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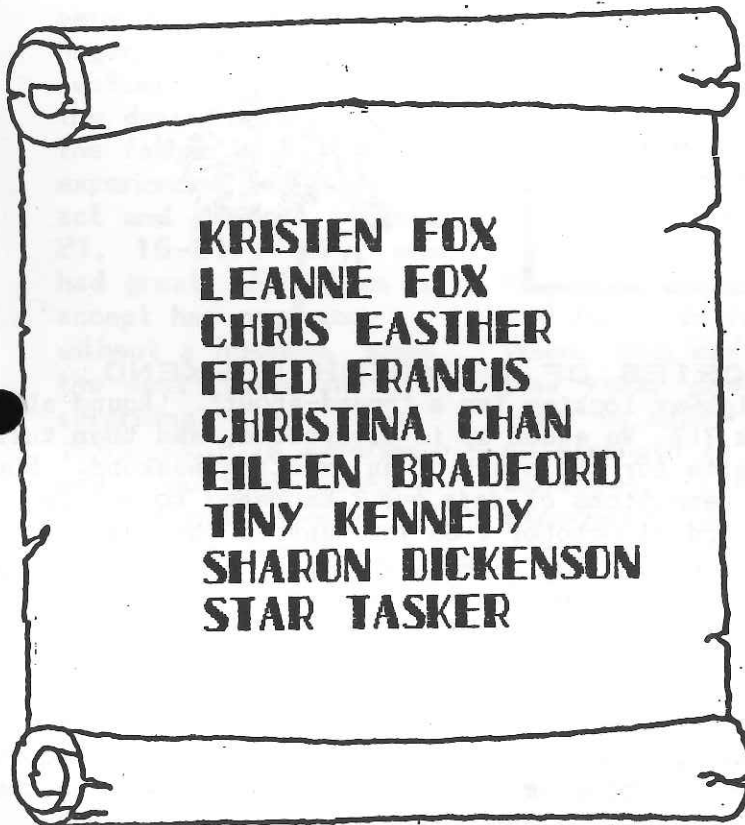
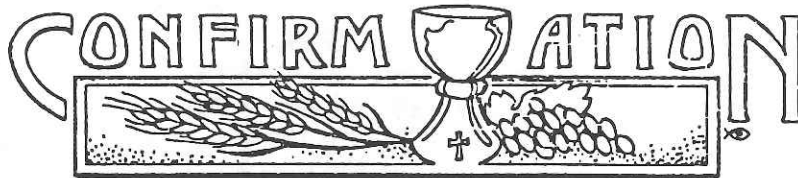
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SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS



**CONFIRMATION SERVICE
SUNDAY NOV 22 10am**

A Service of Morning
Prayer, Adult Baptism and
Confirmation.

Celebrated by

BISHOP JERRIM

Followed by a Parish Family
Lunch in the Centre.

(Please bring a plate of sandwiches or
salad to share. Sweets provided by the
Guild)

**COME AND JOIN OUR
CELEBRATION AS WE
WELCOME THE CONFIRMEES
INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP.**

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



CARRY ON CAMPING

Is our assistant, Brian, ('Scoop') harbouring ambitions towards journalism? The concert gave him an ideal opportunity to show his talents... The weekend also showed up other hidden ambitions with Misses. Butler, Whitmore and Paramore joining the Youth Group ranks. It appears they also forgot their table manners... Tiny Kennedy had a word of wisdom for us all. "It doesn't matter what time you get to bed Saturday night, you still have to be up in time for church." The rest of us managed to get up in time for breakfast, Tiny!!!

R. I. P. BOB

Bird fanciers will mourn the sad passing of BOB the BUDGIE of the Curate's Cottage. Our condolences to Vicki and Brian.

JOAN'S CLONE

If like me you are easily confused, you are probably wondering how the Rector's wife can get about quite so quickly of late. The trick of course is a look-alike sister. If you got caught out by this identity crisis, don't be embarrassed, you are not the only one. Elizabeth Street welcomes JOYCE, BERNARD and UNCLE GEORGE to St. John's Parish Family.

