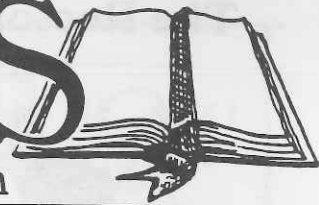


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



LENT

FEBRUARY 1989

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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

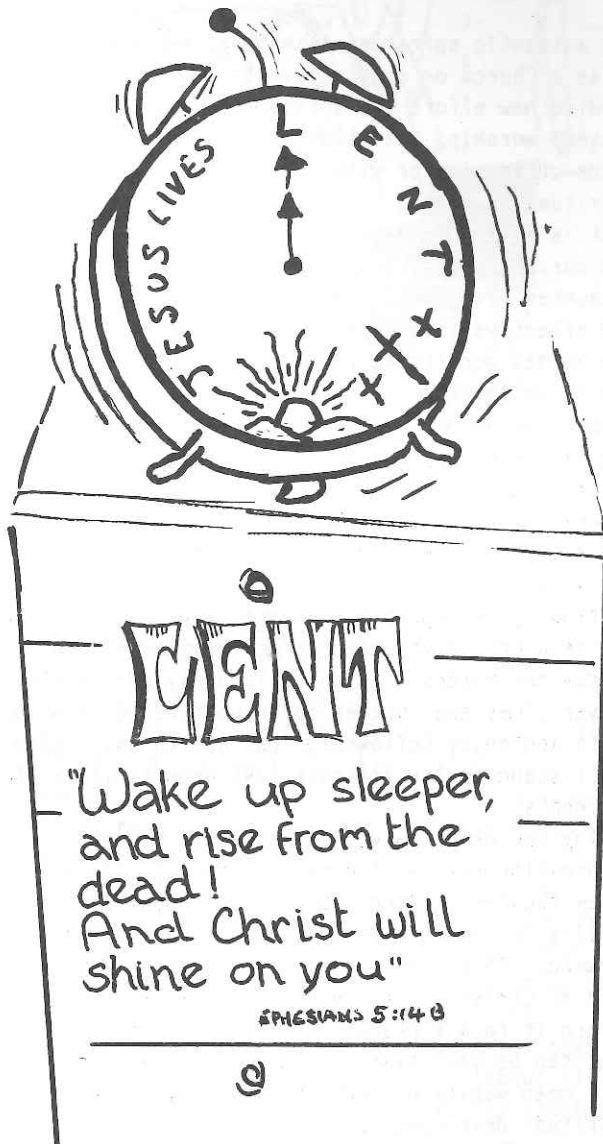
1.30 pm 44 7163

WOMEN'S GUILD: 3rd Thursday

2.00 pm 27 2484

CFS TOWNSEND: 4th Tuesday

9.45 am 31 5279



EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

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All copy for 'GOOD NEWS FROM ST JOHN'S' must be typed or clearly handwritten and handed to members of the Editorial Committee or left in the Parish Office before the 3rd Sunday each month.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1989.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 'CHURCH NEWS'.

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

The Rector Writes



Dear Members of St John's Family,

Any authentic spiritual awakening, be it personal or as a Church or even as a nation, will always involve new effort and enthusiasm in various ways. Prayer, worship, the study of God's word, and deeds of service or witness, are all touched by spiritual awakening.

Lent is a time to have a good look at ourselves and our Church; it is a time to have a deeper encounter with Jesus and to move on to a more real and effective life of service for God.

The Sunday morning addresses in Lent will be on the "I am" statements of Jesus found in John's Gospel. On Sunday evenings, when there are no special services, we will look at some 'Men of Faith' from the Old Testament. We learn from others in their experience of Christ, we listen to the authentic claims of Christ, and we can respond and grow.

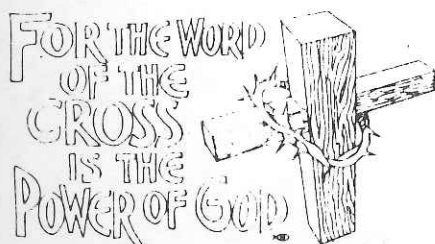
Continuity is important; we must make an effort, for as a Church we suffer from irregularity in Sunday encounters. As well, Saturday and weekly prayer times are further opportunities to grow in faith and enjoy fellowship, but sad to say, these still stand as the greatest lost opportunities at St John's.

