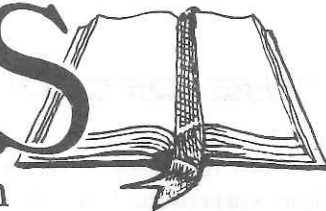


# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



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JULY 1990

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## PARISH GROUPS

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

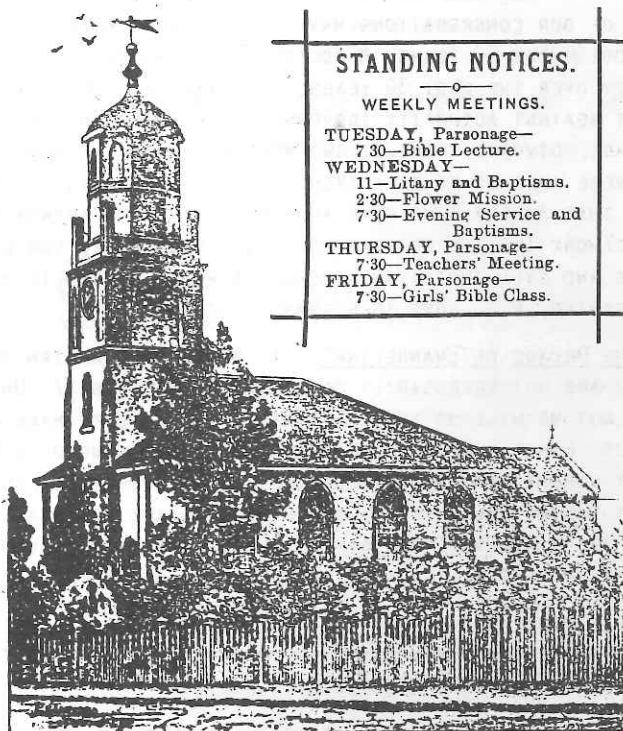
SUNDAY SCHOOL:  
10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771  
FAMILY SERVICE:  
10am, 2nd Sunday  
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:  
Sunday 5.00pm 272374  
SAM SINGLES & MARRIEDS  
Tuesday 7.30pm 44 8596  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
Thursday 4.30 - 5.30pm 31 1676  
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY:  
Wednesday 6.00pm 27 3883  
PLAY 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 11am 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

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## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Parish Messenger



### STANDING NOTICES.

#### WEEKLY MEETINGS.

TUESDAY, Parsonage—  
7.30—Bible Lecture.  
WEDNESDAY—  
11—Litany and Baptisms.  
2.30—Flower Mission.  
7.30—Evening Service and  
Baptisms.  
THURSDAY, Parsonage—  
7.30—Teachers' Meeting.  
FRIDAY, Parsonage—  
7.30—Girls' Bible Class.

No. 1. LAUNCESTON, 15th JUNE, 1892. 1/6 per annum.

R. G. NUGENT KELLY, M.A. (Oxon.), Incumbent.  
FRANK PARNALL, B.A. (Lond.), Curate.

MR. M. E. ROBINSON,  
MR. W. PERRIN,  
MR. E. WHITFIELD, } Churchwardens.

Vergers: W. F. PIKE, Charles-st.

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

"THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM"- WHO NEEDS IT?

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH WORLD-WIDE HAS DECLARED 1991-2000 TO BE "THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM". THIS MAY SOUND A BIT LIKE "THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF.....", WHERE WE BECOME A LITTLE MORE AWARE OF A PARTICULAR ISSUE AND MAY EVEN READ WITH INTEREST THE DEVELOPMENTS, BUT RARELY BECOME PERSONALLY INVOLVED.

WHY DO WE NEED A "THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM"? WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR AUSTRALIA AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR US INDIVIDUALLY?

AT A RECENT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CEBS, BISHOP JOHN REID OF SYDNEY SPOKE ABOUT "THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM". THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF HIS ADDRESS..

BACKGROUND: "THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM" WAS PROCLAIMED AT THE LAST LAMBETH CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS. THE PROCLAMATION WAS INFLUENCED IN PART BY A PRE-LAMBETH CONFERENCE OF ROMAN CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN CHARISMATICS. AT LAMBETH HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT WAS ENDORSED BY THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMISSION WHO RE-AFFIRMED THAT THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE CHURCH WAS TO EVANGELISE. FOR THE AFRICAN BISHOPS SUCH A STATEMENT WAS OBVIOUS. BISHOP REID SAID THAT IN THE LAST 28 YEARS IN THE DIOCESE OF TANZANIA A NEW CONGREGATION HAS BEEN FORMED EACH WEEK.!

AUSTRALIA: THE AUSTRALIAN SCENE HOWEVER, IS VERY DIFFERENT. BISHOP REID QUOTED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS -

1947	15%	OF AUSTRALIAN ANGLICANS	ATTENDED CHURCH	AT LEAST MONTHLY	= 1.14 MILLION
1957	10%	"	"	"	= 1.1 "
1987	4%	"	"	"	= 600,000

AND ON THIS SCALE THE PREDICTION WOULD BE THAT IN 2027 1% OF AUSTRALIAN ANGLICANS WILL BE ATTENDING CHURCH MONTHLY = 275,000.

