

# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



EASTER

APRIL 1989

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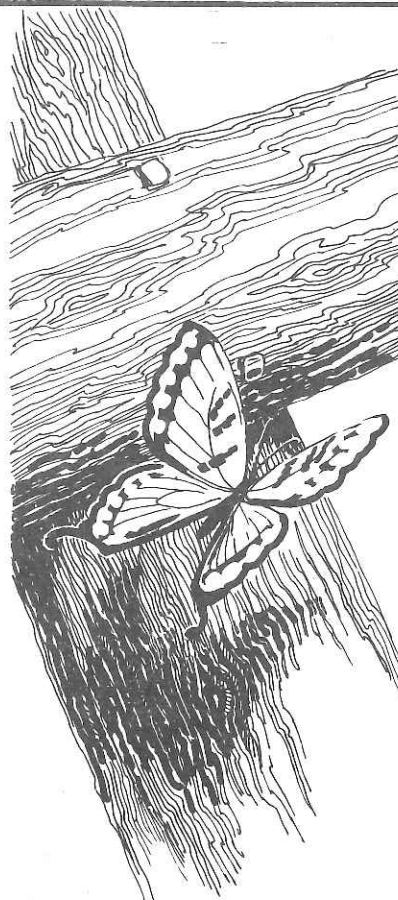
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## PARISH GROUPS:

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



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## The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Another Easter is over and gone, and it is time to reflect, "what did it really mean, anyhow?"

The post-mortem on Christ asks the question, "Why did he die?" The Scriptures tell us "He died for me" and it was "while I was yet a sinner." Jesus cried, "It is finished!" - the great once and for all action of saving mankind was over and completed.

The Royal Commission to find out what happened to the body asks the question, "If there is no body, then what happened to it, and who is responsible?" Cont.p2

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

# The Rector Writes

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The Scriptures tell us "God raised him up", and there were hundreds of witnesses from all walks of life who saw him.

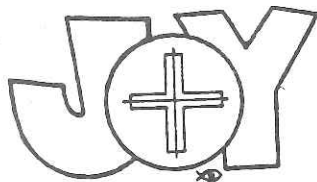
The judicial enquiry is now asking you the question, "Where do you stand personally in relation to these world-shaking events?" The authentic witness will say "I know he died for me and I have accepted Christ's free gift of salvation. I know what it means to be saved from my sin, and I have an eternal peace in my heart."

The authentic witness will also say "the resurrection is a reality for me because I know the power of his risen life is now in me. My experience of the crucified and resurrected Saviour is that he is real to me."

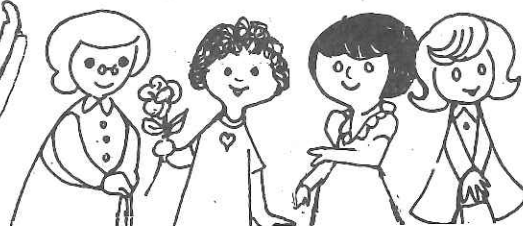
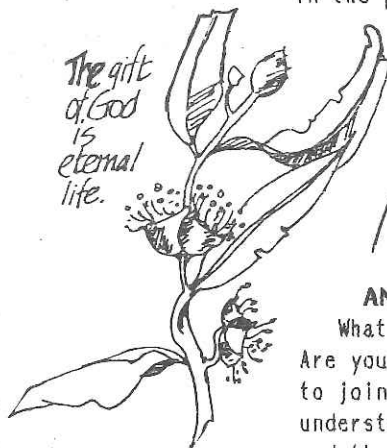
The sad thing about Easter is that so many people use it as a holiday "to get away from the rat-race" to go to the beach or the bush. Others make the traditional observances purely as part of our Christian culture. Both fail to enter into the liberation which Calvary and the empty tomb offer freely.

May your Easter have been filled with the peace and joy that God provides,

Yours in Christ  
JOHN A. BROOK.



*The gift  
of God  
is  
eternal  
life.*



## WOMEN'S GUILD:

Next Meeting: THURSDAY APRIL 20th, 2pm,  
in the Parish Centre.

The Rector will be present to discuss Guild matters, so we hope there will be a good attendance.

HOSTESSES: Mesd. Brain and Thompson.



ST. JOHN'S  
MOTHER'S UNION

Guest Speaker at our April Meeting will be  
CHRISTINA BOOTH,  
who will speak on the recent National Youth  
Synod held in Adelaide in February.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8th, 1pm,

in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.  
There will be a creche for young children.

Please ring JOAN BROOK on 31 5218 or

PENNY CARLYLE 44 7163

for further details.

