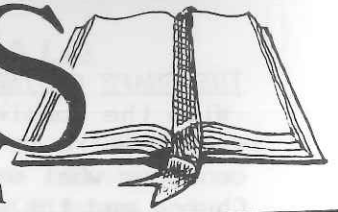


# GOOD NEWS



from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

CHURCH, PRAYER & WORSHIP AUGUST 1990

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## PARISH GROUPS

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771  
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  
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 1.00pm 44 7163  
WOMEN'S GUILD  
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484  
GFS TOWNSEND  
4th Tuesday 9.45am 31 5279

## NEW PRAYER BOOKS

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR  
HELP, PLEASE. AT OUR  
A. G. M. THE VESTRY PUT  
FORWARD THE PROPOSAL  
THAT 100 NEW COPIES OF  
'AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER  
BOOK' BE PURCHASED TO  
REPLACE OLD AND DAMAGED  
ONES. YOU ARE INVITED  
TO DONATE \$12, THE  
PRICE OF A NEW BOOK  
WITH A PLASTIC JACKET.  
THIS IS A SPECIAL BULK  
PRICE OFFERED TO ST  
JOHN'S THROUGH THE  
GENEROSITY OF THE CMS  
BOOKSTORE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
ASSIST, YOUR DONATION  
MAY BE LEFT AT THE  
PARISH OFFICE. BOOKS  
MAY BE GIVEN AS A  
MEMORIAL OR YOUR OWN  
NAME MAY BE INSERTED  
INSIDE. PLEASE INCLUDE  
THIS INFORMATION WITH  
YOUR DONATION.

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

THE SHAPE OF THE LITURGY

With the completion of the questionnaire we have an opportunity to consider what we really mean by the Church and the meaning of Worship. To this end, I would like to offer a few observations which may provoke further thought and discussion.

It is true that one reason for my suggestion that the Communion services held at 8 and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays be combined at 9 a.m. was because these congregations remain largely strangers. That is important, of course, though it needs to be followed by morning tea or breakfast, preferably the latter. But the main reason was so that we may participate more meaningfully in worship, to equip us as the one body in Christ for service in the world.

The word "communion" means fellowship, sharing with others, the opposite of separate, exclusive, private, individual. As Archbishop William Temple emphasised, there is no such thing as privatised Christianity, concerned chiefly with personal salvation.

In "What is the Church?" (SCM Press 1969) Victor de Waal, an Anglican priest, describes the service of Holy Communion, "The shape of the eucharist follows the pattern of the new covenant. The first half recalls the wonderful words of God in Christ, the second half expresses the churches response to God, blessing and praising him; in which the congregation signifies that its offering of itself as a living sacrifice, is only possible and acceptable by virtue of Jesus' own perfect self-offering and in union with Him". This of course echoes Paul's words in 1 Cor. 10 : 16-17.

This pattern which was that of the early church, as revealed in Scripture and in history, was unfortunately distorted during the Middle Ages, so that the meaning of the second half (the community response) was largely lost, and the worshippers came to be regarded only as individual spectators of a drama or exposition setting out the saving work of God. The Protestant reformers tended to take the process even further, with most attention devoted to Scripture and sermons and individual piety, so that communion became infrequent.

The true meaning has only recently been recovered. Indications of this may be found in our revised prayer book services, such as the substitution of "we" for "I" in the Nicene Creed and the Greeting of Peace.

But old habits and attitudes die hard and new ways of doing things may be needed to make the congregational participation easier and more evident. In many churches today, for instance, the Offertory (the second half, not just the "collection") begins with members of the congregation, together with the sidesmen, bringing the bread and wine and the collection (which is placed on the plate at the entrance before the service) up to the altar rail. The congregation can take part more fully if an outline of the service is printed in the pew sheet and also the words of any anthems to be sung by the choir.

These are but a few suggestions. No doubt there are many more waiting to be discovered and explored.

Arnold Neale

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NORTHERN ARCHDEACONRY  
ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
PLANS YEAR'S PROGRAMME.

THREE DATES FOR FORTH-COMING EVENTS WERE PLANNED AT A RECENT MEETING OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES HELD AT ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE.

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1990, A FELLOWSHIP DAY WILL BE HELD AT ST DAVID'S, RIVERSIDE. WE WILL GATHER AT 10 A.M. FOR MORNING TEA AND CANON IAN THOMAS WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION AT 10.30 A.M. THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL COMMENCE AT 1.15 P.M. AND WILL FEATURE TANYA MORITZ OF LIONS DRUG EDUCATION NETWORK. AFTERNOON TEA AFTER 2.30 WILL CONCLUDE THE DAY.

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1990. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR A QUIET DAY AT WESTBURY WITH THE REVD MAXWELL AND THE REVD CHRIS ARCHER

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1991, WILL BE A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP DAY AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONGFORD WITH THE REVD VINEY.

A. W. F. IS THE 'UMBRELLA' ORGANISATION FOR ALL ANGLICAN WOMEN AND THEREFORE ALL ANGLICAN WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THESE DATES.

