

PARISH MESSENGER

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THE IQ SYNDROME



"... ever since you were a child you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."
2 Tim 3:15

I don't know who invented the blessed words 'intelligence quotient' (shortened to IQ), but whoever he was did not do the human race a great favour. I suppose it was inevitable that we should try to measure intelligence; I suppose it was inevitable that we should try to do it rationally; I suppose that some benefits have come to us from the exercise.

It has long been recognised, however, that in the hands of the non-expert (and perhaps in the hands of the expert, too) these results can be abused. Some of us have far too high an esteem for the IQ test, and we tend to judge our children and other people's children by any results we can glean about them. How we preen ourselves on having a 'bright' child! How down-cast we are, how ashamed, how deflated to discover that our child is 'average' or even worse. How foolish we are, either way!

The Bible agrees that men, women and children can be foolish or 'simple'; furthermore it agrees that this state is undesirable. The foolish, simple person is much to be pitied. But it does not measure simplicity by speed with the multiplication table. Indeed, in its terms, the greatest of intellectuals may be the

deepest of fools, and the child may be the wisest of all. The biblical criterion is not IQ.

In the Bible the fool is one who does not honour God. This is folly, because it is based on the great untruth that there is no God in the world. The Bible says 'The testimony of the Lord is, sure, making wise the simple.' The wisest man is the one who knows God and his word and serves him.

This says something important about our children and us, doesn't it? Are you looking for the IQ? How much better that your child should be thoroughly acquainted with the word of God. Your child may be, average, brilliant, or dull: what difference! If they know the word they are wise; they know sin when they see it and they will avoid it; they will know when friends are leading them astray and will resist. They will be wiser than all the great ones of the world. Does your child know the Bible? Have you taught him God's Word? Has he seen it in your life? If the answer is no, you are failing him. Forget his IQ — concentrate on his wisdom — teach him the Bible!

Peter Jensen

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 and 5th Sunday, Sounds of Praise: 7.00 p.m. 3rd 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

THE TITHE

a guide for financial giving

It's sad to see a beautiful principle turned into a hideous burden. Such is often the case with tithing.

Tithing, an ancient process of taxation cum wealth distribution, was not limited to the people of God. However, it did and still does represent a valuable principle, namely that those who have more than they need should support and share with those who have less than they need. This has ample scriptural support.

Many people have perverted this by saying that acceptance with God could be merited through ritual giving. Another incorrect emphasis says that we must give because it hurts. This is no less than financial self-flagellation, and is nowhere encouraged in the scriptures.

There is often a problem in determining how much we should give. People's circumstances are prone to change, and their rate of giving should vary accordingly, up or down as pressures change.

The tithing principle called for giving 10 percent of a person's income and produce. This figure is good as a guide, but many people are able to give more.

People on average or above average salaries could use the following list of graduated tithes as a guide for their giving.

Instead of channelling their surplus funds into appliances, newer cars or more decorative houses, they can use their excess to redress some of the imbalances in the world we share or to maintain vital areas of ministry. The overriding principle is that enough is enough.

The sample table below is calculated for a family on a combined annual income of \$25,000. We shall assume rather conservatively that the family needs \$15,000 for this year to maintain themselves at an adequate standard of housing, health and education.

At the base amount of \$15,000, the family is to give 10 percent or \$1500. For every additional \$1000 of income, the rate of giving increases by five percent. By the time the final \$1000 mark is reached, the family is to tithe 60 percent or \$600 of this amount. The total amount tithes for the \$25,000 annual income is then \$5250 as against \$2500 for the standard tithe.

There is no doubt that many people will find it difficult to adapt to the graduated tithe. Yet the amount of funds released for aid and ministry would be immense. The Bible indicates giving should be undertaken in two ways. These are not restricting, not legalistic. Rather, they are the liberating concepts of cheerfully and generously.

Salary of \$25,000. Survival level of \$15,000

	rate	tithe per\$1000	graduated tithe (total)
at 15,000	10%	100	1500
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next 1,000	45%	450	3600
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BIBLE SOCIETY/EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE RALLY

Tuesday 28th August - 7.45 p.m. - in St. John's
GUEST SPEAKER - ARCHBISHOP PENMAN
recently appointed Archbishop of Melbourne
All welcome

VESTRY and REPRESENTATIVES for 1984 - 85

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Neville Windsor (Rector's nominee)
John Roberts
Terence Butler

Vestry

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Roldand Boys' Home (Launceston Committee)

Barry Squires

Please continue to support all these people with prayer.