During the next few weeks there will be an information slip in the weekly pew bulletin which gives the list of opportunities for learning or serving in some way at St John's. Take a step forward. This Lent, be further involved in the life of Christ at St John's. Fill in the slip and return it to a sidesman or the Parish Office.

Lent can be your time to enjoy and grow, but it will mean waking up and taking up new avenues of spiritual development.

May Christ fill you and guide you through his Spirit to be a living witness for him in this New Year,

Yours in Him,
JOHN A. BROOK.



Meditation

for Ash Wednesday
and the beginning of Lent.

TEXT FOR A GREAT SINNER

Isaiah 1, 10, 11, 14-20.

What if your door, my God is shut against me?
What if I spread forth my hands,
and make my prayers -
only to know your eyes are averted,
your attention is elsewhere,
you will not listen?
O God, what then?

Who was it - Esau? - who
found no place of repentance
'though he sought it with tears'?
Isabella sought like that. Israel
should have done so. And I? How lightly
sometimes I accept forgiveness.
So let me look, holding my Father's hand
as a child looks over a cliff
to measure again
something of what sin is,
and of God's promises to fallen man.
My sins are not scarlet, for the most part,
- just dirty discoloured stains. They too
can be white as snow.

O God my Father, O Lamb of God,
my Saviour.
Keep me in repentance as well as faith.
Help me to work away at obedience and
righteousness.

Let me spread forth my hands
and know that you hear me; confess my sins
and know forgiveness;
cease to do evil, learn to do good.
Through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Amen

Timothy Dudley-Smith. 'Someone who beckons.'



8 am: HOLY COMMUNION [in Chapel]
10.30 am: HOLY COMMUNION

Body Parts News

HENRY, JEFFREY AND JAMES ON THE CEBS NATIONAL CAMP.

JEFFREY: For Tasmanian CEBS the National Camp started on December 26th with a pre-Camp tour of Victoria, before we went to SALE, the Base Camp for National Camp.

National Camp started on December 30th with a Communion Service involving CEBS from all over Australia who were taking part in the Camp. Next we were broken into Junior and Senior groups. I was in a senior group for boys 15 - 18 years old. For the first part of our camp we went to ANGUSVALE, our hike camp, where we camped in tents and huts for four nights. Here we spent two days rafting down the MITCHELL RIVER on Canadian rubber rafts. For all of us, this was our first experience at white-water rafting! The next two days we spent on dry land, abseiling, rock-climbing and a seven-hour bushwalk.

After these four days of solid hard work, we moved on to the easy part. This was at GLENMAGGIE, the Peninsular School's Camp. Activities included an assault course, archery, canoes, sailing, computers, photography, and a nerve test - walking across a Burmese bridge and climbing over an overhanging tree to get to the top of a flying fox which was over 30 metres high! After ten days of Camp we were all back together for our final service. It was a camp enjoyed by all, and sparked many great friendships as well as giving great experiences to all who took part. I would like to thank all who helped in the fund-raising for us to be able to go to this camp, and hope that in the future boys from this parish will be able to have the same fun and experiences that I had at the 1989 CEBS National Camp.

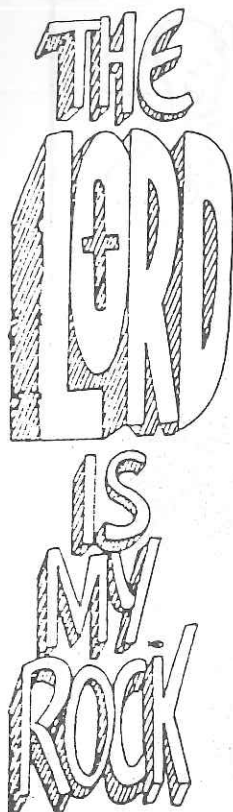
JAMES: During the course of the pre-Camp tour, we travelled approximately 700 kms around Victoria, visiting SOVEREIGN HILL, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, ALBURY, the SNOWY MOUNTAINS and BAIRNSDALE, stopping frequently for swimming pools and waterslides before going to Camp at SALE. At Camp, the Junior group tried our hands at archery, canoeing and water skiing, explored the wilderness at WOORABINDA in the LATROBE VALLEY, and camped on RAYMOND ISLAND near LAKES' ENTRANCE. We toured the SEC's power plants and open cut coal mines, and visited the BUCHAN CAVES and KINCUNA Country Fun Park. We went fishing, [pity the fish weren't biting like the mosquitoes!] and went flying down the zip wire. In between all this we had a chance to learn to be more like Jesus in our daily time of study. We also had a great opportunity to swap stories, experiences and scarves with other CEBS from all around Australia.