"Mothers' Union is especially concerned  
with Marriage and Family Life."

# Body Parts News

## BIBLES AND BOOTIES

St John's MU, were pleasantly surprised when the Secretary's report was read out at the AGM recently. The Secretary estimated that over the past twelve months the Branch had visited over 400 new mothers at the Queen Victoria Hospital and given away 800 hand-knitted booties! During the Bicentennial, the Branch also gave 100 'Good News Australia' New Testaments to new babies in the hospital.

MU have also helped young mothers in the congregation set up a weekly Play Centre, and members regularly baby-sit for half a dozen babies and toddlers while their mothers go to Friday morning Bible study.

At the other end of the scale, four times a year MU organises a special Holy Communion service for frail, elderly or handicapped people. These services are held in Holy Week, June, September and just before Christmas. Parishioners are collected and driven to church, given morning tea or light lunch after the service, and driven home again.

The services are arranged so that no-one need feel embarrassed about not kneeling or having difficulty going up to the altar, as the celebrant brings Communion to each one in the pews.

SUE CARTLEDGE.

## ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

What do you know about A W F?

Are you aware it is for ALL Anglican women to join together in fellowship for greater understanding of God's work in our church and the Diocese?

We meet together approximately four times a year in different parishes in each Archdeaconry, concluding the year with a State Conference.

About 100 women from many different parishes attended our last Fellowship Day hosted by our George Town group. Most of us travelled by bus from St John's. A quick cuppa on arrival and then the Communion service, followed by an uplifting address by the Rev. Brian Mattingley on the Psalms. After lunch, it was back to the church, where our speaker enlightened us on the use of the Collects.

It was very encouraging to have both our State President and Secretary with us, and we all enjoyed fellowship with them over lunch.

If you are interested in this group,  
please contact me on 43 0833 BEV BLIZZARD.

## WHAT'S A PARISH LIKE OURS DOING..... IN INVERMAY?

**THE PROFILE:** There are five centres of worship in the parish of Invermay-Lilydale - St George's [Invermay], St Barnabas [Newnham], The Ascension [Lilydale], St Andrew's [Lebrinal], and St Matthias [Windermere].

The parish is large in area and huge in population, embracing the suburbs of Invermay, Mowbray, Newnham, Mayfield, Alanvale, Rocherlea and Dilston, as well as the once-separate parish of Lilydale. The Parish Church and Rectory are at the extreme Southern end of the parish. The population extends through a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds.

**THE PROBLEM:** With only one priest and one lay-reader, a full roster of Sunday services was clearly impossible. Some centres were only receiving one service per month, and for most, a regular time slot was not possible.

**THE PLAN:** As a result

of a Christian Evangelism Training Program conducted in the parish by our Rector it was decided to use some of St John's manpower to set up a full roster of Sunday services.

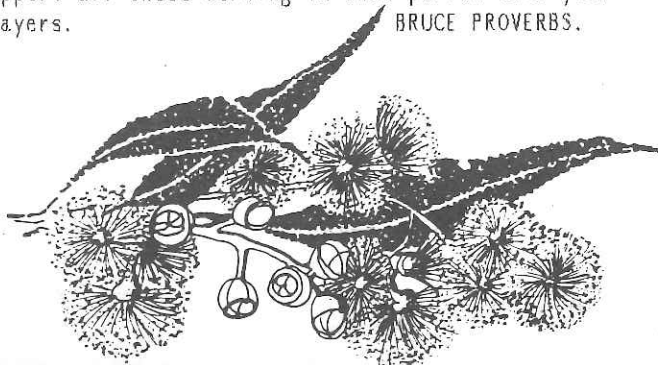
This was to be for a trial period from February to December 1989, and was agreed to with the full co-operation of the three priests and three preaching lay-readers at St John's.

Basically, this means that between them, six members of St John's team provide up to ten services a month in the parish of Invermay-Lilydale. No dollars are involved in this arrangement.

**THE PROSPECT:** It is hoped that by providing regular and consistent services - (two each Sunday at each of the two main centres, and one each Sunday at each of the other three centres) the life of the parish will be built up. It is our prayer that the parish of Invermay-Lilydale will experience a growth that will enable it to provide for its own services.

As the Mother Church of Launceston, St John's has from time to time the opportunity of assisting other parishes in the City. The liaison with Invermay-Lilydale is one of our more exciting involvements. Please pray for its success, and support all those working in that parish with your prayers.

BRUCE PROVERBS.

