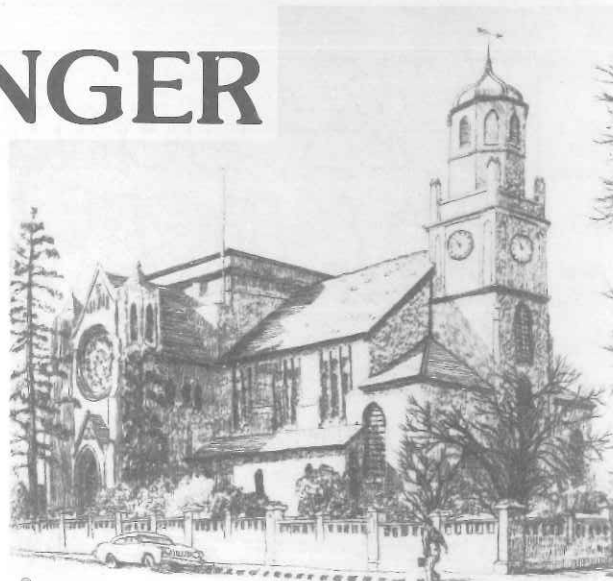


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## THE MAN WHO CAN MAKE THINGS

There is welcome recognition in the report of the board of enquiry into adult education published recently, that handicrafts have great educational value. The purpose of education is not merely to equip people to earn money, but to fit them to live full, happy lives, and to be good citizens in the best sense of the term. One of the most important results of the area school system of Tasmania has been the discovery that handwork has much more than a vocational value. The pleasure and confidence inspired in the children by making things with their hands have profound effects upon their whole outlook, character and bearing.

The "Teachers' World" recently published a story relevant to this subject and is entitled to the widest possible circulation. A professor who had never been known to give an address outside his university agreed to be the speaker at a dinner at which a hundred and fifty students who had just received their degrees were to meet for the last time before going out into the world. The setting was the luxuriously furnished banquet hall of one of the world's most famous hotels.

The professor began by directing attention to the many beautiful furnishings and table equipment and decorations. "Compared with this," he said, "Balthassar's hall was a lodging on the third floor back. From the four corners of the earth came the things of this table. From the lowest forms of day labour to the highest forms of art, we have around us at least a hundred kinds of human work." Then he proceeded to deal with each

article separately — the damask linen table cloth, the exquisite pottery, the silver, the rugs, the curtains and the decorations executed by the greatest living mural painter. After each item he paused, and asked the young men if any of them had the skill to contribute anything to the making of such an article. There was silence. "The truth compels me to say," he told his hearers, "that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the chief motive of a college education is to escape actual participation in just such work as gives, or ought to give, joy to the worker."

Then came the dramatic climax, "Gentlemen" said the professor, "may I now introduce to you a young Gallilean, Jesus of Nazareth?" As if addressing an actual person, he said: "Master, may I ask you, as I have asked these young gentlemen, whether there is anything in this room that you could make with your hands?" After a pause he walked to the end of the table, lifted the cloth, and said: "The Master says, 'Yes I could make the table. I am a carpenter!'"

Kath Ford

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### 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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**ST JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**HUSH-A-THON 1 HOUR**

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

**HELP THE CHILDREN TO HELP OTHERS**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

We are replacing the Market this year with a "Hush-a-thon" which will be open to all children from Grade 1 upwards and will be held on Saturday 15th October. It will commence with a Picnic Lunch in the Church Grounds (or Centre if weather is unsuitable) at 12 noon, and each child is asked to bring something for lunch, to be shared. The Hush-a-thon will commence at 1 p.m. and will last an hour. The money raised is not for the children or even for the Sunday School but is for the children to give to others. The three projects the children themselves have chosen to support through this venture are the Chipman family (our C.M.S. Missionaries in Tanzania), B.C.A. and helping Don Dick (an M.S. sufferer) buy an electric wheel chair. Sponsorship forms should be circulating the Parish — you may like to offer your sponsorship if the children are too shy to ask.

