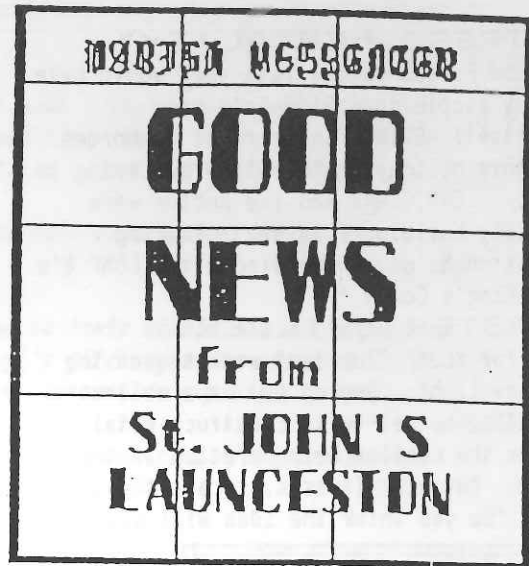
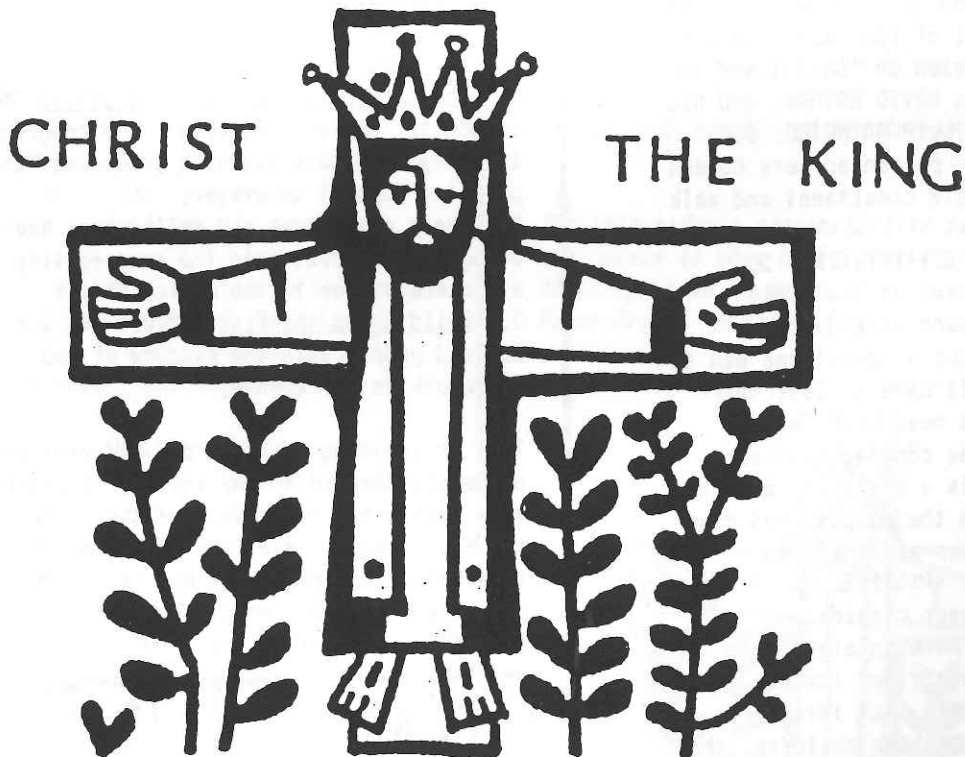


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FORTRESS MENTALITY?

A glance in the Parish Centre last week would have convinced many people that St John's was barricading itself AGAINST the arrival of hordes of children this holiday, rather than preparing to welcome them. GLENN CLARK and the Rector were both seen busily building formidable looking castles and strongholds, in keeping with KLOMP 8's theme - "The King's Court."

MASTER BUILDER

Preparations for KLOMP Club last week showed the Rector in a new light. Decked out in a well-worn pair of overalls, he set-to to construct vital components for the castles being erected in the Parish Centre. "Brooks' Trusses, I call them," he said; adding, "Do you think the idea will sell?"



