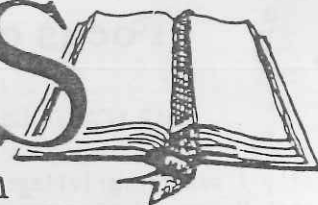


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



NOVEMBER 1988

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WEEKLY MEETINGS

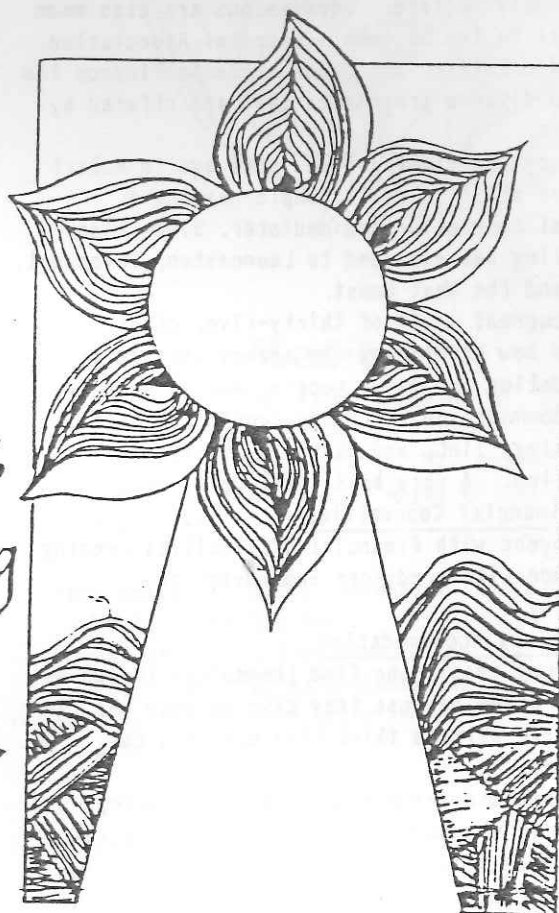
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1st, 3rd,
4th, 5th Sunday 44 8596
FAMILY SERVICE: 10 am 2nd. Sunday.
SAM SINGLES & MARRIEDS: Tuesday
7.30 pm 44 8596
CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Wednesday
4.45 - 5.30 pm 31 1676
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY: Wednesday
6.00 pm 27 3883
PLAY CENTRE: Thursday
10.30 am - 12 noon 31 6173
CEBS BOYS' 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
GFS TOWNSEND: 4th Tuesday
9.45 am 31 5279

We are
a
People
of
Hope,
trusting
ever,
in God.



All in the Family

An occasional series introducing members of the
congregation.

DON BLIZZARD

Don Blizzard and his wife Bev have been
worshipping with us at St John's for the past
three and a half years. In September, Don was
appointed to the full-time position of Social
Worker at the City Mission. I interviewed him
shortly after he took up the position to find out
what motivates him.

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



Focus on ...

ANGLICARE IN ACTION

Recently I had the privilege of speaking to the Mothers' Union about my involvement with the work of Anglicare, and have been asked to share this on a wider scale with members of St John's through the 'Good News'.

Anglicare is the welfare agency of the Anglican Church, and is financed largely by the Department of Community Welfare. Submissions are also made each year to the St John's Hospital Association, the Bisdee Estate, and other areas to finance the many and diverse programmes that are offered by Anglicare.

The agency was started five years ago in Hobart with five staff to reach people needing a financial counsellor and mediator. Since then, counselling has expanded to Launceston, Devonport, Burnie and the West Coast.

With a current staff of thirty-five, other services now offered by the agency include crisis accommodation for young people, medium to long-term accommodation for young people and families, Homesharing, ITeC, and Marriage Education/Preparation. A very brief outline of each -

Financial Counselling

- for anyone with financial difficulties needing assistance with creditors and advice on budgetting.

Crisis Accommodation

- for young people who find themselves thrown out of their homes because they have reached the age where their parents think they can fend for themselves;

- for those who are having problems at home;

- for those who may be in trouble with the law.

Medium to long-term accommodation


- for young people who have worked through their crisis but who still need support. These young people are only allowed to stay on the condition that they find work or continue their studies.

