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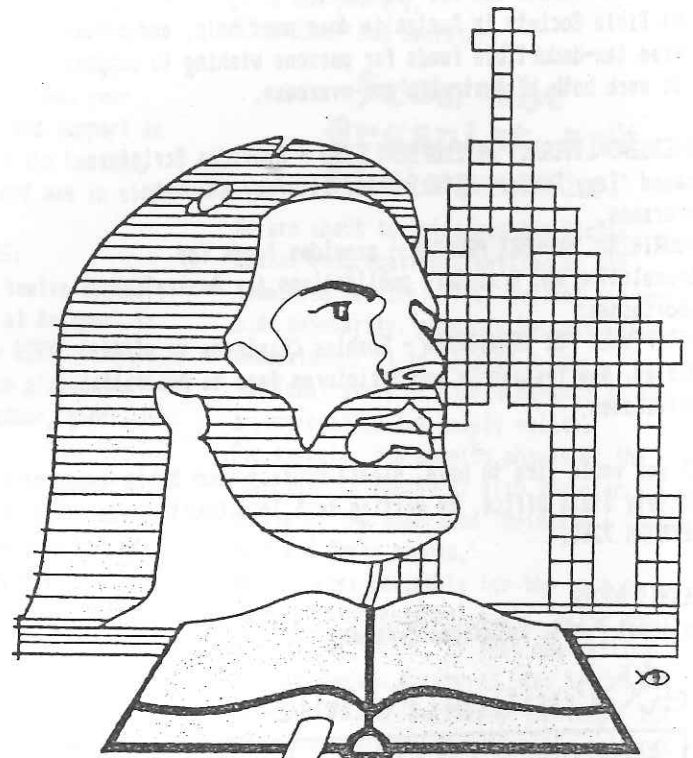
"GOD'S WORD; open for all."

JULY 1988

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Family of St John,
 The Annual Meeting of the congregation is always an important time for assessment and commitment. Assessment of the growth and progress we have made over the past year, and a commitment of obedience in the year unfolding. Sadly, in most congregations, attendance at an AGM is never good, compared to weekly attendance at worship. This year our attendance at St John's was better than last, but we need to take this meeting more seriously in prayer and practice. We have committed ourselves through the new budget to lift our weekly offering by about \$250 a week, to reach a weekly average of \$1900. We aim to totally support the ministry from the congregation as a first step to real pastoral care and stewardship. This is clearly within our reach, and we should not rest on the bequests of the past to minister to present needs. At this year's AGM, I set a three-fold challenge before you for 1988-89.

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CHRIST / HIS WORD
 GOD'S WORD
 OUR SURE FOUNDATION

* NATIONAL
 * BIBLE SUNDAY
 * SUNDAY JULY 17

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

THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRALIA Incorporated



The Bible Society in Australia could well be called a 'Sleeping Giant'. Not many have heard a great deal about the Society and its work, its aims and ideals. The BSA has as its ideal to make available to all people the Word of God in a language the person can understand, and at a price they can afford.

God's Word: open for all

Its aims to do this are three-fold - to produce, distribute and translate the Scriptures. The Bible Society came into being in Australia in 1817 in NSW, known as an 'Auxiliary Bible Society.' Other States created offices or Auxiliaries, Tasmania being in 1819. In 1946, Australia became a founding member of the United Bible Societies, which co-ordinated the activities today of 110 National Bible Societies in more than 180 countries and territories.

In Australia, the Society is always at work in the translation field, and currently has twelve Aboriginal projects in which it is involved. And of course, in the past twelve months we have seen the production and distribution of the new 'Good News Australia' Bible and New Testament.

The Bible Society in Australia does need help, and offers three tax-deductible funds for persons wishing to support its work both in Australia and overseas.

OVERSEAS LITERACY DEVELOPMENT FUND - Provides Scripture based 'Easy Reader' material for literacy students overseas.

ABORIGINAL SUPPORT PROGRAM - provides funds for translation and Scripture publications for Australian Aborigines.

