

ADVENT QUIET DAY

The Associates of the Sisters of the Church
have arranged an
Advent Quiet Day
on Saturday, November 22nd, 1986
at St. Andrew's Church, Evandale
from 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. (approx.)

Conductor - Rev. Fr. A. Brehaut (assistant priest)
(Holy Trinity, Launceston)

Associates, friends of the community and other
interested christians (male and female) are invited
to join in this act of preparation for Christmas.
For information, contact Valery Proverbs. 44 7253

Bring own lunch. Tea and coffee supplied.

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL - 23rd to 26th January 1987. Woodfield
Lodge, Dysart. Chairman: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith. Bible
Study Leader: The Rev'd Michael Corbett Jones. Missionary
Speakers: Steven & Narelle Etherington (from Oenpelli,
Northern Territory). Contact Miss Sybil Brownrigg
(31 1520) for details.

The Lord said to Noah: "Where is the ark I commanded you to build?"

And Noah said, "Verily I had three carpenters off sick. The gopher wood supplier hath let me down - yea, even though the gopher wood hath been on order for nigh on 12 months."

And God said to Noah, "I want the ark finished before seven days and seven nights." Noah said, "It will be so." And it was not so.

The Lord said to Noah, "What seems to be the trouble this time?"

Noah said, "My sub-contractor hath gone bankrupt. The pitch for the outside of the ark hath not arrived. The glazier departeth on holiday, yea, even though I offered him double time. Shem hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japeth. Lord, I am undone."

The Lord grew angry and said, "What about the animals, two of every sort? Where for example are the giraffes?"

And Noah said, "They have been delivered to the wrong address, but should arrive on Friday."

And the Lord said, "Where are the monkeys and the elephants and the zebras?"

Noah said, "They are expected today."

The Lord said to Noah, "How about the unicorns?"

Noah wrung his hands and wept. "O Lord, Lord, they are a discontinued line. Thou canst not get unicorns for love or money. Thou knowest how it is."

And the Lord said, "Noah my son, I know. Why else dost thou think I caused a flood?"

SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS
NOVEMBER 1986

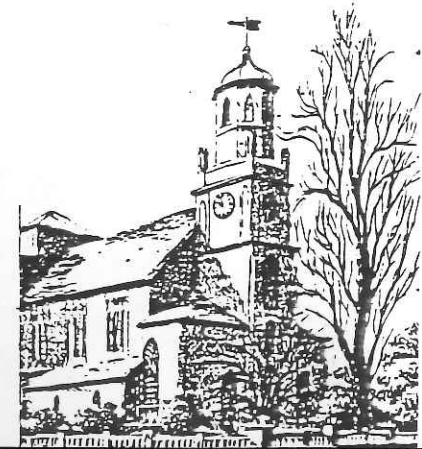
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER



Postal Address: 157 St. John Street, Launceston, 7250
Office Telephone: (003) 314896 (9am-1pm)

Rector: The Rev'd Ernest E. Horth (315218)
Assistants: The Rev'd Brian A. Curtis (314566)
Sister Jan Syme (314896/341234)
Mr. William Pierce (311676)
Organist: Miss Gaylene Cohen
Assistant Organist: Mr. Bruce Proverbs
Lay Readers: Mr. Lloyd Bath
Mrs. Lana Wall
Mr. Tony Walsh
Mr. Glenn Clark
Office Secretaries: Mrs. J. Ikin, Mrs. J. Kilby



THE
ASSISTANT'S
LETTER



Two masks, one happy and one sad, a traditional symbol of the theatre (front cover); but yet how much is that a picture of ourselves. The masks we wear of all shapes and sizes - hiding our true selves from others in case we get hurt, in case we are misunderstood.

Masks! We wear all sorts of them. And yet you know far from protecting us they do us a great deal of harm.

For example when we hear something challenging isn't it funny that it's always about someone else. Rather than face up to ourselves we seem to delight in telling others what they should do with their lives. In our worship services how often do we find the preacher talking about those around us, while we stay well protected behind our masks. And that's especially

true about the "C and E" season. The opportunity most see as a chance for the clergy to hit those that come but twice a year (Christmas and Easter) with the Gospel.

But yet how many of us really take the message seriously for ourselves. How often do we ask ourselves, NOT "that message was really what Joe Bloo needed", BUT "what was God saying to me in that?"

How often do we lower our masks to find out what God is asking US to do?

As we come closer to Advent, the traditional period of preparation for Christmas, let us ask God to help us lower the masks that we have, and to help us to hear and to put into practice whatever it is that HE HAS PLANNED - not for others - but for our own lives.

BRIAN CURTIS

- R E P O R T S -

MOTHERS' UNION

Thank you to everyone who supported the Musical Soiree. As a result a cheque for \$193 will be forwarded to Clarendon Children's Home.

Members will entertain senior parishioners to morning tea following the Communion Service on Wednesday, 12th November. Cars will be available for anyone needing transport. Please contact Mrs. Radford on 31 7015.

Members are reminded of the Mothers' Union Festival at St. Aidan's on Thursday, 13th November at 1.30 pm.

Our final meeting for the year on Tuesday, 18th November will take the form of a social evening (preceded by Holy Communion at 7.45pm). Members are asked to bring a small gift to be distributed at Christmas time.

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

The Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Page, 12 Spencer Street at 12.30pm for lunch on Monday, 10th November. This will be the last meeting for 1986. Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mrs. B. Maclaine, Mrs. P. Richards and Mrs. D. Dicker.

The Auxiliary will go into recess until March 1986.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 20th November at 2pm. Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mesdames J. Otter, B. Dutton and S. Lawrence.

A GARAGE SALE AND STALL will be held on 29th November at 9am in the Parish Centre for fundraising.

GFS TOWNSEND

Very grateful thanks are extended to all parishioners and members of the Townsend Group for their help and support at the Fair held on Saturday, 25th October. It was a very successful effort, with \$330 being raised for our Carpet Fund.



Tune up to
WAY 7.1
105.3 MHz
STEREO 6-11
a.m. 5-10 p.m.
DAILY FOR
The MOST music,
no commercials
and the serial DAD
and DAVE. 7.30
a.m. and 6.45 p.m.
Monday-Friday.