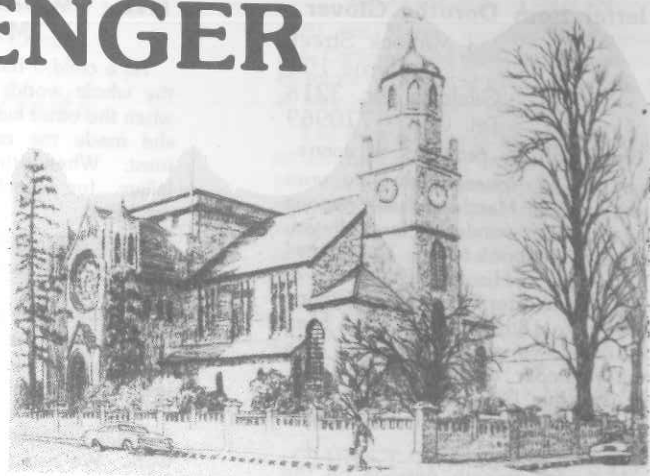


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Psalm 150 encourages us to praise.
 Too many Christians are prone to look on the dark side of everything. They dwell on what they have gone through rather than on what God has done for them.

Many Christians are always describing their conflicts, afflictions and adversities but scarcely mention the mercy and goodness of God.

A Healthy Christian will be like the Psalmist who said . "The Lord has done great for us; we are glad" (Psalm 126.3).

It is true that we endure trials, but it is equally true that we are delivered out of them. It is true that we have our own sinful natures to bother us, but it is also true that we have an all sufficient Savior who overcomes these corruptions and delivers us from their dominion.

If I am a healthy Christian I will say: "I will not speak about myself, but to the honour of my God. He has brought me up out of the horrible pit, and out of the miry clay, and has set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings: and he has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. The Lord has done

great things for me, and I am glad."
 Let us determine by God's grace to praise him more and more.
 Ken Roughley
 (Anglican Home Mission Society)

Let everything that breathes

PRAISE
 THE
 LORD!

Psalm 150 b

"I had never noticed how all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise, unless (sometimes even if) shyness or the fear of boring others, is deliberately brought in to check it. The world rings with praise -praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, ... children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars. I had not noticed how the humblest, and at the same time, most balanced and capacious minds, praise most ... I had not noticed either that, just as men spontaneously praise what they value, so they spontaneously urge us to join them in praising it: 'Isn't she lovely? Wasn't it glorious? Don't you think that magnificent?' The Psalmists, in telling everyone to praise God, are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about."

C.S. Lewis
 (from "Reflections on the Psalms")

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:

A letter from Dorothy Glover

3 Matlock Street,
Herne Hill,
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Tel: 052 - 770969

Dear Ernest, and the people of St. John's,
I was far too overwhelmed by your kindness on 25th March to thank anyone properly for the wonderful farewell you gave me, and the book token. The books I have chosen - Historic Churches of Australia and Western European Painting of the 13th to 18th Centuries have been greatly admired by my family and will be a constant reminder of my friends at St. John's - not that I need books to remind me of the happy years I have spent amongst you all.

I had a very smooth passage on the 'Empress', and my furniture arrived on Monday 9th in first class condition, so I feel that all the good wishes people have expressed have been a wonderful help in every way.

I have already given the wrong telephone number to many people, as having been told by Telecom that that was to be my number, I later discovered that it had been changed.

Should anyone be in Victoria and care to visit me, please telephone 052 - 770969 and I shall be pleased to welcome them.

A happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Love from
Dorothy Glover



**1984
PARISH FAMILY CAMP
CAMP CLAYTON,
ULVERSTONE
11th - 13th MAY**

This is an event that many of us are looking forward to with great anticipation. Our emphasis this year will be on fun, fellowship and growing together. Study sessions will involve a variety of creative activities, eg. drama, puppetry, art or craft work, which will involve all age groups from the youngest to the oldest. Saturday night will be a film and fun night.

If you haven't enrolled yet, **do it NOW!** If you have enrolled, we'll **SEE YOU THERE!** If finance is a problem talk to the Rector about it, there may be ways to help.