OUR HISTORY

A request to all parishioners who have held office in any parish organisation.

If you have any notes, minutes, or records of your term of office, would you hand them in to the Church Historian, Miss Jenny Gill, so that they can be put with other historical records in safe keeping for future generations.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

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Dear Friends,

As many of you do not receive the Annual Reports of the Parish, I want to share with you the opening remarks of my Report to the Annual Meeting on 27th July, 1984.

This report begins with thanksgiving to God for all the blessing He has poured out to us over these past two years. I personally have experienced His deliverance from death or serious injury, His healing power in restoration of health following a car accident and demands of that first year as Rector, plus his sufficiency to equip, enable and keep me even at the times I wanted to give up.

Last Annual Meeting there was no written Report from the Rector owing to my incapacities following the car accident in June 1983. I take this opportunity to express the thanks of Ida, Kathryn, Louise and myself for the patience and love exercised on our behalf. Your prayer support has been vital. These haven't been an easy two years for us, owing to the negative pressures and criticisms directed our way, the difficulties confronted trying to adjust to our move from Melborne and the sheer pressure and diversity of the role. We have tried to serve the Lord and this Parish unselfishly while at the same time bearing considerable cost physically, emotionally and spiritually. Therefore, let me emphasize again how important your prayer, patience and love for us has been.

While doing some research recently I discovered a substantial number of the older hymns are set within the context of spiritual battle and warfare. Those responsible for the words seem captivated by the message of Romans Chap.8, verses 31-39 which I quote from, in part:-

"Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? ... No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who

loved us! **For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love:there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord."**

While strengthened in this promise and assurance from the scriptures these early Christians also recognised or identified the activities of the Devil, and in the Lord's strength met him head on. In 1 Peter Chap. 5, verses 8 and 9 we read:-

"Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Be firm in your faith and resist him, because you know that your fellow believers in all the world are going through the same kind of sufferings."

Jesus Himself taught that as His Second Coming drew nearer the activities of the Devil would increase because the Devil would realise his time is fast running out. Jesus warned that even the elect of God would be under heavy pressure to go off the narrow path and be led astray. These mounting pressures from the forces of evil are being felt by a broad spectrum of the Christian community. Now is the time when the Lord challenges us anew about the truth of His promises. We will be reassured to acknowledge Jesus both as our source of victory over the Devil and all his works, plus our sufficiency for our every need and situation. The Satanists can do all they like to oppose the Christian Church, however, the forces of evil cannot win, they are already defeated. One day, when Jesus returns, those who follow the Devil will be humiliated as they recognise God's love for His own Children, and as those who pursue evil bow down at our feet. Therefore, Christian, take heart! Do not let the devil sow fear and doubt in your heart. Hold firmly and confidently to the victory that is Christ Jesus Himself and repeatedly claim that victory in His Name.

The words of the hymn seem so apt at this point:-

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be his helpers?
Other lives to bring?

Who will leave the world's side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for him will go?"

As a congregation and individuals we are seeking to respond to these questions but as we do, we also seek identification with the response:-

By thy call of mercy,
By thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side,
Savior, we are thine!"

Your friend and Rector,

Ernest E. Horth

MEALS ON WHEELS

Many of you are probably aware of the great job being done by a number of our parishioners in helping to distribute "meals-on-wheels."

The St. John's roster is for the third Sunday in each month. It involves going to Cosgrove Park at about 11.15 to collect the meals and a "route". Distribution of the meals takes about one and a half hours at the most.

Lesley and Michael Perkins have been organising the roster at St. John's for more than half of the thirteen years our church has been doing it. They see this as a very obvious way we can show we care and as an outreach of St. John's into the community. They are presently looking for more people to go on the roster as numbers have been dropping off in recent times.

If this is an avenue of service you could help with please give the Perkins a ring (ph: 28 1358) or leave your name at the Parish Office. You would be rostered perhaps twice on every six-monthly roster.



Have your filled out a **personal involvement form?** Even if your contribution is small it is still valued. The most important commitment, and first on the list is **prayer**.

Hand your form to St. John's Liaison Officer and Prayer Captain, David Downing.

Continue to pray for:-

* **Operation Paul** The teams who will be visiting door-to-door to personally invite every resident of Launceston and other Northern centres to the Crusade.

* **Operation Andrew** Who is the Lord leading you to pray for, to personally invite and accompany to the Crusade, and perhaps even to be a part of leading into the Kingdom - neighbour, workmate, schoofriend, family member?

Fellowship Tea, which will include discussion of the Crusade will be held at Basil and Rosemary Tkaczuk's, 9 Philip Street, Wednesday, 29th, 6 p.m.

