

PARISH MESSENGER

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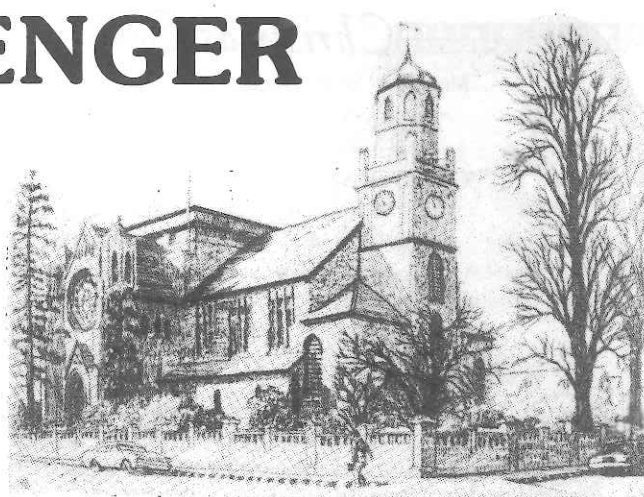
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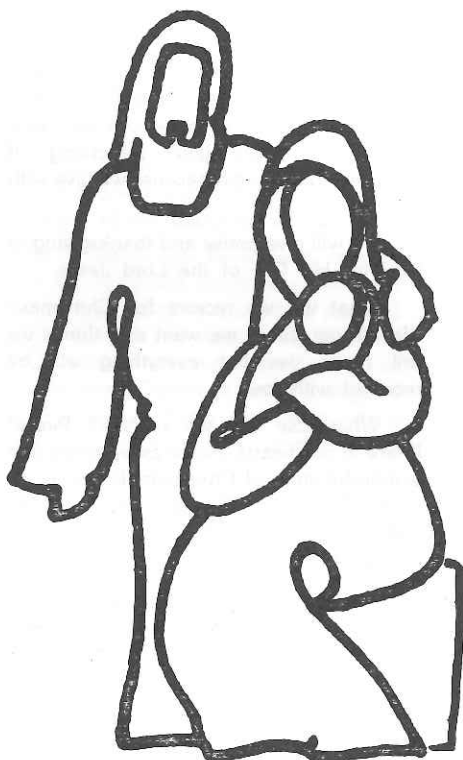
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★ Christmas



On the first Christmas, Mary
had a baby who was called
Jesus.

Joseph was his step father.
God is his father.

Jesus looked lovely I think.
I will tell you one of the
stories from the Bible and I
am going to start now.
God promised his people he
would send his Son.

He told Mary and Joseph
that they were having a
baby.

The King commanded every-
one was to get their an-
cestors who lived long ago.
So they went to Bethlehem
and all the inns were full.

They went from house to
house asking if they had
some room and most of
them said, "No".

Until they heard one of
them said,

"Yes. We have a stable.

You may use it."

So they slept in it in the
night.

Jesus was born in the same
night.

The shepherd came.

The wise men came as well.

The wise men are people
who study the stars, and are
very clever and smart.

Catherine, age 7 yrs.

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

Christmas Services

Monday, 24th December

8.00 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols.

11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, 26th — St. Stephen

8.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, 27th — St. John

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Friday, 28th — The Innocents,

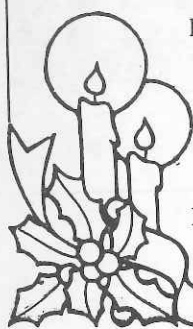
160th Anniversary of St. John's
Foundation Stone.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and
Thanksgiving.

Monday, 31st December

11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service
(Holy Communion)



HOME COMMUNIONS

For those who are sick or incapacitated and unable to attend services during this Christmas season, the clergy will endeavour to bring Communion to the home. Please notify the office of your name and address as soon as possible.

ST. JOHNS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for this year will finish with the Family Service in the Church at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 9th December, and will resume again the Sunday after school begins next year.

The children will be involved in different ways in the Family Service, and afterwards you are all invited — children, parents and friends — to a BBQ in the Church grounds.

Bring your own food and drink, or buy a hamburger there for 60¢.

AND THEN

for some games and gift giving with a SPECIAL GUEST — a MYSTERY CLOWN.

As this exciting time of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ comes closer, let us gather together as Christians in happiness, prayer and thanksgiving for the past year and happenings in the Sunday School, and ask for blessing and help in the coming year.

