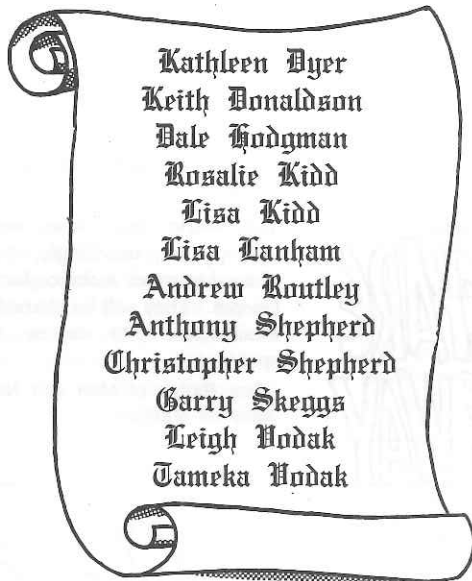
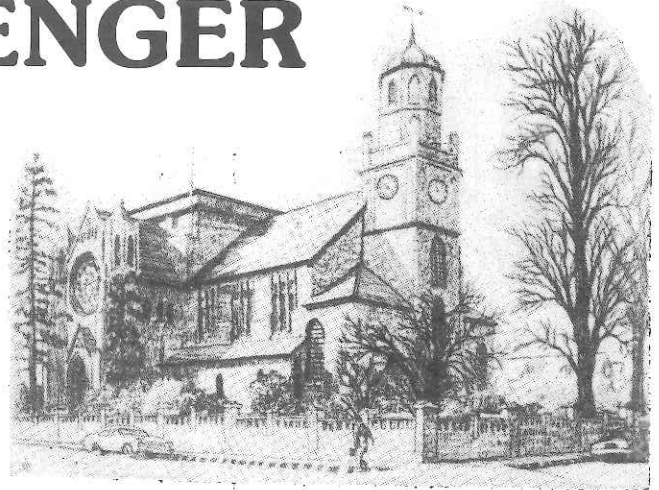


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PARISH LUNCHEON
with
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
Sunday, 25th November 10 a.m.
CONFIRMATION SERVICE
and
FIRST COMMUNION
together with a
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
for the life and Ministry of
Rt. Reverend H.A. Jerrim
Sunday, 2nd December, 7 p.m.

"It is for us as the people of God to hear the response to God's call of those who have come to be confirmed, to support them now and always with our prayer, and to renew our own commitment to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Aust. Prayer Book

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



Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas and this year begins on December 2nd. The word itself means "coming". For the Church, Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the coming of Jesus as a baby born into our world - Emanuel, God-with-us. Not to forget, of course, that it is also a time to remember that Jesus is coming again!

For Christians Christmas is a joyous time - a time to really enjoy being a Christian and believing in all of it. In fact I feel sorry for those who participate in all the trappings of Christmas without the real deep joy of knowing the truth and purpose of it all.

So how can we prepare for the celebration of this wonderful event? And how can we help to counteract the pressures of the commercialism that pervades the Christmas season?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Make a special effort to take "time out" from the rush by Bible Study and prayer.
2. Choose cards with a Christmas message, eg. C.M.S. Bookshop has a good range with prices mostly below those of other shops.
3. Use an Advent calendar, a Bible-based one, especially popular with children. These can be bought at a Christian bookshop or home-made which can be a lot of fun as well as really helping the real message of Christmas sink in. Patterns and instructions for making an Advent calendar can be found in **The Christmas Book** (Dove). The best Advent calendars have a pocket for each day of Advent and in each pocket is either a Bible reference to read, a Christmas decoration to make or even one ready to hang, an instruction on something to make or do as part of your preparation for Christmas, etc.
4. Make your own Nativity scene to fit on your living room shelf.
5. Encourage your children to put on their own Christmas play.
6. Make an Advent wreath - a circle of greenery with four candles. On the first Sunday in Advent light the first candle, on the second light two candles, etc.



7. Give some thought to Christmas presents. Something you can make may give both you and the receiver a lot more joy. What about giving only small presents and giving the money saved to our brothers and sisters who are in need in other countries. World Vision, for example, sells cards for \$10, the proceeds of which go to one of their projects. There are many Third World products which make lovely presents.

There are only two kinds of people in the world who know what they are after. One, quite frankly, is the communist. The other, equally frankly, is the convinced Christian. The rest of the world are amiable non-entities.

- Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, during a visit to Australia in 1950s.