Elizabeth

MOTHER'S UNION

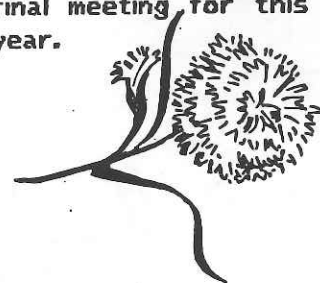
Thank you to all who supported the function for Clarendon Children's Home last month. The very satisfying amount of \$400 was raised. Our appreciation to Joan for her very clever and amusing script, to our models, who no doubt are creating new trends in the fashion world, to 'Eliza', and to our 'dizzy duo' whose items on the piano are always enjoyed.

REMINDERS:

MOTHERS UNION FESTIVAL,
November 5, 1. 30.
A Service of Praise.

November 18. Senior Parishioners' Morning Tea following the service of Holy Communion at 10. 30.

Lunch in the Parish Centre, followed by the final meeting for this year.



MEMORIES OF A PARISH WEEKEND.

We drove up the highway looking for a 'round-about'. 'Round-ab...', where, Glenn Clark ??? We ended up in Ulverstone, and then turned back to the camp site for the start of an exciting weekend. Sounds familiar? Having sensations of *deja vue*? Happened to you on approximately the 3rd of October? So you went to the camp too! If you did, you would have had a GREAT weekend; if you didn't, you missed a FANTASTIC one. It was a time of sharing, learning, getting to know each other, and each other's gifts in the Spirit, and the start of some good friendships. (And the renewal of some that had lapsed a little - Ed.)

Led by Bob McKay and his team from Sheffield, we all managed to learn about each other and how we feel, as well as learning about ourselves and our motivations, helping us as we pull together as God's community at St John's.

If you didn't come this year - come to the next one, and the next, and the next - once you've been to one, you won't want to miss another one.

Christina Booth.



STANDING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

DEVOTION FOR CONFIRMATION

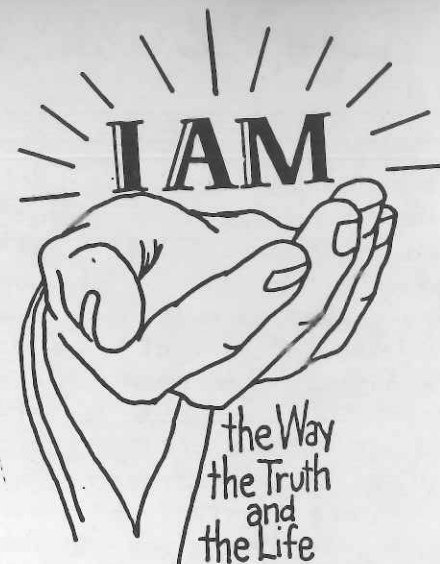
Luke 1 45-55.

Whenever the Bible tells us about an encounter of people, with God, it is always a very dramatic experience. They are often shaken to their very being. To experience the presence of God always means a deep change in their lives. The shepherd Moses became, after the experience of God's presence, a liberation leader. Isaiah turned into an instrument of God's prophecy to bring his people back from their wrong ways of life. Jesus in Gethsemane received strength to go into a terrible death trial. We also hear about women whose lives were deeply changed as they experienced God's presence. Hagar, in the Old Testament, expelled into the desert by Abraham, the father of her child, experienced God's saving act and guidance. (Genesis 21, 16-21.) Mary, who had great difficulties to accept her pregnancy without a husband, sings the most radical and surprising song. (Luke 1, 45-55.) To experience God in our lives means a deep change. This is not an easy or smooth process. It is shaking the foundations of our lives, and is often difficult to accept. As Christians, we often tend to turn the christian message into something nice and smooth. Yet, standing in the presence of God means that God moves us from our comfortable positions. It also means that we accept his calling. He promises to be with us

on the way, sustaining and strengthening us. He will go side by side with us through the deep valley of pain and suffering, on the rough road of the struggle for justice and peace. But he is also beside us in the joy and happiness of love, turning all of this into a blessing.

Let us pray that God's daughters and sons in all parts of the world may accept his challenging call. In our world today, we need more courageous, committed witnesses against the forces of death, poverty, injustice, and the arms race. God, where can we find you? In the turmoils of the streets, in the smiles of dirty children, in the faces of the outcasts of this world. There is your presence, but also, in the beauty of your creation, in the joy of lovers, in the happiness of parents, in art and music. God, change us. Shake us out of our comfortable lives. Make us instruments of your Kingdom, Children of Hagar and Mary, to follow your voice. God, lead us onto your road, give us a voice to speak up, give us strength to be your witnesses. Let us experience that - whatever happens in our lives, neither death nor life, neither angels nor powers, neither present nor future, nothing can separate us from your love, from your presence. Amen.

