

# PARISH MESSENGER

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**"So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above."**

Phil. 3:14

## "YOU CAN'T WIN WITHOUT CHRIST"

**It was in Melbourne in the Olympic year of 1956.**

During Christmas week, at a very busy time in my Christian work, I was involved in a car accident that was to put my relatively new and 'indispensible' car off the road for six weeks. Holiday time had brought the inevitable inconveniences and delays. I couldn't even leave my damaged car at my usual garage and it frustrated me to see it sitting at a strange garage in the same position week after week with apparently nothing being done to it and me stranded.

Why had God let this happen at a time when, it seemed to me, it was His work that would suffer most? I even prayed this prayer to God. I prayed that, if it was His will, He would show me why.

God answered my prayer in a very extraordinary way - by letter!

A man had walked past that garage to and from work and every day for six weeks he was confronted by the Christian Olympic sticker I had on my car's rear window. At the time he had been at his wit's end — separated from his wife and family because he could not come to terms with their Christian belief. The car sticker really 'got to him' and he finally went into the garage and found out the name and address of the owner. He wrote to me to say he was now going back home, he could now understand what his wife believed, he could now share full fellowship with her and his family.

He had come to realise the truth of what the car sticker said "You can't win without Christ!"

I never cease to give thanks to God for the privilege of seeing just a tiny glimpse of His wonderful hand at work!

— Kathleen Shelley  
(as told to Rosemary Mitchell)

### 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 PERFECT PASTOR

Canon Frank Watts, Rector of Wanneroo, W.A., has compiled a booklet called **The Perfect Pastor**, which takes a light-hearted look at the qualities required of a good parish priest:

Dear parishioner,

A recent survey has compiled all the qualities that people expect from the perfect pastor. Here we share some of them with you.

Results of a computerised survey indicate that the perfect pastor preaches exactly 12 minutes.

He frequently condemns sin, but never upsets anyone.

He works from 8 am until midnight and is also a janitor.

He makes \$60 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about \$50 weekly to the poor.

He is 28 years of age, and has been preaching 30 years.

He is wonderfully gentle and handsome. He gives himself completely but never gets too close to anyone, lest he be criticised.

He speaks boldly on social issues, but must never become politically involved.

He has a burning desire to work with teenagers; he spends all his time with senior citizens.

He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, visits shut-ins and the hospitalised, spends all his time evangelising the unchurched and is always in his office when needed.

(The Anglican Messenger, WA)

### JENNY'S JOKES

1. Why didn't Eve ever get the measles?
2. What did Adam do when he wanted sugar?
3. How did Noah manage in the dark?
4. Which were the only animals that Noah had trouble with?
5. What did the Egyptians do when the lights went out?
6. What did Samson suffer from?

(Answers: see back page)

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes commence 4 p.m. Sunday, 22nd July, in the Parish Centre.

(Future class arrangements made at the first meeting.)

### CONFIRMATION

10 a.m. Sunday, 10th March, 1985

Applications available from Parish Office or back of Church.



**Even if we lose everything else, there is something we cannot lose, Jesus Christ.**

"As long as you've got your health, nothing else matters too much..." That's an old saying, but what happens when you lose your health? Money can't help (except to provide a private ward). Influence or status can't get it back for you... it's not **who** you know, unless that **who** is **Jesus!** And the help He will give is not because of your position or deserving, but because He loves you. When sickness or age (or both) reduce us to the level where there is nothing much to live for, remember he gave you that life, and he will sustain it, and when the time comes He will give you **New Life**, and health and wholeness abounding.

If we think that this life is all there is, then the loss of everything, including our health and wealth, is a terrible one. But if we believe, as Jesus calls us to, that there is life eternal, then what we lose here, we gain a hundredfold in heaven. In the midst of our troubles here, there is always His voice, saying "come unto me, all who are weary and heavy-laden..."

### MOTHER'S UNION

Mrs. Margaret Parish will be speaking at our next meeting on July 17th at 7.45 p.m.