SCRIPTURES FOR SERVICEMEN - Enables Chaplains to offer Bibles, New Testaments and Scriptures free to Australian servicemen.

If you would like to help, please contact your Bible Society State Office, by writing to 5 Teal Court, NEWNHAM 7250.

DENNIS BOOTH,
National Public Relations Manager.

Pontius' Puddle



CHAPLAINCY NEWS

It has only been four short months since I started, and in many ways I still have my 'L plates' on. Following an initial period of discovering the Institutions and something of their aims and ethos, courses offered, Christian groups, and their interaction with staff and students, I was aware that some sort of strategy was needed to cope with 5000 students at 5 Institutions and 8 campuses!

Basically my aim as a Christian Chaplain is to enhance the growth and development of students and staff by -
Encouraging Christians in the ongoing challenge of discipleship;
Giving non-Christians the opportunity to hear and respond to the claims of Jesus Christ;
Showing the love of Christ in practical ways of friendship, counselling and care.

Chaplaincy is a people business, and so my time is spent either with people or preparing material for them to study. I have begun to focus on TSIT and Maritime College, where there has been friendly acceptance by staff and students, with the provision of an office at AMC and temporary space made available at TSIT.

BIBLE STUDY: A small group of students requested Bible Study. I was delighted to respond, as this is the "key to further development." Between 3 and 8 people meet in my office each week.

PASTORAL CARE: This includes encouragement and support of Christian groups already on campus, as well as general opportunities for counselling. Much of my work is informal - over cups of coffee in the Cafeteria, in the corridors, visiting halls of residence, even playing basketball in the gym. In more structured ways, I have made contact through Orientation Week lectures, joining the TSIT choir, involvement with the AMC Intercultural Society, and the Host Family Scheme.

WORSHIP: The Catholic Chaplain, (Sr. Elizabeth Vagg) and I hold a worship service on Friday lunch-times in the Maritime College stables. It is an informal service of prayer, Bible-reading, and singing. Attendance varies from 3 to 6. We are encouraged by this small beginning and the opportunity to pray and worship together.

Thank you for your continuing support in prayers, encouragement and practical ways.

DAVID HAYMAN,

First, that we deepen personal spirituality. As a city church, we need a strong strong basis for evangelism. This can only come about by personally increasing our knowledge of God and his Word, by exercising our faith, especially in the area of tithing our incomes, and speaking about Jesus. It also will mean a practical involvement in some form of evangelism or supporting ministry. The more knowledge we gain, the more faith we must exercise, and the more practice we must pursue - this is the three-fold path to deeper personal spirituality.

We need to strengthen our congregational life. A city church needs a stronger base for evangelism than a suburban congregation. This means sharpening up our attitudes and involvement in Sunday worship, and its associated fellowship. It will mean a deliberate attitude by regular worshippers to integrate the Student Work and Community Care ministry into the congregational lifestyle. We can no longer afford to be slack and suggest 'anything is good enough' for God's work.

The third area of challenge before us is to increase our evangelistic activity. This will come about by upgrading our attitudes to, and programs for soul winning. Groups and individuals must adopt a new stance in working to save the lost. It will mean our participation in corporate prayer will be directed to church growth - we need to pray more often and more and more together with this intention. Our prayer should be that more men and women will offer for the ministry and the mission field. This upgrading of our attitudes and programs will mean you and I will be looking for new and more effective ways to reach people with the Gospel.

The Annual Meeting was a time for praise as we saw what God had provided for us in ministry and resources. It was a time for challenge to get on with the job of extending Christ's Kingdom as never before. I hope you can share in this vision.

Yours in Christ,
JOHN A BROOK, Rector.



