

PARISH MESSENGER

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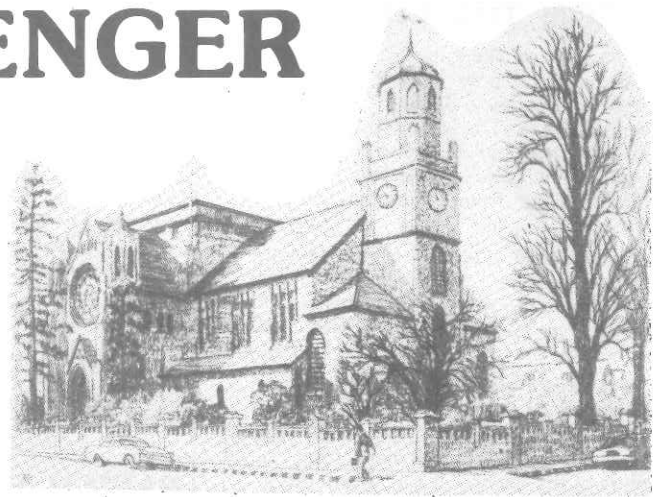
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It is finished

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

8 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. — Holy Communion

Good Friday

9 a.m. — Family Service
11 a.m. — Memorial Baptist Church
(Ecumenical Service)
2 p.m. — Devotional Service
7 p.m. — Readings & Music of the Passion

Easter Day

8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. — Holy Communion

HE IS RISEN

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7.00 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday, Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday
Evening Prayer: 7.00 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
(Laying on of Hands — 7.00 p.m. 4th Sunday)

WEEKDAYS

Monday to Friday: 8.00 a.m. Daily Office
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion:

FROM THE EDITOR

If you didn't make it to the Parish Picnic and Communion in the bush at Myrtle Park on the Last Sunday in February you missed a wonderful day. The setting was beautiful, the weather was beautiful, the worship was beautiful and the fellowship was beautiful — Praise God, from whom all blessing flow!

An advanced guard from our Youth Fellowship reserved the position the night before under canvas. An enjoyable, if somewhat cold and occasionally wet, time was had by all.

There was a great turn-out of St John's Parishioners on the day — not just because of the numbers (which was large) but because there were members from all corners of the Parish. It was wonderful to meet other active members whom I had never met before because they are regular at different services and organisations.

For those who may not have heard, Peter's leg is fully healed. Within a day or two he was running around on it quite normally.

Our deadline for the next Parish Messenger is April 24th. Why not use our "Whats On" column to advertise your group's meetings or activities? We also love to get contributions of reports of what's happening in the Parish and other items you would like to share.

Rosemary Mitchell

I SPY (on the comeback) REPORTS

In January our Curates Cottage was occupied by a bachelor. Soon it will be occupied by two bachelors.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Lesley and Michael Perkins have organised the Meals-on-Wheels Roster for three years and our thanks go to them for this service to the Parish. Will someone volunteer to take over this responsibility? The Roster is prepared to June 1984. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

SHOCKS AT FAMILY SERVICE — WHAT'S NEW!

March Family Service coincided with the Annual Batman Festival Celebrations. Jenny Gill, one of our own congregation, appeared in period costume as Eliza Batman. Those represented in the Batman Festival group were all dressed in period costume, even a convict who acted his part extremely well.

Excitement mounted, plus some apprehension, as the procession moved into the church headed by a monk (Glenn Clark), followed by the Batman Festival representatives, then came a parish nun in black (Sister Jan), two young ladies in period costume turned out to be the Rectory daughters who were closely followed by a very dignified Rector's wife in black velvet and lace, who was then followed by the Rector, in an outfit that defies description. Oh! those legs!

In spite of all the laughter and initial shock, the service was an inspiring and challenging experience as the theme centred on "Heritage", not only in our Tasmanian history, but in the history of our faith and the foundations upon which we build our lives and from which we inspire our children in the faith of Jesus Christ.



1984

PARISH FAMILY CAMP

**CAMP CLAYTON,
ULVERSTONE**

11th - 13th May

Join us for:

- Fun
- Fellowship
- Relaxation

Getting to know each other

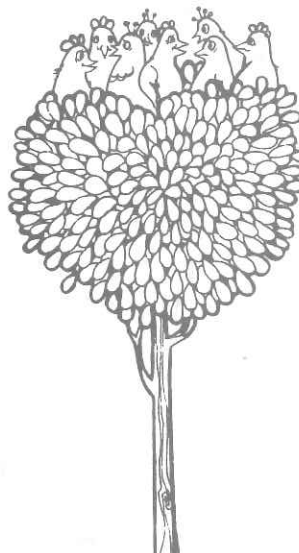
AND you might even learn something!

SEE YOU THERE

Camp Clayton, near Ulverstone, is a great spot for a relaxing and inexpensive weekend away with your family and friends. The atmosphere will be friendly and informal, and will provide an excellent opportunity for us all to get to know each other a little better. All age groups will be catered for, all meals will be provided, and the accommodation is first-rate.