She will be speaking on "Women of Burma" and Overseas Day.

We would welcome any new members especially young mothers who are "concerned with all that preserves and strengthens family life."



### NORTHERN TASMANIAN CRUSADE

**Operation Paul,  
Operation Andrew:**

"Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," and he took Simon to Jesus." John 1:41

Taking people to Jesus is the total aim of the crusade, and the task of the Personal Evangelism Committee is just this.

They are the ones who will organise **Operation Andrew**, whereby Christians in the churches will be encouraged to pray for, then invite, selected friends, acquaintances, neighbours and work-mates, to the crusade rallies, at which they will be challenged with the gospel of salvation.

**Operation Paul** involves even a greater task. Teams from participating churches will be mobilised to visit every home in Launceston, distributing literature about the gospel and the crusade, and taking up any opportunities for personal witness that arise. This is a massive task, but willing helpers are already coming forward, and we believe the Lord will enable it to be carried out to His glory.

### PRAYER POINTS

Continue to pray - for:-

1. Many more churches to indicate their involvement in the Crusade by registering
2. The continuing impact of the launching rally held on June 30th through the Holy Spirit.
3. Mr. Bill Newman, his team and his ministry.
4. Mobilisation of Operation Paul, particularly the organisation of people from St. John's to be involved.
5. Mobilisation of Operation Andrew - courage to be involved personally.
6. Crusade personnel - particularly Basil Tkaczuk (Secretary)
7. All aspects of the crusade work. 1000 people to be counselled for Christ.
8. Donations from the Lord's people to come in.

Those parishioners of St. John's who remember past Curate Rev. David Jones will be pleased to hear that his wife Gretta gave birth to a son, Stephen John, on Wednesday June 13th. David is now Rector at Kyabram in Victoria.

Stephen is their sixth child.



Dear friends,

God has placed us in history at a time when a clear voice is needed from Christians on a large variety of issues which impact on our total society. In addition, the church itself is undergoing change which causes both confusion and excitement. In both areas we individually and corporately need that wisdom which is from above, the breath of God, the gift and empowering of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise we are an endangered species, in danger of being lost within our own cleverness and potential for destruction. Furthermore, the Church may have a refreshing spirit for change but unless that change is motivated and guided by our gracious Lord, it could end up being devoid of the supernatural.

Two headings suggest themselves, Revolution and Reformation. Let me briefly note some of the issues.

**REVOLUTION**

The Industrial Revolution drastically changed the face of the work-force and society generally. Likewise today, the Technology and Information Revolution is causing upheaval and readjustment, challenging the resourcefulness of man while at the same time threatening survival.

**\* Power and Evil:-** Transportation and communication have aided those intent on pursuing their evil ways. Criminal enterprises envelope the world with their selfish endeavours. Greed and power have left the wreckage of human weakness and vulnerability in its trail. However, the same transportation and communication systems are available to the law enforcement and security agencies, plus those who seek to restore broken hearts and bodies.

**\* Technology and Manipulation:-** Man already has the potential to destroy this earth. Nuclear weapon arsenals are of such magnitude that if these weapons were employed none of us could survive. Yet the same technology is being employed for the saving of life through medical procedure and treatment. Computers and satellites have heightened the information revolution, making available such masses of

material to those with the resources to tap it. A whole society could be manipulated and seduced by false media coverage or deliberately devised deceptions. Medical technology and scientific advance is such that the potential has existed for years to engineer the species, to prolong life or assist in the creation of new life. While no one desires cruelty and callousness to be expressed toward childless couples, yet technology related to issues of birth becomes such a powerful force, such a temptation to misuse and abuse, so captivating, that moral safeguards are easily ignored for the sake of science, and future generations may either curse or praise us because of the legacy we leave them.

