loved love.

*Anna B. Mow
The Secret of Married Love
J.B. Lippincott Co.*

PARISH CAMP 1983

Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, is a wonderful setting for a camp especially now it has fine new accommodation units sleeping approximately ninety people in motel style (nearly).

The 1983 parish camp was held over the weekend 6-8th May with nearly seventy in attendance. Three Students from W.E.C. — Kaye, Jane and Shan looked after the program for young children. A large model of Jerusalem was shown with great pride — a result of activity work.

The younger teams met in Parkdown Lodge and had a variety program. The Rector tried to lead them astray on two occasions. Mr. McKay played games and Mr. John Bates from "Fusion", Burnie, led one of the segments.

Duties were shared amongst participants; beds were short-sheeted; one young lady ended up fully clothed under a shower; the Rector's track suit was "got at"; and a party was held by the teenagers. On the Saturday night the film "Super Christian" was shown and a concert was enjoyed. Glenn Clark had everyone in stitches.

Altogether it was a great time and those attending are keen for a camp in 1983. Please note — Camp Clayton 11-13th May 1984. Plan now to join us for a great weekend.

TV REPLAY

Letters continue to arrive at the Rectory expressing thanks for the service from St. John's broadcast to the eastern States on Sunday, 15th May and Western Australia on Sunday, 22nd May.

Mr. Jim Adnum of the ABC has expressed thanks on behalf of the film crew and technicians for the positive assistance and preparation given by the parish. He expresses the hope they can come again in the near future.

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 20th June NOT 13th June as usual (owing to public holiday) at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames Palliser, Coombe, and Dicker. We would like to thank our members for their wonderful help at our Morning Tea, also our supporters of Barclay House for their generous donations and attendance. A very pleasing result - \$366 - was received.

THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



My dear friends,

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue of "Parish Messenger", a great deal of favourable comment and appreciation has been received in reference to the service from St. John's of ABC TV. Thank you to all who took such an active part, especially Mrs. Fran Norton and Mr. George Paxton who read the Lessons, Mr. Lloyd Bath who led the Intercessions, plus the Organist, Choir, Servers and other assistants, including Sidesmen.

During May we had two important functions for the youth of the parish who unfortunately, on the most part, failed to attend. We have started a process of review into our total children's/youth ministry and wanted the opinions or comments of youth in the parish. The program undertaken by the BCA Mission Team was also for youth but again, very few attended. Does this mean we no longer have a youth ministry to give and should we concentrate our energies elsewhere? The lack of youth in attendance might indicate our failure to publicise on the one hand, or alternatively our failure to come up with attractive programs for young people. While I personally was disappointed and temporarily discouraged, it became obvious that most of those attending both functions felt they were very worthwhile.

July is Annual Meeting time again. I cannot stress strongly enough how important this meeting is. If we have no vision and purpose the affairs of the parish, its dynamic and growth, will slowly but surely die. It is vital that people with positive minds, self-motivation, vision and sensitivity be elected to the governing bodies of the church. As you consider nominations for the 1983/84 Vestry please be motivated in prayer to the people most suitable, under God, for this vital ministry.

This Annual Meeting will be very important as we consider the future and maybe make some bold decisions in reference to:-

1. Increase in ministry staff.
2. Ministry program and development.
3. Restoration and building development program.
4. Financial projections.

I am convinced St. John's has a vital ministry to give in Launceston but I need others to share that vision with me and help bring it to actuality.

Finally, a reminder to those wishing to prepare for Confirmation. Application Forms are now available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Classes commence 5 p.m. Sunday, 19th June so please get your application straight back to me now so I can make the necessary preparations. Depending on numbers and ages there can be a separate adults class.

Your friend in Christ,



"WHILE I THINK OF IT, JENKINS, PLEASE TIGHTEN THE LIGHT BULBS OVER THE CHOIR LOFT"

ANNOUNCING . . .

EVENSONG will be held on the first Sunday in the month at 7 p.m.

CITY MISSION COLLECTION

 Clothing, packet and tinned food
 (Leave it at the church)

WOMEN'S GUILD

The following officers were elected at our Annual Meeting held on 12th May — President, Mrs. J. Fletcher; Secretary, Mrs. K. Ford; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Plumridge. The Rector chaired the meeting and appreciation was expressed for the capable leadership of the Guild by our past President, Mrs. Dulcie Butler. Thank you Dulcie!

In order to raise funds for our projects, the Guild will hold a Morning Tea and Stall on 15th June, 10 a.m. — 12 noon, and we do hope this will be well patronised by parishioners as we have many commitments to be met in the months ahead.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th June, and we anticipate either a slide evening or a speaker. Supper Hostesses: Mesdames Harris, Watson and Whitmore.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union will be meeting in the mornings during June, July and August instead of on cold wintry evenings! Meetings will start with morning tea at 10 a.m. and finish with light lunch at 12.30 p.m.

Members bring a small plate for lunch.

Dates for diary:-

Tuesday 28th June — 10 a.m. Rev'd David Lewis to speak on Royal Derwent Hospital.