- for families that have been evicted through non-payment of rent.

- for families where one parent is being abused or threatened by the other. **cont. on back page.**

All in the Family

DON BLIZZARD.



Don told me he had been praying since his move to Launceston for some kind of full-time work for the Lord, and the position with the City Mission was an answer to that prayer.

Before coming here, he and his family had lived for on the NW Coast - first in Queenstown working with the HEC, and then for 16 years in Burnie with APPM. More recently, he was operating his own business, which involved a deal of travel around the State.

His varied work experiences and a time in the Navy "at the very end of the War" have equipped Don to cope with the demands his new job entails. On an average day he will interview and counsel 6-8 people, from homeless teenagers to "obnoxious drunks", [fortunately not many!] - each needing his undivided attention and concern. "I treat them with Christian love and Christian sternness as they need it," he says, adding, "I can be a Sergeant Major if I have to."

Don doesn't pretend to have all the answers to the problems people bring to him. But he knows where to get help. "I intend to use every aid agency in the town to solve these problems - I just act to bring them together." And he knows the real solution to the heart-aches he sees every day. "I tell them about the Lord", he says.

On a typical day, Don will start at 9.00 with prayer and Bible Fellowship with the other members of the Mission. His morning is spent interviewing and counselling "the whole spectrum of unfortunates", ringing around other aid agencies, and arranging deliveries of food, clothing or furniture.

In the afternoon, he visits clients in need of extra help or follow-up on long-term needs, and he can see the need for extra staff at the Mission to allow more home visiting.

"The unfortunates" are dependent on help from the Mission for many reasons.



BUILDING THE BODY

What a wonderful service: it was last month when BISHOP MERVYN came to lay hands on our new members. It was a quietly inspiring service, and good to see so many '8ams' and '7pms' coming along to a 10 am service to support the confirmees. There were a few gasps of surprise when the Bishop lit a candle and placed it on the pulpit, but it was a very effective symbol of our life as Christians. Let's make sure we all shine!

CATERING TO ALL TASTES

The round of social functions for fundraising will continue this month with the Mothers' Union Garden Party for Clarendon Children's Homes. A little taste of the Church garden parties of years gone by, it will provide something for everyone with elegant afternoon teas, light musical entertainment and a bit of nostalgia for a slower, more gracious era. Keep November 19 free for this! Congratulations to Welfare Auxillary, CEBS, GFS and the Guild for their marvellous efforts over the past few weeks - although figures are not yet finalised, we hear they all did very well...

Elizabeth

Lack of education, lack of opportunities for work, an uncaring environment, the current monetary situation, all contribute to the stream of clients who range from middle-class families in which the bread-winner has been retrenched to old-age pensioners who find the pension just doesn't stretch to cover rent and groceries.

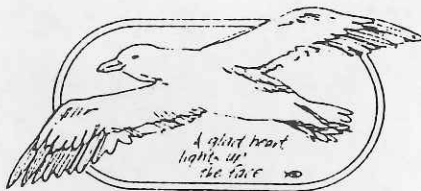
For the majority of them, paid employment is hard to find. "We have 9% unemployment in this State", Don says, "or 91% who are employed. We need more job creation to give everyone a chance."

Don and Bev have been Christians since the early 1960's when their children Peter and Cynthia first started going to Sunday School. But the Spirit was working in Don's life long before that. When he was in the Navy, he attended church regularly, "even the non-compulsory church services!"

The Blizzards were very active in the life of St George's, Burnie, and Don was on both Vestry and the maintenance committee, and laid out the beautiful gardens around the church.

Although his days are filled with unfortunates who are fighting what seems like an unequal battle in life, Don says he feels a sense of being guided in his work, and is aware of a peace and calmness he never had before. He is very happy working on the Mission staff. "They are dedicated Christians working in a Christian environment; there is no egotism or backbiting, just a calmness in the Lord."

And his motivation in working for the Mission? "To serve the Lord."



NOVEMBER

Body Parts News

MOTHERS' UNION:

Next Meeting: Wed. November 9th,
1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Tiny Kennedy & Kathy Mumford will be demonstrating the art of patchwork.

This is our last meeting for 1988.

