

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

# PARISH MESSENGER

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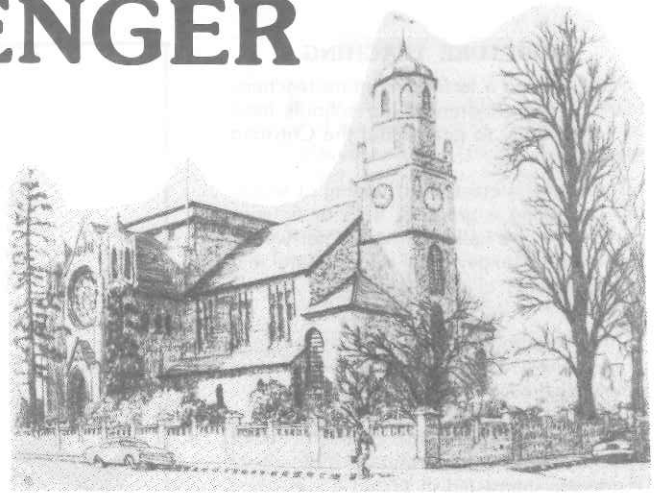
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## CONFIRMATION 1983

<p>Your Invitation to</p> <p><b>CONFIRMATION SERVICE</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>FIRST COMMUNION</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, November 20th</b></p> <p><b>10 a.m.</b></p>	<p>Craig Anthony Garry Anthony Garry Coates Edwina Gelston Sally Green Jennifer Green Susan Ingram Angela Lawrence Jane McCulloch Catherine McKay Philip Morris Elizabeth Robertson Sally Anne Walker John Watts Karyn Watts Caroline Post</p>	<p>Your invitation to</p> <p><b>PARISH DINNER</b></p> <p>for the</p> <p><b>CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>in the Parish Centre</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 20th</b></p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b></p>
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*"It is for us as the people of God to hear the response to God's call of those who have come to be confirmed, to support them now and always with our prayer, and to renew our own commitment to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Aust. Prayer Book*

### 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. Monday 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.

**SCRIPTURE TEACHING**

Sadly, due to a lack of scripture teachers, many young children in our schools have no opportunity to hear about the Christian faith.

If you are interested in helping, it would involve taking a grade 3, 4, 5 or 6 (your choice) for one half-hour lesson per week. No teaching experience is necessary and there is plenty of help available if you are unsure.

Units covering the year's work for each grade have been written up in booklet form and each lesson has been clearly set out, giving the aim and content of each lesson. Also, ideas on presentation and activities are provided, so preparation is quite easy. If you are interested in taking a class next year, or in relief work, or require any more information, please contact Pam Windsor (Ph. 44 8669).



**G.F.S.**

St. John's G.F.S. were hosts to the Australian Chairman of G.F.S., Mrs. Ev. Beckenham, and the Diocesan Chairman, Mrs. Shirley Rayner, at their weekly meeting on October 26th. Swelling the numbers were the members and leaders of the St. Barnabas' Newnham branch. Twenty girls, together with their leaders, enjoyed an evening of singing, games, craftwork, and viewing a video on the world-wide G.F.S. family. A delicious supper finished off the activities.

The final **Church Parade** for the year will be held at the Family Service at 10 a.m. on **Sunday 13th November**. This will be especially important for some of our girls who will be enrolled or commissioned. Barbara Cartledge and Catherine Mitchell will be enrolled as Juniors and Anna Stevenson and Catherine McKay as full members. Bronwen McKay is to be commissioned as a Junior Cadet-Leader.

**\$2000 GRANT FOR GERALD CRISPIN**

As most of you know, Gerald Crispin is a candidate for the ministry studying in his second year at Ridley College in Melbourne. Prior to starting his theological training Gerald was an active member of our Church. He left a career position in the L. B. S. to follow a calling into full-time ministry.

Recognising his position, the Anglican Church League has awarded Gerald \$2000 for this financial year. Although this will only meet about half of his fees for this year it is the maximum grant the League can handle.

Donations to the League or to Gerald can be forward through our Parish office. All assistance will help further the training of Gerald and other men and women for the ministry.