Enrolment forms and forms for joining our Camp Club in which you can pay the fees by instalments are now available.

happiness is belonging to a group a friendship group!



"The Wednesday Group" meets weekly to relax and enjoy interesting demonstrations, social activities, guest speakers, and, above all, each other's friendship.

The group is open to all young women, and we would love to see you!

Come on Wednesdays (at the Curate's Cottage) at 12.30 p.m.

Bring your lunch.

We start officially at 1.00 p.m.

If you would like to know more phone Marilyn Arnold, 31 4566.



Dear Friends

The Vicar of Gisborne Parish, Victoria, the Reverend Ken Parker, in response to my letter enquiring if further Bush Fire Relief was needed, has requested that I thank parishioners for their prayers and gifts. His only request is that we continue in prayer support. Two branch churches were destroyed in the Ash Wednesday fires and two congregations have now decided to join together. They are hopeful of having a new church completed by Easter 1985. Please pray for the victims of these bush fires, especially those facing difficulty.

After consultation at Vestry we have decided to change our Good Friday Service programme. This year there will be the 9 a.m. Family Service, followed by morning tea and fellowship together. At 11 a.m. an ecumenical service will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church, Wellington Street, and I hope parishioners will join in this activity with other Christians. Those who desire can then return to the Parish Centre for lunch together. Instead of the three hour meditation, we are this year confining the service to one hour, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the service will contain both hymns, meditation and prayer. At 7 p.m. the choir will lead us in the special service surrounding the "Readings and Music of the Passion". We hope the change of plans permit us to worship with Christians of other denominations plus maintain a devotional, worshipful atmosphere for the congregation at St. John's.

If the internal works programme at St. John's keeps to the present rate of progress, most of the work may be concluded in time for Easter celebrations. I know some individuals have felt agony over the proposals being implemented and I sincerely hope the finished work will remove their fears and bring them peace, especially as we proclaim joy in the risen Lord.

"He is risen! — He is risen indeed!"

Your friend and Rector

Ernest E. Horth

-THE BETHEL BIBLE SERIES- Help increase your understanding of the Bible

Here at St. John's we are about to launch an exciting new concept of adult Bible Study called "Bethel". For the next two years we will engage in the first stage of training lay teachers. After these two years each person in the congregation will be able to do a Bethel course under the direction of a lay teacher, and gain a new vision in their faith.

The Bethel Series method of learning has been deliberately structured on the assumption that the men and women doing Bethel have not done any serious study since leaving school, which may have been many years ago.

Our first need is to find 12 men and 12 women who will be willing to undergo an intensive, disciplined Bible training programme over the next two years, which precedes the Congregational use of the Bethel Bible Series.

Whilst the primary aim of the 'Intensive' Training phase is to initially equip men and women to become competent Bible Teachers using the exciting Bethel format, which makes the Scriptures intelligible, not all who undertake the advanced level training will be required to teach, but there will be a need to serve in some leadership capacity for at least two years after graduating.

Our volunteers will be provided with an extensive, step-by-step overview of both Old and New Testaments; together with comprehensive instruction being given in leadership, teaching and communicative skills ... and in particular there will be the following requirements:

1. Each trainee must spend two and a half hours a week in a study session for 35 weeks in each of the two years.
2. Each trainee will be required to do at least 4 hours of homework a week between these weekly study sessions.
3. Each trainee will be required to learn 10 Biblical concepts a week while classes are in session. A concept is an event in the Bible with the Book and Chapter where it is to be found.
4. As the study programme progresses, much revision will be carried out, and participants will be examined by means of oral and written tests.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to undertake this 'discipleship' training programme. Think about it. Pray about it. If you are not afraid of some hard work and a challenge which can prepare you for the important work of teaching the Scriptures, then why not come and see Sister Jan Syme and she will give you more information about the programme.

The 'Intensive' level will start straight after Easter, and one group will be held on Monday nights starting at 7.30 p.m., the other on Sunday afternoons starting at 3.00 p.m. Each trainee will need to attend one of these sessions per week.

There will be a meeting of interested people on Monday 16th April at 7.30 p.m., in the Parish Centre. Could you please contact Sister Jan if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Cost per individual will approximate \$35.00 for each part of the course, Old Testament and New Testament, a total of around \$70.00. Costs must not hinder attendance, please discuss with Sister Jan.

FREEZER BANK

Sister Jan is organising a freezer bank - a new way in which we can show ourselves to be a caring church.

Deposits: Sometimes when cooking make an extra casserole, cake, batch of biscuits, etc. and put it in your freezer. Let Jan know that you have something for the freezer bank "on call".

Withdrawals: Let Jan know, as promptly as possible, of anyone in need, eg. through illness, bereavement, etc. We may even make use of the food for entertainment of visitors to St. John's.

WOMEN'S GUILD

A stimulating and informative talk was given by one of our Guild members, Mrs. Jean Butler, a well known cookery expert and judge! Thank you Jean.

We are pleased to report a third new member Mrs. June Mc Kercher, and perhaps this will encourage others to join the fellowship of the Guild.

Next meeting: April 12th at 7.45 p.m. Speaker from "Elizabethan Herbal Crafts" on Pot Pourri.