MEN IN THE CHURCH 1

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA is really growing in strength, both in numbers and in spirituality. At last month's meeting a panel of four men from the congregation led the discussion on 'Christ and the Australian Male'. Anchorman DAVID HAYMAN, and his panel - DAVID PLUMRIDGE, PHILLIP RAINBIRD, DON BLIZZARD AND LINDSAY PHILPS - presented very honest and challenging views of their commitment and walk with Christ.

MEN IN THE CHURCH 2

Women have long been recognised as the title-bearers when it comes to church attendance. Usually the ratio is along the lines of one man to every 15-20 women. They will have to look to their laurels now - a recent head-count at St John's showed over 40% of the congregation were male. It just shows there is a place for men in the church - and not just in the pulpit, but down in the pews, amongst the women and children.

NOT MERE MUMS

MOTHERS' UNION has perhaps been considered, (unfairly) as a quiet group more interested in knitting and morning teas than wider issues. This year's activities should dispel that idea - speakers have talked about homeless children, the work of VEC Missionary College, and Gideon's; the Branch has written to both State and Federal politicians stressing the need for marriage guidance courses, and protesting at the NVE classification of videos. Recently, on their weekly visits to new Mums at the QV Hospital, MU has distributed over 40 'Good News Australia' New Testaments, (together with baby booties) and have more Bibles to give away. Quiet, but not asleep!

HENRY LOOKS AT DOORKNOCKING.

Some of you have been involved in the 'Operation Good News' door knock of our parish that has been taking place over the past seven or eight months. It is good to pause and take stock of what has been happening, and to give thanks and praise for the blessings that are flowing from it.

BLESSINGS:

To Me -

1. Positive involvement: As a new-comer, the temptation was to sit back and see what is happening, but the list was an incentive to get out and do something.
2. Learning the geography of parish: Not knowing the city, the parish, or where people were was frustrating - however the doorknock people made the task a lot easier.
3. Greater productivity: The initial doorknock usually produced a phone number and an indication of willingness to talk to clergy. A great time saver.

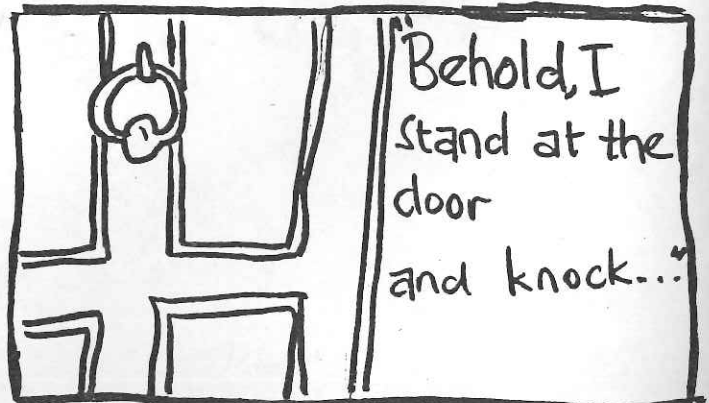
To Those Visited -

1. Meeting the needs of the lonely: Most people, particularly the elderly, appreciated the care and concern of the church.
2. An invitation to join in worship: People have responded positively to the invitation to worship at St John's.
3. Discussing the meaning of Christianity: Many people are unsure or frightened of spiritual things, but appreciate an opportunity to discuss their uncertainties.

To the Parish -

1. The Church is seen as being active: The community, and in particular, our congregation can identify with this visiting programme, and give positive support in prayer.
2. Fresh challenges and fellowship: New people bringing new ideas into the congregation can give a renewed vision to the church family.
3. Building up the Kingdom: We have a commission to lead people into the Kingdom of God. This doorknock is one avenue.

This is exciting work for me, and very rewarding as people respond to the visits. I appreciate very much those who have done the doorknocking, and would dearly love them to be able to experience the joy I have had in following up this programme. I would encourage everyone to take on some of this ongoing work,
HENRY IVEY



NEGATIVE TO POSTIVE.

