

# PARISH MESSENGER

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## NORTHERN TASMANIA CRUSADE

12th — 21st OCTOBER, 1984

AT THE BRICKFIELDS

CRUSADE PROGRAMME AND TOPICS OF MESSAGES INSIDE

### 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



PLAN TO INVITE SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TO COME WITH YOU TO AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:-

- \* **Friday, 12th October**  
7.30 p.m. "The World's Greatest Love Story"
- \* **Saturday, 13th October** - Youth Night  
7.30 p.m. "Youth, Sex and the Bible"
- \* **Sunday, 14th October**  
2.45 p.m. "The Home"
- \* **Monday, 15th October**  
7.30 p.m. "Angels, Good and Bad"
- \* **Tuesday, 16th October**  
10.00 a.m. Ladies Crusade Meeting  
7.30 p.m. "Is Death The End"
- \* **Wednesday, 17th October**  
10.30 a.m. Community Day Rally  
7.30 p.m. "Four Good Things About Hell"
- \* **Thursday, 18th October**  
7.30 p.m. "Will God Spare Australia"
- \* **Friday, 19th October**  
7.30 p.m. "The Survivors"
- \* **Saturday, 20th October**  
10.00 a.m. Children's Ministry in Crusade Tent  
4.30 p.m. Brickfields Christian Festival  
7.30 p.m. Youth Night - "What's Wrong With Boy George?"
- \* **Sunday, 21st October**  
2.45 p.m. Final Tent Crusade Meeting  
"The Second Coming"

SO THE CRUSADE MAY HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER AND EFFECT ALL PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED OF THE SCRIPTURE -

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

## CRECHE AT CRUSADE

St. John's will be looking after the Creche at the Bill Newman Crusade on the nights of Monday, 15th and Friday, 19th October. The Creche will be held in the Church of Christ building and possibly also the Uniting Church, both in Margaret St., near the Brickfields. There will be two groups, 0 to 4 years and 4 to 8 years. The demand for creche facilities will probably not be great on the Monday but we anticipate being quite busy on the Friday. If you can help on one or both nights please contact Rosemary Mitchell (ph. 27 3476) as soon as possible. Creche helpers will need to be at the Church of Christ by 7 p.m. We want to be in the position of having more helpers than we need - the "extras" can always go and listen to Bill Newman instead!

## YOUR CHURCH IS YOU

You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims. You take the church out of its four walls, and make it live in the everyday affairs of life. In fact, what people think of your church, they think of you.

Some have the idea that the minister is the church. It is true that the minister often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship. It is his job to know the church's business and to act on its behalf. He is your representative, but he certainly is not your substitute.

The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. It is easy to make speeches and claims, but claims must be validated by the product. You are your church's product and the validation of its claims.

Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act towards others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your conduct on the job or in your community. Your Church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening to them a more satisfying life; you are the demonstration of that claim.

Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building. You are a cell of the living church. Without you, the church has no life.

## FAITHFULLY ROOTED

The Acts of the Apostles says that the earliest church was a place of faithfulness. The early believers were a rooted people - rooted in the teaching of the apostles, in the community, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

Being rooted in the apostles' teaching meant taking seriously things like poverty in spirit, becoming like a little child, bearing the daily cross and, most of all, accepting Jesus as the risen Lord.

This rootedness in teaching spilled out into a concern for one another. These people cared whose parent died, whose child was ill, whose job was lost. They were faithful to the community.

And they gave expression to their deeper faith in what they called the breaking of the bread and we call the Eucharist. Nor were they ever far from prayer.

Being the church is today the same - a matter of being faithful, rooted in the teaching, in the community, in the Eucharist, and in the prayer.



evangelistic opportunity before us, the warning of Amos, chapter 8, verses 11, 12, which was given to Israel, could come true for us. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, in humble and prayerful obedience, we have the love of Jesus to share with our neighbours. May the promise of 2 Chronicles, chapter 8, verse 14 come true in our experience.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek my face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, **THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.**" says the Lord.