Supper Hostesses: Mesdames Gee, Newman and Sheldrick.

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

Members of the Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet again on Monday April 9th at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Wherrett, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Coombe.

Tentative arrangements for our "Autumn Morning Tea" has been made - May 24th 10 a.m. until noon, if the centre is available. Final arrangements at the next meeting.

A cordial invitation to our friends and supporters of the Hospital.

Our thoughts and prayers for Mrs. D. Lockwood, a long and valued member of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Lockwood has been a patient in St. Luke's Hospital.



BAPTISM

There appeared in the "Examiner" on Thursday 16th February, a letter titled "Christening refused". While no individual church was named there was enough in the content to suggest St. John's was in question. From my investigation St. John's has always been in trouble with someone over Baptism. Once it was other Rectors who complained that too many of their parishioners came to St. John's for Baptism of children. At another time it was parishioners who complained about disruption of services by families having children Baptised and who showed no respect for or knowledge of what was happening. People here on holidays wanted their children "done" because they had some connection with the church through a member of their family, and so it goes on.

Baptism is becoming an agony question. People are hurt when a Rector either refuses Baptism (which I'm not aware of ever having done), or else he suggests the family go away and think again over some of the important issues involved, plus the alternatives available. Unfortunately, some see this as a refusal. In the church itself there is hurt because many members feel a deep concern that Baptism is being abused when people hold cultural or social views about it or believe in erroneous views held in reference to it. Do we just ignore these trends.

The letter in question stated, "This is not encouraging them back into the church." The question is not one of getting them back into the church. People coming for Baptism need to be challenged about the love and compassion of Jesus the Lord, and encouraged to review their commitment to worship and service as a result of their new relationship with him. Alas, most are not interested. Those who are interested usually link up with the worshipping fellowship in some way. Mothers' Union makes a contact, the Assistant tries to visit the family after the Baptism, we make a real effort to welcome and encourage. This is a vital area of ministry needing your loving support and prayerful encouragement, so often it is heartbreaking.

Rector



APRIL

WHAT'S ON

- 3rd Anglican Women's Fellowship "Quiet Day", St. Mary's, Hagley
- 5th C.W.C.I., Salvation Army Centre, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- 6th/8th C.W.C.I. Convention, Ulverstone
- 7th Sunday School Training Day
- 10th Rural Deanery, St. Leonards
- 14th G.F.S./C.E.B.S. Family Picnic (Trevallyn Dam) and Walk-a-thon.
- 29th Visit from Gideon's International Ministry Team Meeting
- 30th/2nd Post Ordination Conference

G.F.S./C.E.B.S.

G.F.S. and C.E.B.S. are holding a Walk-a-thon on April 14th from Trevallyn Dam to the Parish Centre. Preceding the walk will be a family picnic or BBQ at the Dam. Join us, or at least participate financially!

Our first Church Parade for the year will be on Sunday, 8th April.

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Donations to the Parish Messenger help defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the clergy or church wardens.

Mrs. T.A. Smith	\$10.00
Mrs. J. Roach	\$ 5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Whittle	\$10.00
Anon	\$10.00
Mrs. J.G. Walker	\$5.00
Mrs. J. Gatenby	\$10.00
Mr. L. O'Neill	\$30.00
Miss. D. Glover	\$ 5.00
Mrs. H.C. Tuting	\$10.00
Mrs. B. Phillips	\$5.00

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

- 4th March—Jennifer Louise Wakefield
- 11th March—Natalie Elizabeth LeFevre
- 18th March—Kristy Alana Kerkham

Marriages

- 3rd March—Christopher Dean Temby to Toni Richardson
- 3rd March—Michael James Ford to Julianne Dempster
- 10th March—Paul Anthony Middap to Annette Catherine Morice
- 10th March—David Craig Burk to Kim Maree Hodge
- 10th March—Gregory Lawrence McCarthy to Vicki Legg
- 17th March—Robin Andrew Riley to Kim Maree Nunn
- 17th March—David Percy Snowball to Michelle Anne Bennett

Deaths

- 23rd Feb —June Dennis
- 24th Feb —Glendon Eric Barrenger
- 29rd Feb —Audrey Basil (Pat) Mallison
- 29th Feb —Charles Sidney Cross
- 29th Feb —Marjorie Orr Walker
- 7th March—Elsie May Hughes
- 15th March—Keith Raymond Watts
- 15th March—Gloria Patricia Benstead

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONVENTIONS INTERNATIONAL

Thursday, 5th April 1984 - 10 a.m./11,30 a.m. Meeting at the Salvation Army Centre 109 Elizabeth Street, Launceston. MRS. JILL BRISCO, will be Guest Speaker. Thursday, 5th April 1984 - 7 p.m. Coffee & Slice Evening (Salvation Army Centre) Guest Speaker - MRS. JUDY GOLZ 6th-8th April, 1984 -Annual Tasmanian Convention - "Camp Clayton", Ulverstone Registration form and details at Parish Office.

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.(Pages) 6.30 p.m. (Esquires) 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.