

WELCOME

To The WOOD Family

Having said Goodbye to one Cottage Family (The Iveys), this month we say Welcome to another.

PAUL and ANNA WOOD, and their sons STANLEY (7) and AUSTIN (3) are moving from St James, New Town and Paul takes up his duties next Sunday.

Paul was born in Rhodesia, where his family were missionaries, and he remained in Africa until migrating to Tasmania in 1978.

Before coming here, Paul worked for some years as an agricultural consultant in Botswana, attached to a missionary agency, teaching the locals how to grow vegetables effectively.

After arriving in Tasmania, Paul met and married a nurse from Bellerive, Anna, and they are now expecting their third child.

Following their marriage Paul and Anna moved to Lady Bay, a tiny settlement south of Hobart.

Paul had just experienced a conversion to Christianity, and he and Anna felt the need to retreat from the world.

They built a wattle and daub home from timber cut on site, and settled into an "alternative lifestyle", becoming 80 per cent self sufficient.

For four years, their cows, goats, sheep and chooks and vegie garden provided enough for them to "live simply that others might simply live."

During this time, he and Anna established a house church for the small community, and it was then Paul realised he was called to the ordained ministry.

His time at Ridley College was very happy, and confirmed Paul's conviction that he was called.

"I know the only other thing I could have done was to have resisted God's way in my life and been terribly unhappy," he said.

"Dad always said I wouldn't be happy until I knuckled under."

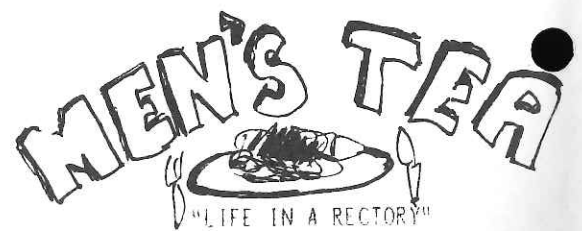
"It was the most affirming experience going into the ministry."

Paul went to St James New Town as a curate immediately after leaving Ridley, and has had two years' ministry there.

He and his family are looking forward to their move to Launceston which they see as an other challenge.

They have already sampled St John's friendly welcome when they visited Launceston a few months ago, and two of St James' parishioners, Peter Smith and Louise Lynch have moved here ahead of them.

WELCOME, PAUL, ANNA, AUSTIN and STANLEY - we look forward to your ministry among us.



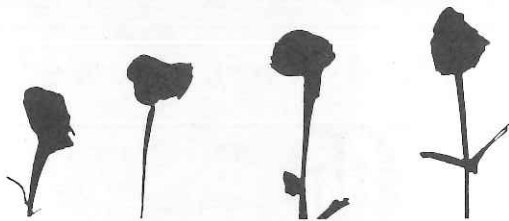
The final Tea for 1989 was a wonderful evening. The "caterers" had to cope with 50+ bodies to feed.

Those bodies joined together in great fellowship with one other and the fellowship flowed over when the floor show began.

"Life in a Rectory", directed by Noel Dicker, displayed the other side of our clergy families. Such talent had to be seen to be believed.

Occasionally God gives us a night like that when all troubles cease to exist and the only pain is the pain of too much laughter.

If you were not there, that's sad. Ask some-one who was if they will tell you about the Men's Tea Ladies' Night.



"ON THE GROWING EDGE"

How do you fit into God's plan for growth in the church?

The members of the parish who participated in the Weekend Workshop on 'The Growing Edge' on Saturday Nov. 11th say they have gained a great deal in their spiritual growth.

This workshop, led by the Revd John Brook, was the culmination of the series of studies and Sunday sermons on the theme held over several weeks leading up to Nov. 11th.

The workshop was attended by over forty people and the following is a report from one of them.

Four studies, (two in the morning and two in the afternoon) were given by the Rector.

Music for worship was led by Gaylene Cohen, and David and Romayne Hayman.

Each study was followed by a discussion group, with very lively discussions in which everyone seemed to take part.

We heard of the pattern of the earliest days of the Christian Church, and looked at our own church and structure.

We tried to determine if we were a church committed to growth and mission, or merely seeking to preserve our present structures and buildings.

The headship of Christ in our lives was the challenge we then faced, and the need to submit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to change and equip us.

We looked at leadership of the Church, modern changes, and the need to reach out to others in service.

Our talents and time were looked at, and we saw the important part every individual must play in building up the family of God.

We saw the need to encourage every member of the congregation to use their talents and gifts, to feel each is important, and to realise that when God calls us, he equips us to serve him in new and exciting ways.

So we saw that clergy and laity are all servants of Christ, and in obedience to him we serve as members of one family.

Some were encouraged to see how their gifts could be used, and how they could encourage others.

To equip ourselves for this service, we need prayer and the study of God's Word.

