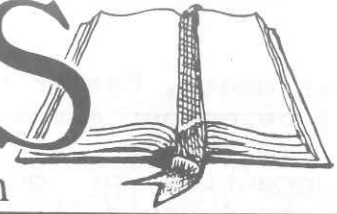


# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



EASTER

APRIL 1990

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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  
Thursday 4.30 - 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  
YFS 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 1.00pm 44 7163  
WOMEN'S GUILD  
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484  
GFS TOWNSEND  
4th Tuesday 9.45am 31 5279

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### PALM SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION  
10 A. M. FAMILY SERVICE  
CEBS & GFS CHURCH PARADE  
7 P. M. HOLY COMMUNION

### MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION

### TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION

### WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. MORNING PRAYER  
10 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION  
7.30 P. M. HOLY COMMUNION

### GOOD FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>

8 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION  
10 A. M. FAMILY SERVICE  
7 P. M. MUSIC & READINGS  
FOR THE PASSION

### EASTER SUNDAY

8 A. M. 10 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION  
7 P. M. SOUNDS OF PRAISE

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

This month, Easter will no doubt will be on our minds, a time when we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to write a few words concerning the resurrection, a central idea to our faith, as St. Paul writes,

" If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1Cor.15.17)

The story of Jesus resurrection is the basis of our own hope for a new life. But I often feel that we think about the resurrection wrongly, we see it as simply Jesus being made alive again, but the scriptures reveal so much more than that. Jesus did not simply come back from death (Lazareth was brought back from death (Jn 11.38-44) only to die again), but Jesus had passed all the way through death, as it were, and stood on the other side of death, transformed and changed. He had not been brought back to this life, but had passed through to a new life - where death no longer had any power over him. And He was transformed, for he had a new resurrected body, a body which apparently had some sort of tangibility and physical reality about it. (Lk. 24.34) But it wasn't simply Jesus's old body made alive, but a new and transformed body for he was changed from what he was before. Often his disciples did not recognise him (Lk 24.13-35, Mk 16.12-13, Jn 20.11-18), and not everyone who saw him believed it was him (Matt 28.17), and he walked into locked rooms and suddenly appeared to them (Lk 24.36, Jn 20.19-23). And his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene (Jn 20.11-18) certainly indicates that Jesus was transformed having passed through death. And so St. Paul explains this transformation that happens in resurrection by saying;

" What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is

sown in dishonor, it is raised in Glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. Thus it is written "The first man Adam became a living being, but the last man became a life giving spirit...."

(1Cor15.42-44)

And so the resurrection story is a story about being changed, it is about the transformation of this earthly life into another kind of life, a spiritual life, an eternal life and it is Jesus who is the pioneer of this faith and the first fruits of this change.

Jesus was able to do this not only because he was the son of God, but also because he was the only human being ever to live a life of absolute sinless obedience to God, which meant that death had no claim on him (Rom 6.23, Ja 1.15) and could not hold him, and so he passed through death to new life.

Now we who have been baptised have been united to the death and resurrection of Jesus. (Rom6.4-5) This means that we are spiritually bound to him so that his story becomes our story, his life becomes our life, and so we share in his death and in his resurrection. That's why Jesus was able to say;

"Truely , truely I say to you that the time is comming and NOW IS when the dead will hear the voice of the son of God and those who hear will live" (Jn 5.25)

There is a resurrection that happens NOW - the moment you hear and believe, you are raised from a spiritual death to a spiritual life. You are transformed and changed. The resurrection is not just something that happens after our life here on earth has finished, but it is also something that we can share in now by faith.

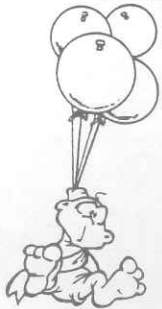
So as we share in this resurrection life now, may we nurture it and let it grow in us; for the end of this transformation is that we should be like Christ

in his resurrected glory (1Jn3.2)  
And that transformation has begun  
already.

So may the Lord bless you on  
your journeys of discovery and may  
your faith take you through death  
to discover new life more and more  
and may you continue to be  
changed, grow, and transformed  
into his glory.

Peace be with you.

*Paul Wood*



COME ALONE



OR ALTOGETHER TO AN

## ARCHDEACONRY YOUTH SERVICE

ST. AIDAN'S, EAST LAUNCESTON  
(Arthur Street)

SUNDAY, 22nd APRIL  
7.00 p.m.

Supper to follow, please bring a plate  
ALL INVITED - ALL AGES - RENEW FRIENDSHIPS  
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Sponsored by the Anglican  
Youth Synod Committee for  
Northern Tasmania



## MEALS ON WHEELS

St John's has been involved in this  
valuable community service for many years.