Jillian was very regular at Church. Every Sunday she would go and sit by herself at the back of the Church, and if anyone spoke to her she would answer, but never opened the conversation, and if possible she would sit by herself at the end of the seat.

At communion time she would sneak out and go home.

She preferred Morning Prayer or Evensong with the old prayer book and the old hymn book.

One day, someone suggested that she come into the Centre for a cup of tea. Oh, she nearly died, and said she couldn't, she had to go home and get dinner, or she had visitors coming.

And then, one day she was horrified to see people turning round in their pews and shaking hands, or even hugging! "What can I do?", she thought, "This is not for me! I just won't do it!", and she managed to slip out of reach, and make her way out of the pew and escape outside.

What was happening? This was not the good old service she was used to, Jillian vowed she would not come again if this was going on.

However, a few months later, Jillian was in church again. She started to feel funny and almost faint, and thought "Oh, if only I could have a cup of tea. Perhaps I could go into the Centre, but all those people, they would all be talking, and perhaps someone would want to talk to me!"

As she went out, the young curate looked at her with concern and asked "Are you feeling all right?" He put his hand on her arm, sensing her fear, and beckoned to one of the congregation. Jillian had no choice but to walk in with the girl, who was about her age. She thanked her when she brought her a cup of tea, but stayed by the wall and didn't dare look at anyone, or make conversation.

After this, Jillian went into the Centre quite often. One day, someone suggested she take her coat to the kitchen to be washed up, but at that she absolutely shook, and said, "Me? Oh no, I couldn't!"

A year or so later, a visiting clergyman came, and he spoke so well and powerfully that it shook the congregation out of their complacency. Jillian started to respond, gradually overcoming her fears and negative feelings. One Sunday she walked into the Centre, and after a cup of tea, went into the kitchen, and gingerly took a tea-towel and helped dry up. To her surprise, she found it really wasn't so terrible! She spoke to a little to the person next to her, and soon found people responding.

It was not long before she started to join in some of the other activities at church.

And the memorable day that she went up for Communion.

Jillian had been confirmed some years before, but it had never really made any difference. But, from now on her life was different, and Jillian joined a prayer group, and other different activities.

CHRIST THE KING

*Before the world was made, he was... Life and Light
His love created, moulded, formed this paradise
Man in His image... a flaw... the Fall
He saw it all --*

CHRIST THE KING,

*Melchizedek - the Prince of Peace -
Foretold his role as priest
The psalms beheld his majesty and his sustaining
grace*

*The prophets cried "Repent! his time draws near
CHRIST THE KING,"*

*He came to lowly stable, an unexpected way
The Magi's gold a gift to royalty,
He grew, discussed, explored, prepared His
humanity*

*With strength sustained from God above --
CHRIST THE KING,*

*His time drew near... He stood alone... cloaked in
humility
A crown of thorns, a purple robe; jeered and
scorned*

*They understood Him not that day, though Pilate
tried
He prayed for love, forgiveness...*

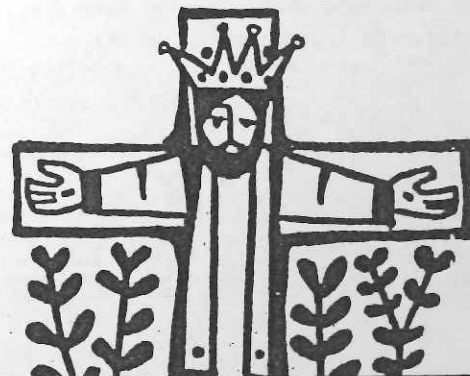
CHRIST THE KING,

*He rose again in triumph, mourning turned to joy,
In time His word spread through all lands to bring
new hope to all
Repent! Believe! The Son's alive! New freedom to
explore*

*We fall and worship at His throne --
CHRIST THE KING,*

*"An ambassador's responsibility is not to change
the people to whom he is sent, but to represent
the King whom he serves."
Derek Prince Appointment in Jerusalem*

Meditation written by ROBIN ROBINSON,



How important it is to learn to love! We can forget ourselves and become positive, with the love and help from God.