May we, the teachers, wish all the children and their parents a joyous Christmas Season and safe and happy holidays.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations towards the cost of the "Parish Messenger" are welcomed. It costs the Parish approximately 50 cents per copy of \$5.50/\$6.00 — including postage — per family per year. Owing to the cost, Vestry may have to review the frequency of printing the "Parish Messenger", or use an alternative, less expensive way of producing the paper. Donations may be given to the Churchwardens or Parish Office.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Mrs. J. Roach \$5.00, Mrs. J. Sheldrick \$3.00, Mrs. P. M. Williams \$5.00, Miss B. Parramore \$10.00, Anon. \$5.00, Mrs. L. Olding \$7.00, Mrs. L. Wall \$5.00, Mrs. J. G. Walker \$20.00, Mrs. I. Crombie \$2.00, Anon. \$10.00, Mrs. J. Hebbink \$5.00, Mrs. J. Davis \$2.00, Anon. \$5.00, Anon. \$5.00, Mrs. A. Pearce \$5.00, Mrs. V. Whitmore \$6.00, Mrs. M. H. MacLaine \$5.00, Mrs. H. Palliser \$5.00, Mr. & Mrs. D. Ord \$10.00, Mrs. M. Underwood \$5.00.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHAPEL

On Sunday, 9th December, 1984 at 3 p.m. there will be a special service in the Chapel to commemorate this anniversary. An Old Boy of the School, the Right Reverend Oliver Heyward, Bishop of Bendigo, will be guest preacher.

All parishioners are invited to attend the service and the afternoon tea afterwards.

THE PERFECT GIFT

At this time of year, every time we switch on our radio or television, or read a newspaper, we are besieged by advertisements for Christmas gifts. It seems that EVERYTHING is the "PERFECT" gift for Christmas, the "IDEAL" gift, the "gift that will last", the "gift that will be remembered". Some of the most unlikely things are on the list!

The world, having taken Christ out of Christmas, feels free to have all the privileges and none of the commitment. A shopper was heard to say when she found a Bible text inside a Christmas card, "They are trying to get religion even into Christmas!"

There was no room for Jesus at the inn when He was born, many people have no room for Him today.

Christians have to withstand lots of pressure. It's easy to get caught up shopping, cooking, even visiting. There's so much to do!

So what will we give for Christmas? We will give gifts to our nearest and dearest. We will give to our friends and relatives and others for whom we have concern. We will give something of ourselves in every gift because we give with love.

We will give praise and thanksgiving to God for His Gift of the Lord Jesus.

What will we receive for Christmas? We will get things we want and things we will never use but everything will be received with love.

What else will we receive? Peace! Peace in our hearts. Peace as we relive that wonderful story of Christmas. Peace as we sit in Church on Christmas Day and join with the millions of God's people in the Fellowship of God's love.

We will receive, if we truly want it, forgiveness and joy as we give our hearts and lives afresh to God, knowing that we are in His Perfect Plan. We will receive, if we truly want it, the Perfect Gift — Eternal Life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for His Gift beyond words!

B. M. Shelley

NEED A LIFT

If you would like transport to church on a regular or casual basis please phone Miss Sybil Brownrigg on 31 1520 or Mr. H.C.A. Pitt on 31 1009.

For casual transport kindly ring by Friday.

(We have offers in most areas but would be pleased to learn of any additional offers available.)



Dear Friends,

It is now three years since I came to be your Rector. They have been very full and challenging years, an experience difficult to find elsewhere. The Rectory family are grateful for that love which encourages and the power of prayer. Many obstacles have been overcome and new friendships formed. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We have been privileged to share in your joys and in your sorrows. It is our prayer that the ministry we give be real, personal and warm, arising out of our own experience of the goodness of the Lord.

As a parish we have been moving ahead with faith and vision. The Reverend Craig Arnold has given a depth to pastoral ministry through his visiting, especially to the sick and the bereaved. Appointment of a Church Army Officer as Parish Evangelist in the person of Sister Jan Syme was a decision of real note. Her contribution to the life and ministry of the parish has borne much good fruit. An increasing number of parishioners are becoming involved in areas of ministry. Because more people are involved the load can be shared, a better quality job or result can be achieved and more people are switched on to dream dreams and see the vision of our Lord's way ahead.

