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*Christmas*



## Christmas Services

### Christmas Eve

8pm Carols and Lessons  
11:30pm Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion

### New Year's Eve

11:30pm Watchnight Service

"For unto us a Child is born,  
unto us a Son is given."

Join us in worship any Sunday  
8am - 10am - 7pm  
Wednesday 10:30am

## HELLO & GOODBYE



### BIG O'HIM OR BIGAMY ?

An item noticed in the Parish Register states that JOHN BROOK aged 20, was joined in holy matrimony to a Miss MARY THERESA BURSTON, age 21. We were starting to worry about our Rector's murky past until we saw the date - Aug 1897 ! The groom was listed as 'an iron - moulder', and his bride was an assistant at a boot factory.

### A STATE ASSET.

Among the many well-deserved tributes paid to Archdeacon IAN BOOTH at his farewell service last month, one was very topical. Mrs Jenny Rayner (before presenting VAL Booth with an ENORMOUS sheaf of flowers), spoke of Ian as a valuable asset going South, re-dressing the balance for

the State. It shouldn't take Hobart people long to see what a valuable asset we've lent them!

### TALENTED TWOSOME.

Two of our Parish Family who have artistic talents are CHRISTINA BOOTH and JEAN BEECH. They are getting together to show us some of their work with an exhibition in the P. C., opening on December 18, at 7.30 pm. Proceeds from the sale of Jean's ceramics and Christina's paintings go to the Miss Roland Quest.

### FLOWER POWER.

If your talent is flower arranging, there is a space for you in the Flower Roster. Flower Guild President, Mrs MOLLY PAGE, would like to hear from you on 311867 or ring the Parish Office.

so make sure you take the opportunity to say goodbye to them. We wish you every blessing, Brian and Vicki, as you move on in the Lord's service. And remember, Evandale isn't too far from Launceston, so do call in and see us sometime!

Lastly, a belated 'Bon Voyage' to Tiny Kennedy and her friend Lucille McCulley who flew to the USA last month. Tiny is returning to her home town of Hollister, Calif.), to spend Christmas with friends and family she hasn't seen for three years, and will be back at the end of January.

The hellos begin in January when we welcome Henry Ivey, his wife Jenny, and their two teenage sons, Christopher and Geoffrey. Henry will take Brian's place as Assistant, and he and his family will move into the Cottage about the middle of January.

In February, we say hello to the Rev. David Hayman and his family - Romaine and their two little boys, Ben and Alexander. David will be taking up a new ministry as Chaplain to the Tertiary Colleges. The Haymans will be moving to Launceston in the New Year, and David begins his ministry at the start of the school year. Our prayers are with you Henry, David and families as you prepare for your moves to Launceston and St. John's.

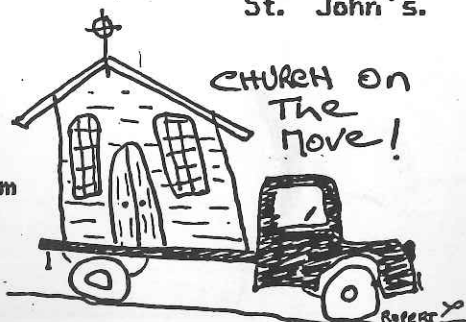
## HELLO AND GOODBYE !

This month is a time for saying farewell to some people we have grown to know and love at St John's as they take further steps on their journey of life.

Firstly, we said farewell to Archdeacon and Mrs. Booth a few weeks ago as they prepared to leave the North of the State and move to St. George's, Battery Point, where Ian will exercise his ministry as Archdeacon of Hobart. Those of us who remember Ian and Val from their years at St. John's will miss them -

but we know Hobart will gain from our loss! Ian was collated on November 27, and several St John's parishioners travelled to Hobart to share the occasion.

Secondly - Brian and Vicki Curtis are leaving to fill the hole left by the Booths and are to take over the parish of Evandale. Brian will be inducted as Priest in Charge on Wednesday, December 16, at 7.30pm Vicki and Brian's last services with us will be on Sunday December 13, (Brian will be preaching)





# from the Organist and Choirmaster.

What an interesting variety of facts we discover if we look into the history of the Carol. We associate carols with the festive seasons of Christmas, but in fact, carols have been sung to mark all kinds of seasonal events through the Christian year.

Unlike hymns, carols have a strong traditional association with drama and open - air performances; this survival may be attributed to their simplicity and crudity. True carols are simple in thought and of an age, for the best carols serve many generations of men.

Many people come to St John's for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve to worship and acknowledge God's Christmas gift to mankind in the birth of his son, Jesus. This year, both singers and congregation will hear carols from different countries. There are several carols from France, where they are called 'Noels', some ancient German ones, and English carols, as well as the more traditional Christmas hymns.

As you take part in this service, think of the millions of people who will be joining you in adoration of the Saviour - it is rather a humbling thought!

May you have a holy and happy festive season,

William Pierce.

## ORGAN RECITALS

Lunchtime organ recitals will be held at St John's each Wednesday during January, from 1-2 pm, beginning on Jan. 13th. Further details in next month's 'GOOD NEWS'.

## FAREWELL BRIAN

As the sun sinks slowly in the West, we say "Farewell" to BRIAN (Smart) ALEC CURTIS. From England to Australia, from Melbourne to Tasmania, from Burnie to St John's, and now from St John's to Evandale - does't anybody want this man? What is there about him, that he is constantly being moved on ?

Is it the fantasy world that this former Insurance Broker lives in? His fascination with Mr Men ? Could it be that he has never grown up ? Is it that his talents would be best suited as Chaplain to the Sesame Street team ?

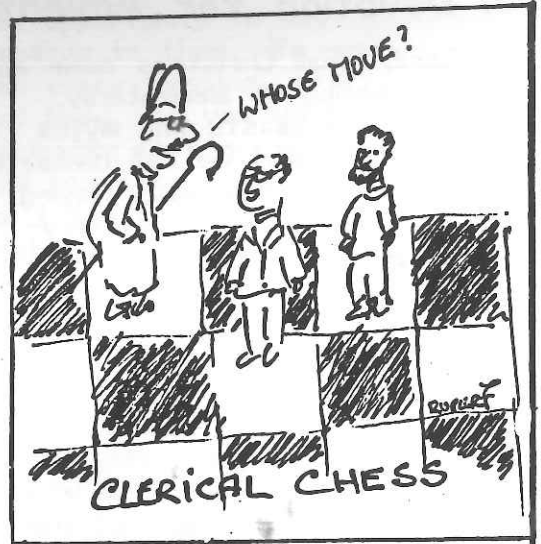
Well, we may never know, because as we said, he's moving on. Unfortunately, though, so too is his wife Vicki, and Thingammy the Budgie.

No more those dulcet tones on WAV FM on Monday nights. No more those children's stories which delight so many, (will someone PLEASE give him a book about bees !). No more trips to the hospital, armed with joke book, visiting those who haven't had their stitches out.

What of the future ?

Well, there's no doubt that Brain (sorry BRIAN) will continue to speak in tongues, (oops, learn Hebrew). There's no

## AND VICKI



doubt that Mr Men, Dr Who and other such classics will continue to be a part of his ongoing education. And of course screams from the people of Evandale are to be expected and not ignored!

One thing, though, about this man - although we're getting rid of him, (hooray!) - he's a great believer in the Gospel. And that's not something he takes lightly, no matter how unorthodox he may seem at times. To Brian and Vicki, (not forgetting the Mr Men and Thingammy), we say thank you for the time you've spent with us. We won't forget you in a hurry!

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by RUPERT