**\* Morals and Permissiveness:-** Christians have their anchor in Jesus Christ and His standards or expectations are clearly stated in the Bible for all to read. However, we live in a society that doesn't use the Bible as its standard but makes decisions arising from pragmatic evaluations. We, as a society, now seek to do that which seems to be good in our own eyes. When the Social Welfare bill gets out of proportion because of the wreckage created, new evaluations and reports are initiated to modify legislation but rarely to admit our own folly. How much has modern society fallen for the trap of building another Tower of Babel because we are marvellous in our own eyes. At the same time, how much liberation from past moral restrictions has provided healthier people, yet concurrently, led others into deep and damaging hurts that may be passed on for generations.

**REFORMATION**

While the Technology and Information Revolution stretch and test the resourcefulness of man, the church cannot escape the same stress unless it detaches itself from society in general. A Reformation is taking place in the church, causing uncomfortable questions to be confronted with a humble and repentant spirit.

**\* Renewal and Tradition:-** Any serious student of the Bible cannot ignore the importance and place of tradition. Unfortunately, while certain factors of tradition provide fundamental foundations for the expression of our Faith, at no time has the Bible supported tradition as our Faith. Unfortunately, there are those who place more importance on what the Church has been doing down the ages than on what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the Church today. On the one side are those who would turn the Church into a body of people gathered in museums and art galleries in testimony to the past. Alternatively, there are those who would throw away the past and in so doing remove the foundations that are eternal, replacing them with sentimentality and human experience. The Church, as a whole, needs renewal by the Holy Spirit, for He alone is the One Who knows how to renew in a manner that is not destructive, brings glory to God and has eternal endurance. A body of worshipping people, so captivated by preserving tradition that it is not open to the leading of the Spirit, is

already well down the pathway of deadness and irrelevancy.

**\* Unity and Mediocrity:-** The inglorious divisions and mud-slinging of the past have thankfully diminished. However, differences of opinion still remain, division and diversity are still alive, denominationalism abound and churchmanship issues are far from dead. The Renewal Movement has thankfully enabled those of different persuasions to worship together and grow together in Christ through study of the scriptures and mutual fellowship. Reformation is a breath of fresh air moving across the Church. However, reformation does not mean uniformity to the point of sameness, mediocrity and ineffectualness. God's Church is a diverse body. The thrill and joy of reformation is that of being moulded by the Holy Spirit, in spite of our differences, into the one Body, God's Church, and each being able to make our valued contribution with integrity.

**\* "Going" and "Belonging":-** Thankfully we are no longer CE - Christmas and Easter, but Anglicans, "A" for all of life Christians. As reformation takes place we no longer "go to church" because of obligation or duty, we now "belong to a church" because we love Jesus and want to gather with other believers in praise and worship. As God's reforming Spirit does His work we are overtaken by the joy of being part of God's people and rejoice to witness God's transforming power at work in our midst, His love binding us together in love.

**\* Inwards or Outwards:-** The Christian Church has always been at the forefront of social reformation. Once the work is established, inevitably the Government steps in and takes over. The Christian Church is still heavily involved in a social welfare ministry, but with a low public profile. The value of the work is still of high priority. Within a period of reformation the Church goes through heartache and searching reviews of itself. Instead of wanting people to "come to church to be saved", the Holy Spirit challenges Christians, as members of the Church, "to go out into the world and make disciples." Only as "sheep" get alongside "sheep" can we share the good news of God's saving love in Jesus. The members of the Church need to be seen in action within the total perspective of the society, to be witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ where people are, not a group withdrawing into a spiritual ghetto. All Christians therefore, are ministers wherever they are and whoever they are with.

The Book of James has much to say on practical religion and in chapter 2, verse 26 we read "So then, as the body without spirit is dead, also faith without action is dead." Paul writing to the Galatian Christians chapter 5 verses 1 and 16 says, "Freedom is what we have - Christ has set us free! Stand, then, as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again... let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature."



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Only under the Spirit of God will we cope and be directed aright in the midst of Revolution and Reformation.

Your friend and Rector,

*Ernest E. Horth*

**ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKES HOSPITAL**

The next meeting, July 9th at 2.45 p.m., is the Annual General Meeting. As so many of our members are out of the state at this time of year we do trust that those members who are at home will make an effort to attend (next year we are hoping to bring the Annual Meeting forward.)

