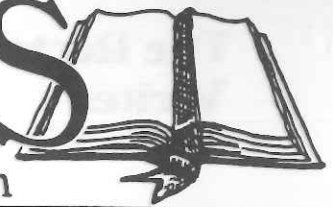


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



GOING OUT WITH THE GOSPEL JULY 1989

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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.
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP: Sunday
5.00 pm 27 2374
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
101 PC Youth group: Friday
6.30 - 7.30 pm 44 9726
JYFS YOUTH GROUP: Friday
7.30 pm 31 2048
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

FREE!

NEW LIFE WITH JESUS

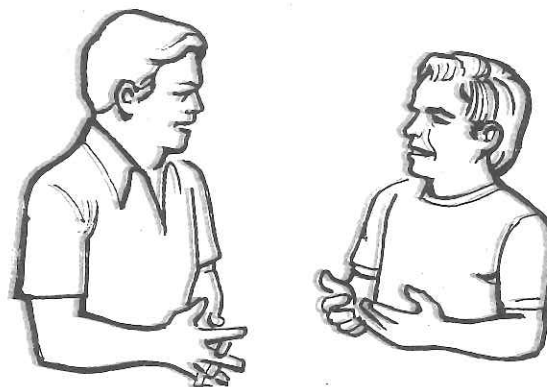
ADULT CONFIRMATION

A service of Adult Confirmation will be held on **SUNDAY JULY 9th**, at 7pm.
Preacher and Confirming Bishop will be
BISHOP MERVYN STANTON.

Please pray for **LISA RUFFIN**
DARREN DIPROSE
RACHAEL MORLEY
MARGARET JONES,
KRISTINE MOORE,
JUDY MOORE,
DESIREE TAYLOR,
and
as they complete their studies and
prepare for Confirmation on July 9th.

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

The Rector Writes



Dear Members of St John's Family,

The visit of John Smith to this city will we pray have touched the lives of many people with the Gospel of Christ. Now we look forward to some of these folk joining St John's. The question for us now is, "*How can we help them to grow in Christ and find a place in our congregation?*"

First we must welcome them. If you have your name-tag on it will be a great help, as they may not know a single soul and won't remember your name. Your personal attitude could well determine whether they will return again to St John's after that first encounter. It will be a case of sticking your neck out to speak to anyone you think may be a stranger in the next few weeks. Remember, they may be feeling ill at ease in this new situation which can be threatening!

Worship with them. It is helpful to sit with them during the service; you can unobtrusively guide them to the right places in the prayer book and set the example of when to sit, kneel or stand. Your responses and singing will also encourage them to participate. Take them over to the Parish Centre after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

People need to learn to pray just as you needed to learn to talk as a child.

Pray with them. If you can be sensitive to find a way and place this will be of great value. You can take them into the church early before the service and have a time of prayer together. You can bring them with you to the prayer meetings or the 8 am service on weekdays before work. We learn to speak by listening to others, and we learn to pray by listening to others.

The Bible has often been a closed book to those who have found Christ.

Read the Bible with them. Make sure they have a copy; if necessary give them a one and set of daily bible reading notes.

Most people don't know where to start or how to go about getting the best out of their reading. You can offer practical suggestions and encouragement. Remember how much you have grown through bible reading and you will be keen to help others to have the same experience.

When a family grows we often have to put on a new room to accommodate them in comfort.

You need to make room for new people in your group or organisation - take them along to that group where you have personal input and receive encouragement. This will take effort on your part and also adjustments by all others in your small group or organisation. You have to move over to let them in and it will save your group from being a closed clique. We mature by deep relationships which form in small groups, so make room for one more.

New Christians may take a little time and much effort to be established as regular worshippers, so if they are missing on a Sunday, visit them at home. There is nothing as important as taking the initiative and making the effort to go out after someone who is missing. They will feel that they are wanted, and that you missed them when they weren't around. It will be clear that they are important to you and and most of all, important to God.

Last but by no means least, pass them on. It is important for new people to build fellowship with others apart from yourself. It will provide the means through which they can be helped in areas where you may not be able to assist. There could be enquiries about baptism, confirmation or other areas of concern. This is team work. We do not have all the answers for all people. Pass them on to someone who can help them grow more.

These are all ways we can help someone who comes to us through the ministry of John Smith. What is clear is that we ourselves need to be with it spiritually to help in these ways. If you commit yourself to help others, you will also grow. There is a great challenge to come face to face with a new Christian; I hope you will and that you will respond with responsibility and love.

May God bless your efforts.

Yours in Christ

JOHN A. BROOK.

"ONE HUNDRED & STILL GOING STRONG"

Nola and I would like to thank all the members of St John's, Launceston for their tremendous support over the past years. Whilst out here in Kenya we know that the regular continuing support is faithfully maintained.

As part of encouraging that regular ministry we spent some time at St John's last year. What a great joy it was: doing deputations, visiting old friends, soaking in the worship and then being sent off with an unforgettable valadictory service.

