

GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



"EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US." JANUARY

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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
MATIC 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

All in the Family



During December, St John's had the pleasure of meeting again with ALF CHIPMAN, who has been serving with CMS in Kenya. Alf spent a week with us telling us about his work, and before he and his family returned to the mission field, he sent us this article. Alf and Nola were married fifteen years ago. They now have five children, - Rebecca, (12) champion gymnast of her school; Sandra, (10) a good swimmer, like her Mum, short, shy and cheeky; Johnny, (7) very talkative, interested in cars, guns, planes and trains; Richard, (4) chubby, friendly to those he knows, loves food and sleeping with Mum; and Rachel, (2) nick-named 'Princess', very active, full of smiles and laughter, enjoys exercising her lungs while Daddy is preaching!

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

The Rector Writes



Dear Friends,

"She will call him 'Emmanuel' - which means 'God with us.'" [Matthew 1, 23.] This is the message of Christmas - God took our nature upon himself and came to live with us.

But the angel told Mary "You are to give him the name Jesus", because he was to be the Saviour of the world, to save people from the power and penalty of sin. This is the message of Jesus, and when we strip off the commercialisation and sentimentality, that is the only purpose in having a holy day and rejoicing.

"Goodwill between men" can only be true, lasting, and soundly based when people are humble enough to accept the Saviour as their own Lord and Master. Then they will want to do what is right and live in peace with each other. I hope your Christmas will be a celebration of thanksgiving to God that he gave you his Son as Saviour and his gift of eternal life.

Now we start a New Year. The only confidence we can have about a new year will be if we have got the message of Christmas right. Otherwise, it will be for us personally what we see globally - conflict, hurt, tension, fear and guilt. We can face the new year with confidence when the Christmas message is properly in focus - we are reconciled to God, at peace with him. If we are at peace with our Lord and Saviour, we can start working on a confident and right basis in relating to others about the essentials of living here and now.

I hope your Christmas is a real one and your new year will be better than the last one.

My colleagues and all the staff at St John's join with me in wishing you God's richest blessing for 1989.

Yours in Christ,
JOHN A BROOK.

NEW YEAR

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the noted theologian executed by the Nazis, wrote this prayer to the eternal God, in January 1945, shortly before his death.

With every power for good to stay and guide me,

Comforted and inspired beyond all fear.

I'll live these days with you in thought beside me,

And pass with you, into the coming year.

- Letters & Papers from Prison

All in the Family cont.

The children were all born in Kenya and see themselves as Kenyans. They are loved by people all over the country and are shown lots of attention. They make a formidable team contribution to getting alongside people and opening up opportunities for witnessing. Rebecca, Sandra and Johnny go to school at St Andrew's, Turi, where they board. It is an excellent school with very good dormitory care and Christian staff, and so they are coping well. All the children have adjusted well to the Australian scene, with family and friends providing presents, gifts and attention - enough to make up for the last 3 years and the next 3 - so the children love Australia !!

Nola is a fully qualified Nursing Sister, but has had no opportunity to do any nursing since marriage. She has been full-time with office work and back-up ministry with youth work for the first 12 years of married life. For the past 3 she has helped lead a ladies' Bible study in Nanyuki, run Sunday School, taught sewing and home economics each week at the village Polytechnic, on top of cooking and caring for her family and keeping Alf going.

The Chipmans are working amongst the Maasai people of Mukogodo Division in the Laikipia district of central Kenya. Their main work is producing teaching and evangelism tapes in the Maasai language.

Alf is the only non-African minister in his Diocese, but this does not bother him. He and Nola feel accepted and at home at all Synod and clergy functions. "I feel a visitor, (like we are as missionaries) should respect the people, try to adjust to the customs and culture, and give them the best service possible. In attempting to do this and be a servant, we have found that a great love is generated through Christ, and this makes one feel at home. The key to it really is the unity our Lord Jesus Christ brings when he changes people's lives."



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Alf finds the cassette ministry very exciting, but as with many tasks within the Church, it does mean times of mundane work and extremely hard slog, "and then some-thing special and exciting comes along." He cites the case of Musa, a converted Laibon who is now witnessing wonderfully to his own people without being paid or asked to do work for the Church.

Another praise point Alf has written about in his prayer letters, is the encouraging youth work in the town of Nanyuki. They have seen the Youth Group reach out to other young people in a dynamic way. he and Nola "feel that it was a very special privilege to share with those young people" guiding them over the past 3½ years.

