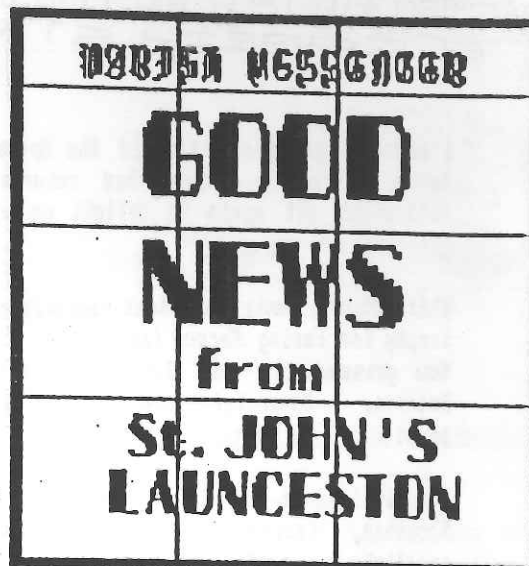


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SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS

THE RECTOR WRITES

Knowing what is Available.

To make choices in our lives we need to know what is available. The complex society in which we live, its sheer size, coupled with the pace of life, makes it hard to know where I can find the right sort of help in time of personal need or crisis. How many times do we hear "If only I had known that sort of help was available" ?

This issue is at the heart of church ministry and the key to all evangelism and church growth. *People don't know what help is available to them in Jesus Christ.* Even people associated with the church and involved in church activities are sometimes in this situation.

Once we have *personally experienced* what Jesus can do for us, our lives take on a new dimension...there is a freedom and a peace which is exciting and it brings a new sense of direction to our lives. We suddenly 'know what is available' from God for us in Jesus. This then raises the important issue of how do we help those who are still seeking, or are in great need ?

The answer to this issue of 'knowing what is available' is found only when we are prepared to tell others what we have found for ourselves. *There is no substitute for speaking from personal experience of Jesus.* When I reflect on how I found faith in Christ, it always comes back to someone who told me 'what was available in Jesus; and furthermore they then went on to urge me to claim it for myself. I found no real peace, joy, or direction for my life until I claimed 'what was available' in Jesus for myself.

If St John's Family is going to be *in fact* what it claims to be *in name*, then we all have to be about the business of telling others about Christ. I hope you will be involved with me in doing this.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN A BROOK RECTOR.

Please join us for worship any Sunday
8am - 10am - 7pm
Wednesday 10-30am



Like that grand old lady of the Opera, Nellie Melba, Elizabeth Street has returned from retirement yet again to delight us with her offerings.

Which church basketball team recently gained a trophy for coming *Second Last*?! You guessed it - St John's, in the A Grade Reserve. Congratulations on your win, er, loss!

Congratulations are in order too, to the CMS Bookshop, (sorry, Store) on gaining the prestigious title of National Christian Bookshop. Well done Alister, Ann, and All the Others at our own special Book Store,

Choirmaster to Boy Soprano;
"Now open your mouth really wide and THROW yourself into it!"

A query has been raised - just how many Valery Murgatroyds are there in Launceston? Current counting is at least two (and ONE is going to the Camp) - but beware, there could be more. Perhaps Val is learning cloning as well as computing when she disappears in the afternoons...

Thank you to all the beaut people supporting Parish Messenger with donations, including Gaelene McCafferty, Mrs Gwen Jack, Mrs H Jones, Miss E Kiddle, Mrs R Cox, Rev Hugh and Mrs Sirvan, Mrs J Oliver, and of course, Anonymous. Many thanks.

Is Glenn Clark going a little potty with all the organising of the Parish Weekend? Asked about arrangements he could only rant about gnomes and flowerpots, spades and watering cans. Must be Spring Fever!

Elizabeth

WHAT AM I??

I'm part of St John's, and some know me quite well. I start with some food, and fellowship as well.