HENRY: The Camp at SALE brought out one of the great features of the CEBS movement. It was an exciting time for me to be Chaplain to the Tasmanian Contingent, and to see these young men putting their best into all the activities and reaping the benefits.

Each day, time was given to devotional studies, with Communion services on Sundays and Feast Days. Within these study times there were some very special incidents of prayer and understanding of God's Word. We can all praise God for the opportunity this Camp provided many of the boys for making new friends, learning more about living in community, and making new discoveries about the Christian Faith.





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.

From the Register



NOVEMBER:

Bruce Lindsay LOCKHART and Sharee Michelle ROSIER.
Mark Andrew WALTERS and Tammy Elizabeth PERKINS.
Gary Edward BURGESS and Wendy Anne JACKSON.
Craig James SPRIGGS and Amanda Lisa ATKINSON.
Anthony Leslie HAYES and Jennifer Anne FORD.
Darren James DAVIS and Tracie Anne HYNES.
Philip William BROWNE and Sandra Ann BRIGGS.
Mark Donald CONNELLY and Georgina CLARKE.

DECEMBER:

Christopher PRICE and Michelle Therese LEWIS.
Johnny PURTON and Joanne Elizabeth NODEN.
Graeme John JOHNSTON and Marlene Joan STOKES.
Darren Glen TRIFFIT and Helen Charmaine MULLINS.
Colin John DE BRUYN and Denise Lillian MARY.
Rodney Wayne PIKE and Tracey Ann SENIOR.

JANUARY:

Gregory Robert BADER and Rhonda Cathrine POWELL.
Scott Edward LEIGHTON and Anita Rosemary PHILPS.

Body Parts News



ST. JOHN'S
MOTHER'S UNION

Our first meeting for 1989 will be held on
WED. FEBRUARY 8th, 1.30 pm
in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.
GUEST SPEAKER: MRS ELIZABETH SMITH will share her
experiences as a missionary in Tanzania.
There will be a creche for young children.
Please ring OLVA HARRIS on 31 2796 or
PENNY CARLYLE 44 7163
for further details.

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

WOMEN'S GUILD:

Next Meeting: THURS. FEBRUARY 16th, 2 pm.
Members please note: the February meeting will
commence with a Communion Service in the Chapel
at 2 pm prior to the Meeting. New members welcome!
HOSTESSES: Mesdames Gatenby and Harris.

VIOLENCE ON TELEVISION NATIONAL INQUIRY

Submissions have been called by the Australian
Broadcasting Tribunal to the ABT's Inquiry into
the portrayal, presentation and reporting of
violence on television. The Inquiry was initiated
by the Federal Minister for Transport and
Communications in response to the concern of the
Australian community that recent incidents of
extreme violence represent an erosion of human
sensibilities and respect for life.
Submissions should be sent to the ABT by Friday
March 3rd, 1989. Further information is available
from the ABT's Sydney Office, Tandem House,
76 Berry Street, North Sydney, NSW 2060.
A petition has been prepared by the National
Viewers & Listeners' Association, and is available
in the back of the church for signatures.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY MARCH 3RD.



A service to mark the 102nd World Day of Prayer
will be held at PILGRIM UNITING CHURCH, at 10.30,
followed by Morning Tea in Pilgrim Hall.

SPEAKER: Sr. PATRICIA DANCE will lead us in the
theme: "Lord, Teach us to Pray."

This Service has been prepared by the Church
Women of Burma.

Come and join us in praise, thanksgiving and
prayer for peace and justice in our world.