(P.S. Happy Birthday for 25th, Gerald, from St. John's!)



**ADVENT**

The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Over four successive Sundays the Church calls its people to prepare themselves to celebrate the birth of Christ by considering the different ways in which God has come, and will yet come, to His world.

We think of those who prepared the way for God's coming in Jesus Christ, particularly John the Baptist, and of Christ's coming at the end of time to consummate God's Kingdom.

Thus, before we hear again the familiar story of God's action in one moment in time and space, we stand back and contemplate the full panorama of God's dealings with His world. The more the Christmas season becomes sentimentalised and trivialised, the greater becomes our need to take this panoramic view.

The Christmas festival, when we come to it, will be likely to be a mere indulgence in shallow sentiment, unless we bring to it a faith nourished by the total Gospel.

Dr. M. Watson

**JESUS WAS A JEW**

During Hitler's mass exterminations, a Jewish boy in a village in Lithuania was herded with other Jews to an open trench to be murdered. He fell into the trench just before the guns were fired. He emerged that night, naked and covered with blood. Shivering and terrified, he wandered through the village under the cover of darkness. He knocked on the door of a house. The person inside, presumably a Christian, opened the door just a crack and told him, "Jew, go back to the grave where you belong." At the door of another house the message was essentially the same: "Jew, go back to the grave." So he knocked on the door of yet a third house. When the door was opened, he said to the householder, "I am Jesus, and I have come down from the cross." He was invited in, and he survived.

*"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

Matt 25.40



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Don't miss seeing our Sunday School float in the **Christmas Parade** to be held on Saturday, 12th November. The float will emphasise the real meaning of Christmas, with children dressed up as part of the nativity scene, on the float or walking through the crowd alongside. What a welcome relief from the usual commercialism of Christmastime that will be!

The **Hush-a-thon** went off without a murmur (well, almost!). All participating children "finished the course" successfully. Thank you to all the sponsors, and others who gave donations. Money is still coming in so we do not have a figure to report.



**HOME GROUP — FELLOWSHIP**

We have a new fellowship in our church — a Home Group Fellowship. It will be meeting in different homes one evening a month (the first Tuesday or Wednesday) for a shared meal and a time of fellowship and prayer from about 6.30 p.m. The whole family is invited.

We hope it will be a time in which we can get to know one another well and relax and enjoy the company of fellow-Christians.

At the first few meetings we will be "feeling our way" so suggestions and ideas of what to do (and also what to call the group) are most welcome. Also welcome are offers of venues. The first meeting was held at Tkaczuk's home in early November.

Watch the Pew Bulletin for future meeting dates and venues.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."

Acts 2:42 & 46



My dear friends

During the early part of this month the Rector will be away on sick leave. Please keep him in your prayers as he seeks a complete healing from God, so that he may return to his ministry among us. The Reverend Craig Arnold and I will do our best to meet needs which arise during the Rector's absence.

As Craig and I seek to serve you over this month I am reminded of Peter's charge to the elders of the early church ...

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock."

1 Peter 5: 2,3.

It is no easier for a clergyman to be a living example of Christ than it is for any other Christian.

If the leaders of the church are called to be examples to the flock, the people of God are called to be light to the world and salt to those around them. They are called to demonstrate Christ to the people who don't know him.

The only way that any of us are going to be able to do this is if we stay close to Jesus in our day to day life. We won't be like him if he is a stranger to us.

We need to pray - deeply, from our hearts. We need to read scripture - expecting to hear a personal word from God to us. We need to step out in action - but making love the centre of all we do and say.

St. John's is being renewed by the Holy Spirit. The depth and speed of that renewal depends on how open we are to allowing Christ to make 'examples of us'. Prayer, scripture and loving action will be used by Christ to renew and strengthen us. As you read this letter pray for renewal .. beginning with You..

Your brother in Christ's Service,

Bob McKay  
Assistant Curate

MOTHERS' UNION

November is the month for M.U. Festival, and this year is St. John's turn to host the Festival. The Festival will be held on Thursday November 24th, beginning with a service of Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m. Sister Fay Marshall will speak to us on 'Women's Ministry in the Church' after lunch in the Parish Centre. Bring a plate of lunch to share with others. We will be entertained with musical items during lunch and after our speaker. The day will end with afternoon tea. M.U. members are reminded to bring two plates - one sweet, one savoury - towards afternoon tea.