Food's followed by a speaker educational, refreshing; or encouraging and helpful, and often very challenging.

I'm informal, not rigid, and open to men. All ages I welcome - Why don't you come, then?

Why don't you join us for fellowship and fun? Second Tuesday at six. Come on! Why not come?

MEN'S TEA.

Tuesday 13th October, 1987.

Time: 6.00 - 7.45 pm.

Cost: \$5.00

Guest Speaker: Mr Fuzz Kitto.

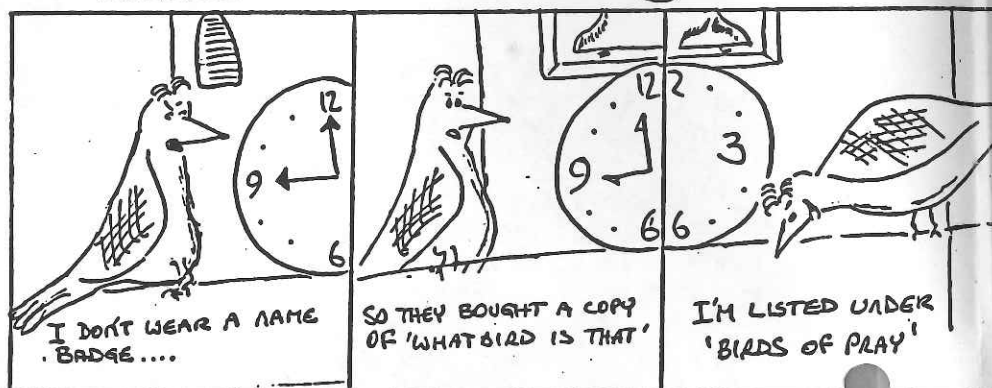
Youth Consultant Uniting Church Synod.

Subject: "Are We Where the River Runs?"

Evangelism in Australia.

BELLBIRD

by RUPERT



"QUAMBY COTTAGE" SPRING BEACH ORFORD.

This beautiful property was given to St John's Church by the late Mr Laurence Denham for the use of clergy and parishioners.

The house is situated in an elevated position, close to the beach, and overlooking Maria Island. It has two bedrooms with two single beds in each, a large family room with windows overlooking the sea and a dining room with wide window seats which are often used as bunks by children in sleeping bags.

There is a kitchen with new electric stove, refrigerator and ample crockery and cooking utensils, bathroom with shower and handbasin, hot water. There is an outside toilet, garage and woodshed,

There are vacancies from October 5th to the 29th; 16th November to December 24th; and from February 10th 1988.

COST: \$10 per night per family.

ENQUIRIES: To the Parish Office or

Mr Max Easter phone 31 5750.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

A Meditation for United Nations Day, October 24*

Isaiah 2:4,

Opposite the United Nations stands the Isaiah Wall bearing these words carved in stone:

"they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The monument reminds the United Nations that its purpose is to safeguard continued peace in the world. Although many parts of the world have suffered war since the UN was created at the close of the Second World War, a great deal of peace keeping and peace making has been done, and we have avoided direct confrontation between the major powers.

To us, the words of Isaiah were among the most familiar verses of the Bible. But some of us are slow learners. Only recently did I notice the complementary point beside the promise of peace. In contemporary terms, the message I found is that *hunger and peace* do not go together.

Peace requires not only that we cease killing each other, but also that we feed each other. Peace belongs to that community that neither collects nor just discards weapons but transforms old ones.

From means of destruction they are turned into tools of production - swords into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

For Christians or churches to remain silent on such issues would imply we think certain realms of existence, such as the life of nations, are not under the judgement of God. Life always means work, movement, change. For what does your community work? In what direction does it change - from swords into plowshares, or from plowshares into swords?

Merciful God, forgive our foolishness and hardness of heart.

We plan our security and make weapons that could destroy us all.

We dream of peace and overlook the needy.

We ask for your mercy and fail to do justly.

Shape and reshape us until we become the people you intended.

