

# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



"REJOICE, THE LORD IS NEAR"

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## PARISH GROUPS:

WEEKLY MEETINGS  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1st, 3rd,  
4th, 5th Sunday 44 8596  
FAMILY SERVICE: 10 am 2nd. Sunday.  
S&M SINGLES & MARRIEDS: Tuesday  
7.30 pm 44 8596  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Wednesday  
4.45 - 5.30 pm 31 1676  
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY: Wednesday  
6.00 pm 27 3883  
PLAY CENTRE: Thursday  
10.30 am - 12 noon 31 6173  
CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY: Thursday  
6.00 pm 31 8996  
ADULT CHOIR: Thursday  
7.30 pm 31 1676  
MATRIC MATTERS: Thursday  
5.50-6.50 pm 31 3925  
101 PC Youth group: Friday  
6.30 - 7.30 pm 44 9726  
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Friday  
7.30 pm 26 5350  
PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Saturday  
8.00 am 31 1520  
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: 31 4896  
Several groups meet weekly at  
different times and places, so  
check your weekly Pew Bulletin.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 2nd Sunday  
11 am 31 4896  
WELFARE AUXILIARY: 2nd Monday  
2.30 pm 44 2827  
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA: 2nd Tuesday  
6.00 pm 31 4566  
MOTHERS' UNION: 2nd Wednesday  
1.30 pm 44 7163  
WOMEN'S GUILD: 3rd Thursday  
2.00 pm 27 2484  
CFS TOWNSEND: 4th Tuesday  
9.45 am 31 5279



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS EVE:

8 pm Carols and Nine  
Lessons  
11.30 pm Holy Communion

### CHRISTMAS DAY:

8 am Holy Communion  
10 am Holy Communion  
7 pm Evening Prayer.

Join us in worship any Sunday  
8am - 10am - 7pm  
Wednesday 10.30am



## Henry on

### SCRIPTURE TEACHING

It is a privilege to go week by week to Charles Street School and teach Scripture.

St. John's has the responsibility to take three composite classes there from Prep to Grade 6.

It is a great joy to find that many of the students are keen to learn and listen to their weekly half hour lesson. However, as well as being a source of joy, the time can also be a source of despair and devastation when the class has no interest in the subject matter, and individual members are quite free in expressing their views of "this God stuff".

Putting all that aside, it is worthwhile contemplating the hand of God in this vital ministry. A few questions need to be answered to set it all in its proper context.

#### 1 Is it God's will to be there?

The answer is a resounding "YES". Most parents and teachers are keen to have that weekly time of instruction. The occasional confirming comment from the students, such as "Mr Ivey, I am a Christian", or "Mr Ivey will you pray for..." or "What is a Christian?" leaves no doubt that it is the will of God for us to be there.

#### 2 Should we expect the children always to be well-behaved and attentive?

Probably not. Society has done some extraordinary things with social and religious values and so these young people are growing up and adjusting in a difficult environment. For a Scripture teacher to come along and talk about "gentle Jesus" or "God is Love" or "Jesus is the answer to your problems" is nonsense to most of them. The task of the teacher becomes more one of gaining their trust and being seen to be sincere. When that happens, the children will listen.



#### 3 What is the way forward?

Prayer and consistency. Teaching ability and good disciplinary techniques are not the complete answer. Prayer for the individuals and for the class as a whole, with a consistent program of lessons confirms in the students' minds the validity of the material presented to them.

Teaching Scripture at Charles Street School is undoubtedly the most challenging task in my work at St John's. It is also extremely rewarding. For anyone who has a concern for these young lives and is prepared to pray for the work and be steadfast in their duty, there can be great joy and fulfilment in this calling. Are YOU available?

HENRY IVEY.

## David on



### CAMPUS MINISTRY

It has been a year of new beginnings, and as with any new venture, much time and energy has been spent doing ground-work for future development. Progress has been seen this year - noticeably from a pigeon hole to an office in the Maritime College - but more importantly in the development of relationships.

Highlights of this first year have been seeing young people respond to God's Word and grow in their lives in Christ. In the second semester I have weekly contact with 30-40 students meeting in small groups for fellowship and spiritual growth. These each have a distinctive focus - a Residential Hall Christian Fellowship, two Christianity Explained groups, lunch-time gatherings of the Aust. Fellowship of Evangelical Students, and the Matric Matters group meeting faithfully in St John's Narthex each week. In addition, the Catholic Chaplain and I hold a chapel worship service on campus each Friday.

Regular opportunities for informal ministry have developed from joining the Centre for Performing Arts Choir, and coaching St John's Basketball Teams. Then there are the casual contacts in the Cafeteria, along corridors and even at the Library newspaper rack! More specific contact is made in counselling and hospital and home visiting. In all, I am in touch with about 100 students each week.

What about the future? A lot of groundwork has been laid this year in establishing the Anglican Chaplaincy on the TSIT/Maritime campus. This will be built on next year and probably extended to the other Colleges and TAFE. Cont. on back page.