At a recent Teachers' Meeting we discussed the possibility of having a Sunday School Float in the Christmas Parade. This would of course necessitate the co-operation of parents in dressing the children and, most importantly, we would need a suitable vehicle. Please contact the Sunday School if you have any offers or suggestions.

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**BELIEVABLE**

Asked what he'd learned at Sunday school, the ten year old began: "Well, our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and save the Israelites." "Bobby," exclaimed his startled mother, "is that really the way

your teacher told that story?" "Well, not exactly. But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!"

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**MOTHER'S UNION**

Our Spring Shoe and Handbag Parade, held earlier this month was a great success, and much enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks go to all who helped to make this function a success — those who catered, served soup and drinks, the models, and of course McCrosties' Shoe Store for lending us their beautiful shoes and bags. \$225 was raised for the Clarendon and Roland Children's Homes.

We are looking forward to the M:U. Festival on 24th November when St. John's will be host to all the M.U. branches in the Northern Archdeaconry. We will process into church with all our varied banners, and then enjoy a day of fellowship together. Speaker for the day, Fay Marshall, will give us some insight on "Women's Ministry in the Church".

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**MIXED-UP CHARACTERS**

Test your brain and bible knowledge on these jumbled names of Old Testament characters. Answers on back page.

1. BRAMAHA
2. AHON
3. BOJ
4. MADA
5. MESSO
6. BOCJA
7. AJOHN
8. LOMOONS
9. TESHOR
10. AISHIA
11. HURT
12. SOMA
13. VIDDA
14. LINADE
15. ASCAI
16. HELIJA
17. JEPOSH
18. EDOING
19. HEMERIJA
20. ADOBAHI

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**YOUTH SERVICE**

Once a month, following the Youth Fellowship tea, the young people in our Parish are encouraged to take a more active part in the Evening Prayer service.

September's service saw a further development of this with our young people offering a ministry of music and singing to their own age group, and indeed the entire congregation.

The singing of choruses and hymns was led by a group from our Youth Fellowship (with assistance) and backed by a small "orchestra" of piano (Robert Deavin), organ (Gaylene Cohen), guitar (Ann-Maree Lillico) and violin (Glen Clarke). Additional equipment was used to augment our own P.A. system to enable the instruments to play together and for the singing group. (Our thanks to David Atkins for providing the expertise and equipment for this.)

One of the highlights of the service was the anthem, "Kneels at the feet of his friends" (Hymn 561), sung with congregation participation. The theme of what Jesus has done for us was taken up in the sermon by Bob McKay — Jesus giving himself for our benefit — his body being broken as our bread.

That the service was meaningful to those who attended was evidenced by the apparent reluctance of the congregation to leave the church at the end of the service, choosing rather to linger on listening and joining in with the young people.

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**BY HOOK OR BY CROOK . . . .**

God intends his servants to be both shepherds and fishermen that by hook or by crook they may bring others into the kingdom.



**Our Rector from a Different Perspective**  
(Getting your family in the picture is one of the perks of doing the editing.)

### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

I am often humiliated as I move around in this society of ours to find and receive loving encouragement for those outside the church more than inside. In addition, many of those "outside" do love the Lord, they overflow with human kindness and integrity but cannot bring themselves to become part of a worshipping congregation.

There are very deep needs being expressed, a real longing to belong to the Lord's people but what they perceive the church to be is something they don't want to be part of. We seem to be at a stage in history when there is a spiritual revival going on but the Christian Church misses out because of a credibility crisis.

In St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter nine and verse nine, we observe the call of Jesus to Matthew, the tax collector. "Follow me", said Jesus. It is my belief that an increasing number of people are receiving this call in the present day and age. They are thrilled by the call of Jesus, they enjoy His fellowship and love but are often humiliated and rejected by those who already "belong". The Pharisees reacted negatively to Jesus eating with "many tax collectors and other outcasts". His answer to the Pharisees is one that we in the Church should also take to heart.

Verses twelve and thirteen in Matthew Chapter nine make it clear that the heart and love of Jesus is open to all, no matter what their status or station in life. He is not neglectful of the righteous for they are already in His care and keeping. The scripture in question makes it clear that Jesus has a deep love for the outcast, the unwanted, the unlovely. Equally the scripture reveals He shared His love and time with them giving them the special touch and dignity of His presence. In the Good News translation the words are "it is kindness that I want, not animal sacrifices".