THE WORLDS MEANEST MOTHER

As a child, I had the meanest mother in the whole world. She was really mean; when the other kids ate lollies for breakfast, she made me eat cornflakes, eggs and toast. When others had soft drinks and lollies for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich.

My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang! She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we would be gone one hour or less: She was really mean: I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labour law. She made us work: We had to wash all the dishes . . . make all the beds . . . learn to cook, and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she used to lie awake each night, thinking up mean things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she was much wiser and our life became even more unbearable.

None of this tooting of the horn of the car for us to come running; she embarrassed us immensely by making our dates and friends come to the door for us. I forgot to mention . . . While my friends were dating at the mature age of twelve or thirteen, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until sixteen! My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, fired from a job or had our character questioned . . . and whom do we have to blame for this terrible way we've turned out? You're right . . . our mean mother.

Look at the terrible things we missed. We didn't ever take part in a riotous demonstration, get chased by police or do the million and one things that our friends did. She made us grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me "mean". You see, I thank God He gave me the meanest mother in the world. . .

Author Unknown

CARTLEDGE FAMILY MOVES TO STANLEY

Owing to the work situation Dennis and Sue have had to confront the problem of moving closer to the work scene or suffer long and repeated separations. Early in May they move to Stanley where they are close to the work at Smithton.

We thank them for their encouragement and support, plus the ministry given in Mothers' Union and the Wednesday Group. James and Barbara will also be missed from CEBS and G.F.S. Every blessing Dennis, Sue, Barbara and James as you settle into your new situation. Keep in touch with us and please uphold us in your prayers, as we will also seek to do for you.



National Mothering Week
6th to 13th May

"SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD"

With these pressures in society, almost unconsciously, we each expect too much of ourselves, our partner and our children. The end result is frustration, anger with one another, a sense of failure and personal unhappiness — not only for parents but also for children. Just as too high expectations for yourself as a parent bring a sense of utter failure at not achieving, too high expectations of children give to them a very real sense of failure — an image of being "no good" because they cannot reach your heights for them.

The idyllic picture is of the baby who just eats and sleeps, or the child who is seen and not heard, leaving the mother free, and the father not hassled by an upset household.

Of course, this is not true to life, as those with children will know! Anything worthwhile needs a lot of hard work and there is always a price to pay. It takes energy and patience to fossick for gold. But the result is of great value.

Ruth Voss



HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Wives be obedient to your husbands, for that is what you should do as christians.

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents always, for that is what pleases God.

Parents, do not irritate your children, so that they will become discouraged. . .

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord, and not for men. . . For Christ is the real master you serve.

Colossians 3:18 - 24



Every blessing and encouragement in your living and witnessing for the Lord.

Your friend and Rector

Ernest E. Horth

MISS KIDDLE TO RETIRE FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

After such a long and valued service in the Lord's Name, how can words be adequate to express thanksgiving for all the love and self-sacrifice involved over a lifetime. Miss Kiddle has influenced a large number of people, their love and warmth toward her as testimony of the esteem in which she is held.

During 1983 a lady in her sixty-fifth year stated that Miss Kiddle had taught her in Sunday School. Whatever the number of years have been, they are sizeable indeed.

Today, that same love and warmth for children is still obvious. Miss Kiddle herself wants no fuss over her "retirement". She has given of herself gladly and her reward, if that is how to express it, has been the relationship enjoyed with her pupils and their parents down through the decades.

Miss Kiddle is still very active around St. John's through the G.F.S. Townsend Group and brass cleaning. She has been a big help too in so many other ways.

I'm sure a great company of people will raise their voices in thanksgiving for the ministry of Miss Elizabeth Kiddle. We thank her for the love and dedication which set such a high standard for others to follow. We thank her for devotion to the task of encouraging and shepherding little children to accept Jesus Christ as their wonderful friend.

Elizabeth — thank you, from us all

WOMEN'S GUILD

Due to an accident our speaker on Potpourri was forced to postpone her visit, and was replaced by a slide evening given by Terence Butler. Terence is well known for his expertise in photography, and we were treated to a beautiful selection of slides. Our thanks to Terence also for filling in at short notice.