Your friend and Rector,

*Ernest E. Horth*

Dear friends,

October is Crusade month. Much publicity will be given to Bill Newman and the Crusade tent. Public opinion may at times be divided and some controversial things may be said. Interest will be generated to such a degree that the Crusade should become a common topic of discussion in the Launceston district and beyond. Opportunities for witness and evangelism will be numerous. I hope every Christian, no matter what their personal views about Bill Newman or this method of evangelism - I hope every one of us - will be capitalising on every opportunity to bring Glory to God and to Christ so others may be won to Him.

Criticism and negative comment by Christians will not encourage the enquirer to seek after the new life to be found in Christ alone. Objection and hostility within the churches will not inspire confidence in the searching individual to become part of the Body of Christ. If we in the churches fail to capitalise on this God-given ministry to win people to Jesus Christ, then we deserve the judgment and deadness inflicted.

While we at St. John's have indicated our commitment to the Crusade, and while a number of parishioners are enthusiastic and expectant of the blessing God will pour out, it would be gross exaggeration to state that enthusiasm abounds in the parish. Most parishioners give the impression they want to walk by on the other side and leave the crusading to others. If the impressions are correct, then we as a church are in trouble because our negative attitudes will hammer yet another nail into the coffin of St. John's. We are already a church in crisis. Unless there is a turning to the Lord, a hunger for the life which Jesus alone gives, a deepening love for each other because of the love we have experienced in Jesus, then St. John's will become a cold shell devoid of people who love Jesus and want to share Him with others.

My great fear is that if the churches of Launceston, and our own St. John's in particular, do not grasp hold of the

## DRESSED FOR THE PART?

It's quite understandable that a small member of our congregation could confuse the white cassock worn by some of our clergy with night attire, especially when a certain clergy person was also holding a large cuddly teddy bear! When the said person asked the children what they thought she was going to do, instead of the required answer of going to the Sunday School's Teddy Bear Picnic, he suggested "going to bed".

It's true that sometimes sermons put people to sleep, but .....



**"If you go down to the woods today.."**

If you went down to the Punchbowl Reserve last Saturday you were in for a lovely surprise! The Sunday School's Teddy Bear Picnic was a great idea that lived up to all expectations. Enthusiasm was not dampened by the uncertain weather nor the muddy grounds, although I think there was a bit of extra washing to be done afterwards - of bodies and clothes!

There were so many special teddies there and there seemed to be a prize for just about every one - biggest, smallest, cuddliest, oldest, newest, fattest, skinniest, strangest (won by a wombat, no not a toy one, a real, live wombat!), most loved, most worn out and probably a few other categories as well. The Teddy who won the oldest award was over 40 years old but this was easily surpassed by a late-comer to the day who was 70!

It was good to see and be with so many of our families. Thanks to all those involved "behind the scenes" baking teddy bear biscuits, icing teddy bear cakes, making up suitable teddy bear games (would you believe "pin the nose on the teddy bear!"), etc.

From the great time had by all it's clear you won't bear to miss the next one!



## PARISH MESSENGER

Donations towards the cost of the "Parish Messenger" are welcomed. It costs the Parish approximately 50 cts per copy or \$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.

Mrs. A. T. Cox \$5.00; Anonymous \$20.00; N.B. and M.M. Gallahar \$10.00; Mrs. R. H. Cox \$6.00; Mrs. P. Murray \$10.00; Mrs. B. Whitney \$10.00; Mrs. P. Burns \$10.00; Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Jones \$5.00; Mrs. O. Chambers \$5.00; Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Plumbridge \$2.00; Mr. & Mrs. E. Horth (snr) \$5.00; Miss J. Ingram \$5.00; Anonymous \$10.00; Mrs. B. Phillips \$5.00; Mrs. H. Asmus \$2.00.

THANK YOU

## MOTHERS' UNION

About fifty people helped us celebrate our 90th birthday recently with a Service and luncheon.