Afternoon Tea Roster: Miss M. Barclay, Mrs. G. Wherrett, Mr. J. Coombe.

Our thanks to the friends of St. Lukes Hospital who attended our Morning Tea last month — the result was \$388. To the wonderful helpers, our very sincere thanks.

Thank you also to those who recently gave gifts for the Barclay House birthday box.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

At our June meeting we were privileged to view the lovely slides of Mrs. Orchard's trip to Europe, in particular those of the Flower Show she attended in Holland.

Our stall held outside the Polling booth on election day in June raised just over \$90.

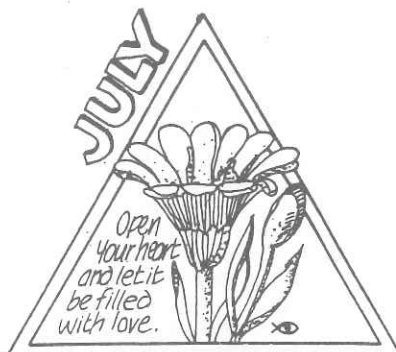
Our next major activity will be catering for the Parish Tea to be held prior to the Parish AGM on Friday, July 27th. Arrangements for this will be made at our July meeting, the supper hostesses for which are Mesdames Dyer, Heathcote and Stevenson.

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

GFS and CEBS would like to thank all parishioners for their support of the Walk-a-thon held in April. Between us we collected nearly \$500. From this money a donation has been made to the Roland Boys Home.

**Answers to Jenny's Jokes**


1. Because she'd Adam
2. He raised Cain
3. He turned on the flood lights
4. The adders - imagine telling adders to go forth and multiply!
5. The turned on the Israelites
6. Fallen arches.



**WHAT'S ON IN JULY**

- Tuesday, 3rd**  
Army Chaplain's Meeting in Hobart
- Monday, 9th**  
A.G.M. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- Tuesday, 10th**  
Rural Deanery Meeting.  
6 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea.
- Wednesday, 11th**  
7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- Friday, 20th**  
Youth Fellowship attending **Colonial Ball**, 8 p.m. St. Ailbes Hall, (would love others to join them).
- Sunday, 22nd**  
4 p.m. First Confirmation Class 1984
- Wednesday, 25th**  
Festival of St. James - Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.
- Thursday, 26th**  
Meeting of Rector and Churchwardens.
- Friday, 27th**  
6 p.m. Parish Dinner  
7 p.m. Parish Annual General Meeting  
Youth Synod Weekend - Bellerive
- Sunday, 29th**  
3 p.m. Ministry Team Meeting
- Tuesday, 31st**  
7.30 p.m. Boundaries Commission Meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING**



of the Parish this year will be held at 7 p.m.

**Friday, 27th July 1984**

**Parish Tea:** 6 p.m. (\$3.00 per person, \$9.00 maximum for families)  
Acceptances: by 25th July to Parish Office.

Nomination Forms will be available from Sunday 8th July 1984

**PARISH REGISTER**

**Baptisms**

24th June — Sean John Gilbert

**Marriages**

9th June — Benjamin David John Downie to Susan Margaret Stuart Domauf

**Deaths**

25th May — Dennis Cyril Collins  
29th May — Albert Joseph John  
2nd June — Sylvia Ismay Wright  
2nd June — Eric Edward Garrett  
17th June — Claude Christian

**WANTED!**

**Drummer**

and more instrumentalists for the Instrumental Group that plays at the "Sounds of Praise" Service 7 p.m. every third Sunday.

Practices are held on the afternoon of every 3rd Sunday.

Please contact:  
Robert Deavin, Ph 31 6036,  
if you can help

**Parish Messenger Deadline**

The deadline for the next Parish Messenger is **Sunday, 22nd July**, (should have it right this time!) Please have contributions to Parish Office or Editors by that date.

What about writing something of what your organisation does for its members or for the community?

**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.
- \* 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.