Our November meeting, Tuesday, November 15th, will be our last for this year. We are having a Christmas break-up party, following a service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. Members will be designing and wearing Christmas hats for a festive hat parade, and bringing home-made gifts for the patients at Barclay House. Remember - bring a hat, bring a gift, bring a plate of supper, and bring a friend!

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THANKS TO GOD

Three families in our Church were saddened with the loss of loved ones over the past month. Many people gathered at the funeral services to thank God for their lives. Each in their own way actively participated in the life of our Church. Mrs. Christmas, Gordon Walsh and Norman Forsyth now experience fully what the apostle Paul meant when he said, "To depart this life and be with Christ, is better by far." (Phil. 1:23)

We join with those at the services in supporting those bereaved and in giving thanks for the life and work of those departed. We pray that He will continue to raise up people in this generation to carry out His work.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our final tea for the year will be held on Tuesday, 8th November at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Being our last, we invite all the men of the Parish to bring their wives or partners and as usual, any visitors or guests who would like to come. The cost will be \$3.50 per head with all those yummy Christmas treats.

Mr. T. Butler will show slides, his subject being "God's Garden".

For catering purposes, we need to know numbers as early as possible, so please put your name down on the sheet at the back of the Church.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

As our guest speaker at our last meeting, Miss. Jenny Gill gave a well documented account of the history of St. John's Church, and displayed a natural talent as a speaker. Thank you for an interesting evening Jenny!

The proceeds of our Spring Floral Festival will be donated as follows: Roland Boys' Home, Sheffield \$300.00 - Training for the Ministry Fund \$300.00 - Clarendon Children's Home \$100.00 - Glenview Home for the Aged \$50.00 - Vestry \$100.00.

In lieu of our usual meeting on Thursday 10th November, commencing at 7.45 p.m. parishioners are invited to a slide evening given by Mr. Len Clarke, whose garden is well known in Launceston. He has an extensive collection of slides taken of beautiful gardens throughout the world, so to give others the chance of viewing them, we are making this a fund-raising venture too. The charge will be \$1.50 and a scrumptious supper will follow.

On Wednesday 23rd November at 2 p.m. we extend a warm invitation to our Senior Parishioners to share afternoon tea and entertainment, and, as usual, transport is available by ringing 27 2484.

CONFIRMEES' DINNER - Sunday 13th November:- No food to be supplied by the Guild, but help required to prepare meal at 6 p.m.

EVANDALE PARISH FAIR - 10 a.m. 19th November. Also morning and afternoon tea, stalls with garden plants etc. in grounds of "St. Andrews". Transport - 27 2484.

No meeting on 10th November, but would all members bring a plate of supper for our Slide Evening.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital cordially invite interested parishioners and their many friends of "Barclay House", to their Morning Tea or Coffee which will be held in the Parish Centre on **Thursday, November 10th** (not our usual day Wednesday) at 10.30 a.m. - proceeds for "Barclay House". The usual well stocked stalls:- cakes, preserves, fancy work and our very popular garden stall. Admission \$1.00

Monday November 14th, will be our last meeting of the Auxilliary for 1983. **Afternoon Tea Hostesses:-** Mesdames Palliser, Page, Coombe.

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BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

November once again is the box opening time. They may be left at the Parish Office or with a Vestryman at Church.

CELIA HILL  
Box Secretary

### BILL NEWMAN COMING IN 1984

Australian evangelist Bill Newman has been invited by the Evangelical Alliance and the Ministers' Fraternal, to hold a crusade in Launceston in October 1984.

This is to be the largest combined outreach effort in Launceston since the Leighton Ford Crusade in 1977, and the early planning stages have been blessed by a very strong positive response from the churches of Launceston. There is a sense of expectancy that God will do Great things through this ministry.

Bill Newman was born near Lithgow N.S.W. and now lives in Brisbane. He worked as a businessman before being led into Bible College, youth ministry and large scale evangelism. He began his Australian crusades in 1979 in Queensland.