On top of all that there was one other significant wave of support that has so encouraged us. Folk from all over the parish responded with amazing generosity, to an appeal for second hand cassette tapes. Some also donated new tapes, others kindly gave play-back machines. The enthusiastic response orchestrated by the Rector was a wonderful encouragement to us; over 100 tapes.

The response started with St John's but did not stop there. Other parishes within the Diocese took up the appeal and we had almost 300 tapes to take back to Kenya with us.

As I write this little article of thanks I hope that most of you have received our latest prayer circular with news of the growth of our church and the way the Cassette Ministry has contributed towards this growth.

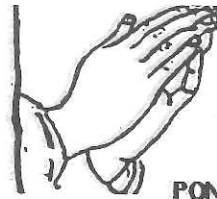
Thanks again to everyone, it has meant a great deal to us. Keep up the support - join C.M.S.W. today. ALF & NOLA CHIPMAN

Anyone wanting the Chipman's letter should speak to the Rector, also, if there are any more tapes they should be given to the Rector.

ALF AND DAUGHTER RACHEL LOOKING AT DONATED TAPES FROM ST JOHN'S



Meditation



PRAYER

PONDERING ON PRAYER

Is our prayer a discipline?

First of all, do we thank God for who we are and where we are? We are very fortunate to be blessed with all the gifts we have been given.

Should a physical something happen to us and others as we pray? What part does emotion take in our prayer?

If we pray hard enough should we experience a sensation of heat, cold; light, dark; of "in-pouring" or "out-pouring" of a special something? *a sensation!*

When last we prayed for friend in special need; did we see that friend in the mind's eye and feel our prayers travel along invisible lanes to Jesus Christ, to God and then through his divine interpretation our friend receives a blessing through a similar *sensation?*

Are our prayers personal, one to one, or do we see God as overseer? We mention our needs and those of others hoping the message gets through.

Perhaps we pray casually with words muttered quietly, or even apologetically, liberally interspersed with "only" and "just".

Do we ever give a shout of joy or sorrow to arrest God's attention; he's a busy fellow with all those millions of souls seeking supplication? Our God is always there, waiting, watching, caring.

Each individual's approach to God and to prayer is different from another. In a group have we ever considered their reaction to the manner of our praying.

Is prayer a frightening thing? Have we ever thought that the praying manner of a "born again christian" may intimidate or embarrass a "christian from birth".

Perhaps "fervent prayer" is the only way, casting our own sins and frailties at the foot of the throne, rending our souls to a state of physical exhaustion.

Christ prayed for days on end fasting the whole time. What sacrifices have we made lately towards our prayer discipline?

Do we put our prayers to music? Probably every Bible character poured forth his or her prayers as music. Singing brings out the emotion in the soul, the heart is freed and our prayers rise up and away from worldly strictures

Praying for our enemies is hard! How can we love someone who has done us a dreadful wrong? How do we love those who sin against God? Do we ask God to forgive our sins before we ask him to intercede for us or answer our many requests?

HOW HAVE YOU PRAYED TODAY?

JENNY GILL

Baptisms

APRIL:

NEILL CHARLES LLEWELYN SHANNON
THALIA MAREE DUNCAN
PAMELA SUE MACE
SARAH VICTORIA MACE



MAY:

KRISTIE LOUISE BUTLER
NATALIE JANE WOOD
BELINDA LOUISE WOOD
CHANTAL MEGAN WOOD
BRETT WILLIAM SALTMARSH
NICHOLAS JOHN LAWRENCE



CHOIR NOTES



Several choir members and Bill Pierce will be performing in the Launceston Philharmonic Society Concert in July, possibly 14th. Five of our people will be soloists in choral music by Vivaldi, Handel and Benjamin Britten.

At the Adult Confirmation service on 9th July, the Anthem will be an original composition by our Organist Bill Pierce set to the words "These things have I said unto you that your joy shall be full."



WOMEN'S GUILD:

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In the Parish Centre.

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Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs G. Watson and Miss B. Parramore.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on 12th July at 1 pm in the Rectory.

Please ring PENNY CARLYLE 44 7163 for other details.

Thank you to all who assisted in any way

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Thank you to all who assisted in any way with our Special Communion Service last month. We were delighted so many folk were able to attend the service, and enjoy the morning tea and fellowship in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Our next Special Communion Service will be on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20th.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

The next TEA will be on Tuesday 4th July at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be ARNOLD SHOTT, a local magistrate.

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

KLOMP CLUB!

The Co-ordinator, GLENN CLARK, would like to express his special thanks to all the kitchen helpers who took part in the last Klomp Club, especially the new ones. He was also pleased to welcome some new junior leaders.

Glenn looks forward to seeing you all in the September holidays for KLOMP CLUB 11.

A special leaders' meeting has been called for 19th August, from 2 pm to 7 pm for preparation.

Phone GLENN for more details on 31 8996.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Before the close of the financial year on 31st May, \$55-00 was sent to B.C.A. Since then, more boxes have come in and the amount of \$93-60 was sent to Melbourne in June. Thank you to the box-holders.
Box Secretary, CELIA HILL.



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