AFTER KLOMP:

KLOMP this year has again given us the privilege of working with many Christian and caring people through our holiday programs. Though the work is exhausting, it is rewarding to be able to present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to the children and their parents. Between September 87, and May 88, we ministered to over 250 children, through KLOMP 6 and 7. KLOMP has been recognised by the Department of Sport and Recreation as a community holiday activity, and this year we had the opportunity to work with and minister to two helpers from the Community Volunteer Program. I would like to thank them and all who have helped - the Leaders, all who provided food and help in the Kitchen, Vestry and the Department of Sport and Recreation for their financial support, and the RECTOR, HENRY, and DAVID for leading the devotions each day. KLOMP, while successful, is always in need of willing persons to lead or help in other areas. The harvest is ready - are you being called by the Lord to help in the gathering? The children need your example, we need your help and support in many ways - come and join in the harvest, and reap the rewards the Lord has in store

GFS NEWS:

The highlight of the past twelve months was our Branch Camp, held at Bridport in October. We were joined by BERYL PRIDHAM, who endeared herself to the girls, and were blessed with good weather, good food, and good fellowship. We started 1988 with a fall in numbers, and wondered how we would go with only four girls. Fortunately, we have had an increase, including three girls whose only contact with the church is through GFS. This is a challenge to us as leaders, and we value your prayers as we endeavour to fulfill the purpose of GFS. We have enjoyed cooking, games and play acting, and spent several nights working on a mural of Noah and the Ark. MRS TINY KENNEDY has visited us and helped us with our craft. Our thanks to the RECTOR, DAVID and HENRY for their prayerful support, and we are greatly encouraged that the whole parish remembers us in their prayers. Thank you to KIM PRIDHAM and SHIRLEY PERCEY for their assistance, and parents for their co-operation. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to serve him through GFS.

101 PC:

On Friday the 17th of June, 101 PC went to the Jewish Synagogue. We arrived at five to five, and got our first impressions from the outside. At five o'clock we were shown into the Synagogue by Mr Rubenstein. Mr Rubenstein told us a bit about the history of the synagogue, and then showed us the Scroll of the Torah, (the five books of Moses). We asked many interesting questions. At six o'clock we left the synagogue because the Sabbath was beginning. Our thanks go to MISS JENNY GILL for arranging the tour and MR RUBENSTEIN for showing us around.

BUSH CHURCH AID AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST

Following the Box opening in May, Celia is pleased to announce that over \$140 has been sent from St John's for the work of the Outback Church. Thank you to all who so generously support the work of Bush Church Aid with your gifts and prayers. CELIA HILL, BCA Secretary.

from the Organist and Choirmaster.

We are about to introduce the Michael Dudman congregational setting of the Communion Service. This setting has won wide popularity, possibly because while understated, it is also in a conventional style of church harmony to which a congregation can easily relate. For example, the opening phrase of the 'Sanctus' is identical with the opening phrase of the hymn tune 'Heinlein': "Forty days and forty nights." What is most desirable for the sake of keeping congregational music "alive and well" at St John's, is that one setting does not become hackneyed, (as tended to happen with the 'Salisbury' setting), but that three or even four suitable settings are established and alternated on a monthly basis. This would mean that each setting would be sung twelve or more times a year. With the introduction of Michael Dudman's setting over the next two months, we will be able to alternate three settings - 1/ the 'Salisbury'; 2/ my own setting; and 3/ the Dudman setting. This will ensure that minds as well as hearts are kept fresh in the musical praise and worship of God.

William Pierce

Classifieds for CHRIST +

POSITIONS VACANT



PRAYER

SATURDAY PRAYERS:

A Prayer Group meets early on Saturday mornings (8,00 am) in the Narthex to bring before the Lord the special needs of our Parish.

If you can function so early on a Saturday morning, do join this group for a time of praise, intercession and fellowship.

DAILY OFFICE:

A daily order of service is said in the Chapel each weekday morning at 8,00 am. What an encouragement it would be the Rector and Staff, and a great start to your working day if you could join them in this act of worship.

INTERCESSORS

Even if you can't get to Daily Office or Saturday Prayers, you can still be a vital part of St John's Ministry of Intercession. Keep the prayer sheet from the Weekly Bulletin in your Bible to use in a time of prayer with your daily Bible reading, and watch your faith grow as you see God's power at work in others' lives.