# Body Parts News

## G F S TOWNSEND

The members of St John's GFS Townsend Group played hosts at a social gathering of GFS held in the Parish Centre on Saturday November 19th. The state-wide gathering was arranged to celebrate the Bicentenary. It was interesting to hear the visitors speaking of their time in GFS and of the Branches to which they belonged. Many are still active members of GFS.

We were entertained with singing and recitations, and with games and competitions, followed by a magnificent supper, which was attended by our three Clergy. Prizes were awarded to those ladies who dressed in costume for the evening. Mrs Joan Brook, Mrs Kathleen Sutton and Mrs Celia Hill were presented with beautiful sheaths of flowers.

A vote of thanks must go to Miss Kiddle and the ladies for working so hard to make the evening so enjoyable

JUDITH MOXON.

## GARDEN PARTY

Prayers for a fine day were answered when the MU Garden Party was held on November 26th. It was a delight to be able to hold the Party as planned in the Rectory gardens. Well done to all the members and helpers for their efforts in their "goings out and their comings in" as they prepared and served the refreshments, and thank you to the Scottish piper and dancers for entertaining us. Clarendon Children's Home will benefit from a satisfactory amount of over \$300. OLVA HARRIS.



## Meditation



He comes to his own world,  
though his own will not receive him.  
Everything already belongs to him  
and the people of every nation.  
From sea to sea he created it;  
all living things are his joy.

Can any of us dare face him?  
Or keep or poise in his presence?  
If our hands had never harmed another,  
if our motives were perfectly pure;  
If we had never been seduced by vanity,  
if no trace of deceit lingered in us,  
Then we would boldly receive him,  
confidently seeking his blessing.

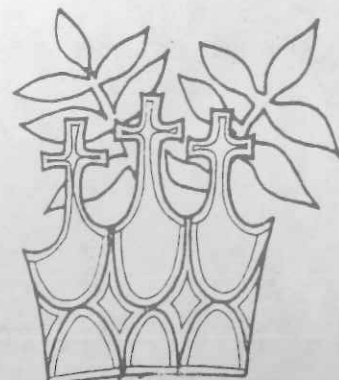
Corrupt we all are, yet we seek him;  
our generation searches for a god.  
We are creatures who are always restless,  
seeking elusive security and peace.  
We look for his face in our heroes;  
vainly we search in our libraries.

Lift up your tired heads!  
Open up your weary eyes!  
The King of glory comes among us;  
he enters the gates of our humanity.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord who stoops to conquer,  
The Lord of shepherds and poor men,  
He is the King of glory!

Lift up your tired heads!  
Open your weary eyes!  
The King of glory comes to you.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of countless hosts,  
He is our King of glory!

BRUCE PREWER.

Australian Psalms.





## An Invitation

To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are weary and need rest; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; to all who know sin and need a Saviour; to all who are convinced they ought to put God first in their lives - St John's opens its doors and in the name of JESUS CHRIST, and for his sake, bids you welcome.

The Church is open for private prayer 8.00 am to 5.00 pm daily, [use the side door, near the Parish Centre.]

There is a service daily in the Chapel at 8.00 am, [except Saturdays, when a time of informal prayer is held.] Week day Holy Communion services are held on Saint's Days [as announced] at 8.00 am, and each Wednesday at 10.30 am.

## From the Register

# Baptisms

### SEPTEMBER:

Tegan Lee POPOWSKI  
Jayson Leonard BAYLISS  
Sophie Jean ROBINSON  
Joel Cameron PHILPS

### OCTOBER:

Emily Rose WYTON  
Hayley Margaret JACOBS  
Peter Mark Antony DAVIS  
Andrew Malcolm TAIT  
Rosemary Ann ALLEN  
Elizabeth Claire ALLEN

### NOVEMBER:

Aimee Louise HARVEY  
Daniel James SLATER  
Nicholas James BUDGEON  
Sharney Emma BUDGEON  
Brandon Donald SNOWBALL



## David

cont.

Next year will, no doubt, be busier as more contacts are made. Overseas student numbers will grow, and the establishment of an Overseas Students' Christian Fellowship may well be a positive move. As the work grows, leader development among the students will be important, and we will need to provide Biblical and theological study for some students at a deeper level.

I have greatly appreciated the support from St John's congregation, both for my family and for my ministry. This support has been practical, financial and prayerful. The congregation has begun extending friendship to individual Australian and overseas students through the Host Family Scheme and in providing accommodation. These natural contacts, coupled with challenging and relevant worship, will provide these young people with friendship and acceptance in a church where they see that Jesus Christ is alive.

DAVID HAYMAN.

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SUPPLEMENT TO 'CHURCH NEWS'



## Body Parts News

### MOTHERS' UNION:

COMMUNION SERVICE FOR ELDERLY PARISHIONERS  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 10.30 am

All parishioners are invited to our final Communion Service for 1988, which will be followed by a light lunch, and carol singing in the Parish Centre. If you require transport to the service please ring OLVA HARRIS on 31 2796.

## Music Notes

A special delight for music lovers will be an organ recital at St John's to mark the 80th birthday of the French composer OLIVIER MESSIAEN. The recital, by our organist WILLIAM PIERCE, will feature works by French romantic composers as well as some by Messiaen. A date to mark in your diary - Saturday December 10, at 8 pm.