

# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



LENT and HOLY WEEK

MARCH 1989

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## PARISH GROUPS:

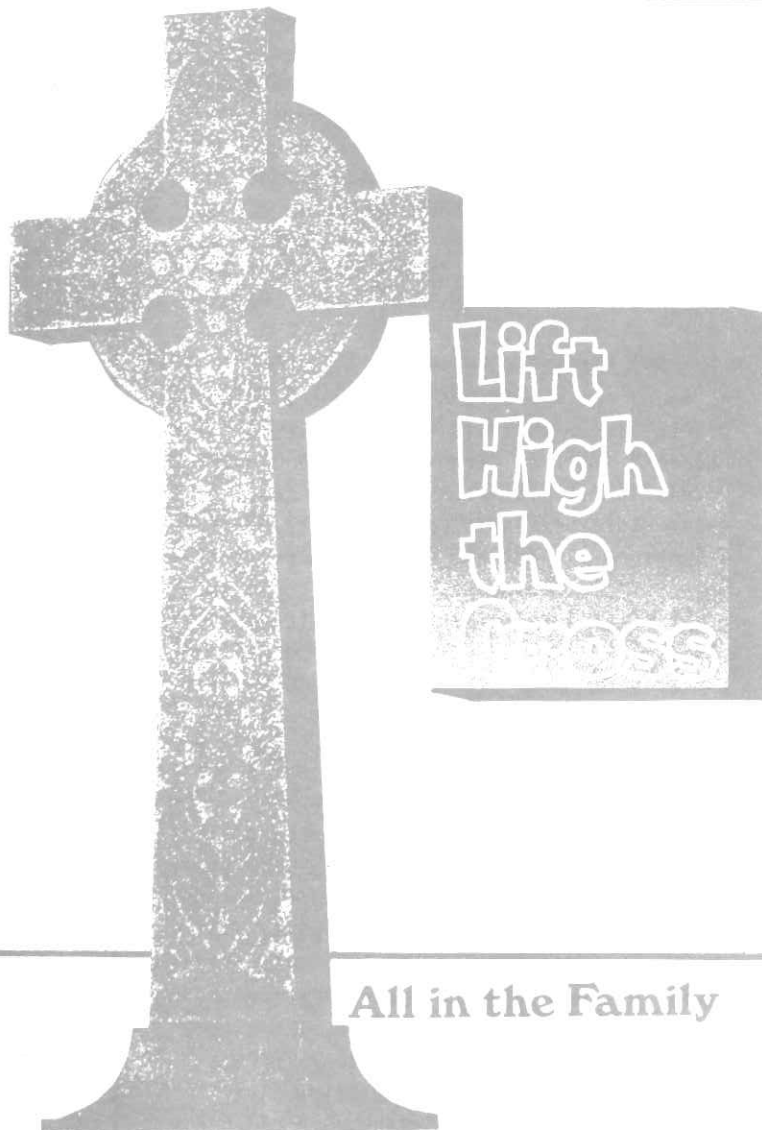
### WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1st, 3rd,  
4th, 5th Sunday 44 8596  
FAMILY SERVICE: 10 am 2nd, Sunday.  
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



All in the Family

WARREN and DIANA FUREY have been worshipping at St John's for the past 18 months. They are training at the WEC Missionary College in St Leonards to become ambassadors for Christ in West Africa.

"Warren and I are from Perth, Western Australia, and for the past 18 months we have had the privilege of training at the WEC Missionary College here in Launceston. This is in preparation for our eventually going overseas to Guinea Bissau in West Africa.

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



### LESSONS IN LARCENY?

What St John's man is adept at break and entry now? Keys locked in his car late at night provided a real learning opportunity for him. A coat-hanger appropriately bent finally fished the keys off the seat and through the window to enable him to unlock his vehicle. Thank you, Lord, for not sending a policeman wandering by or curious neighbours to dial 999. You can bet he'll always check his keys in future before he locks up!