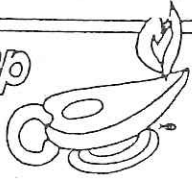
FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Feeling the need for a closer walk of faith, and a deeper understanding of God's Word in your life? There are several small Faith and Fellowship groups meeting at different times and places during the week. Contact names and phone numbers are published in the weekly pew bulletin. Talk to the Rector or Assistant if you can't find a group to suit your needs.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED:

Wanting to understand more about your faith, or find out what others believe? A new six week course of CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED will be starting soon, to explore in an informal way what Christians really believe. Contact JOAN BROOK for more details.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path



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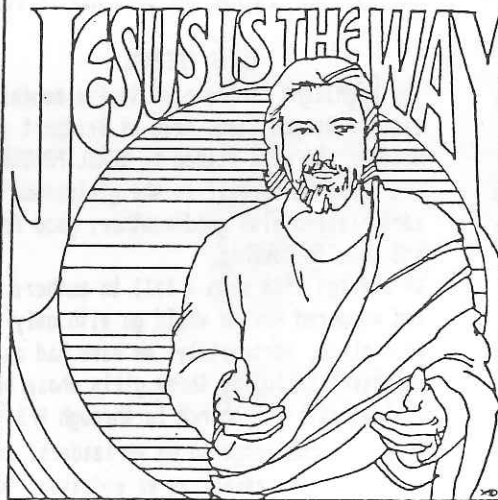
WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1, 3, 4 & 5 Sundays;
 Family Service 2nd Sunday,
 GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: 6 pm Wednesdays,
 CEBS BOYS SOCIETY: 6 pm Thursdays,
 CHOIR - Boys: 4.45 - 5.30 pm Wednesdays,
 Adults - 7.30 pm Thursdays,
 101 PC: 6.30 - 7.30 pm Fridays,
 YOUTH GROUP: 7.30 pm Fridays,
 PARISH PRAYER GROUP: 8 am Saturday mornings.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Several groups meet weekly at different times, so check your Pew Bulletin.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 11 am 2nd Sunday,
 ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY: 2.30 pm 2nd Monday,
 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA: 6 pm 2nd Tuesday,
 MOTHERS' UNION: 1.30 pm 2nd Wednesday,
 WOMEN'S GUILD: 2 pm 3rd Thursday,
 BFS TOWNSEND: 9.45 am 4th Tuesday.



HOSPITAL VISITING:

Some concern was expressed about last month's Rector's letter and our responsibility to the sick in hospital. The Diocese appointed a full-time Chaplain to St Luke's and St Vincent's, which used to be St John's responsibility. We now do not have this responsibility; it is not that we do not care, but it is done by someone else. However, we still visit all St John's people wherever they are in hospital, if we know about their situation. We depend on you to keep us, the clergy, informed.

PUBLIC NOTICES



APRIL:

Anthony DONATI and Sharon An
 DICKENSON.
 Paul Edmund MEEK and Carolyn
 Louise SKEGGS
 Terence Mark BLYTH and Georg
 ALEXOPOLOUS.
 Peter John STOKELL and Petre
 DODDS.

MAY:

Rodney Scott POLLEY and Carm
 Anne HAMPTON
 Craig Douglas FROST and Jayn
 Elizabeth BUNTON.
 Michael HAAR and Roberta SHA

JUNE:

Garry Marsh JAMES and Jennif
 Pearl TABOUR.
 Steven Noel DAWBIN and Wendy
 Maree HARDING.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WOMEN'S GUILD:

July meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on THURSDAY JULY 21, at 2 pm. New members welcome. Our recent Garage Sale netted a final figure of \$774.00. At the Annual General Meeting, new office bearers were elected:
 President: MRS K FORD, 272484
 Treasurer: MISS B PARRAMORE, 315903
 Secretary: MRS W JEPHCOTT, 430871

MOTHERS' UNION:

Next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 1.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Guest speakers will be WARREN & DIANA FUREY, who will speak on life at WEC Missionary Training College, and their plans to serve the Lord in West Africa. All women welcome - a creche is available for Mums with small children. More details from PENNY CARLYLE 44 7163.