TINY KENNEDY, SECRETARY  
33 DAVID STREET LAUNCESTON.  
PH. 31 1177

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1990/91

AT THE RECENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OUR PARISH, THE RECTOR AS CHAIRMAN, OUTLINED FOR THOSE PRESENT 10 VISIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR ST JOHN'S FOR 1990 AND BEYOND, THAT WE SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO DEVELOP WITHIN OUR PARISH ROUTINE. DISCUSS THESE AT YOUR NEXT GROUP MEETING, WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR WITH THE RECTOR. HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

\* \* THE 10 VISIONS AND STRATEGIES ARE: -

1. DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF BIBLE STUDY/FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS.
2. DEVELOP A PROGRAMME AND MINISTRY MORE ADEQUATE TO REACH YOUNG FAMILIES
3. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PRIMARY/INFANT SCRIPTURE CLASSES.
4. DEVELOP AN OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO YOUNG TEENAGERS AND BE INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTIAN OPTION PROGRAMME.
5. DEVELOP A HIGH PUBLIC PROFILE FOR ST JOHN'S IN MINISTRY TO TOURISTS, VISITORS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
6. DEVELOP OUR EXTENSION MINISTRIES TO NEW AREAS OR OTHER PARISHES REQUIRING ASSISTANCE.
7. WIDEN THE SCOPE OF OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE FOR OLDER SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PRESENT KLOMP CLUB PROGRAMME.
8. DEVELOP AND FURTHER INTERPRET THE TERTIARY STUDENT MINISTRY ON THE BASIS OF THE NEW INITIATIVES WHICH ARE UNDER WEIGH.
9. INCREASE OUR MINISTRY TO THE AGED AND ISOLATED MEMBERS OF ST JOHN'S CONGREGATION.
10. STEP UP OUR GOSPEL PRESENTATION PROGRAMMES THROUGH CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED.

A SPECIAL LETTER

MY DEAR FRIENDS AT ST JOHN'S,

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND VERY BEST WISHES TO ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY TO THE VERY KIND CONCERNED MEMBERS WHO HELPED ME IN VARIOUS WAYS DURING MY ENFORCED STAY 'INDOORS' DUE TO MY FALL WHICH INJURED MY RIGHT KNEE. THIS IS NOW IMPROVING THANKS TO GOD'S HEALING HANDS AND GOOD MEDICAL CARE AND MANY KIND FRIENDS.

I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON THIS FINE CARING COMMITTEE. WELL DONE! GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF OUR BELOVED HEAVENLY FATHER AND JESUS HIS LOVED RISEN SON, OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR. GOD AND JESUS EVER BLESS AND KEEP YOU ALL AT ST JOHN'S IN THEIR LOVING CARE.

JUDY HUGHES.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR 1989/90, THE AMOUNT OF \$450.00 HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE SOCIETY THROUGH THE BCA BOXES AND SPECIAL DONATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL BOX-HOLDERS AND INTERESTED PEOPLE WHO GAVE SO WILLINGLY TO THE WORK OF THE CHURCH IN OUTBACK AUSTRALIA.

CELIA HILL  
St John's BCA Box SECRETARY

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

ESTABLISHED BY SCRIPTURE UNION IN 1981. THIS PROGRAMME OFFERS PEOPLE IN NORTHERN TASMANIA, OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE TOGETHER IN A RANGE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE LED BY EXPERIENCED 'BUSHIES' WHO ARE CHRISTIANS. PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER WELL IN ADVANCE AS TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN TWO TRIPS THIS MONTH.

4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - LIFFEY BLUFF ROUND TRIP  
AN EXCELLENT MEDIUM GRADE WALK ABOVE THE LIFFEY FALLS.

CONTACT - GEORGE PRALL  
PH. [003] 44 5075.

VESTRY

THE PEOPLE'S ELECTED MEMBERS ARE: MESSRS DAVID PLUMRIDGE, BOB CLEARY, PAUL PHELPS, TONY CLAYTON, DON BLIZZARD AND MRS JANET STEVENSON.

THE RECTOR'S APPOINTEES ARE: MESSRS DAVID MORRIS, CHRISTOPHER IVEY AND ROBERT DEAVIN.

THE CHURCHWARDENS REMAIN AS LAST YEAR: MR JOHN ROBERTS - RECTOR'S WARDEN  
MR TERENCE BUTLER AND MRS JUDITH MOXON - PEOPLE'S WARDENS

WOMEN'S GUILD

A VERY SUCCESSFUL MORNING TEA AND STALL WAS HELD IN THE RECTORY ON 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE. A GRAND FLORAL FESTIVAL IS PLANNED FOR 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH MRS KATH FORD AS FESTIVAL SECRETARY.

A GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE ITEMS PLEASE KEEP THEM FOR THE SALE.

WATCH FOR FURTHER NOTICES ABOUT THESE EVENTS. S. LAWRENCE (SECRETARY).

