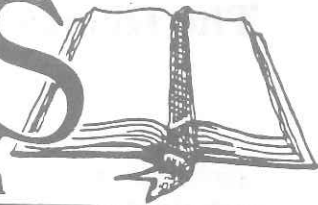


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



CONFIRMATION 1989

OCTOBER 1989

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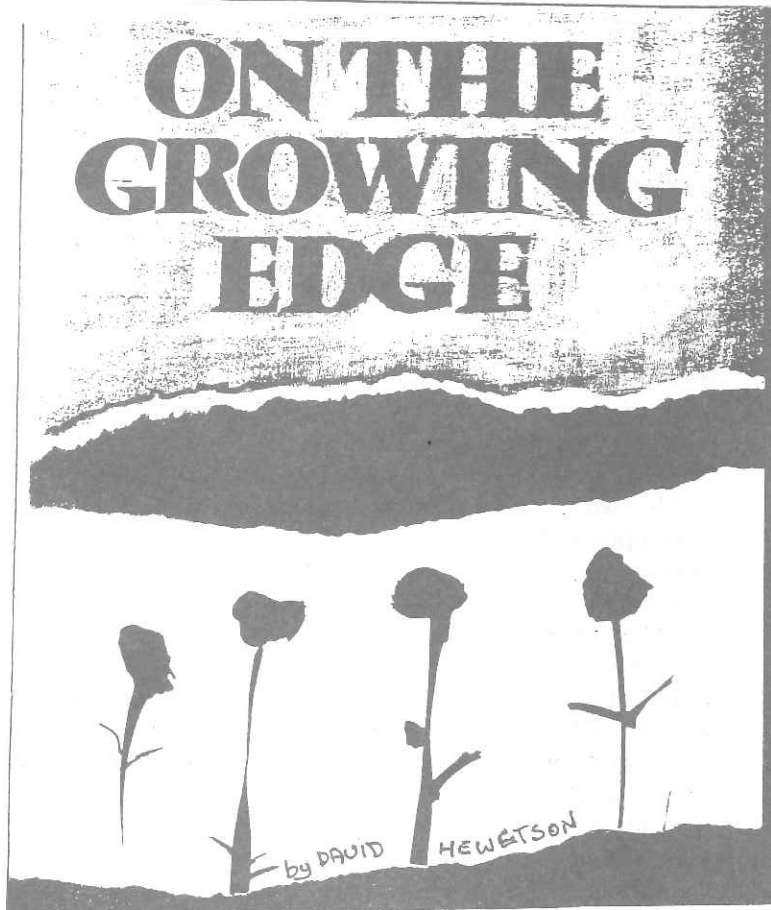
PARISH GROUPS

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



CONFIRMATION 1989

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 7 PM
BISHOP PHILLIP NEWELL.

*Please uphold in your prayers
those being prepared for this
important step of commitment -*

*Tanya Davidson
Yvonne Albers
Michelle Davis
Claire Plumridge
Tiffany Hardwick
Georgina Hardwick
David Ibbott
Rachel Ibbott
Natalie Ibbott*

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

The Rector Writes

SO WHAT'S NEW?

We don't know or we don't care - ignorance and inertia are the two wasting diseases which ravage the life of God's Church.

This is the reason we are engaging on an 'integrated teaching system' at St John's for the next few weeks.

The theme is "On the Growing Edge", and each Sunday's sermon is the introduction to the study which the various Faith and fellowship groups follow during the ensuing week.

All participants in this study program have their own booklet and work through it prior to their weekly group meeting. Each sermon will be recorded and will be available after the service for those who wish to borrow or buy.

The program will culminate in a 'weekend workshop' on Saturday November 11th, which will be followed by appropriate sermons on the Sunday. The whole idea came as a result of the Leaders' Meeting and discussions earlier in the year.

You will need to be part of it to benefit. You will need to be regular on Sunday or you will miss the logical teaching development. You will need to be in a group to experience the way others are working through the challenge, and of course you will experience the fellowship and prayer.

This could be a real turning point in the life of St John's if we are all involved.

Don't leave it to the few who know and care

Yours in Christ
JOHN A. BROOK.



Focus On

Confirmation

by Women & Di.

Confirmation is both a solemn and a joyous occasion - solemn as we stand before our mighty God and joyous in that we have come to a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ His Son.

This occasion affords the confirmeres the opportunity of publicly confirming their faith before the congregation of God's family.

It is to this end that a group of young people have been meeting on Sunday afternoons, seeking to know more of the Christian faith.

Fourteen sessions were held, during which time the confirmeres study the Lion manual by John Balchin, 'Know What Christians Believe' in conjunction with the Bible.

This book clearly represents the truth of the Gospel and the claims of Christ in a broken world. With its clear and attractive presentation, this is ideal an ideal book to share with a workmate or friend seeking to know more of the Christian faith.

Weekly classes are followed by a fellowship tea with the senior Youth group before attending the evening service. All of this helps to give an understanding of the Church and its functions, both spiritual and practical.

One special session will be devoted to instruction about the Prayer Book, with time out for prayer, reflection and discussion.

