

PARISH MESSENGER

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Sister Jan Syme

Welcome to Jan Syme, who starts at St. John's on February 1, 1984, as the third member of our clergy team.

Before training at the Church Army College in 1982, Jan had completed her Higher School Certificate in Victoria and studied at the School of Dental Therapy, gaining her Certificate in 1979.

Jan plays hockey and cricket, is interested in Aussie Rules as a spectator and has been told she will learn to play basketball. She loves reading and enjoys model making and takes a keen interest in community health matters. She drives a Gemini with a foreign number plate.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday: 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday: 7.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday
Evening Prayer: 7.30 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
(Laying on of Hands — 7.30 p.m. 4th Sunday)

WEEKDAYS

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



DOUGLAS STEWART GILL

On Monday, 31st October, 1983, our friend Douglas Stewart Gill died peacefully after suffering a severe stroke a few days before, aged 69.

Doug had been a faithful member of St. John's since 1922, when he joined the Sunday School and Choir. He remained in the Choir for the next 61 years. He served as a vestryman for a total of 23 years, 13 of which were as a churchwarden.

Doug was born on 24th April, 1914, in Murwillumbah, Queensland. The family came to Tasmania in 1920. He was educated at the East Launceston Primary and Launceston High Schools. In 1939 he married Shirley Robbins of Sydney.

Doug had employment at the Agricultural Department, and at the "Examiner & Daily Telegraph". He owned the City Newsagency for many years. At Beck's Timber he was accountant, and then, until his retirement in June 1983, he was Secretary of St. Luke's Hospital. He also served in the Army in World War II, reaching the rank of Captain.

His spare time activities were many:

- Past Secretary of the Northern Tasmanian Badminton Club.
- Former Treasurer of the South Launceston District Cricket Club.
- Former member of Launceston Jaycees.
- Former President of the Northern Division of the Newsagents Association.
- Past President of Scotch College Council for over 25 years.
- Past Secretary of the Rotary Club of Launceston.
- Past Secretary and Past President of the City of Launceston Lions Club.
- Former Board member of St. Luke's Hospital.
- Australian Badge Hockey Umpire, active until about 1980.
- Past President for 20 years, Patron and

Life member of the Northern Tasmanian Hockey Association.
President of the Tasmanian Hockey Association for the last 12 years.
Member of the Australian Hockey Olympic Squad in 1956.
Member of the Umpiring and Umpires Appointment Committee of the Australian Hockey Association.

To quote the words of a friend, "We recall his boundless energy, his wry sense of humour, his ready grasp of the essential logic of a situation, (Doug did not suffer fools gladly), his faithfulness and his concern for others." Supporting Doug in all that he did have been his loving wife, his son Terence and daughter Jennifer.

We all give thanks for the life of Douglas Stewart Gill.



PARISH FAMILY DAY

Don't forget our FAMILY DAY at MYRTLE PARK on SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY. We will begin with an outdoor service of Holy Communion commencing at 10.30 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch or barbecue - bring your own food. We have the use of the hall there, should the weather be wet.

If you require transport, or will have room to take someone, please contact David Downing (ph 31 1966 or leave a note at the back of the church) as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there to make it a great day together.

PARISH CAMP

Mark the dates 11th - 13th May in your diary for our FAMILY CAMP at Ulverstone. More details later.

BASIL TKACZUK - THANKS!

For the past five years Mr. Basil Tkaczuk has been official leader of St. John's Youth Group. This is never an easy task to fulfil but is one of strategic importance to the welfare of our youth and the life of the parish.

After much prayer and searching Basil has been lead to submit his resignation as youth leader at St. John's to the Rector. Basil felt it was time for some "fresh material" to be used but he also has an increasing workload in his duties with the Bill Newman Crusade.

The Rector has written to Basil expressing appreciation for his ministry and encouragement in the important task relating to the Crusade.

Members of the congregation also express their thanks, especially members of the Youth Group, for the dedication and example given by Basil.

While he moves from one field of service, another has opened before him. In faith we, as a congregation, must look to the Lord and commit the youth fellowship and its leadership to prayer.

We seek God's direction for the Rector as he considers any new appointment.

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A CASE FOR NON VIOLENCE

Something hopeful has been sounded by the movie industry's "Oscar" presentations by the Academy Awards committee the past two years. Did you catch it? In 1982 the best film award went to "Chariots of Fire" a celebration of man's non-violent victory over religious prejudice, and last year (April 11) it went to "Gandhi", a film biography of India's great man of peace whose spirit of non-violence freed India from British rule.

There have been scores of good movies produced in the last two years: excellent comedies like "Tootsie", exciting science fiction thrillers like "E.T." and gripping dramas like "Sophies Choice", but two years in a row the academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has selected celebrations of peace. That should say something to everyone.

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ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

A reminder to members that the first meeting for 1984 will be held on Thursday, 9th February, preceded by a Communion Service in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. New members would be very welcome.

Supper hostesses: Mesdames D. Butler, N. Peck and L. Cornish.