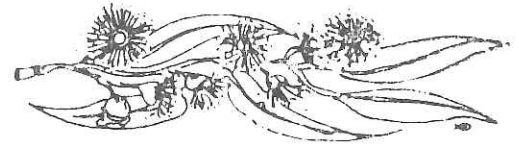


## The President and Members of ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

extends an Invitation  
to a MORNING TEA  
In St John's Parish Centre  
10 am, WEDNESDAY APRIL 12th.

Cost: \$2.00.

Staff.



## Meditation

for EASTERTIDE

Matthew 27: 57. - 28: 6

My Lord Jesus,  
I come in my thoughts to Joseph's tomb.  
The cool darkness: the great stone shutting out  
the world  
from this private place: the guard of soldiers:  
the official seal.  
And your poor broken body, at rest after the pain,  
the indignities, the clamour, the agony of spirit.  
At rest. Your work done.  
And there, with time standing still, and the  
angels waiting with bated breath - what happens?  
In a word, Resurrection.

A new kind of body: a risen life: the power of God  
present, in what Fatherly love and gladness,  
to put an end to the power of death,  
and to restore you, my Lord  
- more than restore -  
to fullness of life eternal.

In a line:  
'Death and darkness get you packing!'  
And as I sense the awe of that first Easter  
morning,  
so let the meaning of Easter fill my heart.  
You know my heart, Lord -  
jaded, not easily moved,  
all too ready to have heard it all before.

But move it now  
move it in awe and reverence for those Easter  
days,  
move it in gratitude for your broken body, your  
shed blood,  
move it in joy - deep-down, utterly convinced,  
sober joy -  
and let me keep my Easter all year round, as a  
Christian should.

For your sake, who died for me and rose again.  
Amen.

TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH.  
SOMEONE WHO BECKONS.

# 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.

## WHAT'S A PARISH LIKE OURS DOING..... REACHING OUT TO THE DISABLED

On Saturday, January 21st, it was our pleasure to cater for Lunch at St John's for a group of Disabled Scouts from Victoria.



The boys, all aged twelve to eighteen, were under the leadership of the Rev. Grant Morrow, (who also works with CEBS).

There were 37 people in all - 16 disabled and their handlers (or "buddies" as they are called, also Scouts), a doctor and a cook. The boys have either Muscular Dystrophy or Spina Bifida and all but one were in wheelchairs.

They arrived from Devonport in their special bus, and it was fascinating and also humbling to see the care and expertise it took to disembark the boys.

Our Parish Centre was an ideal venue, as they were able to drive their chairs straight inside, and we had the tables arranged for ease of handling. Henry Ivey was also on hand, and showed his expertise in the washing-up department. (He looks lovely in a pinny!). The converted "disabled" loo in the Ladies was greatly appreciated too!!

A picnic lunch was prepared and packed for the boys to take with them when they left Launceston on Sunday for a week at Seven Mile Beach. From correspondence received after they returned home, it is clear they thoroughly enjoyed their time in Tasmania.

Seeing the boys' enjoyment in singing, (on the bus and in the Centre) and their total enthusiasm for life was a terrific experience for us. It was great to be involved!

Thank you to David Hayman for laying the groundwork, and to Henry for his assistance on the day. Perhaps this is an area of outreach St John's can pursue in the future, as we have the ideal venue.

WENDY COWELL & VALERIE MURGATROY

## From the Register

### Baptisms

#### JANUARY:

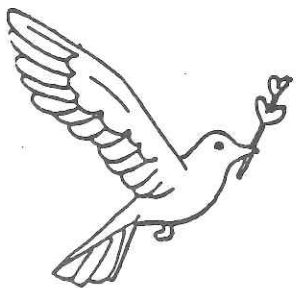
Steven Joel MORRISON  
 Sara Victoria DOWNIE  
 Lauren Joy HEPBURN  
 Andrew Noel DICKER

#### FEBRUARY:

Tony REID  
 Kristii REID  
 Stephen John FITZALLEN  
 Anna Maree Fitzallen  
 David John CLARIDGE  
 Luke James ROBERTS

#### MARCH:

Raelene Sylvia LOVETT  
 Erica Faye LOVETT



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## THE ONE EAR

God created you with two ears, and as if symbolic, each one points in a different direction. With one, you hear one point of view, and with the other, you hear the other or opposing points of view. Do not use one ear only, otherwise someone may push you in the wrong direction.

Do not believe all that you hear, without listening for the answer to it. For with one ear only, you may depart from the truth, or be deceived by half-truths; in this you may be unjust to someone and your relationships deteriorate without good reason.

Whenever someone puts words into your ear, ask yourself: "Where is my other ear?"

From the writings of H.H. Pope Shenouda III, [Coptic]; translated by Adele Yacoub.