

GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



CHALLENGES AND CHANGES

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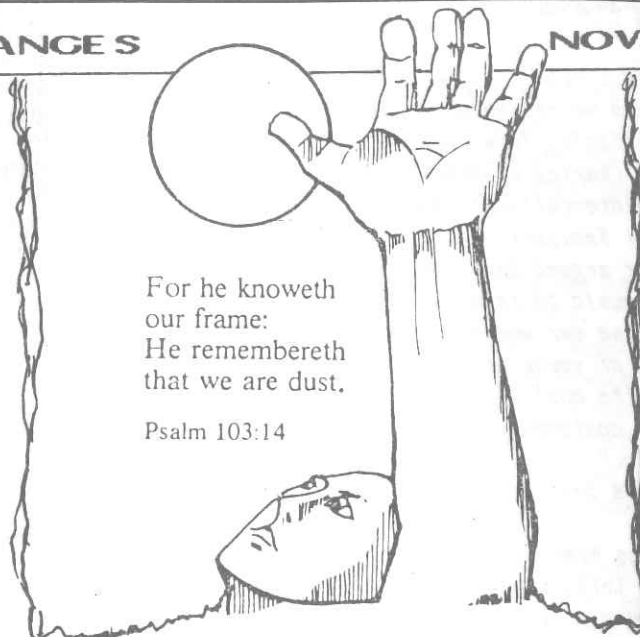
PARISH GROUPS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 44 8596
FAMILY SERVICE:
10am, 2nd Sunday
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:
Sunday 5.00pm 272374
SAM SINGLES & MARRIEDS
Tuesday 7.30pm 44 8596
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Wednesday 4.45 - 5.30pm 31 1676
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY:
Wednesday 6.00pm 27 3883
PLAY CENTRE:
Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon 31 6173
CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY
Thursday 6.00pm 31 8996
ADULT CHOIR
Thursday 7.30pm 31 1676
JYFS YOUTH GROUP
Friday 7.30pm 31 2048
PARISH PRAYER GROUP:
Saturday 8.00am 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 2.30pm 44 2827
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA:
2nd Tuesday 6.00pm 31 4566
MOTHERS' UNION
2nd Wednesday 1.30pm 44 7163
WOMEN'S GUILD
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484
GFS TOWNSEND
4th Tuesday 9.45am 31 5279



For he knoweth
our frame:
He remembereth
that we are dust.

Psalm 103:14

ON LEAVING

by Henry Ivey...

REFLECTIONS

on two years at St John's:

As we leave this month to go to the Parish of the West Coast, it is a good opportunity to relate something of what this Parish has given to my ministry during our brief time at St John's.

There are a number of points that come to mind that tell of the privilege of working amongst the congregation.

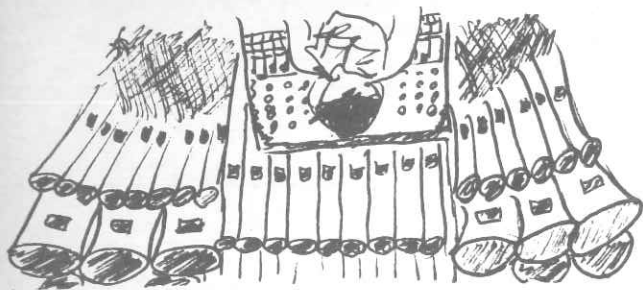
The Meaning of Fellowship:

Christian fellowship is unique. It involves joining the community of believers and seeking to do God's will both as individuals and as a group.

Through various parish activities the meaning of fellowship has been filled out for me as I have experienced encouragement, guidance and criticism from a congregation of very loving people.

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



OUR WORSHIP IN MUSIC

A few months ago we passed on to Bill Pierce an article in 'Christianity Today' called "THE HYMNAL IS NOT ENOUGH" by Charles H. Kraft, Professor of Anthropology and Intercultural Communication at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Professor Kraft argued that "we desperately need new worship music to rejuvenate our spiritual lives and revitalise our worship. And if we hope to meet the needs of young people - and attract the unchurched - the music that will get Christian content across to contemporary people is contemporary music."

This response has been written on some of his comments.

"For me, Charles Kraft's article smacks of a religious outlook influenced very much by "the great American dream - 'featherbed religion'. He is Evangelical and Protestant in outlook, stressing a Scriptural base, referring liturgically only to hymns and sermons - called "informational" in keeping with the rather slick use of language in the article and ignoring the historical and Eucharistic aspects of the christian church.

There is nothing wrong with his doing this except that the article is deceptive in what it omits rather than in what it includes.

In reply, I offer a similar subjective, or "self-opinionated" view, if you like, but one which would hopefully express the reason for my stance with more honesty.