The Guild Garage Sale was a happy, successful venture - entirely due to the support and contribution in goods and cakes from our Parishioners, and to the hard work and co-operation of our Guild. For our projects we now have \$716 to add to our bank account, and this will be distributed accordingly.

To all those who gave, we say "thank you" for the wonderful donations, and for stocking the cake stall.

Next Meeting:- May 10th (Annual Meeting)

Supper Hostesses:- Mesdames Page, Swinnerton, and Thompson

MOTHERS' UNION

At our March meeting we farewelled Mrs. Cartledge and made a presentation and an informal gathering of members was held at Mrs. Joy Warren's home.

The Rector spoke of Marriage and Family at the April meeting and encouraged us to pray for all those who prepare couples for marriage. We do encourage women of the congregation, specially young mothers, who are concerned with "all that strengthens and preserves family life" to come to our meetings.

Next meeting will be on May 15th in the Parish Centre at 7.45 p.m.

CHRIST AS 'MYTH' STIRS CHURCH IN ENGLAND

A torrent of angry criticism from theologians and other Church people has descended on a new television series in England which casts doubt on the authenticity of the Gospels - and puts the life of Christ on a par with the myths of the old religions.

London Weekend Television's three-hourly drama-documentary, "Jesus - The Evidence", hints at hypnosis as an explanation of the miracles; at occult practices; and at secret nocturnal ceremonies with sexual overtones engaged in by a possibly homosexual Jesus.

It is said the three one-hour programs will come as a profound shock to some viewers with traditional ideas about Christianity.

But it will be nothing to the shock already sustained by theologians who have read the scripts and arrived at the conclusion that the title itself is both inaccurate and offensive. The "evidence" consists of eccentric and discredited views which have been given a disproportionate amount of time and prominence, say the theologians, who have condemned the series as "mischievous, misleading and imbalanced", says Betty Saunders writing in Church Times.

Some 41 leading theologians and other Churchmen have signed a joint statement strongly regretting "the imbalance in the range of Biblical scholarship represented". The joint statement is the culmination of a campaign to try to redress the balance, mounted by the Evangelical Alliance in partnership with the evangelical magazine Buzz.

Acknowledgement: "Church Scene"
20th April 1984

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

B.C.A. boxes may be left in Parish Office or with sidesmen for the May opening. Phone me on 26 1877 if any problems arise regarding the boxes or collection.

Celia Hill
Box Secretary
For St. John's

Dear friends,

Parish Camp at Ulverstone will have an exciting programme this year involving the whole family, all ages. I hope you plan to join us. The facilities at Camp Clayton are excellent. Contact Pam and Neville Windsor or Sister Syme for further information.

My special thanks to all those individuals who hold leadership positions in the ministry team. However, none of us can give leadership if we are not supported, encouraged and prayed for. To the total family at St. John's I say thank you for the growing bond of love and commitment to the "priesthood of all believers" within the "Body of Christ".

Many people have expressed their excitement about worship services and the numbers attending. The only problem with large numbers is that of keeping relationships personal and warm. We don't mean to ignore people or forget their names but it is very difficult to remember when confronted with a large congregation. In May we review the Parish Electoral Roll. Please assure, if you are eligible to vote at Annual Meetings, that you fill out a form provided and have your name entered on the Roll. Mrs. Ikin and Mrs. Kilby have done a great deal of work on the Roll and would like all parishioners to check its accuracy.

Family Service is proving popular on the second Sunday of the month, as is the Holy Communion Service on the third Sunday when the Sunday School children attend. We are pleased to welcome families, and express the hope that you feel there is a real place for you at St. John's.

I must thank Robert Deavin and his youthful team of fellow musicians for their commitment to the "Sounds of Praise" Service on the third Sunday night. Last month St. John's Basketball Club made a real effort to attend this service. What a joy to see so many young people entering into different aspects of activity around St. John's.