Closer to home, there have been very successful Bill Newman Crusades on the North West Coast in 1981 and in Hobart last year. The Hobart Crusade was particularly blessed in the large number of churches which participated (about 80) and approximately 900 people came forward to start or renew their commitment to Christ.

A local committee has been established to manage the crusade. The chairman is Dr. T.M. Clezy of Evangelical Alliance and other executive members are the Rev. W. A. Humphries (St. Aidan's) and Mr. C. Rodda (Bible Society) vice chairman, Basil Tkaczuk (St. John's) secretary, Mr. T. Williams (St. Aidan's) treasurer and Mr. B. Tattersall (Newstead Baptist) manager.

The clergy of St. John's have expressed strong support for this crusade. Please pray for the whole venture, and ask the Lord in what way you can be involved. Watch out for progress reports over the next few months.

Basil Tkaczuk



### ONE HUNDRED BIBLES

A group of parishioners is providing bibles to be placed in our Church for use at all times.

This is an expression of their thanks to God for restoration (spiritual and material) in our church.

Over one hundred bibles are now promised. One hundred more could be placed.

Donations for this are anonymous and can be left or discussed at the Parish Office.



### YOUNG PEOPLE'S COFFEE SHOP

Have a look for the report on our September Coffee Shop in this month's issue of "Church News".

Over two hundred young people from all over Launceston stretched our Parish Centre's catering capacity to the limit.

Our own young people — from the Youth Fellowship and Basketball Club — did a great job as hosts for the evening, keeping up with the demand for tea and coffee, cinnamon and raisin toast. Their dedication was a good example of true Christian service.

The music for the night, performed by the Greg Jones trio, was much enjoyed by all, and provided the right atmosphere for Christian fun and friendship.

See you at the next one?



### BARBECUE AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Friday, 2nd December, beginning at 6.30 p.m., join us for a barbecue in the Church grounds, followed by a Christmas Carol singalong. Bring your own food, and perhaps a gas barbecue if you have one, and bring a candle as well. It should be a great time together, so see you there!

### WHY ME?

A reporter asked Billy Graham, "Why did God choose you?" Billy said, "When I get to heaven, that is the first question I am going to ask him."



### PARISH REGISTER

#### Baptisms

- 2nd Oct —James Francis O'Shannessey
- 2nd Oct —Adam Richard Hill
- 30th Oct —Krystal Sarah Higgins

#### Marriages

- 8th Oct —Glenn Alwyn Presnell to Jane Maree Webb
- 8th Oct —Byron Douglas Lucas to Susan Janine Abraham
- 15th Oct —Peter Ramsay Adam to Peta Elizabeth Davis
- 29th Oct —Vivian Allan Hanson to Lynette Ann Lawrence
- 29th Oct —Alvyn Edward William Walters to Debbie Ann Turmine

#### Deaths

- 13th Oct —Maria May Christmas
- 14th Oct —Elsie May Reece
- 17th Oct —Elsie May Shott
- 25th Oct —Gordon Alexander Walsh
- 26th Oct —Norman Frank Forsyth

As this Parish Messenger was going to press we were saddened to hear of the death of **Mr. Doug Gill**, after a short illness.

Doug was a friend of long-standing of many at St. John's and was in the service of his Lord there to the end.



### CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH MESSENGER

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue of our Parish Messenger.

If your organisation is not featured regularly, now's your opportunity. Individual articles and comment also welcome.

Deadline for next issue is **Sunday 20th November**.

R. & R.M.



### 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.

#### Weekly Meetings

- \* GFS — 6.00 p.m. Wednesday.
- \* GEBS — 6.00 p.m. Thursday.
- \* Choir — 7.30 p.m. Thursday
- \* Youth Fellowship — 7.30 p.m. Friday.

#### Monthly Meetings

- \* 2nd Monday 2.45 p.m. — St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- \* 2nd Tuesday 6.00 p.m. — Men's Tea.
- \* 2nd Thursday 7.45 p.m. — Women's Guild.
- \* 4th Tuesday 9.45 a.m. — GFS Townsend.
- \* 3rd Tuesdays 7.45 p.m. — Mothers' Union.

