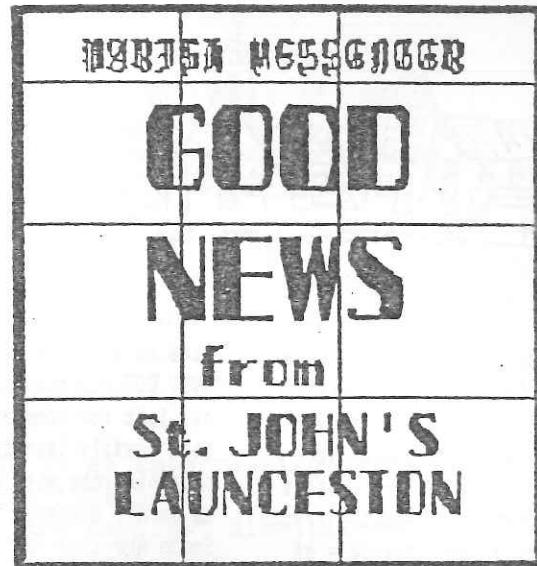


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SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1988.

Lent

THE RECTOR WRITES

a time for
WORDS
a time for
PRAYER

"Jesus was moved with compassion"; these words occur in no less than seven situations in the gospel records of Jesus' life and work. Each situation was one of acute human need, whether it be for the body, the mind or the soul of man. In each situation, Jesus reached out and did something positive and constructive to meet their special need.

Now, "Compassion" is not just being concerned or sorry for the person or victim in need. It is far more than an emotive identification. Compassion is that feeling of the heart which materialises into some action. Compassion when expressed in the life of Jesus, always acts.

If we are Christians - that is, Christ's persons in whom the Holy Spirit dwells - then we are automatically involved in the same expression of compassion. As individuals, and collectively as St John's congregation or wider family, we are committed to this Christ-like disposition towards people.

We have resources in our Sunday congregation which have great potential for compassion. What we need is to start using these resources in terms of practical Christian care for people who are hurt and are in need in our community.

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



KLOMPING ABOUT,
GLENN CLARK is on the hunt again for assistance with time, talents and things for this year's KLOMP programs. Apart from a variety of craft materials from household junk, Glenn needs willing helpers in the kitchen, (to feed the front-line 'troops'), and providers of casseroles and sandwiches, as well as people of all ages to help with the programs during first and second term holidays. See Glenn if you feel a KLOMP coming on!

WATCH THIS SPACE;

Good news underfoot from Vestry. New carpet is on its way, and could be laid sometime after Easter. The old carpet will have to be lifted, (revealing how many years of dust and old toffee papers!) so the floor can be examined for repairs. Vestry Secretary, DAVID PLUMRIDGE, assures us it will be done with the minimum of disruption to services.

NEW BUT FAMILIAR.

Wondering what the new carpet will look like? DAVID PLUMRIDGE tell us it will be the old familiar red, but with a new look fleur-de-lis motif in 'old gold'. The carpet is being woven at the Tascot Templeton carpet factory in Devonport. Many thanks to the GFS TOWNSEND GROUP for their wonderful effort in raising \$13,000 towards the cost. Without this help Vestry could not have bought the carpet so soon!

ADIOS AMIGO,

Life is a little less crowded in IVEY COTTAGE now that CHRISTOPHER has left for Honduras. Chris has been hastily learning Spanish to help him cope with spending a year as an AFS exchange student in that South American country. He was farewelled recently with an impromptu BBQ and cricket match behind the Rectory, at which our cricketing curate HENRY showed his style, and the Rectory windows were saved from breakage by several miracles. Adios ('Go with God'), CHRIS, and don't forget to write!

CYCLING CHAPLAIN

A soon to become familiar sight to those living around St John's and in West Launceston, was seen recently, DAVID HAYMAN, Chaplain, was heading off to TSIT and other Colleges on his pushbike, sensibly wearing a 'stackhat', while ROMAYNE and young BEN set off for school on her bike, also protected. At 8 or 9 kilometres a day, David will soon be the fittest clergyman in town!

TRANSPORT 'N' TAPES

If you no longer have a last-minute dash to get the kids to church, consider offering a lift to others, (elderly; students; singles). Tapes from our cassette ministry also need transport - ring Basil Tkaczuk on 31 1155 for more details.



