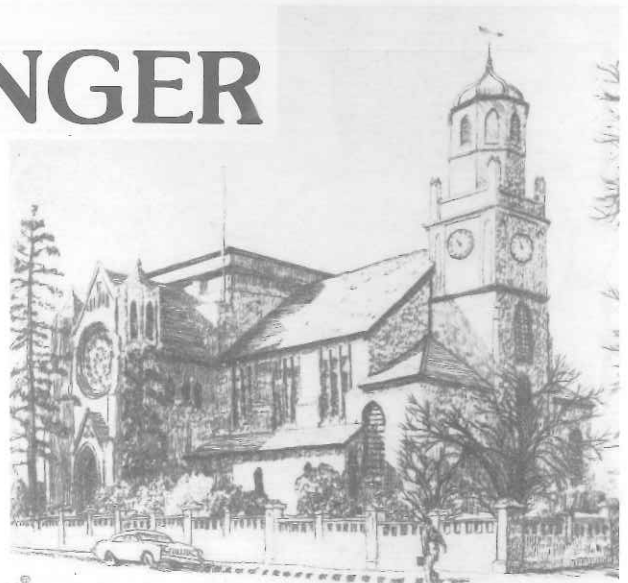


ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER

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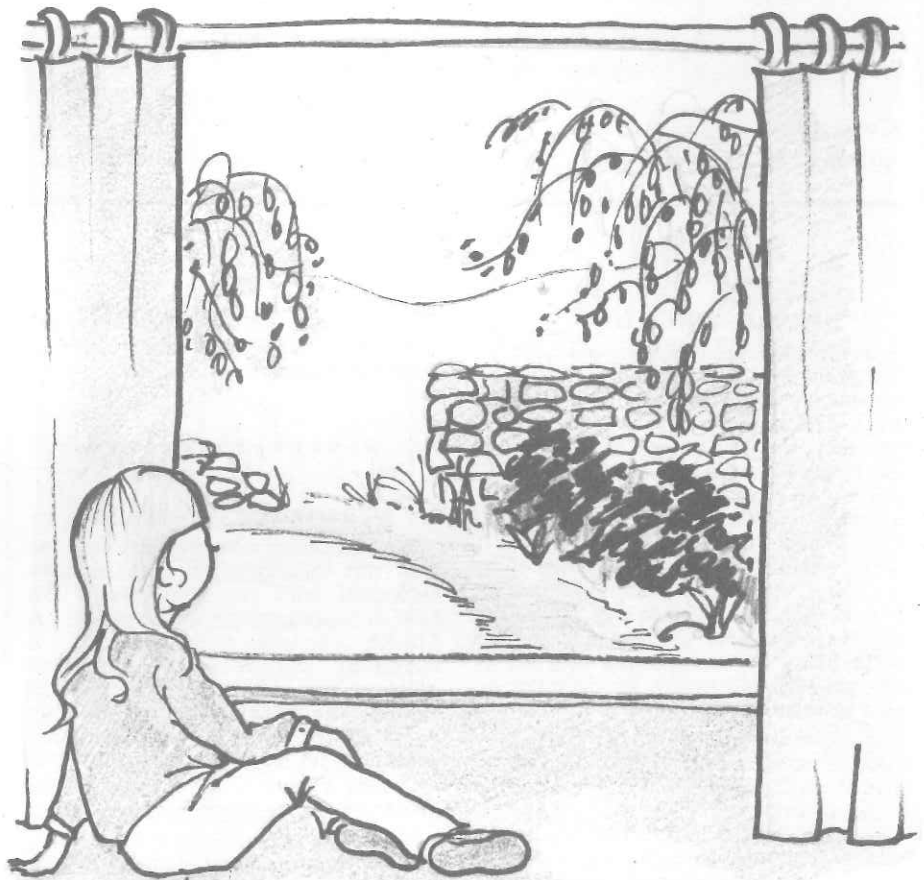
Stop & Listen

Sitting in the living room,
on a quiet afternoon,
I become aware
that God is all around me.