You are invited to ....

### AN EVENING OF NOSTALGIA

on  
Tuesday, 30th October  
8.00 p.m.  
in the Parish Centre  
cost \$3.00

Tickets available from  
M. U. members or Parish Office.

If anyone has anything relevant to weddings, e.g. wedding gowns or glory box items, which they would be willing to lend for display at the above function, please ring Olva Harris on 31 2796 or Lorraine Watson on 31 9315. Money raised will be forwarded to Clarendon Homes.

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 16th October, at 7.45 p.m.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 8th October at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Miss. Barclay, Mrs. Ikin, Mrs. Richards.

## COMBINED PARTY AND BUSH DANCE

A party and bush dance is being organised by the Youth Fellowship in conjunction with other Launceston Churches for **Friday, 23rd November**.

Keep this date free - watch for details soon - should be a great time for all!

## G.F.S. TOWNSEND

This year, in place of their Annual Fair, G.F.S. Townsend are going to hold a "G.F.S. Townsend Market" on Saturday, 27th October, 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Parish Centre, in aid of their Church Carpet Fund. There will be Morning Tea and the usual stalls, cake, fancy, produce, plants, books - including a second hand White Elephant stall (**not** used clothing but donations of anything else you might find in your homes that you don't need will be very much appreciated). Please come and support us.

**ALL WELCOME**



## WHAT'S ON

**Note:** Crusade Meetings are listed elsewhere in this issue.

### Tuesday 2nd

7.30 p.m. Archdeaconry Pre-Synod Conference at St. John's.

### Wednesday 3rd

7.30 p.m. Executive Committee

### Friday 5th

2 p.m. Clergy Conference - Hobart  
Synod commencement

### Saturday 6th

Diocesan Synod - Hobart

### Sunday 7th

8 and 10 a.m. Morning Prayer  
7 p.m. Holy Communion  
(because Clergy are attending Synod)

### Monday 8th

Army Chaplains Seminar - Hobart

### Tuesday 9th

Army Seminar continued  
6 p.m. Men's Tea

### Wednesday 10th

1 p.m. Organ Recital

### Thursday 11th

5 a.m. Crusade Tent erection

### Friday 12th - Sunday 14th

G.F.S. Camp at Port Sorrell

### Sunday 14th

10 a.m. Special Parade Service for St. John Ambulance with Governor present.

### Wednesday 17th

7.30 p.m. Vestry

### Thursday 18th

8 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Luke)

### Saturday 27th

10 a.m. G.F.S. Townsend Market

### Sunday 28th

8 and 10 a.m. services deputation visit by the Reverend Alan Hoskin. BCA Victorian Secretary

### Tuesday, 30th

8 p.m. An evening of Nostalgia, organised by Mother's Union.

## PARISH REGISTER

### Baptisms

23rd Sept. —Harlem Jade Corbillion

### Marriages

1st Sept. —Roger Vivian Lancaster  
to Jo-Anne Lorraine Best  
22nd Sept. —Trevor Anthony Barnard  
to Susan Isla Bloomfield

### Deaths

2nd Sept. —William Joseph Tanner  
3rd Sept. —Erwin Ernst Asmus  
7th Sept. —Maud Marie Robinson  
19th Sept. —May Elizabeth Iles  
23rd Sept. —William Maxwell Scott  
26th Sept. —Ruby Evelyn Gee

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are listed for duty on Sunday, 14th October:-

S. Murray, D. Sheldrick, J. Watts, M. Jansson, M. Wing, S. Perkins, J. Roberts, M. Willson.

**Q.V.H.:** - R. Cleary, I. Routley.

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, 21st October**. Please have your contributions to the Editors or Parish Office by that date.

## No Change to Evening Service Time

It was agreed at the Annual Parish Meeting in July that the Sunday Evening Service would remain at 7 p.m. throughout the year. There will be no change when daylight saving commences later this month.

## 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.