The CRICKETING CURATE.

from the Organist and Choirmaster.

ST MATTHEW PASSION:

A performance of Bach's great choral masterpiece, (or a substantial portion thereof) is planned for TUESDAY MARCH 29, at 8.00 pm in St John's Church. This will be the first performance in Northern Tasmania of this great work, and the dramatic way it tells the Passion story will greatly enhance our Lenten witness. Please make a note of this date, and tell your friends. There will be a charge per programme to cover expenses.

William Hertz.

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BODY PARTS NEWS:

FROM THE VESTRY:

Parish Electoral Roll: As Parish Rolls now expire every three years, we remind everyone that the current electoral roll expired at the end of February. The new Roll will be open during March, and Vestry urges everyone who is a baptised member of the Anglican church, and over 18 years old, to sign.

To hold office in the Parish or to vote at the Annual General Meeting, parishioners MUST be enrolled on the NEW Roll.

MOTHERS' UNION:

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Chapel at 1.30 pm on Wednesday March 16, to be followed by the Annual General Meeting and election of Office Bearers.

REMINDER: MU DIOCESAN COUNCIL at St John's Parish Centre, Tuesday March 8,

Holy Communion at 10.30,

followed by lunch and meeting.

Audrey Radford, Secretary, 31 7015.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY:

will hold their first meeting for 1988 on Monday March 14, at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Norma Smith, Secretary, 31 4507.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP:

GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS

are invited to a new group meeting each Friday evening to discuss Christian ideas about BELIEF, about LIFE, and about PEOPLE in an informal setting. The group meets in the Parish Centre each Friday evening from 6.30 - 7.30, led by David and Melanie Morris, who may be contacted on 44 9726.

CEBS - ANGLICAN BOYS' SOCIETY:

Meets Thursday, 6-8 pm, for boys from 6-15.

New members welcome, especially young

teenagers willing to help leaders.

If your son is interested in joining, or you are a teenager willing to train as a junior leader, please contact Glenn Clark on 31 8996, or come on Thursday night.

KLOMP CLUB:

On again for TWO WEEKS during each holiday,

(May 28 - June 13; August 27 - September 11.)

If you can help by providing any of these items, please contact Glenn Clark on

31 8996 or leave at the Office for collection - old sheets, small paintbrushes, scissors, cream containers, screw top jars.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Not on one? These are being updated (but still functioning). Ring Sybil Brownrigg on 31 1520 to share in this worthwhile ministry of intercession and praise.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

A Meditation for Lent,

"If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget self, take up his cross every day, and follow me," Luke 9, 23.

Lord, this is a troublesome saying,
heavy and hard.

We jealously protect our gains,
always on guard.

The more we have, the more we crave,
success self-made.

When you speak of losing all,
we are afraid.

Lord, this is an embarrassing saying,
for folk like us.

Even over the smallest disciplines,
we make a great fuss.

We are not made of the stuff of heroes,
without complaints.

We are just your little people.
not noble saints.

Lord, this is a persistent saying,
giving no rest.

In mind and soul we know it sane,
offering the best.

By gaining and grasping we know we lose
life's deeper scope.

The strange logic of your cross remains
life's only hope.

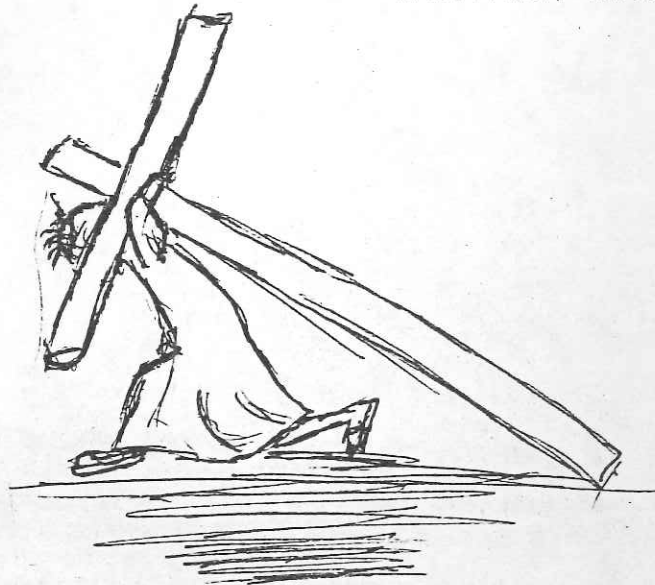
Lord, this is a saving saying,
divine outlay.