Christians forget that at the forefront of Jesus' teaching was the idea that we are the salt and light of the world. The trouble is that we would much prefer to be sugar! Everyone likes to be sweetness and niceness.

Of course we've got a wonderful message, full of joy, to portray. But we are also salt, and that means being prepared to be a preservative rubbed into the spiritually-dead carcass of the world.

- John Smyth, Q.C., from an interview while in Australia with Mary Whitehouse, July 1984.

The world has done with neutrality. Willingly or unwillingly, States will be obliged to make a choice for or against the Gospel. They will be shaped either by the totalitarian spirit or by the Christian spirit.

- The Rights of Man and Natural Law, by Jacques Maritain.





expressing our thanks to God for the service of Bishop Henry both as a Bishop in this Diocese and a past Rector of this Parish, the Bishop will actually be with us to give ministry to the Confirmees.

On Sunday, 25th November we will have a Parish Luncheon for the Confirmees and their families. I hope every parishioner will attend and encourage these young people in their walk with the Lord. It is also possible we may have a function prior to the 7 p.m. Service of December 2nd so please watch the Weekly Bulletin for any announcements as the assistance of all parishioners will be appreciated.

Your friend and Rector,

Ernest E. Horth

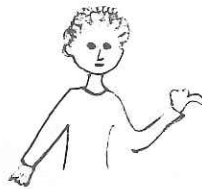
My dear friends,

Welcome to those who have entered the fellowship of our family at St. John's through the Bill Newman Crusade. We rejoice with you in the blessing received. The congregation have been in prayer that many individuals would find new life in Christ. Now we have an increased responsibility to welcome and nurture the new members in their daily walk with the Lord.

What a blessing the Crusade proved to be. Our congregation was represented by approximately ten people who were heavily committed, and another fifteen with lighter loads. Approximately twenty individuals are willing to form our follow-up team. The benefits of training courses and experience must help better equip this Parish for its evangelistic responsibilities. Furthermore, we rejoice that twenty-nine people have been referred to the Parish for follow-up from the Crusade. Now our task with them really begins.

On behalf of all parishioners I publicly express thanks to the Rotary Club of Launceston whose members are working so hard to improve the grounds of this Church. The initiative for this project came from the Rotary members themselves and I am delighted with their willingness to undertake such a scheme. Your assistance at any working bees will be encouraged and expression of thanks to Rotary for its vision and practical help.

You will have noted in the newspaper an announcement by Bishop Newell that he has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bishop Henry Jerrim. Bishop Jerrim is in fact retiring at the end of January 1985 after lengthy, sacrificial and effective ministry for his Lord. We will be privileged to share in an Archdeaconry Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 2nd December at 7 p.m. This Service will also combine as a Confirmation Service. It is fitting in



**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.)

**QUESTION TO ASK
BEFORE YOU DECIDE**


Sometimes Christians have a hard time deciding what to do in a specific situation that calls for clear decision. Here are some questions to ask, based on specific passages from the Bible, that might help you in finding God's will:

1. Can you ask God to less your decision? (Proverbs 10:22)
2. Can you thank God for it? (Colossians 3:17)
3. Are you doing this to the glory of God? (1 Corinthians 10:31)
4. Will your decision be a stumbling block to others? (1 Corinthians 8:9)
5. Are you doing this to please God rather than people? (Colossians 3:23)
6. Have you thought ahead about the consequences of your decision? (Galatians 6:7)
7. Would you want to be doing whatever you decide when Jesus returns? (Mathew 22:44)
8. Does it promote love? (Romans 8:10)

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Once again it is box opening time in November. Boxes may be left with sidesman at a service, or the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on week days. Please 'phone me if I can help in collecting boxes.

Celia Hill
Box Secretary



St. John's Youth Fellowship are organising a Bush Dance and Party to celebrate the 10th Birthday of the Christian magazine "On Being".

Other Churches are being invited but we especially want YOU to be there. The well-known Ceiliah Band will be playing and the dances are taught on the night so you don't need experience! It will be a great night for all ages.

Bring a plate for supper, but we will be providing some Bush grub - no not witchety grubs, billy tea and damper.

Cost is \$3 per head.
(\$2 per student, \$6 per family)

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our October meeting we had a guest speaker the Rev. Max Jones from Latrobe, who gave a very interesting talk on the work of Anglican Family Care Service Inc.

