



**FREE-**  
Spring  
Floral  
Festival  
St. John's Church  
17th-20th September  
10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

50 Organisations & Churches participating  
Morning & Afternoon Tea \$1.50  
Plus-Plant Stall. Embroidery Display.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS  
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# PARISH MESSENGER



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Dear Members of St. John's Family,

It is hard to pick up relationships exactly where we left off. I had a telephone call from a man I had not been in touch with for twenty five years. It was a surprise and it was not long before I realized that we had both moved a long way apart in our thinking since we last talked together. The longer the break the greater the distance in the relationship.

It is the same in our relationship with God, once we break contact we begin to distance ourselves from Him. The further we drift away the harder it is to come back, we can even get so far away that we have forgotten what the joy and blessings were all about. Drifting starts as a unconscious experience. When the engine stops, the wind drops or the anchor is pulled up we need some significant check points that are fixed in order to determine how far we have come off course.

Once we become irregular in our weekly worship the drift has started. When the daily prayer time ceases and the reading of God's word becomes formal or erratic, the separation is well established and it will not be long before we are in actual practice and fact distant from God. The longer it goes on, the greater the problem will be and our spiritual effectiveness is soon nil.

In my first few months with you as family members of St. John's, I have come across many young and old who have indicated that this is their position. We need to turn to Christ afresh, acknowledge to ourselves and to Him that we have been far away and seek his forgiveness and strength. Jesus has promised that his spiritual power and resources will be sufficient for us to go on with confidence. His Holy Spirit is available and qualified to supply to us all that we need in order to live a life to please God. Let us take the resources given by God in Christ Jesus and through his Spirit; return to daily prayer and bible reading as the means of a living encounter with God and express our joy and delight in weekly worship.

May God continue to encourage you all,

Yours in Him,

JOHN A. BROOK.

#### MOTHERS UNION:

The next meeting on 16th September will be held in the Rectory at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. Joan Brook will address the meeting, her subject will be - Indonesia.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses:- Joan Davis, Mary Carter.

DIARY NOTE: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 14th October. Proceeds for Clarendon Children's Home.

#### ST. JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY.

Monday, 14th September, 1987 at 2.30 p.m. (please note change of time).

Norma Smith, Secretary.

#### SPRING FLORAL FESTIVAL:

The Women's Guild of St. John's is holding a Floral Festival in the Church, from Thursday, 17th September to Sunday 20th .incl. from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. daily.

The Lady Mayoress, Mrs. S. Tsinoglou, will officially open this function at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 17th.

Morning and Afternoon Tea will be available in the Parish Centre

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting for September will be held in the Narthex at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 10th September.

#### MENS' TEA.

Tuesday, 8th September, at 6.00 p.m.

SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION; "What now?"

Please register your name on the sheet in the Narthex if you are attending - Cost \$5.00

#### MISS ROLAND QUEST:

Lisa Kidd is the Launceston Committee's entrant in the quest. Your prayerful support for Lisa, who is a member of our Youth Group and Sunday School, would be appreciated.