The path of the cross the only glory
all the way.

Willing, though fearful, help us to bear it,
not growing slack.

Laughing and crying, help us to follow,
not turning back.

Bruce Prewer, Australian Psalms.



A NEW MINISTRY AMONG STUDENTS.

"What's a Chaplain do, anyway?" asked someone at the TSIT. "Did you say Captain or Chaplain?" an overseas student at the Maritime College asked. After three weeks of being the Anglican Chaplain to Tertiary Institutions in Launceston, I'm still discovering the answers and finding more questions. Principals, Directors and staff have been supportive and encouraging, and students have been accepting of this "tall, bearded fellow - you know, the clergyman one" about the place.

So far, much of my work has been developing contacts with the various institutions, establishing relationships, finding my way around, (and getting lost!) and beginning to meet some of the 5,000 or so full-time students at TSIT, Maritime College, TAPE, Alanvale and Launceston Colleges.

Some typical comments - "I heard you speak at the Orientation Lecture, I'm from Queensland and I don't know anyone yet," "I've got to make a decision between this subject and that one..." "Can you help me with accommodation?" "Do you know of any part-time work?" "How much are bicycles?" As I begin this challenge, I have been very aware of the prayer and the support of St John's. The commissioning service was a great encouragement and Romayne and I are very pleased to have St John's as our home base. It's good to be able to share in your vision in this new ministry.

Students live in a challenging world with its own joys and excitements as well as difficulties. I hope to be able to encourage them to grow spiritually in a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Reaching folk for Christ, however, may also mean a costly ministry of service. Even at this early stage, there have been practical needs and our congregation has responded to these by offering accommodation or transport. New ways might be "host family" for an overseas student, or providing friendship for a student away from home. Keep praying, "I think we're in for an exciting time!"

David Hayman,

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR MARCH:
IF YOU ARE ROSTERED ON A DAY THAT DOESN'T SUIT -
PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT.

SUNDAY MARCH 13

LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

V Cowell, AJ Green/H Pitt, J Main,
L Phelps, M Willison, H Bourke, J Roberts, M
Perkins.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL: J Moxon

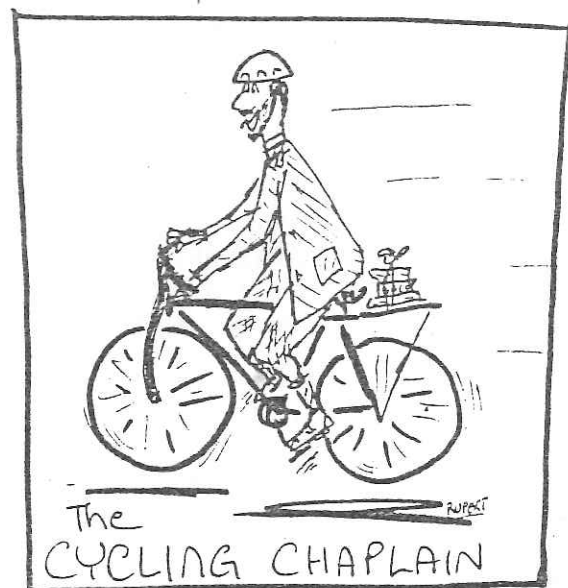
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THE RECTOR WRITES, (Cont.)

State and community-based organisations in a Welfare State do a great deal to help people in practical ways, and many of these services were pioneered by the Church in generations past. There is still a wide gap to be filled by Christian compassion, and we have the vision and resources to do this work.

Let us study and see what the Lord wants us to do in this realm. Your Vestry, the Pastoral Committee, St John's Welfare Committee and a number of concerned people have all been praying and considering what we can do to express a deeper sense of Christian compassion for our community. I hope to inform you of the progress we have made in our thinking and planning next month.

May God bless you,
JOHN A BROOK.



BODY PARTS

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.
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: 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: 2.45 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.
GPS TOWNSEND: 9.45 am 4th Tuesday.