It was a challenging day. Those who were there were pleased they had given time to have a fresh look at where we are seeking to go as a congregation.

It is a pity more young people were not able to share their ideas for future service.

Tapes of the day's studies are available from the Parish Office.

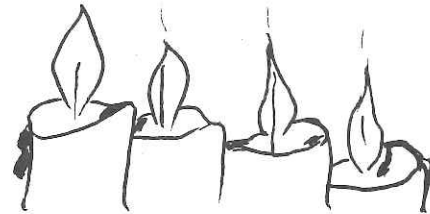
A COMMON PRAYER

BY MICHAEL LEUNIG



God help us to change.
To change ourselves and
to change our world. To
know the need for it. To
deal with the pain of it.
To feel the joy of it. To
undertake the journey
without understanding the
destination. The art
of gentle revolution.
Amen.

WITH THANKS TO THE SUNDAY
AGE.



MEDITATION FOR ADVENT.

John 1: 1-18.

O living God
whose living Word,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
is from everlasting to everlasting,
God, with God, and yet made flesh
in space and time
to live a man among us,
the light and life of men:

O living and eternal God,
who stands revealed
in Jesus,
I come before you finite, empty, sinful,
and yet your child.

What can I know
except what you declare
and enable me to grasp and understand?

What can I have
except what you choose to give me?

What can I be
but what your love and wisdom make me?

O God my Father,
let me then rest on your
self-revelation:
my faith called forth in response
to your divine Word;
let me find all my security within your
enfolding love:
that Christ in me may be still today
a Light shining in the darkness:
and I, like John, a witness
to that Light.

I ask it in Christ's Name.

Amen.

Timothy Dudley-Smith
"Someone who beckons."

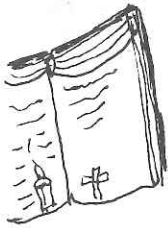
From the Register

BAPTISMS NOVEMBER

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MATTHEW THEODORE HAYMAN

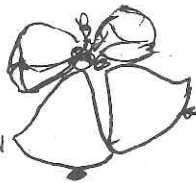
BURIALS NOVEMBER

ADYE ANDREW BRAMICH
RUTH JUNE HARPER
GORDON THOMAS MARSHALL
LESLIE JOHN MAGNET REID
JOHN THOMAS PICKET
ESTHER ELIZA RECORD



MARRIAGES OCTOBER

WAYNE MICHAEL ROBINSON
& ROSANNA TAURIAN
GRAHAM JOHN TUDOR
& NARELLE KAY BLAZELY
DARREN JOHN EASTBROOK
& MICHELLE DEANNE SAINTY



NOVEMBER

CHRISTOPHER JOHN JONES
& DEBORAH JOY GRACE
DARREN WAYNE HENRY
& MONICA ADELLE MICHIELETTO
ADRIAN PAUL MOYLON
& AMANDA EDITH BARWICK
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& DENICE LOUISE PICKETT
LYNDON JAMES LEWIS
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EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

As from JANUARY, there will be a new Editorial Committee. Please check with the Parish Office for deadline details.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 'CHURCH NEWS'.

Body Parts News



ST. JOHN'S
MOTHER'S UNION

The members invite you and your friends to a Special Communion Service

on Wed. December 20, 10.30 am

Please contact either

Mrs JOAN BROOK (Pres.) on 31 5218

PENNY CARLYLE (Hon. Sec.) on 447163

If you require transport.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 7th 1990

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

FIRST TEA FOR 1990 will be TUES 14th FEB. 1990 at 6 pm.

Book at the Parish Office for catering and a seat at the table.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

Our thanks to all parishioners and friends for attending the successful Morning Tea in the Parish Centre on Nov. 8th.

Our funds were allocated as follows:

KLOMP CLUB	\$200
ROLAND HOME	\$200
TANIA STEPHENS (TSIT Student Missionary to India)	\$100
CANCER APPEAL	\$100
ST JOHN'S VESTRY	\$ 50

NEXT MEETING will be on 12th FEB. 1990 at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

ALL WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

WOMEN'S GUILD

NEXT MEETING WILL BE 14th FEB. 1990

CEBS - ANGLICAN BOYS' SOCIETY

This group will resume after the academic year begins in FEBRUARY 1990

KLOMP CLUB

This Summer KLOMP will be held from Monday JANUARY 22nd to Friday JAN. 26th.

If you can assist in any way, please

contact GLENN CLARK on 31 8996.

MEALS ON WHEELS

DECEMBER 10th

LGH: B Easter, A Clayton, J Green/
H Pitt, L Knowles, J Preece, M Perkins,
G Wheelton, M Wing.

QVH: J Stevenson, D Sheldrick.

JANUARY 14th

LGH: M Brain, W Cowell, D Plumridge,
J Roberts, J Smith, A Whittie, J Preece,
R Deavin.

QVH: S Perkins, P Phelps.