My God is in the sunshine
which brings light and warmth;
My God is in the gentle breeze
stirring the leaves outside;
My God created the wood
which gave me furniture;
He created the earth,
which gave me clay pots,
and the water which sustains life
in flower and plant;
My God inspired the writers
of the books which line the
shelves;
He is glorified in the music
which comes over the radio.

Everywhere I look — He is.
Within me, and around me,
before me, beside me, and ahead
of me.
There is no special place
I need go to discover Him.
I can sit still, right here,
and enjoy Him.

Ann Siddall

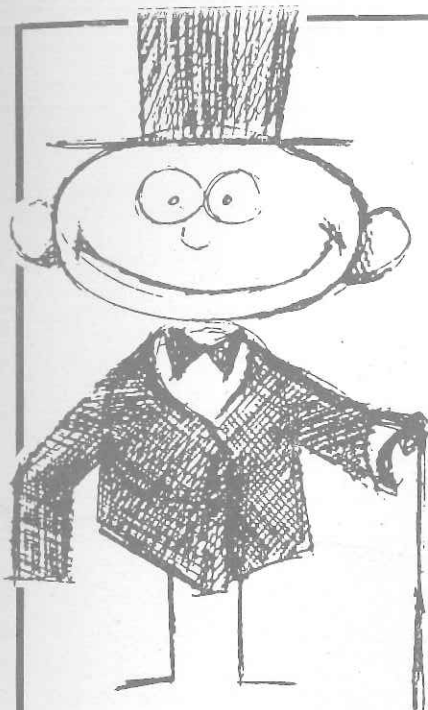


SUNDAY SERVICES

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.



**DON'T MISS
ST. JOHN'S
PARISH
FAMILY CONCERT**

to be held
FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER
7.30 p.m.
in the **PARISH CENTRE**

All offers of items for inclusion
in the programme welcome.

**Don't be backward
in coming forward!**

Concert Committee convener —
Graeme Lillico, Telephone: 31 9517, 23 Wilhemina Avenue, West Launceston

WOMEN'S GUILD

Apart from the predominant aesthetic value of the floral art, embroidery, and music encompassed in the forthcoming Spring Floral Festival on 15th-18th September, the Guild hope to use this opportunity for fund-raising too, and to that end, we would encourage ladies of the Parish to participate in stocking our stalls. When cupboards are spring-cleaned, perhaps an over-abundance of vases, china, craft work, books, magazines etc. may find their way to our second stall. These could be left at the Parish Centre prior to the opening day on Thursday 15th September. Produce etc. would be welcome too.

Due to the non-attendance of our hired washer-up at the Annual Meeting, we ladies of the Guild certainly appreciated the spontaneous help given by Jane and Christopher Easter in under-taking the washing-up, thus enabling us to go home promptly after the meeting instead of slaving over the kitchen-sink! Many thanks Jane and Christopher.

Would Guild ladies please note that we will be supplying supper for Synod on Friday, 9th September — cakes, scones, sandwiches or slices. For our October meeting, we will have Jenny Gill as our speaker on the interesting subject of the history of St. John's Church. And for November Mr. Len Clarke will show a collection of slides on gardens from different parts of the world. Interested members of the Parish are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: September 8th
SUPPER HOSTESSES Mesdames
Andrews, Gatenby and Palliser.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

We all need to take very seriously the vital role in evangelism that our own individual faith and commitment can have in leading others to Christ and his Church. The quiet selfless caring for a friend or neighbour; the unspoken influence of members of a family on one another; the witness given by faithfully going off to worship Sunday by Sunday as absolute priority; the ability to respond to other people's searchings by an invitation 'Come along with me to our Church'.

However at the heart of all evangelism is a loving, forgiving, accepting, welcoming Christian community. It is little use our taking someone along to Church unless when they get there they sense a God-centred fellowship which welcomes but doesn't smother them and which by the quality of its worship gives them some vision of the reality and love of God.

Bishop of Bedford

GOD IS FOR REAL

If you didn't go to Church several Sundays ago I hope you saw the film "Oh God!" Not only was it entertaining it also gave considerable food for thought.

While I would be the first to admit that the character of God portrayed was considerably short of the perfect God we worship there were many elements of truth and interesting comments.