### STRANGE CHARACTERS...

Among the visitors on the family night of the Summer holiday session of KLOMP in February, were Al Capone, and a henchman [occasionally mistaken as waiters despite their menacing violin cases!], David Boon, a Shepherd without any sheep, the Ghost of Charlotte Balfour [who rests under the main aisle of St John's], and a very strange 'Masked Baby'! What a pity that more parishioners didn't attend to welcome the children and their parents and to show support for the KLOMP Team. Well, there's always next time!

### HIGH JINKS

There were some high jinks on the final day of KLOMP, as leaders tidied up and unwound after the first Summer session. Church historian Jenny Gill took a team of young, and not so young leaders up the tower to the roof of the church, where some had to be restrained from falling, or was it diving? to the ground far below. The last of a seemingly endless supply of chocolate crackles was also consumed, much to the relief of those concerned about faces and figures!

*Elizabeth*

## All in the Family



Last November, as part of our course, we spent 3 weeks ministering as part of a team at the Clayton Assembly of God Church in Melbourne. The church has been established for two years and is composed mainly of Sri Lankan and Anglo-Indian people.

So we found ourselves being warmly welcomed, eating curry and rice twice a day, and deeply challenged by the needs of the multi-cultural society which surrounded us.

The day after arriving, four of us were involved with the church members in a street festival. This involved presenting the Gospel to those about us in the street by means of drama, song and personal testimony.

Over the following three weeks we spent many hours door-knocking and street witnessing. This was not without some trepidation on our part; however we found the joy of sharing our faith overcame our fears.

Within the church we were responsible for weekly Bible studies, prayer meetings and Sunday services. Here we ministered through song, preaching, testimony and drama. Not that we are in any way surprisingly gifted in these areas, but we did it from willing hearts. In fact, I can still see the big smiles when we started our song - on 5 different notes - but God was so gracious, the song's message really touched the hearts of those present.

Warren and I found our time with the church rewarding and challenging, not only on a practical level, but spiritually, and in our personal relationships with others. Especially was this so when we visited many homes counselling and encouraging others.

From there we went on to Western Australia, where we spent time with family and friends. Great was our joy, and we know you will share it with us, that Warren's parents have come to salvation. Warren and I also spent much time ministering and visiting in our church, which proved such a happy and valuable time.

We are delighted to be back at St John's, especially when Tiny Kennedy welcomed us home. How true that is! We look forward with real expectation to what the Lord has in store for us this year.

*"My soul, wait thou only upon God;  
for my expectation is from Him."*

Psalm 62, v. 5.  
DIANNA FUREY.

*"You don't have to kneel if it gives you all this trouble, Mrs Hodgkins."*



## Focus on ...

### FRIDAY MORNING FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

A group of mothers, "young and old", formerly known as the "Young Mothers Group", we meet most Friday mornings from 10.30 to nearly noon in the Rectory.

It was originally set up as a fellowship and study group for young mothers meeting in each other's homes, but when the Mothers' Union agreed to provide childcare in the Parish Centre, we were able to meet in the peace and quiet of the Rectory.

What a blessing! Thank you to the MU, your grandmotherly care is much appreciated!

The group became so dynamic that soon older Mums wanted to join, encouraged by Joan Brook to show that it is possible to survive the "terrible two's", and even the "terrible teens"!

Now we are a mixed age group of about a dozen mothers [and grandmothers!] and the occasional adventurous man. There is always room for new members. We have had an interesting range of studies over the past 18 months - topics relating to our lives as Christians, on prayer, 'Christianity Explained' and on specific books such as Acts and Romans. We also have visiting speakers whenever there is someone in the Parish who has something to share with us.

At present we are looking at the Beatitudes, using notes by John Stott. However, on Friday March 10th, Mrs Joyce Hayman, will talk to us about her Christian experiences with the Overseas Mission Fellowship.

Faith and Fellowship is not just about study and fellowship, we are also a prayer group. We pray for one another's personal needs, for the work of the Thursday morning Play Centre, for the provision of leaders for a Grade 9 and up Youth Group, and for other needs within the Parish.

