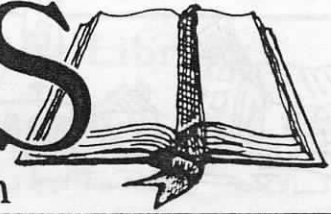


# GOOD NEWS



from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

"LORD, increase our faith."

OCTOBER 1988

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## PARISH GROUPS:

WEEKLY MEETINGS  
Sunday School 31 6469  
SAMS Singles & Marrieds 31 6469  
Girls' Friendly Soc. 27 3883  
Play Centre 31 6173  
CEBS Boys' Society 31 8996  
Children's Choir 31 1676  
Adult Choir 31 1676  
Matric Matters 31 3925  
101 PC Youth Group 44 9726  
Senior Youth Group 26 5350  
Saturday Prayers 31 1520  
Faith & Fellowship 31 4896  
MONTHLY MEETINGS  
Meals on Wheels 31 4896  
Welfare Auxillary 44 2827  
Men's Fellowship Tea 31 4566  
Mothers' Union 44 7163  
Women's Guild 27 2484  
GFS Townsend 31 5279

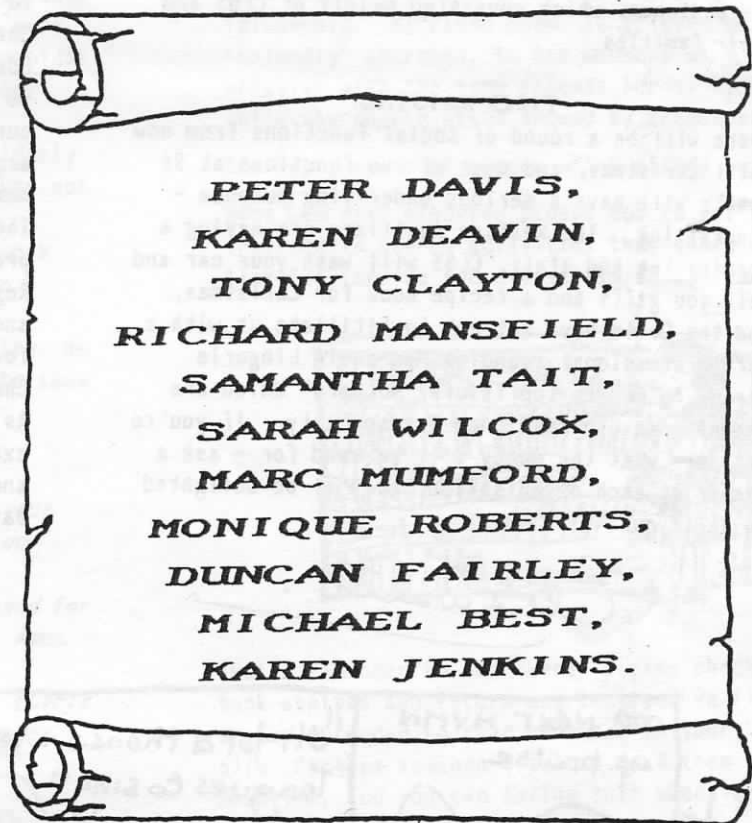


OCTOBER 23rd

10 am

CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our Confirmees as they prepare to make a deeper commitment to CHRIST.



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



## The Rector Writes



Dear Friends,

### NIGHT OF MAGIC

There was plenty of fun and laughter at the CEBS fundraising concert in the Parish Centre last month, with parishioners showing some weird and wonderful hidden talents. How many of you knew that DAVID HAYMAN was really a magician, able to stretch his body to three times its natural size, or that the IVEY FAMILY are capable of imitating tubes of toothpaste and kitchen forks? GLENN CLARK showed he was multi-talented, not only playing the violin and viola, but providing dessert for supper, and members of the YOUTH GROUP gave us food for thought with their dramatic sketch about Heaven and Hell. JUDY HUGHES gave us her much loved poem about the two sausages, and DENNIS CARTLEDGE did an impersonation of poet C J DENNIS.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Our thanks go to the participants of the CEBS Leader Training Course, who helped set up for the concert and clear away, as well as adding to the entertainment with their comic songs. It was good to see the enthusiasm these young teenagers put into their training weekend at St John's, and we enjoyed their contribution to the concert. It's a pity the entertainers almost outnumbered the audience, which consisted mainly of CEBS and their families.