I thought the final court scenes were particularly poignant. God (in the guise of a typical middle-American senior citizen, played by actor George Burns), miraculously appeared and even more miraculously disappeared. He met and spoke to those in the court personally, yet afterwards the Judge, the "Evangelist", and one would assume nearly all others present came to the conclusion that He hadn't really been there. Why? Because His voice hadn't recorded on the tape and even the typed transcripts of His evidence faded away. In other words there was no "concrete" proof that He'd been there at all.

Have you had the privilege of meeting the Living God?

Don't let the modern spirit of cynicism and scepticism detract from the reality of your experience. Neither by ashamed of, nor embarrassed by, your knowing God.

Each one of us is in that role of John Denver. Each of us is His ambassador. As He said, "You will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth."

Rosemary Mitchell

N. J. WINDSOR — LAY READER

We congratulate Mr. Neville Windsor on his appointment by the Bishop to the position of Parochial Lay Reader.

Neville is a very active member of St. John's congregation where he shares in a variety of ministries. He is a Choir member, convener of the Pastoral Committee, and a Vestryman. He has also, with his wife Pam, been the driving force starting and running the St. John's Basketball Teams.

A staff member at Alanvale College, Neville is an able teacher and communicator. He is at present studying for the Associate of Theology diploma and in doing so adds theological training to his degrees in Science and Education.

Neville and Pam have a daughter, Sarah, who is almost two years old.



THE ASSISTANT CURATE WRITES

My dear friends,

I take this opportunity to thank you for your good wishes concerning my appointment to the Parish of Sheffield. My family and I have felt encouraged by so many as they have shared with us the joy and excitement of our news.

As I look ahead to a country parish it is interesting to look back at the writings of a country priest, Charles Bridges, who 150 years ago was vicar of Old Newton in Suffolk, England. From his book "The Christian Ministry"

"The Minister is a continual — not a periodical character. . . a holy sermon is but for an hour. A holy life is his perpetual sermon — a living practical commentary of his doctrine — the gospel to the senses."

These are hard words for any minister. We are to live out the gospel. We preach by what we DO as well as what we SAY.

It is not only the ordained priest who preaches the gospel by his lifestyle. The Apostle Peter tells us that every Christian is a priest. There is a priesthood of all believers and there is a ministry for every Christian. Each person who claims to love Jesus is observed by the world for evidence of what the gospel of Christ is about. It is a great responsibility entrusted to every Christian — to live out the love of our Lord.

While this idea is difficult to make into a reality for our lives, we are helped by God Himself as He sends His Holy Spirit to all who put their trust in Christ. We ought not to be afraid of receiving the spiritual gifts which God wants us to have. We must be willing to apply our God-given talents to the work of Christ. Every member of St. John's needs to look at him or herself critically and ask, "Am I really working for Jesus? Does my life clearly demonstrate Christ's gospel of love and reconciliation?"

As I look forward to a new period of ministry in Sheffield I must re-examine myself. As each of you looks forward to your future ministry in St. John's, my prayer is that you will find new excitement, challenge and vision for this congregation.

May God bless you and encourage you in your walk with Christ.

Bob McKay

HEARTFELT PRAYING

The patient was to undergo open heart surgery. The day before the operation, he requested communion from the Anglican chaplain to the hospital. The rite began: "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be opened . . ."

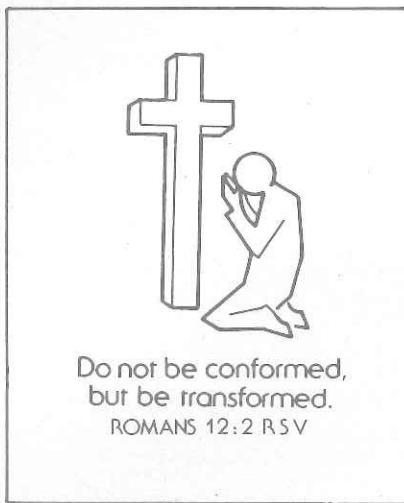
GRAIN DEALER

Years ago a grain dealer commended his minister for his last Sunday's sermon. The minister, thinking to test the man's sincerity, asked, "What did I say?"

"I can't remember your words," was his reply, "but I went home and took the false bottom out of my peck measure."