Dear friends,

Thank you for your prayerful and loving support last year. In spite of the difficulties encountered it was an eventful year. Now we look ahead with anticipation to what Jesus, the Christ, will do in and through us. As a congregation we are a team in God's service. The Reverend Wakely Wade, Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society, in writing to his Field Staff used the following illustration -

A churchwarden took his Rector to a football game. During the game he turned to his rector and said, "Rector, look how those young men on the field are playing. They're giving it all they've got with real enthusiasm. Why don't you preach that way?" The rector thought for a while and then he replied, "I would if I had all those people cheering for me."

I find myself identifying with the illustration and call to mind the many times I've felt depressed and a failure because there was little or no real encouragement. However, this applies to the whole family here at St. John's. For example, if the Sunday School teachers are not thanked or encouraged, their faith in God's call to the task must be very great otherwise they would withdraw. The same with every other avenue of service within the congregation. We need to cheer each other on as fellow members of the same team or club, and each member plays a vital part in the total effort. The men of Israel give us an example of faith and mutual support in Judges Chapter 20, verse 22.

On your behalf I welcome Sister Jan Symes as our new member of ministry staff.

She will need our loving and prayerful support at all times. Sister Jan has made a minimum commitment of two years to this parish. As Jan commits herself to us, we are challenged in our obedience to the Lord. We believed that Jan's appointment was a decision God would have us make. Furthermore, we committed ourselves to

Jan and her ministry through prayer, financial support and participation in ministry. Now our obedience is being put to the test, Sister Jan has arrived. Acts Chapter 5 verse 32 is very relevant -

"We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

I am pleased to announce that Bishop Newell will share with us at the 10 a.m. Service on Sunday, 12th February, when he will commission Jan for service in this parish and within this diocese. I hope you will be present as a witness of your commitment to this new ministry, as an encouragement to Sister Jan and each other.

Saturday 4th February, the Reverend Craig Arnold will be married to Marilyn Durie in St. Aidan's Church, Launceston. We congratulate them and rejoice with them. I'm sure you will do all you can to help them, and young John, as they settle in at the "Curate's Cottage."

Finally, we are having a "Parish Family Day" at Myrtle Park on Sunday, 26th February, commencing with a service of Holy Communion at approximately 10.30 a.m. As a congregation we need to use these opportunities for fellowship and sharing to the maximum. Your participation will help make the day a success.

Every blessing and encouragement for this year ahead.

Your friend and Rector,

Ernest E. Horth

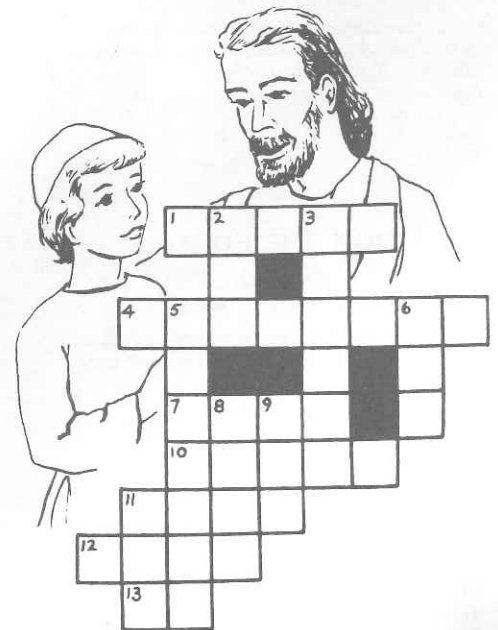
Who Is the Greatest?

Across:

- 1—Jesus called a _____ unto him.
- 4—The disciples asked Jesus who was the _____ in the kingdom of heaven.
- 7—Black fuel.
- 10—Jesus said they must become as children to _____ into the kingdom of heaven.
- 11—Important food in Japan.
- 12—What Jesus taught men to do.
- 13—Us.

Down:

- 2—Weed-cutting tool.
- 3—Jesus said people should humble themselves as _____ children to be great in the kingdom of heaven.
- 5—Jesus said whoever should _____ a child in his name received him.
- 6—Jesus sometimes preached by the _____ of Galilee.
- 8—One time.
- 9—Chewed up.
- 11—Line of people.



(Read Matthew 18:1-6)

**** LENT STUDIES ****

commence after 7.30 p.m.
Holy Communion Service
Ash Wednesday
7th March
and
continue each Wednesday
till Holy Week.

Subject
"Humanly Speaking -The Psalms"

Leader
The Reverend Craig Arnold

ZERO RECALL

A friend of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, once reminded her of an especially cruel thing that someone had done to her years before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall it.

'Don't you remember it?' her friend asked.

'No,' came the reply, *'I distinctly remember forgetting it.'*

— Quoted in FAMILY Magazine.

C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL 1984

A number of parishioners from St. Johns joined with many others from all over the State for a week-end of wonderful teaching and fellowship at the C.M.S. Summer School at W.E.C. College, St Leonards, recently.

