

## MINISTRY FOR SHUT-INS

The Pastoral Committee are asking for donations towards the purchase of a double-cassette recorder for taping services and passing sermons on to shut-ins. Any help would be very much appreciated. For further information, please contact Glenn Clark.

## RESTORATION PROGRAM

A new Appeal has been launched for the restoration of the Rectory and stonework of the Church. Funds are urgently needed. \$9,000 has been received so far. Minimum target \$50,000. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

## - HELPFUL BOOKLETS -

Available from the Parish Office at \$1.50 each.

"God Understands" - to give to a friend who has suffered loss, and is in grief.

"Someone Cares" - to give to a person who is suffering ill-health.

"Just a Housewife?" - encourage and support the woman who stays at home as a homemaker.

"A Miracle of Love" - give to parents who have just received the gift of a child.

## NEWS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS...

\*St. John's Evening Mothers' Union. As the new year begins we hope to encourage young mothers of the Parish Family to join us at our meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the Parish Centre and start with a short prayer service followed by our meeting and, sometimes, an interesting speaker. Our first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, 18th February at 7.45 pm. Any further information may be obtained from Mrs. Olva Harris 31 2796 or Mrs. Lorraine Watson 31 9315.

\*St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. Meetings will recommence on Monday, 10th March at 2.45 pm in the Parish Centre.

\*Women's Guild. The first meeting for 1986 will be on Thursday, 20th February at 2 pm. New members welcome.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are rostered for Sunday, 9th February -  
V. Murgatroyd, W. Cowell, Bill and Lesley Donaldson, Mr. & Mrs. Dixon, D. Plumridge, D. Sheldrick, M. Jansson.

Q.V.H. - K. Massey, Michael and Lesley Perkins.

If you find that you cannot do your rostered day, please contact Lesley and Michael Perkins on 28 1358.

## ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

# PARISH MESSENGER

(SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS)

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

January has thankfully been a much quieter month permitting some recovery after the hecticness of December. What great occasions were the 160th Anniversary celebrations and the Christmas Services! My sincere thanks for the prayer, love and hard work which helped make these activities such a success. Many visitors to the Parish have commended the warmth and love they detected in the congregation, so be encouraged. The Rectory family thank you for your love and prayer surrounding and upholding us. Rejoice with us that both Kathryn and Louise were successful in their studies last year, so were Mrs. Horth and myself.

Ida and I are going to America, departing Launceston 12th February, and while there we will be attending training seminars. The three weeks will be spent in the California area, arriving in San Francisco fifteen minutes after we leave Sydney (the trick of the clock but, oh! how I wish it were so, as I don't look forward to long hours in aircraft). The first seminar will be at the "Institute of Church Imperatives" in Modesto, approximately 120 km east of San Francisco. William E. Vaeger is Senior Pastor, a close friend of the late Reverend David Watson who wrote the books "You Are My God" and "Fear No Evil". After a four day break as tourists we move to the Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, near Los Angeles. On this occasion the seminar is for male pastors only, so Ida will enjoy the fellowship of those giving us hospitality, plus the other women travelling with us from Australia. I want to express my appreciation to members of Vestry who have greatly encouraged us with a financial contribution towards expenses. Ida will return to Launceston the second week in March but I will be away until the Easter Services. Canon Tyson has kindly agreed to act as Locum, giving the Reverend Brian Curtis a better opportunity to settle into the Parish without too much responsibility too soon.

Please welcome Brian and his wife Vicki as they come to us from Burnie. Brian will be Commissioned at the 10am Service of Holy Communion, Sunday 9th February, and you will all have an opportunity to welcome Brian and Vicki at the morning tea following the Service.

Gerald and Jeannie Crispin leave us for Burnie in the first week of February. Gerald will serve as Assistant to Archdeacon Warburton while being resident in what was the Cooe Rectory. He will be ordained priest in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, on Monday, 24th February, so please uphold him in prayer. I know that Gerald and Jeannie have brought a great deal of joy, laughter and hospitality with them in their ministry. Many people in the Parish have been inspired by their love and enthusiasm for the Lord. We say thank you and wish God's richest blessings upon them in the challenges and learning experiences ahead.

Finally, with the move at the end of January of Mr. Neville Windsor to Burnie, I have had to prayerfully consider appointment of a new Rector's Churchwarden. I thank Neville for his ministry to the Parish as Lay Reader plus his support and loyalty to me. We will miss him, Pam and the children but our loss is Burnie's gain. I am pleased to announce that Mr. John Roberts has accepted my invitation and will become Rector's Churchwarden from the beginning of February. Please surround him with your prayers and encouragement.

As the Parish is "giving up the Rector for Lent" you should be assured of a great time together. As I return for Easter celebrations I hope the pilgrimage overseas provides me with new spiritual insights and skills to share with the Parish. Every blessing.

Your friend and Rector,

ERNEST E. HORTH

ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
7.30pm Holy Communion

FRIDAY LUNCH-HOUR  
SERVICE IN LENT

1.15 - 1.45pm  
Holy Communion  
in the Chapel

LET'S GET INVOLVED....

- 1) PARISH EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM PROGRAM 1986 - URGENT!  
Have you sent in your registration yet for one of the many proposed activities? More forms are available from Sister Jan or on the table in Narthex.
- 2) "DOWN UNDERS" GROUP (Teens Group) - URGENT!  
Camp is planned for 21-23 February at Ulverstone. Are you coming? If you haven't sent in your Registration Form but plan to attend, why not give the Form to Sister Jan or speak with her personally and pick up a Form.
- 3) PARISH PICNIC  
Sunday, 9th March at Myrtle Park (site No.12) commencing at 10.30 am with a Service of Holy Communion. Come and join the Parish Family in a fun day. B.Y.O. lunch.
- PARISH CAMP  
This is planned for the Anzac Day Long Weekend commencing in the afternoon, Friday 25th April, at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone. Plan NOW to be with us. More details closer to the date.
- 5) COMMISSIONING AND WELCOME  
The Reverend Brian Curtis will be commissioned at the 10am Service of Holy Communion on Sunday, 9th February, with a welcome to Brian and Vicki at morning tea following the Service.

DONATIONS TO PARISH MESSENGER

Mrs. J. Roach \$5; Anon \$10; Anon \$5; Mrs. H. D. Butler \$2; Mrs. O. Chambers \$5; Mrs. M. Carter \$6; Mrs. B. Whitney \$10; Mr. A. Thollar \$20; Mrs. R. H. Cox \$10. THANK YOU.