It has been said that weekend deliveries  
of the meals may be discontinued due to a  
rationalization of facilities at the  
L.G.H. This would terminate our parish  
contribution. However, a roster will be  
drawn up for the next 6 months in the hope  
that services will not be changed and a  
positive decision will be made to continue  
with the weekend deliveries. Watch out for  
the roster in the weekly pew sheet.

Please pray for the service of Meals on  
Wheels and the benefits for the  
recipients.

Valerie Murgatroyd.

## MOTHER'S UNION

Our Annual General Meeting was held on  
14<sup>th</sup> March, commencing with Holy Communion  
celebrated by the Revd John Brook. Three  
new members were admitted; Mrs Dawn  
Hindrum, Mrs Una Rowlings and Mrs Sylvia  
Joscelyn.

The following were elected to office;  
President - Mrs Joan Brook,

Vice President - Mrs Olva Harris,

Secretary - Mrs Marj Easter,

Treasurer - Mrs Dawn Hindrum,

Link Correspondent -

Mrs Tiny Kennedy,

Committee - Mesd. Mavis Smith,

Thelma Clark, Una Rowlings.

Reps to A.C.W. -

Miss Dulcie Butler, Mrs Mary Carter

Reps to M.U. Northern Archdeaconry

Executive - Mesd. Joan Brook and

Olva Harris.

A luncheon held during the year raised  
\$385.00 which we sent to the Clarendon  
Children's Home. Our members visit new  
Anglican mothers in the Q.V.H. and present  
them with a pair of booties and during the  
past year about 200 pairs of booties were  
given.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 a.m. This will  
be our next special Communion service  
followed by Morning Tea. Those in need of  
transport please ring Joan Brook, 31 5218  
or Marj Easter 31 5750. The next meeting  
of St John's M.U. will take place that day  
after the morning tea.

## St JOHN'S CHOIR

New choir members are needed for both  
Junior and Adult Choirs. The young people,  
aged from 8 years meet on Wednesdays at  
4.30 p.m. in the choir vestry. Adults meet  
there on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. There is  
a great need for gentlemen singers.

Our choir has been in existence since  
1840 when it was an all childrens choir  
and stood on the old west gallery beside  
the organ.

Over the years and generations there has  
been a strong sense of commitment from  
choir members providing an important part  
of our church's ministry. All singers will  
be welcomed.

COLLECT for  
GOOD FRIDAY

AAPB

Almighty Father, look graciously upon this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT for  
EASTER SUNDAY

AAPB

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory.

Amen.

THE MARCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

TODD ASHLEY PATTERSON

BROGAN KATE HOWIE

CHANING ROSE HOWIE

EBANY DOREEN ROSE HOWARD

LEE ALISON WESTWOOD

MARRIAGES

MERVYN WICKS & SUSAN GOODMAN

DAVID BUDGEON & SUSAN COLLINS

STEVEN LEVETT & ELIZABETH SNADDEN

CRAIG HELM & DEBBIE-ANN TUDOR

JOHN WHITAKER & SARAH GREEN

ROYCE WALTERS & STEPHANIE ROWBOTTOM

DWAYNE FITCH & VANITA LARSEN

SCOTT CURRAN & LEE WESTWOOD

A POEM (OR TWO)  
THANKFUL IN ALL THINGS!

I'm thankful Lord, for loving care,  
I'm thankful, too, for something more;  
I'm thankful, Lord, that I can bear  
The things that I'm not thankful for.

*[Written by Claire Sanford who was blind.]*

DIRTY DISHES!!

Thank God for dirty dishes,  
they have a tale to tell;  
while other folks go hungry,  
we're eating very well.  
With Home and Health and Happiness,  
we shouldn't want to fuss,  
for by this stack of evidence,  
God's very good to us.

*[from PATCHWORK, prepared for Christian Women's  
Communication Intl in Australia].*

!! ANNOUNCING !!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TEA

The next Tea will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1990 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The guest Speaker will be

ANNOUNCED IN THE PEW SHEET

Please communicate with the Parish Office now to ensure a place at the table. An attendance list is also kept in the narthex.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE

AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1990 in the Parish Centre at 2.30 p.m. The afternoon tea hostesses will be Mesdames J. Green and Philpott.

Our first Morning Tea and Stall will be on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1990. Everyone is welcome and please bring your friends.

THE EDITORIAL

COMMITTEE:

The editorial committee reminds parishioners that the deadline for the MAY issue is SUNDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> 1990. Please leave your items for publication at the Parish Office before that date.

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