All this instruction will culminate in the rite of Confirmation which will be administered by Bishop Phillip Newell on Sunday October 22nd, at the 7 pm service.

Please uphold in your prayers those being prepared for this important step of commitment -

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WARREN AND DI FURY.

Meditation

LOOKING AT THE PSALMS

On 17th September 1989 A Festival of Psalms entitled "O COME LET US SING" was held in St John's. Our choir was joined by other members of the R.S.C.M. from Launceston, the North West Coast and Hobart for an afternoon practice and 5.30 p.m. service of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God through the words and music of the psalmists of many centuries. It was an occasion shared by many choristers and not so many in the congregation, but was nevertheless an inspirational offering.

The psalms cover every possible aspect of our needs, and are a source of great comfort and strength to many all through time and in many countries. Following are two of the prepared readings and a hymn from

"O COME LET US SING".

THE PSALMS

What is there necessary for man to know, which the Psalms are not able to teach? They are to beginners an easy and familiar introduction: a mighty augmentation of all virtue and knowledge in such as are entered before, a strong confirmation to the most perfect amongst others. Heroical magnanimity, exquisite justice, grave moderation, exact wisdom, repentance unfeigned, unwearyed patience, the mysteries of God, the sufferings of Christ, the terrors of wrath, the comforts of grace. the works of providence over this world, and the promise of joys of the world to come, all good necessarily to be either known or done or had, this one celestial fountain yieldeth.

Hooker's Ecclesiastical Policy

MARTIN LUTHER

If you are Martin Luther, you march. And Luther marched to some purpose. He was not, as a matter of fact, a saint, not a supernaturally good or well-tempered or charitable or brave person. He did lose his temper with his friends and fall out with his best supporters, he was capable of misunderstanding and impatience.

But he saw his duty and did it. Now and then it was too much for him, and there is a well-attested story that one day, in the Castle at Coburg, during the Diet of Augsburg, which was perhaps the most critical point the Reformation ever reached, he fainted from loss of sleep and overwork. When he regained consciousness the first thing he said to his anxious servant was "Come, let us defy the devil, and praise God by singing a hymn", and they sang together the original of this:

Out of the depths I cry to Thee,
Lord hear me, I implore Thee!
Bend down thy gracious ear to me,
Regard my prayer before thee!
If thou rememberest each misdeed,
If each should have his rightful
need,
Who may abide thy presence?

It is, of course, a paraphrase of Psalm 130, "Out of the deep have I called unto the, O Lord"; and if you think with Luther that the devil's work is to cut you off from the power and forgiveness of God and leave you self-made, self-supporting, self-sufficient and lonely, then to sing Psalm 130 like that is indeed to defy the devil. There is no self-pity here, only a longing to bring men back to communion to God in Christ.

Erik Routley: Hymns and Human Life

from PSALM 119

Lord, I have made thy word my choice, my lasting heritage; there shall my noblest powers rejoice, my warmest thoughts engage.

I'll read the histories of thy love, and keep thy laws in sight, while through thy promises I rove with ever-fresh delight.

'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown, where springs of life arise, seeds of immortal bliss are sown, and hidden glory lies.

ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748)

Puzzling GOD'S WORD

can you work out these puzzles? They all represent words from scripture + song.

E E H H THIRD DAY	GLORY TO GOD	N U S (O)	S U N
STONE 2	3	4	

ANSWERS: 1/ The corner stone that was rejected. 2/ On the third day he rose again. 3/ glory to God in the highest. 4/ from the rising of the son to the spinning down of the song the lords name is to be praised.

An Invitation

THE
LORD
IS
MY
ROCK

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



MOTHERS' UNION

Invite you and your friends to a Luncheon on Wednesday October 11 at 12 noon.

Guest Speaker:

MR ARNOLD SHOTT - Magistrate
Admission - \$5 per person to aid CLARENDON CHILDREN'S HOME.
Please contact either Mrs JOAN BRROK (President) on 31 5218 PENNY CARLYLE (Secretary) on 44 7163 if you will be attending.

The members of Mothers' Union would like to thank everyone who assisted with our Special Communion Service last month "Mothers' Union is especially concerned with Marriage and Family Life."

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

Next TEA will be on TUES 10th Oct. at 6 pm. Book early at the Parish Office for catering and a seat at the table.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

Next meeting will be on 9th Oct at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

REMINDER: November 8 is our MORNING TEA in the Parish centre.

Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesd. Godfrey, MacLaine and Richards. Mrs J. Tyson.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Invites all parishioners to A SPRING GARDEN LUNCHEON on Thursday October 19th at 12 noon at 180 Penquite Road, Norwood. For further details please contact any member of the Guild.

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: The October meeting will be held after this Luncheon.

Baptisms

BAPTISMS



JULY:

CALLUM LIAM CALDER-POTTS
CHRISTINE LINDA SHEPHERD
LISA MICHELLE RUFFIN
DARREN WAYNE DIPROSE
PATRICIA JANE SMITH
KARRYN MARIE SMITH
DOUGLAS GODFREY SMITH
RACHEL EMMA SMITH
MICHAEL KENNETH SMITH

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