In Christ's name we ask, Amen.

** Aurelia Fule, USA, Fellowship of the Least Coin Circle of Prayer, Vol. 9.*



MEALS ON WHEELS.

There have been several instances over the past few months where several parishioners have failed to turn up to do their rostered turn on Meals on Wheels.

When this occurs, the Red Cross have no alternative but to have the meals delivered by taxi, at a considerable expense. There is no arrangement for stand-by drivers.

If you are rostered for a particular month, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you attend or arrange for a substitute. If this poses a problem please contact the Parish Office beforehand.

Remember, Meals on Wheels is a community outreach by St John's and reflects badly on us when we cannot fulfill our commitment to this very important organisation.

PS: MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !!
Involvement is usually no more than once every 3 or 4 months for about 2 hours. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 34 1896.

PARISH

ORGANISATIONS.

Weekly meetings:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10am 1,3,4 & 5 Sundays.
NOT on 2nd Sunday, (Family Service,)

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOC.

6.00pm every Wednesday.
CEBS - ANGLICAN

BOYS' SOCIETY.

6.00 pm every Thursday.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

7.30 every Friday.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Several groups meet weekly at different times - please see your pew sheet for details.

Monthly Groups:

ST JOHN'S WELFARE

AUXILIARY.

2.45 pm 2nd Monday.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

6 pm 2nd Tuesday.

MOTHERS' UNION

1.30 pm 3rd Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GUILD,

2.00 pm 3rd Thursday.

G F S TOWNSEND

9.45 am 4th Tuesday.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

11.00 am 2nd Sunday,
from Launceston General Hospital and Queen Victoria Hospital.

FROM THE REGISTER

MARRIAGES

Sept.12: Scott Anthony SOUTHAM to Susan Lee IGGLESDEN,

Sept.19: Peter North O'SHEA to Maree Cheryl TETLOW.

BAPTISMS

Sept.13: Shaun Ronald TRINDER Letisha Ann TRINDER,

Sept.19: Samuel James ATKINS Nicholas Robert DAVIES.

DEATHS

Sept.15: Albert Edward PARTRIDGE,

PARISH WEEKEND

By now, we are either at Camp Clayton, or just returned from our Parish Family Weekend. Please pray for the success of this time together, whether you are able to share it with us physically, or only in spirit.

The Parish Weekend provides a wonderful chance to do some positive growing in Christ together, as members of the one Body. Please uphold Bob & Jan McKay and the leaders and all those taking part in the Camp, as together we grow in Christ.

GFS NEWS

GFS CAMP will be held on the weekend 6 - 8 November at BRIDPORT. All St John's GFS'ers are invited. See Mrs Judith Moxon for all details.

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DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER:

Sunday October 18th.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Wednesday October 14th, 12.30 pm in the Parish Centre

Followed by an Entertainment.

Donations: \$5.00

Proceeds for Clarendon Children's Home.

October 21st.

Bus leaves for Devonport at 8.30 am from Elizabeth Street near Princes Square for trip to see MU World President, Mrs Hazel Treadgold.

MISS ROLAND QUEST

MORNING TEA

Tuesday October 13th, at 44 Lyttleton St., in aid of St John's entrant

LISA KIDD,

Trade Table

Lucky Door Prize.

Admission: \$2.00.

Friday November 13th

The DELORAINÉ ENTERTAINERS will stage their current show - 'House wanted - must

be haunted' at the Broadland House Hall, in aid of Miss Roland entrant,

LISA KIDD.

BUSH CHURCH AID

AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST

BCA Secretary Celia Hill reminds us that it is nearly 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.

CONFIRMATION

NOV. 1987

KRISTEN FOX

LEANNE FOX

CHRIS BASTHER

FRED FRANCIS

CHRISTINA CHAN

BILEEN BRADFORD

TINY KENNEDY.

REMEMBER THE CONFIRMEES IN YOUR PRAYERS!!