### FUND RAISING

There will be a round of social functions from now until Christmas, and most of the functions at St John's will have a serious underlying purpose - fundraising. The Welfare Auxiliary are having a morning tea and stall, CEBS will wash your car and sell you gifts and a recipe book for Christmas, and the Guild have set out to titillate us with a very professional sounding Mannequin Lingerie Parade? And to top it off, Mothers' Union are planning an old-fashioned Garden Party. If you're not sure what the money will be used for - ask a member of each organisation, they'll be delighted to tell you.

Confirmation is a time of commitment when we publicly declare our personal allegiance to Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. Commitment to Christ also means commitment to His Church, described as the Body of Christ. This action is recognised and encouraged by the Bishop as he receives each individual with the laying on of hands, and offers prayer that they may continue to grow in the stature and fullness of Christ. The Church, that is you, must also respond and receive the new members with love, encouragement, and prayer. You must be *present* to make this a practical reality. I hope everyone who claims allegiance to St John's, Launceston, will be present in church on Sunday 23rd October, at 10 am to welcome and encourage our new members.

It may be inconvenient, or even a hardship to be present at this service, because you usually come at 8am or 7pm, but do come for their sake, even if it means coming twice!

As I look at the worshippers in St John's these last few months, I have been able to count well over 100 people who have been absent. The Body of Christ is weak through absenteeism; there appears to be a lack of commitment to the worship of Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Confirmation can be a time of re-dedication, when we all reaffirm our decision to put Jesus first in our life. New confirmees want good examples around them to inspire and encourage them; let us make sure that can be seen in us.

The Christian life is a life of worship, a life of prayer, a life of learning, and a life of service. Regular weekly worship, a time of daily prayer, and systematic reading of the Bible are essential for spiritual growth. From this, practical Christian service will automatically flow.

As a congregation, and as individuals, let us re-examine our priorities at this confirmation time, and all reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

*Elizabeth*

Yours in Christ,  
JOHN A. BROOK.



## Meditation

**GOD'S GUIDANCE - A call to listen, from Egypt, based on 2 Corinthians 4: 5-7.**

What a wonderful experience it is to put oneself completely in the control of God's loving and guiding hand! Only then can the Lord really fulfill his purposes in our lives.

As a little girl of ten, I was asked for the first time to sing a solo in one of the Christian programs in my school. The words of the Arabic song went like this:

"I am not my own, nothing here belongs to me.

"Everything I have is my Saviour's, for He died for me."

In my walk with the Lord all the past years and up until now, this song has become the theme song of my life.

I have experienced the power of the Lord at work in a special way in two areas of my life. First, in my family life, the Lord has blessed us with a handicapped son for whom he has provided and planned perfectly. I could say with Job [42:5]

"I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees Thee."

I could see God's hand in providing my son with an opportunity to be trained in Germany after six years of fervent prayer. The Lord's timing was perfect, for he not only opened the way, but provided the means and resources.

The second area is the Lord's service. I have watched the Lord lead me and train me step by step from the simple tasks in my local church to more difficult tasks in the wider church and ecumenical community within Egypt, and then in the global church. Now with the big responsibility of establishing a center for services to the elderly in Egypt, we could never do it if His hand was not at work.

As we remain faithful to God's calling and work hard with constant trust, God transforms our weakness into strength, our confusion into direction, and our insecurities into stability. He uses the weak to accomplish the impossible to show that it is His power at work, not ours. Praise His name!

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for your promise that your power is made perfect in our weakness. Help us to entrust our lives continuously in your hands to be mightily used for your glory.*  
*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

MARY FADEL, EGYPT#

#Fellowship of the Least Coin, Circle of Prayer.

My Grace is  
Sufficient  
for thee.