Bishop Moses Tev from Singapore will be guest speaker at a rally in St. John's on Thursday, 14th June. I hope you will book this night into your diary and plan to be with us. The rally commences at 7.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

This year we have four teams competing in the Northern Baptist Basketball Association. Our newest team, a Reserve-Grade Men's team has been successful in several games and this is encouraging for us all. The A-Grade Men's team broke through for its first-ever win just before Easter, after several very close losses. Our two women's teams have been playing very well, but with less success, despite some close games.

Our first social gathering for this year was on Sunday 15th April, when we gathered in the Parish Centre to share tea before attending the evening service. These get-togethers are important for us as they emphasize that the primary purpose of our club is friendship and fellowship within our own club and with other churches.

Have you considered coming along to cheer for us? There is a copy of the roster in the Parish Centre.

Parish Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the June Parish Messenger is Tuesday 22nd May. Please have any contributions to the Editors or Parish Office by that date.

SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

There are many different areas of service needed in a Church such as ours. All too often we see only the leaders in worship and if we don't contribute in this area we see our role as the "passenger".

This should not be so - we can all contribute something. At present there are a number of regular tasks for which we need some extra helpers. These are helping with the cuppa after services (or breakfast after the 8 a.m. service), helping to look after the children in the creche (10 a.m. service), and providing transport to and from church.

If you feel you can help, fill out a form (available at the back of the church), or simply tell one of our office staff. You may like to add some extra information like how often you could help or how long you would be available. Be assured that you are likely to be asked only occasionally (especially if we have lots of offers!). Also let us know if you have a **need** eg. transport, or if you have another helping service you feel would be of benefit to our church family.

"Under Christ's control all different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love"

Eph. 4:16



MAY

WHAT'S ON

- 6th 7 p.m. Evensong - Dr. Clifford Wilson, M.A., B.D., Ph.D. of "Crash Go The Chariots" fame, Guest Preacher.
- 8th Hobart - Diocesan Council. 7.30 p.m. Dean's Installation - Cathedral.
- 9th 7.30 p.m. Vestry
- 10th 11 a.m. Ministers' Fraternal Service and Luncheon. 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild Annual Meeting. 8 p.m. Concert by Perth Grammar School.
- 6th/13th National Mothering Week.
- 11/13th Parish Camp at Ulverstone.
- 13/19th National Marriage and Family Week.
- 15th 3 p.m. Rural Deanery - Beaconsfield.
- 16th 9 a.m. Launceston Boundaries Commission.
- 22nd 12 noon Memorial Service for Miss Lilian Powell.
- 29th Hobart - Senior Chaplains Meeting.
- 30th 1/2 p.m. Organ Recital Geoffrey Cox.
- 31st 8 a.m. Holy Communion Ascension Day. 1 p.m. Rector and Churchwardens Meeting.

ST. JOHN'S RESTORATION FUND EASTER THANKSGIVING APPEAL

Remembering that approximately \$7,000 is still outstanding in pledge commitments, and \$3,000-\$4,000 additional money is needed to pay for the Gallery/Narthex, the interest charges on our overdraft will be a cost to the church finances.

Prayerful consideration: If each family group, or single person, who belongs to St. John's was willing to make a special donation of \$10, the above costs would be met.

Taxation deductions are approved for all donations \$2 and over. Donations should be sent to St. John's Restoration Fund Appeal, St. John's Parish Office, 157 St. John Street Launceston. 7250 Ph. (003) 31 4896.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

- 8th April —Anna Mary Kate Walker
- 11th April —Lynette Catherine Biffin
- 22nd April —Maggie Louise McCann
- 29th April —William John Rynberk

Marriages

- 14th April—Robin David Pavia to Dearne Lee Bowen

Deaths

- 29th March—Basil Edwin Iles
- 17th April —William Clesby Niel

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

The next meeting of the Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital, will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 14th at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses:- Mesdames Palliser, Page, and Atkinson.

Parcels for the "Birthday Box" at Barclay House were received from Mesdames Gordon, Maclaine, Paton, Holyman, Palliser. We like to know that each patient receives one of the parcels on their birthdays, as a token of love and esteem from our Auxiliary.

WHO'S JOB IS IT?

This is a story about 4 people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Author Unknown

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.