Jesus is quoting from the Old Testament book, Hosea. In Chapter six, the insincerity of the people is made plain. While they obviously attended worship and fulfilled religious obligations what they actually participated in did not come from the heart. Unfortunately their religious expression had become show, it was theatre, an act or performance, it lacked sincerity and truth. The message given to Israel through the prophet Hosea is the message that Jesus quoted to the Pharisees and one we should continue to take to heart today. "What I want from you is plain and clear: *I want your constant love, not your animal sacrifices. I would rather have my people know me than have them burn offerings to me.*"

I am reminded of the scripture "let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall". It is so easy to get into a rut either of comfortableness, repetition or irrelevance. We stay where we have always been, thinking we are secure and right, we fail to keep in touch with the real issues confronting the society in which we live and eventually we have nothing to say or share. Equally by staying in the rut our spiritual relationship often goes cold because it is only related to past experience and not the present living reality of Jesus. Chapter seven of Hosea goes on to reveal something of our spiritual problem. The people needed to repent, confess their sin and be forgiven. In verse two the spiritual deadness is made plain "it never enters their heads that I will remember all this evil; but their sins surround them, and I cannot avoid seeing them".

In Launceston there are many guilty or fearful people who know they have done wrong and are scared their error will someday be revealed for the whole society to know. There are other individuals who are so self-confident they continue to deceive, swindle and hurt without any conscience on the subject. Those who do the damage, and those who are hurt as a result, are in need of the healing salvation found only in Jesus Christ. Before we as a Church can really be usable in bringing this good news to them we need to repent our sins, we need to know the healing salvation of Jesus Christ upon our own lives. As we experience His love afresh day by day, it is His love we have to share with others and it will be His love that will attract them, not ours only.

Every blessing and encouragement,  
Your friend and Rector,

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### 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 10th October, 1983 at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Miss M. Barclay, Mrs. M. Maclaine, Mrs. A. Richards.

Our final function for 1983 will be held in the Parish Centre in November, definite date to be announced later.

It will be a "Morning Tea or Coffee", with the usual stalls — cakes, preserves, fancy, plants and flowers. Proceeds for "Barclay House".

Matron Wayman was our guest for afternoon tea prior to her return to Melbourne. Mrs. Holyman presented a sheaf of flowers and a small gift from members of the Auxiliary.

On Monday, 4th October, members will meet Matron at St. Luke's to view the two new operating theatres under construction at the hospital, and, if possible, will meet the newly appointed Matron D. Dehais.

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### WOMEN'S GUILD

In spite of cold wintry blasts and with Spring on our doorsteps, the Spring Floral Festival has been a successful venture. Overall proceeds totalled \$854.00. The success is due, of course, to the co-operation and involvement of the various organisations and churches, and the combined effort of Guild members.

Delight in the beauty of the floral art was expressed frequently and requests that it be held at least as a 2 yearly project, give food for thought. Our thanks to all involved and for encouragement given.

**Diary dates for Guild:**

**October 4th (Tuesday) —**

**Evandale Parish Hall**

10.30 a.m. — coffee. Transport available — ring 27 2484.

**October 9th (Sunday) —**

**Ecumenical Service**

for the Good Neighbour Council — 10 a.m. (Guild to supply morning tea (Devonshire tea and savoury scones).

**Next meeting:** 13th October. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Butler, Easter and Ford.

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### GFS TOWNSEND

We are working for our Annual Fair on Saturday October 22nd 10.00 a.m.-12 noon. Usual Stalls. Donations of any kind gratefully received. Perhaps when spring cleaning, you will find some useful things for the White Elephant Stall, or some books. Proceeds for GFS TOWNSEND Church Carpet Fund.

**MICHAEL GREEN HITS RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES**

In his address to the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists at Amsterdam in July, Rev Michael Green pulled no punches. In the words of well-known evangelist Billy Graham, who chaired the conference, Green's address "hit him right between the eyes".