In-depth Bible Studies on 1 Peter were presented by the Rt. Rev. Donald Cameron, Bishop of North Sydney. To try to cover what he said in a limited space would be impossible but I hope to pass on some of my "gleanings" through the Parish Messenger. Fortunately, all his talks were taped (as were those of the other speakers) and these tapes will soon be available through the C.M.S. Bookshop if you are interested.

Shirley Bonnitcha, our own "Tasmanian" missionary, shared something of her life in Pakistan, where she is Secretary to the Bishop of Lahore. Her theme was "Wrought by Prayer". One could sense her quiet confidence that she is carrying out God's work in Lahore, no doubt because her work is underwritten by constant prayer — her own and that of her supporting friends.

It was a great privilege that Dr. Alan Cole, Federal Secretary of C.M.S., could include the Tasmanian Summer School in his heavy schedule of commitments.

As part of his talks he preached a summary of where the 130 C.M.S. missionaries are working world-wide (his maps are entertaining in themselves!), and also where there are unfilled opportunities. He also explained the Missionary Strategy of C.M.S. which is more concerned with sending people rather than money and of working through the local church, encouraging self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

There was much exciting news, like the spiritual revival amongst our own aboriginal people in Northern Australia, and some more unhappy tidings, like the upsurge of crime and shortage of many foodstuffs in Tanzania. Much to praise God for and much to commit to prayer.

Dr. Cole's humour and ready wit made his addresses, including his evening service sermon at St. John's particularly memorable for those who were present.

At the conclusion of the week-end he challenged us to pray that God would show us one thing that we had learnt, one thing we could commit ourselves to do, not just once but continue to do throughout the coming year.

Rosemary Mitchell

FROM THE EDITORS

Contributions to the Parish Messenger are always welcome.

We look forward to 1984 being a year when many more of you will take up this invitation.

Deadline for the next issue is **Sunday 26th February.**

Ross and Rosemary Mitchell

CROSSWORD ANSWERS**Who is the Greatest?**

Across: 1 — Child, 4 — Greatest, 7 — Coal, 10 — Enter, 11 — Rice, 12 — Love, 13 — We, Down: 2 — Hoe, 3 — Little, 5 — Receive, 6 — Sea, 8 — Once, 9 — Ate, 11 — Row.

DIARY SPECIALS FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 1st February

Sister Jan Syme commences ministry at St. John's

8 p.m. Induction of the Reverend McKay as Priest-in-Charge of Sheffield Parish.

Saturday, 4th February

Wedding - Craig Arnold and Marilyn Durie

Tuesday 7th February

Diocesan Council

Wednesday 8th February

Vestry

Sunday 12th February

10 a.m. Commissioning of Sister Jan Syme by the Rt. Reverend Phillip Newell.

Tuesday 14th February

Rural Deanery - George Town Men's Fellowship

Saturday, 18th February

C.E.B.S. Diocesan A.G.M. and H.C.

Tuesday, 21st February

Rural Deans Conference with Bishop

Thursday, 23rd February

Organ Recital

Saturday, 25th February

A.W.F. Picnic at Bridport

Sunday, 26th February

Parish Family Day at Myrtle Park, commencing at 10.30 a.m. with Holy Communion in the bush.

Tuesday, 28th February

Senior Chaplains Conference, Hobart

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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.

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Thank you

SUNDAY SCHOOL

recommences

10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 19th February

PARISH REGISTER**Baptisms**

27th Nov —Olivia Theadora Targett
27th Nov —Paul Simon Davey

Marriages

26th Nov —Jon Ramon Foley
to Sonya Louise Anderson
26th Nov —Mark Anthony Manuel
to Therese Elizabeth Hodson
3rd Dec —Craig William Coleman
to Debbie Anne Lowe
3rd Dec —Gregory John Atkins
to Deborah Susan Breier
21st Dec —Douglas John Barwick
to Carol Elizabeth Parish
7th Jan —Robert Fleming Benson
to Anne Alicia Dowde
7th Jan —Mark Robert Kerrison
to Wendy Jeanette Wilson
14th Jan —Kevin Francis Barrett
to Sandra Carol Smith
14th Jan —Garry Charles Fulton
to Sally May Barrenger
14th Jan —Peter Robert Fowler
to Sally-Anne Walker
28th Nov —Robert Frederick Bennett
to Janine Kay Etchell

Deaths

21st Nov —Edward Atherton
21st Nov —Frederick George Brandon
28th Nov —Reginald Trull
11th Dec —Antonio Louez
11th Dec —Shirley Stagg
25th Dec —William Colwell Ditchfield
25th Dec —Russell Owen Atkinson
27th Dec —Vera May Button
28th Dec —Kathleen Jean Menzies
29th Dec —Jacqueline Henrietta Fuller
30th Dec —Winifred Alice Fisher
31st Dec —Ronald Romain Dennis
1st Jan —Florence Irene Hodges
6th Jan —Ruby Alice Bonney
7th Jan —Joan Tolson Robinson
12th Jan —Joan Dola Watts
17th Jan —Thomas Sinclair Adkins

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.

NOTE: Some organisations will remain in recess until the end of the school holidays.