11 Cor. 12:9



## In the Library

A Hitch-hiker's guide to the galaxy... er no, to Mission, is the latest addition to St John's Library, [located in the Parish Centre]. The book, written by experienced mission worker ADA LUM, was donated by a parishioner who claimed it as a 'find' in one of CMS's book sales. The book is indeed a 'find'. Very readable and enjoyable, and full of observations and advice which are useful even for stay-at-home people. Miss Lum offers powerful and prayerful suggestions.

Miss Lum is Chinese, but started her work in Hawaii, and moved all over the world after her initial experience.

She pulls no punches. Southeast Asian missionaries asked help of their sister American churches, but didn't want inexperienced new missionaries practicing on them. "We all need serious hands-on experience in practical service before going to another culture to serve", she noted.

How can we learn? Miss Lum suggests the following:

Teach Sunday School creatively and lovingly, going beyond the published curriculum;

Lead a small house-group or evangelistic Bible study on campus;

Fill some slots on your church committees with young people;

"And please, please, greet newcomers to your fellowship. Befriend them. It grieves me, in 'friendly' churches, to see members warm and effusive with the same friends Sunday by Sunday while shy people stand around by themselves."

She has a sense of humour which stands out.

Miss Lum also exhorted people not to get so involved in church activities that there was no time for service and evangelism in the community.



Just a reminder to borrowers- please check your book shelves and return any that you've finished, or had intended to read, but are in your 'gunna' pile. Perhaps someone else can read them in the meantime, and you can follow suit when you have the time.

Thank you,

LANA WALL, Librarian.



## 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.

## Body Parts

### WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday  
 FAMILY SERVICE: 10 am 2nd. Sunday.  
 SAMS SINGLES & MARRIEDS: 7.30 pm Tuesdays  
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR: 4.45 - 5.30 pm Wednesdays  
 GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY: 6.00 pm Wednesdays  
 PLAY CENTRE: 10.30 am - 12 noon Thursdays  
 CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY: 6.00 pm Thursdays  
 ADULT CHOIR: 7.30 pm Thursdays  
 MATRIC MATTERS: 5.50-6.50 pm Thursdays  
 101 PC: 6.30 -7.30 pm Fridays  
 YOUTH GROUP: 7.30 pm Fridays  
 PARISH PRAYER GROUP: 8.00 am Saturdays  
 FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Several groups meet weekly at different times and places, so check your weekly Pew Bulletin.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 11.00 am 2nd Sunday  
 WELFARE AUXILIARY: 2.30 pm 2nd Monday  
 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA: 6.00 pm 2nd Tuesday  
 MOTHERS' UNION: 1.30 pm 2nd Wednesday  
 WOMEN'S GUILD: 2.00 pm 3rd Thursday  
 GFS TOWNSEND: 9.45 am 4th Tuesday

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SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS

## From the Register



### JUNE:

Garry Marsh JAMES and  
 Jennifer Pearl TABOUR

Steven Noel DAWBIN and  
 Wendy Maree HARDING

### AUGUST:

Brian Clifford STOKES and  
 Julie Anne MARTIN

Shaun Raymond PINKER and  
 Anne Elizabeth SPARKES

Brendan Geoffrey JOHNCOCK and  
 Jacqueline Mary DONALDSON

The President & Members  
 of

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

extends an invitation

to a

MORNING TEA

St John's Parish Centre

10.00 am Friday October 14th

Cost: \$2.00

Staff.

CEBS CAR WASH AND MORNING TEA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15TH, 9. AM - 12 NOON.

CAKE, PRODUCE & NOVELTY STALL.

COME AND ENJOY SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AND A LIGHT MORNING TEA, WHILE YOUR CAR IS WASHED BY THE LADS AND ESQUIRES OF ST JOHN'S CEBS.

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP SEND NIGEL BENZ, JAMES

CARTLEDGE AND JEFFREY IVEY TO CEBS NATIONAL CAMP.

WOMEN'S GUILD

MANNEQUIN LINGERIE PARADE

and

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY

TUES 25th OCTOBER 7.30 pm

Admission Programme \$5.00 SUPPER.

Proceeds towards our Projects.

Programmes available from Guild Members or from Parish Centre.