**DEAR FRIENDS,**

DURING ONE OF THE EPISODES OF 'THE GOON SHOW', ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST MEMORABLE COMEDY SHOWS, THE TELEPHONE RANG - "WHO IS IT? WHO IS THERE? WHO IS SPEAKING?" AFTER A PAUSE A VOICE SAID - "YOU ARE SPEAKING."

WELL THAT SOUNDS LIKE SO MUCH OF OUR PRAYER LIFE, DOESN'T IT? WE ARE DOING THE SPEAKING AND SOMETIMES OUR PRAYERS ARE MORE LIKE SHOPPING LISTS THAN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SOURCE OF LIFE ITSELF.

NOW, ALTHOUGH IT IS RIGHT AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD BE EXPRESSING OUR INNERMOST AND DEEPEST CONCERNS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER - HOW OFTEN DO WE GIVE HIM THE TIME TO SPEAK TO US? HOW OFTEN ARE WE IN 'LISTENING MODE' INSTEAD OF 'TELLING MODE'? HOW OFTEN DO WE MAKE OURSELVES OPEN TO HIM TO TALK TO US? THERE ARE AS MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF LISTENING TO GOD AS THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AND EACH PERSON IS DIFFERENT AND MUST DISCOVER A WAY FOR HIM OR HERSELF. SOME PEOPLE USE SILENCE AND WAIT FOR THE 'STILL SMALL VOICE' WITHIN THEM TO PROD THEIR MINDS AND SPEAK TO THEM. SOME PEOPLE FIND PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE SUDDENLY BEING ILLUMINATED FOR THEM AS THEY READ. SOME FIND THAT GOD WILL SPEAK TO THEM WHILE THEY ARE SPEAKING TO HIM, SO THEY MIGHT SAY "AS I WAS PRAYING THIS MORNING I FOUND MYSELF PRAYING FOR SOMEONE THAT I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF FOR AGES", SO GOD HAD GUIDED THEIR WORDS TO PRAY FOR THE RIGHT THING. OTHERS FIND THAT GOD SPEAKS TO THEM AS THEY WRITE, MEDITATE OR REFLECT ON THINGS, PERHAPS DURING A WALK, A JOG OR DOING THE GARDEN.

THERE ARE MANY AND VARIED WAYS FOR US TO BE ALONE WITH GOD SO THAT HE MAY SPEAK TO US. BUT WE NEED TO SET TIME ASIDE TO BE ALONE WITH GOD SO THAT WE MAY NOT ONLY SPEAK TO HIM BUT ALSO LISTEN TO WHAT HE IS TELLING US IN OUR LIVES.

PRAYER IS AS BASIC FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES AS BREATHING IS FOR LIVING. LIKE BREATHING, THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO IT; EXPIRATION (BREATHE OUT), INSPIRATION (BREATHE IN). AS WE BREATHE OUT WE GET RID OF ALL THE UNWANTED GASES IN OUR BLOODSTREAM AND IN PRAYER WE EXPRESS ALL OUR DEEP HURTS, GRIEVANCES AND CONCERNS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. AS WE BREATHE IN WE INHALE FRESH AIR THAT GIVES US LIFE FOR OUR BODIES AND IN PRAYER WE ALLOW GOD'S SPIRIT TO FILL US WITH NEW LIFE AND DIRECTION AND THUS TO INSPIRE US.

PAUL TELLS US TO PRAY AT ALL TIMES AND ABOVE ALL ELSE THIS MEANS BEING OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO GOD WHETHER SPEAKING OR LISTENING TO HIM. OUR OPENNESS TO GOD WILL BE OUR BREATHING; WE WILL SPEAK AND WE WILL LISTEN AND SO WE WILL GROW HEALTHY IN OUR LIVES WITH HIM. IF WE ARE ALIVE WE WILL BE BREATHING AT ALL TIMES.

MAY THE PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

PAUL WOOD.

THE JULY REGISTER

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SHANNON JOEL BULLER  
SAMUEL JAMES PHIPS

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ELSA OLDING  
NINA GRIFFITHS

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ST JOHN'S  
WELFARE AUXILIARY

NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1990  
AT 2 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
HOSTESSES; MRS MILLEN AND MRS GEE.  
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MEALS ON WHEELS

COLLECTION OF ALL MEALS NOW AT L.G.H.  
12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1990

J. BALL, M. JANSSON R. DEAVIN,  
D. PLUMRIDGE, P. PHELPS, L. PHIPS,  
M. WING, A. NEALE, L. KNOWLES

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9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1990

H. BOURKE, J. GREEN/H. PITT, J. SMITH,  
J. PREECE, R. MANSFIELD, J. ROBERTS,  
V. MURGATROYD, M. WILLSON, M. PERKINS,  
J. STEVENSON.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TEA

THE GUEST SPEAKER AT MEN'S TEA WILL BE

JOHN TOWERS.

ON 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1990 AT 6 P.M. GENTLEMEN  
WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD ADVISE THE  
PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO  
BOOK A PLACE AT TABLE. THIS SHOULD  
PROVE A VERY INTERESTING GATHERING.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE  
DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE IS  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1990. PLEASE LEAVE  
ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE PARISH  
OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE.  
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