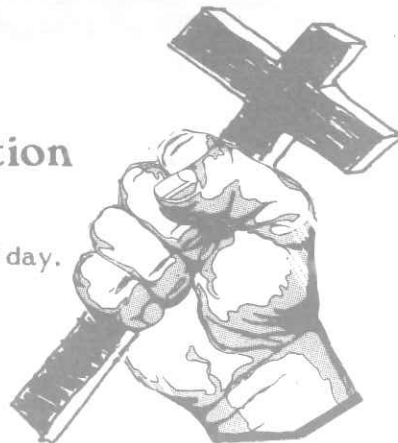
If you would like to be part of our fellowship, please talk to Mrs Brook or ask at the Parish Office.

KATHY MUMFORD.



## Meditation

for Good Friday.



*Hebrews 10, 1-25; John 19, 1-37*

O God of love, we remember today all that our blessed Lord endured for us.

Let us remember how Jesus was betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men.

Lord Jesus, we remember today that it was one of your own familiar friends who betrayed you, and we know there is nothing which so breaks the heart as the disloyalty of one whom we called friend.

Grant that we may not betray you.

Save us

From the cowardice

which would disown you when it is hard to be true to you;

From the disloyalty

which betrays you in the hour when you need someone to stand by you;

From the fickleness

which blows hot and cold in its devotion;

From fair-weather friendship,

which, when things are difficult or dangerous, makes us ashamed to show whose we are and whom we serve.

Let us remember how Jesus suffered death upon the Cross.

Lord Jesus, help us to remember

The lengths to which your love was ready to go; That having loved your own you loved them to the very end;

The love than which none can be greater, which lays down its life for its friends;

That it was while we were yet enemies that you died for us.

Let us remember how Jesus now lives and reigns.

Lord Jesus, help us to remember

That the Crucified Lord is the Risen Lord; That the Cross has become the Crown.

So grant unto us

To trust in his love;

To live in his presence;

That we may share in his glory.

This we ask for your love's sake.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR.

WILLIAM BARCLAY.

## Body Parts News

### HAYMANS TO SPEAK

THE REV. THEO HAYMAN AND  
MRS JOYCE HAYMAN  
WILL GIVE A SLIDE SHOW  
AND TALK ON THEIR WORK  
WITH THE OVERSEAS  
MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP IN  
CHINA ON



WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH, AT 8 PM  
IN THE CHURCH. ALL PARISHIONERS  
WELCOME.

### ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE YEAR WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY MARCH 13TH, 2.30 PM.  
HOSTESSES: MESD. PAGE, EASTHER, & ATKINSON.



ST. JOHN'S  
MOTHER'S UNION

THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICE BEARERS FOR  
1989.

WED. MARCH 8TH, 1.30 PM IN THE CHAPEL  
FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION, FOLLOWED  
BY THE MEETING IN THE PARISH CENTRE. NEW  
MEMBERS WELCOME.

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:

THE GUILD CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY MARCH 7TH  
WILL BE HOSTED BY ST JOHN'S, COMMENCING  
WITH MORNING TEA AT 10 AM, SO IT WILL BE  
NECESSARY TO MAKE AN EARLY START BETWEEN 8  
AND 9 AM.

WOULD THOSE MEMBERS WHO OWN NAME BADGES  
PLEASE WEAR THEM.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 16TH, 2 PM,  
IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

HOSTESSES: MESD. S LAWRENCE AND J  
SHELDRIK.

### PLAY CENTRE

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT 10.30 AM.  
ALL PARENTS AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN  
WELCOME.

FOR DETAILS, RING JUDY RAINBIRD ON 31 6173.



## 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  
LORD

IS  
MY  
ROCK

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:

Ruby May McEWAN  
Katie Tirzah HARROWER  
Ronald Hudson Thomas LEE

### DECEMBER:

Alison Jean Needham PALMER  
Thomas James YOST

### JANUARY:

Thelma Victoria HALE  
Mollie BRUMBY  
Mary Nietta CAUSLEY  
Andrew Stewart GOSS  
Rosalie Victoria OLIVER

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