YOUTH VARIETY NIGHT

Friday, 17th August 7.30 p.m.
Launceston Community College

MOTHERS' UNION

Arrangements are in hand to celebrate the 90th birthday of our branch. Invitations have been sent to other branches and former members to attend a Communion Service on Wednesday 15th at 10.30 a.m. with lunch to follow.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st August at 7.45 p.m.

Supper Hostesses:- O. Harris and M. Easther

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

At the thirty-first Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, Mrs. H. Holyman, President for the past twenty three years, resigned the position. Members were sorry that she had decided to leave the office of President and expressed their heartfelt thanks with gifts of flowers.

Election of Officers:-

Mrs. M. Page	President
Mesdames: Gardiner and Butler	Vice Presidents
Mrs. Palliser	Secretary
Mrs. Green	Treasurer

Committee:- Mesdames: Wherrett, Coombe, Atkinson and Miss Barclay.

We are indeed very saddened that a long serving member in Miss D. Lockwood has been admitted to Cosgrove Park.

Miss D. Lockwood would be remembered for long and very faithful service, especially in the Hospital Kiosk. Members visited her on her 89th birthday taking gifts and flowers, and it is hoped that members will continue to find time to visit her as often as possible.

Gifts for the "Barclay House" birthday box were received from Mrs. Lyn Ikin and Mrs. Godfrey.

The next meeting, August 13th at 2.45 p.m. - Parish Centre.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Easther, Atkinson and Page.

CEBS/G.F.S.

At the Family Service in July the Rector admitted four Lads, three Pages, and one member into CEBS, and commissioned Stuart Cowell, Shane Perkins and Ian Pooke as leaders. It is great to see the Branch going from strength to strength and we assure Glenn and his leaders and boys of our love and prayers.

Nine Juniors and two members will be admitted to GFS at the August Family Service, which will include a Church Parade, on Sunday, August 12th.



WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Saturday, 4th

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bill Newman Crusade
-(Training for doorknock programme - Operation Paul)

Monday, 6th/Thursday, 9th

Clergy School in Hobart

Tuesday, 14th

Diocesan Council in Hobart.

6 p.m. Men's Tea is open to all parishioners and friends - Cost \$3.50 - Guest Speaker - Canon Downie on the subject of "Healing"

Wednesday, 15th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion - St. John's Branch of Mothers' Union 90th Birthday

Friday, 17th

Crusade Youth Rally at Community College

Tuesday, 21st

Rural Deanery

Friday, 24th

8 a.m. Holy Communion - St. Bartholomew

Sunday, 26th

3 p.m. Choral Music Recital

Tuesday, 28th

7.45 p.m. Archbishop Penman Guest Speaker at Special Rally in St. John's

Wednesday, 29th

Fellowship Tea at B. Tkaczuk's, 9 Philip Street (to discuss Bill Newman Crusade).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

Tuesday, 14th August

6 p.m.

in Parish Centre

is open to all parishioners and friends (male and female)

Guest Speaker - Canon Downie on the subject of Healing.

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

1st June —Emma Jane Marshall
1st June —Jason Colin Holden
1st June —Jennifer Anne French
1st June —Catherine Anne French
1st June —Rebecca Jane French
8th June —Caroline Edith Hartnett
14th June —Shaun Gregory Morris
15th June —Brent James Francis Pendrey

Marriages

30th June —Allan Hedley Garwood
to Vicki Suzanne Kerr

Deaths

20th June —Eliza Ruth Mary Mawby
23rd June —Deborah Stone
13th June —Lalla Jeanette Grace McElwee
19th June —Bryan Andrew Irvine
19th June —Denzil Howard Kelly

PARISH MESSENGER DONATIONS

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

Mrs. J. Roach \$5.00; Mrs. J. Gittus \$10.00; The Rev'd & Mrs. E. E. Horth \$20.00; Mrs. N. Griffiths \$5.00; Mrs. M. J. Walton \$20.00; Miss. E. J. Kiddle \$5.00; B. S. & D. L. Cartledge \$5.00; Mrs. E. Cross. \$5.00; Mrs. S. Hughes \$5.00; Mrs. D. A. Green \$5.00.

THANK YOU

Parish Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the next Parish Newsletter is **Sunday, 19th August**. Please have contributions to Parish Office or Editors by that date.

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 (in recess)
- * Bethel (Mon. 7.30, Sun. 3 p.m.)

Weekly Meetings

- * GFS — 6.00 p.m. Wednesday.
- * CEBS — 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.