GEORGI VINS

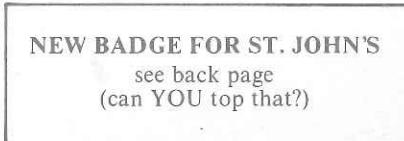
Exiled Russian pastor Georgi Vins recently disclosed that one of the nine charges brought against him in the Soviet Union was that he was the author of the 23rd Psalm. They found a copy of it among his possessions, verified the handwriting as his, and concluded that he was the author.



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 September 12th at 2.45 p.m.

AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESSES:
Mesdames: M. Gardiner, K. Godfrey and D. Scott.



GFS TOWNSEND

We are also 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.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our thanks go to all who helped with our successful slide morning and soup and sandwich lunch. We hope to hold another such function next year as it was enjoyed by all. We raised \$109.10 towards Clarendon Home.

All parishioners are invited to a Spring Handbag and Shoe Parade on Thursday September 8th. Soup and sandwich lunch at 12 noon. Shoes for the whole family will be provided by McCrostie's Shoe Store. Cost \$3 tickets available from any M.U. member or ring Lorraine Watson on 31 9315.



NEW CEBS MEMBERS

During the August Family Service five boys were admitted as Associate Members of St. John's CEBS (Anglican Boys Society).

Alistair Visser, Peter Visser and Nicholas Easter were made Esquires, and Christopher Easter and James Cartledge were made Pages. We congratulate these boys. May God bless them through their association with CEBS which we hope will be a long one and be full of fun and fellowship.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARISH MESSENGER

Items for inclusion in the Parish Messenger are always welcome. Organisation or personal news, comment — serious or humorous, perhaps even an anecdote or story. Maybe your talent lies in artwork. All contributions can be used. The editors would love to hear from you and see what you have to offer.

We would like to acknowledge that this month's page one drawing is by Hilary Piercy.

Youth Fellowship and Basketball Club

have organised a

COFFEE SHOP

with music by Rev. Greg Jones

FRIDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER

8.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.

at our PARISH CENTRE

Drinks and light refreshments served

Come along — join with the young people for fellowship and music

ALL WELCOME

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 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. — Mothers' Union.



A Sunday school teacher had been telling her class about the armour of God — the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and so on.

"There's something else we must carry," she added, referring to the sword of the Spirit. "It's very sharp and it cuts. Do you remember what it is?"

In the silence, a small girl's face brightened and she put up her hand. "It's the axe of the Apostles."

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

- 24th July—Danielle Alisha Lloyd
- 24th July—Nicholas James Redman
- 21st Aug—Philip John Charles Parnell

Marriages

- 6th Aug—Alan Field Pedley to Diane Gay Hoodless
- 27th Aug—John Harrison Chambers to Anne Elizabeth Jinks

Deaths

- 14th July—Keith Miller
- 30th July—Holly Gladys Bynon
- 4th Aug—Darrell Ray Anthony

WHAT'S ON . . . SEPTEMBER

- 1st Restoration Committee (Special) 5.30 p.m.
- 4th Mitchell Baptism and commissioning of Mr. Neville Windsor-lay-reader.
- 6th Planning sessions for Ecumenical Service 9th October.
- 9th 7.30 p.m. Synod Service (H.C.)
- 10th Synod — Grammar School. M.U. Fashion Parade 2.00 p.m. Basketball Association Dinner.
- 11th Synod Restoration Committee (Parish) 8.00 p.m.
- 13th Rural Deanery — Holy Trinity. Men's Fellowship Tea.
- 14th Arrangements for Flower Festival. Vestry.
- 15th Ministers' Fraternal. Official Opening of Flower Festival
- 16th Flower Festival.
- 17th Flower Festival.
- 18th Thanksgiving Service — Flower Festival. Army Conference — Hobart. Confirmation Class.
- 19th Army Conference — Hobart.
- 20th Army Conference — Hobart.
- 23rd Parish Concert.
- 24th Wedding.
- 27th Seminar — "Death & Bereavement".
- 30th Induction — Latrobe Parish
- 30th Launceston Philharmonic Society Recital 8.00 p.m.