I belong firstly to the Anglican church - Evangelical, Broad or Anglo-Catholic, to use terms unpopular by today's trendy fashion; and I am a Christian secondly. I put it this way because I was a Christian before I was converted to Anglicanism therefore something in Anglicanism must be paramount in my Christianity. Not for me the Evangelical emphasis on simple liturgy and music with spoken rather than sung parts, meaningful and beautiful as this can be: I was drawn into Anglicanism for the opposite reason - I was attracted by the mystery and complexity of the ritual and music which resulted in a certain spiritual ambience and challenged my intellectual and spiritual self-development.

For this reason I would agree with Kraft that the hymns are not enough. But I do not find the answer in choruses of trite music and inane repetitions. I find it in the scope of music offered in the Anglican liturgy in all its forms.

I can find nothing wrong with the minister or priest intoning prayers, climaxing in a good choral or congregational response, I can find nothing wrong with the spiritual "uplift" from enthusiastically sung acclamations at the

A COMMON PRAYER

BY MICHAEL LEUNIG

IT is time to plant tomatoes. Dear God, we praise this fruit and give thanks for its life and evolution. We salute the tomato, cheery, fragrant morsel, beloved provider, survivor and thriver and giver of life. Giving and giving and giving. Plump with summer's joy. The scent of its stem is summer's joy, is promise and rapture. Its branches breathe perfume of promise and rapture. Giving and giving and giving.



Dear God, give strength to the wings and knees of pollinating bees, give protection from hailstorms, gales and frosts, give warm days and quenching rains. Refresh and adorn our gardens and our tables. Refresh us with tomatoes.

Rejoice and rejoice! Celebrate the scarlet soul of winter sauces. Behold the delicious flavor! Behold the oiled vermilion moons that ride and dive in olive-bobbing seas of vinegared lettuce. Let us rejoice! Let this rejoicing be our thanks for tomatoes.

Amen

With thanks to the Sunday Age

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beginning and end of the Gospel of the Day.

I can find nothing wrong with the devotional and spiritual thoughts that fill my mind as a good choir sings an intelligent Choral setting emanating from a fine musical mind. For me, this is the glory of Anglicanism in its catholic and historical aspects as well as its Scriptural basis. This spiritual ambience is alive and well in many of our large Australian Anglican parish churches and cathedrals and draws adequate congregations from all age groups.

Kraft's argument that you can only hold young people by the sort of music they know, assumes that all young people have been musically brain-washed by the money-making media and record companies and are incapable of understanding or learning any other kind of music.

It is a patronising attitude to modern youth, treating them as idiots and offering them musical "escapism" in order to obtain Christian "conversion". We can all do better than this otherwise the Christian belief will be so weakened by double standards that it will be seriously undermined.

W.P.



REFLECTIONS

on two years in the life of the Iveys:

One Thursday morning in October 1987, while living at Richmond, there was a phone call to Henry from the Assistant Bishop telling him his next curacy was to be Launceston!?

After a week or so, the idea of moving didn't seem so bad, and then there we all were in the car heading for Launceston and our interview. The interview was fine, but having just moved into a brand-new home after spending the last three years in Melbourne cramped into a tiny flat, we were introduced to The Cottage!?

As we drove back to Hobart in silence the tears were running down my cheeks, and I thought to myself "well, it won't be too bad will it?"

In the January we moved ... we were sure the Parish would wonder what sort of family we were, caravan in the back yard and one hopelessly "crashed up" car in the driveway.

I remember our first service at St Johns - Jeffrey and I walked into Church and we both commented on how homely it felt, but would we ever get used to hearing the sermon three times echoing around the place at a fast rate of knots.

Christopher joined us a week later and only had three weeks before he left on his student exchange, but in that very short time he was at home, we were already aware of the warmth and caring that is part of St John's.

Many a time during Chris's absence, as I was sitting in a service listening to Bill or Gaylene playing the organ, I would be overwhelmed by the sheer magnificence of the music and would think "If only Chris were here to listen." At this stage I had not experienced the Carol Service or Christmas at St John's and it is a memory I will cherish for a long time.

Well we settled in, we planted our vegetables and while these were growing the "vegie gardeners" of the Parish kept us well supplied with fresh produce. The Cottage became home, and we wondered how we ever managed living 32 km from school, work and shopping. It was great being able to race down to the bank five minutes before it closed and staying in bed until 7.30 for an 8.00 service (some of us even later!).

Two years have passed since that phone call, and as we look back we wonder what all the fuss was about. Jeff settled into Grammar and is thankful for the opportunities and achievements he has had, and feels his horizons have been widened yet again.

Chris, returning from Honduras, discovered he had to be in Launceston to study for his Bachelor of Education at TSIT, and is thankful for the opportunity of learning the organ at St John's.

Henry has been privileged to work in a Team Ministry with John and David which has been a constant learning experience, and will be invaluable when he starts in his Parish of the West Coast.