Leadership brings with it the stimulation for change. Change can prove threatening to some individuals while others get frustrated because change is not happening quickly enough. Whatever happens, and whatever our personal viewpoint, as the Body of Christ at St. John's and imperfect though we be, our priority must centre on seeking the will of Christ and being obedient to His will. Some of us will need to let go our fears and insecurities so they do not frustrate or hinder the work of God. Others will need to exercise patience and humility so that personal endeavours are not forced on others against their will and maybe, against God's.

St. John's is not "my" church, I don't own it, neither do you. If blessing, peace, and power in the Spirit of the Lord are to be evident among us we will need to give up to Jesus the right to ourselves, we need to submit to His Lordship. He must be the One in charge of St. John's not us. As we look forward to a New Year, we also look forward to more new beginnings. We look ahead to the future with expectancy and anticipation in the promises of our Lord. Only in Christ can we find the freedom and enabling to be His witnesses in Launceston and to the uttermost parts of the world.

In closing, Ida, Kathryn and Louise join me in expressing the hope that your Christmas may centre on the Celebration of Jesus Himself. May we all find a renewed love, hope and faith in Jesus this Christmas, for in His Name there is Peace, the Peace that passes all human understanding. St. Luke records the message that came to the shepherds "living out in the fields . . . , keeping watch over their flocks at night." The angel calmed their fears by saying "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." After the message was delivered Luke gives the impression that a huge heavenly choir started to sing . . .

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men
on whom his favour rests."

Luke 2:8-20

May His favour rest on you and
your family this Christmas and in the
years ahead.

Your friend and Rector,

Ernest E. Horth

ALL THE PARISH STAFF
EXTEND TO YOU THEIR LOVE AND
JOY IN CELEBRATING THIS
CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF THE
SAVIOUR.

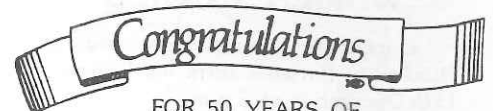
MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS KNOW
HIS PEACE AND JOY.

Ernest, Craig, Jan, William,
Joan, Jacquie, Jenny, John.

**ST. DAVID'S
CATHEDRAL SERVICE
for
BISHOP JERRIM**

10 a.m. SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.
If able to do so, would you please let the
Parish Office know. Tel. 31 4896.

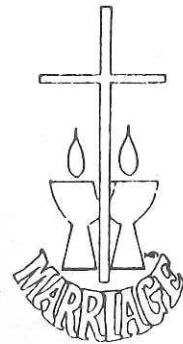


FOR 50 YEARS OF
CONTINUOUS SERVICE
IN THE
GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Miss Elizabeth Kiddle
Mrs. Elsie Jessop
Miss Jessie Andrews

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

Extend thanks to all who helped or
supported their recent MARKET. \$500 was
raised and money is still coming in.



CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Gerald Crispin and Jeannie Buntine
and our prayerful love for their
Wedding at Camperdown
(Western District of Victoria)
5.30 p.m., 5th January, 1985.

YOUR INVITATION
to attend
ORDINATION SERVICE
Saturday, 2nd February, 1985
10 a.m. in St. John's
GERALD CRISPIN
and
JOHN CAMPBELL
are to be made Deacons
in the Church of God.

It is also the 20th Anniversary
of the Rector's Ordination in
St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale,
(Diocese of Gippsland)



WOMEN'S GUILD

Christmas Party for elderly citizens in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 11th December at 2 p.m.

All senior citizens are welcome, especially St. John's parishioners and "shut-ins". Please ring Mrs. Muriel Brain if transport is needed, on 44 5550.

Christmas Dinner at the Lithgow Room, Commodore Regent on Thursday, 13th December. All members welcome. Please advise Mrs. Muriel Brain if attending on 44 5550.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are listed for duty on Sunday, 9th December:-

A. Green, H. Pitt, L. Perkins, B. Donaldson, A. Whittle, V. Murgatroyd, W. Cowell, J. Moxon, M. Wing.

QVH: M. Willson, M. Brain.

Michael and Lesley Perkins would appreciate someone taking over the organising of the roster. If you can help, please contact Lesley or Michael on 28 1358 or the Parish Office 31 4896.