Tuesday 19th July — Canon Letchford to speak on Anglican Renewal and show slides of English churches.

Soup and Sandwich lunch. All parishioners welcome. **Film Afternoons** — Mothers' Union members are asked to help with serving coffee and childminding on July 3rd, 10th and 17th during showing of Joyce Landorf Film Series in Parish Centre at 4.30 p.m.

DIARY SPECIALS AND PRAYER POINTERS

- June 14 - Rural Deanery (George Town). Men's Fellowship Tea.
- June 16 - Archdeaconry Property Committee.
- June 19 - 5 p.m. Confirmation briefing and dinner (candidates bring food).
- June 21 - Diocesan Council — Launceston.
- June 23 - Grammar School rehearsal.
- June 24 - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Grammar School rehearsal 8 p.m. Youth Synod Service (Holy Communion).
- June 26 - 10 a.m. Founders' Day Service.
- June 29 - ST. PETER.

"BARNEY" THE YELLOW BUS

On Saturday afternoon 21st May "Barney" appeared at the Rectory and emptied twenty occupants into the Rectory. The front hall of the Rectory was spread with 'liloes', suitcases, sleeping bags — all sorts and conditions of things. The BCA Mission Team had arrived.

After enjoying a cuppa, the team toured the church with the Rector then prepared and rehearsed for the evening program.

While disappointed that few teenagers attended the Saturday night segment, all were encouraged who did come. It was a great night. The food was most enjoyable, the fellowship warm, and Kerry Medway was well worth hearing and experiencing.

Sunday morning, the Reverend Jim Thomson, Rector of Blacktown, Sydney, preached at the 8 am service. At 10 am some of the "Mission Team" led singing in the Sunday School and the Reverend Kerry Medway, Youth Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society, Sydney, gave a stimulating sermon. No one could go to sleep with him around.

The "Mission Team" were impressed by the warmth of their welcome, the hospitality provided, including the Sunday morning breakfast in the Parish Centre. They express a very sincere "thank you" to all at St. John's.

"I SPY" REPORTS

GFS Townsend is having strange parties, with much laughter, around a bottle of lollies!!!!?? Maybe the Games Afternoon on 28th May will reveal all. Aren't they sweeties!

Reflections

FOCUSSING OUR ATTENTION

The World War II pilot, describing his first night flight, says: "I was told 'watch your instruments — don't try to look outside the plane.'"

"It was like flying into a wall of darkness. I couldn't see, I couldn't think. I was suspended in an absolute black void. There were no lights on the ground because of the blackout, and no lights from the stars because of the clouds... I had no sense of direction, of height, or even of balance.

"Then I remembered my instructions, glued my eyes to the dashboard and concentrated. It was the best thing I could have done. It steadied me."

The Bible tells us that on our journey through life we need to focus our attention on God. The Writer to the Book of Hebrews spells it out when he says: "Looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

Dorothy O'Neill

Parish Register

Baptism

15th May — Brooke Holly Grant

Marriages

28th May — Christopher Laurie Sheppard to Kim Lorrae Stone

Deaths

22nd April — Marjorie Lorna Rooney
1st May — Frederick Henry Danziger
8th May — Bernard Pascoe Gordon
14th May — Douglas James Harris

PUBLICITY

Two items are in the hands of the printers but, hopefully, should soon be available to the public.

A new leaflet has been prepared setting out the history and detail surrounding the organs at St. John's.

Fairly soon a postcard should be available in the shops. It will have a photo of the Tower and two internal views. We hope you will support these ventures to make St. John's better known.

Have you seen the new Notice Board on the corner of St. John and Elizabeth Streets? Hopefully, it will help provide some information of historical interest and present day practical application.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

BIBLE STUDIES:

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

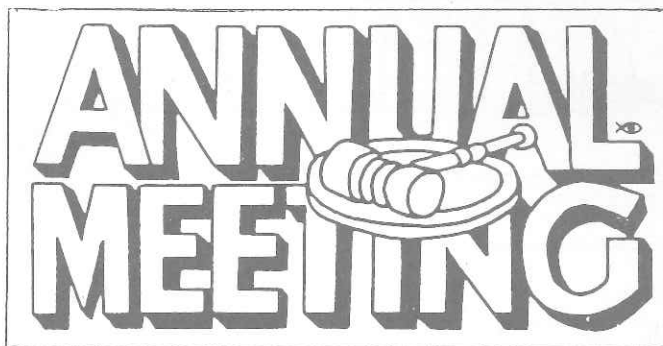
WEEKLY MEETINGS:

- * 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.
- * 4th Tuesday 9.45 a.m. — GFS Townsend
- * 4th Tuesday 10.00 a.m. — Mothers' Union (28th June) then 3rd Tuesdays.

Note — last two groups experimenting with morning meetings.



in
St. John's Parish Centre
FRIDAY 29th JULY, 1983
6 p.m. — PARISH TEA
7.30 p.m. — ANNUAL MEETING
Nomination Forms will be available
from Sunday 10th July, 1983.