Forthcoming dates for the diary are as follows:-

Morning Tea- November 22nd

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea- December 11th

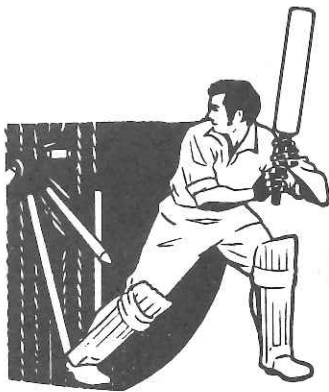
Christmas Dinner- December 13th

SUPPER HOSTESSES for November 8th - Mesdames J. Butler, B. Dutton and K. Sutton.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday 20th November at 7.45 p.m. As this will be our last meeting for the year, we will commence with Holy Communion in the Chapel followed by an informal evening in the Parish Centre. Members are encouraged to come along representing a Christmas Carol or to make a Christmas card.

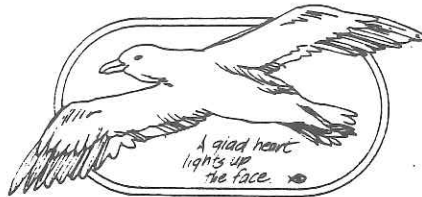
Please bring a gift suitable for residents of Barclay House and also a plate of supper.



CRICKET FANS PLEASE NOTE

With the cricket season now upon us it is perhaps the appropriate time to let people know that cricket is in fact mentioned in the Bible. The very first verse in fact, Genesis 1:1 refers to the Big-inning and in Acts it is reported that Peter stood up with the eleven and was bold. Some would even claim that Matthew 6:28 was prophetic: "Consider the lillies of the field .. they do not toil, neither do they spin."

P.S. For those who are tennis fans the first tennis was Joseph serving in the courts of Pharaoh.



NOVEMBER WHAT'S ON

Thurs. 1: 8 am Holy Communion - All Saints' Day.

Sat. 3: 8 am Prayer Group at Parish Centre.

Tues. 6: EFAC Conference in Hobart.

Wed. 7: 8 am Holy Communion for a Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Fri. 9/ Sun. 11: Confirmation Camp at Badger Head.

Sat. 10: 8 am Prayer Group Parish Centre.

Tues. 13: 6 pm Men's Tea host dinner for ladies.

Wed. 14: 7.30 p.m. Executive Committee.

Sat. 17: 8 am Prayer Group at Parish Centre

3 pm Holy Communion (M.U.)

Wed. 21: 7.30 pm Vestry.

Fri. 23: Bush Dance.

Sat. 24: 8 am Prayer Group at Parish Centre.

Sun. 25: Parish Luncheon with Confirmees.

Tue. 27: Army Chaplains Committee - Hobart.

Fri 30: 8 am Holy Communion - St. Andrew's Day.

Note: 2nd December 7 p.m. - Confirmation and Holy Communion combined with Thanksgiving Service for life and ministry of the Rt. Reverend H. A. Jerrim.

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

Members of the St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital meet again on Monday, November 12th at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre. **Attention Tea Hostesses:-** Mesdames Maclaine, Palliser and Page.

This will be our last meeting for 1984. We will resume again on Monday March 11th, 1985.

The exercise bike given to the Hospital by our members has been received and is greatly appreciated. Our sincere thanks to the members and our friends-of St. Luke's for their wonderful help and attendance at the "Morning Coffee". Final amount was \$624.00 which included many donations.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our many kind friends the 'Compliments of the Season' and God's blessing for the love and kindness in helping us in our efforts to assist the sick, especially our dear friends in "Barclay House".

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

30th Sept. —Todd Alan Clayton

14th Oct. —Andrew David Quill

14th Oct. —Adam James Booth

28th Oct. —Courtney John Charles Osborne

Marriages

27th Oct. —Richard Bryne O'Brien to Sally Patrica Lee

27th Oct. —David John Barry to Janine Shirley Boyd

Deaths

6th Oct. —Elizabeth Eileen Victoria Walsh

9th Oct. —Melinda Jean Cornish

13th Oct. —John Goldsworthy Dally

16th Oct. —Shirley Marie Anthony

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are listed for duty on Sunday 11th November:-

D. Plumbridge, H. Bourke, J. Maxon, J. Stevenson, M. Easther, J. Roberts, K. Massey.

QVH: L.Knowles, P. Phelps.

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.

PARISH MESSENGER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of the Parish Messenger will be **Sunday, 18th November**. 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.