Michael Green, himself an evangelist, is Rector of St. Aldate's Anglican Church in Oxford.

In his address he stressed the need for evangelists to identify with and become involved in the world which they were attempting to reach. The heart of their message concerns the coming of Jesus Christ, who himself had become involved in the grime and stench of the world.

"If evangelists were to become involved in life, they must use their minds and their eyes. Our presentation of the gospel needs to be as fresh as the morning's newspaper. Instead, it is often jaded and dull."

There is a real danger that evangelists fail to "scratch where the people itch".

Green warned his fellow-evangelists against the dangers of becoming a 'prima donna' and of neglecting their own spiritual lives. "Imperceptibly we find that we love God's work more than we love God himself. Imperceptibly we find that we are much better at applying the scriptures to the lives of others than to our own."

Green urged that evangelists belong and be responsible to a local church. "There are too many self-appointed gurus going around doing their own thing, sent out by nobody and accountable to nobody. This sort of thing can be little more than a christianised ego trip."

Similar concern was shared by others at the conference. Dr. Johannes Verkuyl, of the Dutch Reformed Church, believes that evangelism — the verbal proclamation of God's Good News — is too often seen in isolation from other aspects of the Church's mission. Proclamation must be seen in the context of service, fellowship and participation in the struggle against injustice.

— from information reported in "Southern Cross", Sept. 1983, and in "On Being", Sept. 1983

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**WORK OF KESTON CONTINUES**

The Rev Michael Bourdeaux visited Australia recently as the Director of Keston College to talk on the plight of christians in countries under extreme left-wing government. Michael Bourdeaux said there was much encouragement for the work of the College in Australia, and was pleased at the establishment of a number of new support groups.

Through the work of Keston College, the cause of 200 million believers living under communist regimes continues to be upheld by christians worldwide.

— "Southern Cross", Sept. '83

**DIARY SPECIALS FOR OCTOBER**

- 9th 10 a.m. Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving to God for 35th Anniversary of Displaced Persons coming to Australia.
- 10th 11 a.m. Rural Deanery at Derby.
- 11th 6 p.m. Men's Tea Fellowship Tea. Subject: "Ministry to Men".
- 12th 1-2 p.m. Organ Recital. 7.30 p.m. Vestry
- 15th 12 noon "Hush-a-thon" — Sunday School.
- 16th 3 p.m. Organ Recital.
- 18th Diocesan Council at St. John's
- 21st 7.30 p.m. Induction at St. Marks.
- 23rd 10 a.m. Civic Service 2 p.m. Youth Festival of Music.
- 30th Vocation Sunday (Daylight Saving)

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**QUAMBY COTTAGE**

The St. John's holiday house at Spring Beach Orford, is available for the use of parishioners. The charge is \$10.00 per night per family. There are vacancies from now till about the middle of December, excluding the November long weekend. Enquiries can be made to Mr. Max Easter, phone 31 5750.

The house is situated high on a delightful position looking out to Maria Island and is well equipped with hot water service refrigerator, all kitchen equipment and blankets — take your own bed linen, towels etc.

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

A family in our Parish needs to find temporary accommodation till Christmas, a 2/3 bedroom house, preferably furnished, max. rent \$80 per week. Please contact the Parish Office if you know of anything that might be suitable.

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**Answers to "Mixed-Up Characters"**

- 1. Abraham, 2. Noah, 3. Job, 4. Adam, 5. Moses, 6. Jacob, 7. Jonah, 8. Solomon, 9. Esther, 10. Isaiah, 11. Ruth, 12. Amos, 13. David, 14. Daniel, 15. Isaac, 16. Elijah, 17. Joseph, 18. Gideon, 19. Jeremiah, 20. Obadiah.

**PARISH REGISTER**

**Baptisms**

4th Sept—Victoria Caroline Mitchell

**Deaths**

28th Aug—Hilda Elizabeth Jillett

3rd Sept—George Arthur Dean

10th Sept—Alexander Graham Ritchie

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Thank you.

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**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.
- \* CEBS — 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

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**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 23rd OCTOBER.**

R. & R.M.