The cassette ministry is a very ambitious venture, laid out as a five year development plan by the Alf's Bishop and his team. "We need barrels of cash to achieve these goals, but other than providing some items of equipment, I don't think this where the eyes of folk in tassie should be turned." Alf suggests donations of cassette tapes, (used or otherwise), or assistance towards the ongoing salary of Ezra Ngacha for 1989, (\$100 per month) would be more appropriate.

"The things I would like to emphasise to people at St John's are CMS membership and the 'Share the Care' scheme. With member-ship there is prayer support and regular up-date of information, and these are of the greatest help to us. With 'Share the Care', regular giving to our upkeep as a family which is so vital is assured. In these days when missionary giving has dropped, I can only commend this excellent little scheme to groups in your parish."

KLOMP NEEDS YOU!!!

Meditation

FOR THE NEW YEAR

Sing to the Lord a New Year's song!
Give him the highest of New Year honours:
Thank the Lord for the old year ended,
Trust him at the dawning of the new.
Lift our faces to the midnight sky and rejoice!
Let the Southern Cross be our pilgrim sign.

Praise the Lord for the things that endure;
Old things transcending the changing years:
The solid soil of our ancient land under our feet;
Incessant seas that wash our shores from Hobart to Darwin;
The morning sun rising on a familiar landscape;
The westerlies spinning windmills or dispersing city smog;
After rains, the dry Centre blossoming in profusion;
Trees on the Great Divide reaching tall for the sky

Your divine purpose brooding over Australia,
Loving our land long before we shared it;
Your divine mercy encircling every person,
Speaking our names in a hundred different accents.

Among us the saving deeds of Jesus Christ -
The same yesterday, today and forever!

Praise the Lord for new possibilities being born,
New lights that gleam on every horizon.
The strengthening of faith and enlarging of vision;
The fellowship of Christ in success or failure;
Readiness to care for needy fellow-citizens -
The physically, socially, spiritually handicapped;
Liberation from political and religious prejudice,
A hearty commitment to the ways of Jesus;
Willingness to listen to the words of an opponent;
Courage to speak up when cowards become dumb;
The chance to break idols of possessions and position;
Worshipping the power made perfect in weakness;
Discarding personal day-dreams for the dreams of our Lord -
The same yesterday, today and forever!

Sing to the Lord a New Year's song!
Give him the choicest of New Year honours:
As we greet one another with 'Happy New Year',
Greet him as the Lord of every minute.
For his call will be renewed each morning,
And his peace shall be ours at the close of every day.

BRUCE PREWER.

Australian Psalms.



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.

Body Parts News

KLOMP
NEEDS



YOU!!!!

JOIN THE KLOMP TEAM TODAY!!

If you can read a story, play games, sing, do something 'crafty', butter bread or make a casserole and have spare time during 30th Jan. - 3rd Feb. 1989; then ring Glenn Clark - 31 8996 TODAY!!

HOLIDAY SERVICES

JANUARY 1ST:

8 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
7 PM: EVENING PRAYER

JANUARY 8TH:

8 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10 AM: FAMILY SERVICE AND BAPTISM
7 PM: HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 15TH:

8 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
7 PM: SOUNDS OF PRAISE

JANUARY 22ND:

8 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10 AM: MORNING PRAYER AND BAPTISM
7 PM: HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 29TH:

8 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
7 PM: EVENING PRAYER



CHURCH GROWTH:

Ten little churchmen went to church when fine, but it started raining, and then there were nine. Nine little churchmen stayed up very late. One overslept himself - then there were eight. Eight little churchmen kept the place alive; one bought a TV set and then there were five. Five little churchmen seemed loyal to the core. One quarrelled with the pastor; that left four. Four little churchmen argued heatedly about free-will offering - then there were three. Three little churchmen sang the service through. Got a hymn they didn't know, then there were two. Two little churchmen disputed who should run the congregation social - then there was one.

One little churchman, knowing what to do, got a friend to come to church - that made two. Two sincere churchmen each brought in one more. So the number doubled and there were four. Four sturdy churchmen simply couldn't wait till they found four others - then were eight. Eight eager churchmen at worship every week. Some encouraged others troubled souls to seek. In the people crowded, cramming every pew. Supply O God this grace and zeal in our church too!