I wonder how many Jillians there are in the world? Can I help someone? Should we be reaching out more? Just a little caring and noticing others, (not too much trouble is it?) Remember, a little kindness goes a long way!

JANICE HEADLAM,

VESTRY NOTES:

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular feature every few months, to let people know what Vestry is doing, and some of the noteworthy items currently underway or being considered.

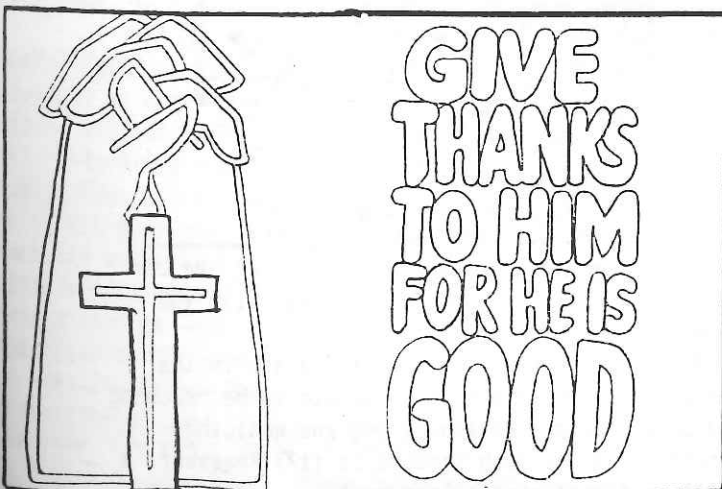
PARISH CENTRE: New carpet will be laid in the central area, (including the wings) after KLOMP Club finishes, at a cost of \$4600. We hope that enough of the old carpet can be salvaged to redo the Office. Some parishioners have expressed concern at the lack of aids for disabled and elderly, so grab-rails have been installed in the toilets, and two chairs for the elderly are on order, to assess their suitability.

CHAPLAIN'S RESIDENCE, 28 NEIKA AVENUE: The study under the house has now been completed, and David and his family have well and truly taken up residence. We are delighted with the finished result, and all credit must go to John Stevenson, who put in many long hours of work, with some assistance from a few men of the parish. Many thanks, John! The home will be dedicated on the 4th of September by Bishop Jerrin, so do come and inspect the property as well as supporting the Haymans on that day.

CHURCH: As always, this continues to be the most important item on our maintenance list with leaking roofs, broken tiles, blocked gutters and drains. A potentially serious breakdown of the surface finish applied to the Tower during the restoration programme has been taken up with the manufacturer. Wall dampness in the upper levels is cause for concern, and expert advice has been sought. On a "lighter" note, the HEC has just installed a new underground mains with greater carrying capacity, and it will be connected shortly, with a new, simplified switchboard, and some light switches located near the side door. We are also continuing to replace the old wire screens over the stained glass windows with very strong polycarbonate screens, and these should be in place very shortly.

A great joy, of course, is the new carpet, and also the new stained glass panels above the nave. These were given as a memorial by the late Mrs Hortin, commemorating the founders of the Girls' Friendly Society and the Mothers' Union. Bishop Jerrin will also be dedicating these on the 4th of September.

DAVID PLUMRIDGE
SECRETARY TO VESTRY.



Baptisms

JUNE:

William John RAINBIRD



JULY:

Matthew Stephen ALLEN
Rinelle Anne SNOWBALL
Shantelle Maree SALTER
Nicholas Anthony STOKES

AUGUST:

Clinton John MOORE
Samuel Luke PEDLEY
Timothy James FORD
Thomas Maxwell SUMMERS
Fraser Geoffrey MAINWARING
Tegan Lee POPOWSKI

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.
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 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.
GFS TOWNSEND: 9.45 am 4th Tuesday.

WOMEN'S GUILD

MANNEQUIN LINGERIE PARADE

and

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY

TUES, 25th OCTOBER 7.30pm

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[Programmes available from Guild members or from Parish Centre on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October, between 10 am and 4.30 pm.]

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY SEPT. 15, 2pm.
SPEAKER: Mr Ken Murray, of Gravelly Beach.