All women welcome. Creche available.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

Next Meeting: Thursday Nov. 17th, 2 pm.

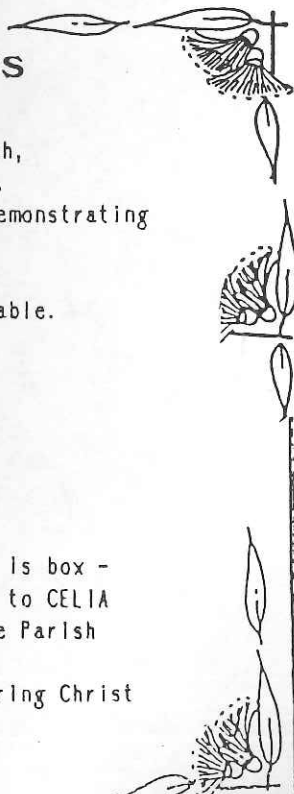
New members welcome.

Hostesses: Mesd. Blizzard and Lawrence.

BUSH CHURCH AID:

Box holders are reminded that November is box-opening month. Please hand your boxes to CELIA HILL after church, or leave them in the Parish Office to be emptied.

Thank you to all who are helping BCA bring Christ to the Outback.



Meditation

THE PATH OF FAITH

The sadness was I'd read it all
Christ's birth, His life, His death...
The personal reality: the wages of sin
Are death.

This death was dark, oppressive
Wearying to the soul.
Leadens chains held me down
Confusion reigned profound ...
Solitarily confined while in the
Midst of life.

A glimmer of light beckoned,
Dancing on ahead...unreachable,
A footstep or two beyond my grasp,
Compelling onwards. I shuffled slow,
Reluctant through the gloom.
A whispering voice called "Come".

A darting glance revealed no one.
The air was still, alive
A new awareness washed me clean
Pervading warmth inside...
The personal reality: He died
but lives again.

He broke those chains that held me,
He set my spirit free,
To worship and to follow
To live, with Him in me.

The path of life still beckons
With its share of joys and woes,
But as He draws me onwards
My new perception grows.
The personal reality: He cares, He loves
He knows.

THE LORD IS MY ROCK

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.

ANGLICARE IN ACTION

cont.

Homesharing

- for young people who are having difficulty at home. An opportunity for the young person to move into a family situation with a Christian family while mediation and reconciliation between parents and child is worked out.

ITeC

- a programme for long-term unemployed and disabled people to be taught computer and technology skills with a 90% guarantee of future employment.

Marriage Education/Preparation

- for young people preparing for marriage, a five week programme which discusses relationships, communication, finance, conflict resolution, and children.

I have been working in the area of financial counselling, and find the work very interesting, especially in the way people are caught up in the 'buy now, pay later' syndrome, and the trap of 'easy credit'. So much of people's indebtedness can be put down to lack of education in financial matters.

Part of the counsellor's work involves speaking to young people at CYSS groups, young mothers at community centres, and in the schools, and we find this very rewarding.

If you would like to become a member or know more about Anglicare, please do not hesitate to ask me, as the need for prayer and financial support is always important for welfare agencies. **JENNY IVEY.**

From the Register



AUGUST:

Dorothy WOOLRIDGE
David James BARRETT
Darren Shaun ROBERTSON
Ella Kathleen GORRINGE
Ella Alice JACK.

SEPTEMBER:

Geoffrey George LITTLEJOHN

Body Parts News

G F S TOWNSEND

EXTENDS AN INVITATION

TO ALL PAST AND PRESENT SENIOR MEMBERS OF G F S
TO A STATE-WIDE SOCIAL EVENING
AT ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE
7.15 PM SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
COME & CELEBRATE THE BICENTENARY WITH US.



CHRISTIAN VIDEO MINISTRY



ANNOUNCES THAT ITS LIBRARY OF POPULAR CHRISTIAN VIDEOS IS AVAILABLE FROM THE CMS BOOKSTORE, 92 ST JOHN STREET.

THE LIBRARY INCLUDES AN EXCELLENT RANGE OF FEATURES, DOCUMENTARIES, CONCERTS AND CHILDREN'S VIDEOS.

THE SELECTION WILL BE CHANGED EACH MONTH.



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