And what about me?! I have loved our home; it has been a time of sharing with Henry and the boys a wonderful experience of togetherness in a parish

ON LEAVING cont....

Discovering avenues of service:

With a parish doorknock in operation when I arrived, RI classes under way, people waiting to be confirmed, and many other facets of ministry happening, it was good to be involved and learn to use these avenues to spread the Gospel.

It is an important part of the learning process of a Curate to discover these areas of ministry, and to discern where time is best spent. Affirmation of talents and abilities and recognition of weak spots is all part of growing in ministry.

Recognising God's call:

If a motor mechanic could not repair cars, he would be a failure in his field. The analogy applies to clergy. St John's people have been important to me in giving assurance and support that God has called me to a particular walk in life. It is very encouraging to know that ministry is appreciated. It gives an opportunity to consolidate and go forward in confidence in the Lord.

However, God constantly calls us to new and different places. The West Coast seems to be the place God would have me be for the next few years. I have appreciated the wise counsel of people in this parish and their encouragement for the future.

Being sent:

Knowing that I have your prayers and practical support makes the task of moving into a new area much easier and more exciting. I will treasure the expressions of love and care that we have been given. God is good in his provision for his people.

The Future:

Paul Wood and his family will move in during December, and my prayer is that Paul will be given the same encouragement and support that I have had. This will enable his ministry to flourish and enable him to see more clearly God's leading in his life.

God bless the people of St John's.

HENRY IVEY



family where love, care and concern are abundant. The friends we have made and the laughter we have shared have made our stay in Launceston one of the most memorable.

As we prepare to leave we will take with us many treasured memories, and we trust that on your travels around our beautiful State you will take time to visit the "Wild West".

But in everything we have shared, learned and achieved during our time here in Launceston we give Glory to God for his Grace and Sufficiency.

Jenny Ivey.

Body Parts News

CEBS - ANGLICAN BOYS' SOCIETY

A CONCERT will be held on 18th Nov to raise funds for the Diocesan "NEW MINISTRY COMMISSION".

As a result of the 'Car Wash' held last month over \$250 was raised for St John's Branch funds. The boys, big and small, extend their thanks for your support and participation.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be on Thurs. Nov 23, at the Lillydale Anglican Church. The theme is how we can help the family celebrate ADVENT.

Henry Ivey will celebrate Holy Communion and be our morning speaker on "In quietness and trust is your strength", and Tiny Kennedy will speak in the afternoon on "Jesus is the reason for the Season."

Further details from:

MRS BEV BLIZZARD: 44 7397
TINY KENNEDY: 31 1177

or

From the Register

BAPTISMS SEPTEMBER

SERRIA YVETTE ROSSITER
JAKE BROGAN BAYLIS

OCTOBER

SHAWN LEIGH COX
CAMERON JOHN BROWN
JOSHUA WILLIAM ROBERTS

BURIALS SEPTEMBER

MELISSA ANGELA FREEMAN
ADA DORA SHEILDS
PIETER VISSER
GEAN THYNE

ELSIE MAY SWINTON

OCTOBER

PERCIVAL DAVID McCONNON

MARRIAGES SEPTEMBER

RICHARD BRYCE ARNDELL YOUL
& ANN LOUISE HARDMAN

MICHAEL JAMES RATHMELL
& DIANNE MURIEL WHITFORD

OCTOBER

WAYNE MICHAEL ROBINSON
& ROSANNA TAURIAN

MOTHERS' UNION

Last month we held a very successful luncheon to raise money for Clarendon Children's Home.

About 70 people attended our soup, sandwich and slice lunch, and around \$350 was raised.

Our guest, Police Magistrate Mr Arnold Shott spoke on the problems arising when children come before the Courts and on domestic violence in Australia.

Our thanks to Mr Shott and to all who assisted with the Luncheon.

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov. 8, will be a Farewell to the IVEYS at 1 pm in the Parish Centre.

MOTHERS' UNION

Invite you and your friends to a Special Communion Service on Wed. December 20, 10.30 am

Please contact either Mrs JOAN BRROK (Pres.) on 31 5218 PENNY CARLYLE (Hon. Sec.) on 447163 if you require transport.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

FINAL TEA FOR 1989 will be on TUES 14th Nov. at 6.30 pm (later than the usual time).

SPECIAL LADIES NIGHT

"A Night with a difference - Life in a Rectory."

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

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

Next meeting will be on 13th Nov. at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

REMINDER: Nov 8th is our MORNING TEA and STALL, 10 am in the Parish Centre.

ALL WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Spring Garden Luncheon held at Mrs Stevenson's home was very successful, with more than \$600 being raised.

In place of the usual Christmas Dinner, members will meet at St John's at 12.15 on

Thurs Nov 16, to travel to Grindelwald for a lunch to wind up the year's activities.