MOTHER'S UNION

With the Parish Centre "dressed" suitably for the occasion and the walls bulging with people, what an atmosphere was created for the "Evening of Nostalgia"! Apart from the many trousseau items of past years, beautiful needlework was displayed in the christening robes with so many years attached to them. Grandmothers wearing their wedding gowns, mothers wearing daughters', daughters-in-law wearing mothers-in-law's gowns, plus the many others dating from 1914-1983, the evening fast became full of interest for everyone.

Two popular wedding songs of the 40's and 50's beautifully sung by Jenny Gill were much appreciated.

The cake at this wedding breakfast was cut by Mrs. Kathleen Sutton and the "father" of the brides, Ray, and distributed to the guests.

Clarendon Children's Home will benefit from over \$350.00 raised at this function, and we thank all who supported it.

Christmas greetings from our members to all Parishioners.

WHAT'S ON

December

Sat. 1: 10 am Working Bee (prep. for Christmas).

Sun. 2: 7 pm Confirmation and special Thanksgiving service for Bishop Jerrim.

Wed. 5: 7.30 pm Executive Committee at Rectory.

Thurs. 6: 8 pm Induction - Georgetown.

Fri. 7: 8 pm Messiah. 8 pm Induction - Zeehan.

Sun. 9: Sunday School Luncheon.

Thurs. 13: 7 am Holy Communion and Dedication of Memorial to Miss Rooney (Broadland Old Girls). 12 noon Fraternal.

Sat. 15: 6.30 pm BBQ and Carols at Parish Centre.

Wed. 19: 7.30 pm Vestry.

Sat. 22: 10 am St. David's Cathedral Service for Bishop Jerrim.

Fri. 28: 10 am Holy Communion - Thanksgiving for 160th Anniversary of Foundation Stone at St. John's.

Sun. 30th: 7 pm Holy Communion - visit by CEBS from Melbourne and Commissioning of new CEBS Director.

Mon. 31: 11.30 pm Holy Communion - Watch Night Service.

January

Tues. 1: 8 am Holy Communion - Circumcision.

Wed. 16: 1 pm Organ Recital.

Wed. 23: 1 pm Organ Recital.

Fri. 25: 8 am Holy Communion - St. Paul.

Wed. 30: 1 pm Organ Recital.

Sat. 2nd February 8 am Holy Communion - Presentation of Christ. 10 am Ordination Service - Gerald Crispin, John Campbell.

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

At the meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital members observed silence in memory of Mrs. L. Cornish and Miss D. Lockwood, two long-serving and valued members.

We especially remember Miss Lockwood for faithful attendance at the Kiosk.

A donation of \$15.00 was forwarded to the Flower Guild at St. John's, this being Mrs. Cornish's wish.

Members visited the Hospital on St. Luke's Day, taking bedside posies to each patient in hospital.

Gifts were also brought to the meeting for patients in hospital at Christmas time - also for our dear friends in Barclay House.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

- 7th Nov. — Carol Elvie Robins
- 7th Nov. — Darlene Dawn Clark
- 11th Nov. — James Arthur Barwick
- 11th Nov. — Rohan Craig Thomas Ellings
- 16th Nov. — Simon Nicholas Windsor
- 20th Nov. — Jason Josip Ludas

Marriages

- 3rd Nov. — Roger William Lockett to Jane Catherine Yates
- 3rd Nov. — David Ronald Jackson to Wendy Anne Crooks
- 3rd Nov. — Anthony Craig Jacobson to Katrina Joy Murfet
- 17th Nov. — Stephen Charles Cahoon to Jenny Maree Harris
- 17th Nov. — Peter David Taylor to Trudi June Munnings
- 24th Nov. — Maurice Frederick Mace to Jennifer Robyn Fitch

Deaths

- 21st Oct. — John Cornwall Beckett
- 9th Nov. — Frances Amie Davis
- 13th Nov. — Dorothy Jean Young
- 14th Nov. — Robert Wilfred Brown
- 15th Nov. — Margaret Beaumont Grubb
- 19th Nov. — Ian Christopher Gallahar
- 19th Nov. — William Edward Claxton

PARISH MESSENGER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of the Parish Messenger will be **Sunday, 19th January**. Please have your contributions to the Editors or Parish Office by that date.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Bible Studies

- * Monday Home Study 7.30 p.m.
- * Wednesday morning at CMS House 9.15 a.m.
- * 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.