Barbel von Wartenburg,
Germany. Fellowship of the
Least Coin, Circle of
Prayer, Vol. 9.



PARISH ORGANISATIONS

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10am 1, 3, 4, 5 Sundays
Family service 2nd Sunday

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY
6pm every Wednesday

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
7.30 every Friday.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP
Several groups meet each week at different times - check your pew sheet.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUX.
2.45 pm 2nd Monday.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA
6 pm 2nd Tuesday.

MOTHERS' UNION
1.30 pm 3rd Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GUILD
2 pm 3rd Thursday.

GFS TOWNSEND
9.45 am 4th Tuesday.

MEALS ON WHEELS
11 am 2nd Sunday,
from Launceston General
Hospital and Queen Victoria
Hospital.

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS

As the time for Confirmation draws near, we reflect that this has been an annual thanksgiving at St John's for many years and is a deeply rooted part of the Anglican expression of our Christian Faith. It gives those who were baptised as little children the chance to stand up and declare themselves for Christ and to claim his promise of life in all its fullness, as well as giving newer-comers to the Church a chance to join the Body of Christ. Confirmation is also a time for Christians of "riper experience" to renew their commitment and to reach out and welcome new Christians into the family. With these thoughts in mind, I'd like to commend you the words of one of our earlier Rectors, taken from the first and second edition of St John's Parish Messenger, back in 1892. June 1892 "As we go to press, the time approaches for the Confirmation. The First Communion of those just confirmed will be on Sunday 19th inst. Why should not all communicants in the parish come with them to the Lord's Table and deepen the bonds of fellowship in the Faith? And why not try the virtue of a kindly word here and there (as the chance offers) of sympathetic goodwill to these new communicants from those of riper experience? We miss much from our undue reserve. " July 1892. "The Confirmation was held on June 15th, and was a very hearty service.

The address dealt with the Christian calling, and the Bishop earnestly warned all against that deadly vice contentment with an "average" kind of life, "an average" godliness, and an "average" integrity of character. Many of us, I know, felt that the Confirmation service was an occasion for much thankfulness and hearty goodwill. . . . Most of our candidates were of full age and were able to enter into this holy service with a clear understanding of what the Christian calling implies. Certainly, this ought to be the greatest gathering together in the year of all the congregation - will the day come when we can say all the parish? To make REAL all the varied phases of our Church system is much the surest way of getting the vigour of a sound and solid Christian life deeprooted and strong. "And now what are we going to set before us? Ought we not to use every endeavour to make real the fact that those confirmed take their proper place amongst us as sincere Christians who are in earnest? The central bond of union with us should undoubtedly be 'The Table of the Lord', for there we are all partakers of the 'One Bread and the One Cup'. Here then, let us first strengthen our unity. "

The Rev. RC Nugent Kelly, Incumbent.



BIG CROWD TODAY



I SEE THE BISHOPS HERE



I WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT BEEN CROOK

BUSH CHURCH AID

AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST

BCA Secretary Celia Hill reminds us that it is time for opening BCA Boxes. Boxes may be handed to Celia after Sunday services or left in the Parish Office.

Thank you to all who so generously support the work of the Outback Church.

MISS ROLAND QUEST

Friday November 13th.

THE DELORAINE ENTERTAINERS will present their current stage show, 'House wanted - must be haunted' at the Broadland House Hall, in aid of Miss Roland entrant LISA KIDD.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

Next Meeting: Monday November 9, 2.30 pm.
Speaker: Mrs Laurice Whiddon.

MEN'S TEA.

LADIES' NIGHT.

Tuesday, November 10, 6.30 pm.

Speaker: CAPTAIN TOM CLARKE

(Church Army Evangelist, St Mark's.)

Cost: \$5. Please put your names on the list in the Narthex.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING FOR 1987.

FROM THE REGISTER

MARRIAGES

Oct. 24; Craig EDMUNDS to Katrina HINCHCLIFFE

Oct. 31; Sallie NEWTON to Michael CARROLL

Susan HOLYOAK to Glenn TURNER

Lesa PERKINS to Ricki DONALDSON

Bronwyn MILLS to Colin WITT

BAPTISMS

Oct. 11; Dwayne John MORRISON

DEATHS

Oct. 4; Leonard Bruce FIRTH

Oct. 15; Arthur Percival MCGEE.

BELLBIRD

by Rupert.