MANY OF OUR CONGREGATIONS HAVE A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF THOSE OVER 50 YEARS OLD BUT A SMALLER ONE OF THOSE UNDER 50 YEARS. A SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS COULD POINT TO THE GREAT CHANGES IN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OVER THE LAST 30 YEARS; FOR EXAMPLE, THE SOCIAL REVOLUTIONS OF THE 1960s-70s, INCLUDING A REVOLT AGAINST AUTHORITY (GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, CHURCH); MULTI-CULTURALISM; CHANGES IN MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, FAMILY; AND MORE WOMEN IN THE WORK-FORCE. MANY CONGREGATIONS ARE 70% FEMALE BUT NOW THERE APPEARS TO BE A TREND FOR WOMEN ALSO TO BE DROPPING AWAY FROM THE CHURCH. BISHOP REID NOTED THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE AN ALMOST SCHIZOID APPROACH TO MORALITY; A DIVISION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC/WORK AND THE PRIVATE AREAS OF THEIR LIFE; FOR EXAMPLE, CORRUPTION AT WORK, WITH HIGH MORAL VALUES AND EVEN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP AT HOME; OR PUBLICLY CHRISTIAN AN PERSONALLY/PRIVATELY IMMORAL AND UNFORGIVING, E. G. SOME TELE-EVANGELISTS.

"THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM": 1. WE NEED TO AFFIRM THAT EVANGELISM IS THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE CHURCH AND NOT NECESSARILY CONFINED TO 10 YEARS. 2. UNLESS WE CHANGE OUR 'MIND-SET' AND THE WAY WE REACH OUT WE WILL NO LONGER EXIST. 3. WE NEED TO MAKE A START WITH THE "THE DECADE OF EVANGELISM" AS A FOCUS. FIRSTLY WE NEED TO PRAY, SECONDLY WE NEED TO THINK EVANGELISTICALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, DO OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP PATTERNS ENCOURAGE AND WELCOME THOSE SEARCHING FOR GOD? SOME ANGLICANS ACTUALLY RESIST HAVING NEW FOLK IN "THEIR CHURCH" AND ESPECIALLY IN "THEIR PEW". 4. WE NEED TO RECOGNISE THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE TOTALLY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH WHOSE 'MIND-SET' IS SECULAR AND WHO ALSO HAVE THE CONVICTION THAT RELIGION IS TOTALLY PRIVATE.

A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF AUSTRALIANS ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXISTENCE OF GOD BUT SEE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY AND THEIR OWN LIFE, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF LAW, JUSTICE AND POLITICS. HOWEVER AUSTRALIANS ARE VERY COMMITTED TO FAMILY.

5. WE NEED TO SEEK 'ENTRY POINTS' INTO OUR OWN SOCIETY WHERE WE CAN SHOW THE TRUTH AND INTEGRITY OF THE GOSPEL. ONE SUCH 'ENTRY POINT' COULD BE CATERING FOR FAMILIES IN OUR CHURCHES MORE ADEQUATELY. INDIVIDUALS IN THE CONGREGATIONS COULD BE INTERGRATING CHRIST INTO THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES IN A MORE OBVIOUS WAY. THE TRANSFORMED LIFE OF A LAY PERSON CAN COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL FAR MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN A VISITING CLERGYMAN. LAY PEOPLE NEED TO BE TRAINED TO ARTICULATE THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH NEEDS TO SHOW ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT IN PRACTICAL WAYS AS WELL AS CLEARLY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.

HERE IN LAUNCESTON WE NEED TO PRAY THROUGH, AND IMPLEMENT OUR OWN STRATEGIES FOR EVANGELISM, RECOGNISING THE URGENCY OF SHOWING JESUS TO PEOPLE IN SUCH A WAY THAT GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO

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RESPOND TO HIM. AS BISHOP REID SAID, EACH OF US CAN BEGIN TO "...BE A FRIEND, MAKE A FRIEND AND INTRODUCE OUR FRIEND TO JESUS."

AND WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 1991!

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES IN BISHOP REID'S ADDRESS INCLUDED;

- "WHO GOES WHERE? WHO DOESN'T CARE?" BY PETER KALDOR,
- "THE CHRISTIAN MIND" BY BLAIRMES,
- "THE OTHER SIDE OF 1984" AND FOOLISHNESS TO THE GREEKS" BY L. NEWBIGIN.

MATERIAL ON TRACING THE SECULAR WORLD VIEW FROM THE 'ENLIGHTENMENT TO TODAY' BY PETER BERGER, AND BOOKS BY OS GUINNESS.

DAVID HAYMAN,  
CHAPLAIN TO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

"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.

14<sup>th</sup> JULY - FAMILY WALK OVER THE ASBESTOS RANGE.

THIS TRIP OFFERS EASY WALKING FOR ALL THE FAMILY WITH BEAUTIFUL COASTAL SCENERY.

CONTACT - TED SHERRIFF  
PH. [003] 44 3379

28<sup>th</sup> JULY - BRING & SHARE TEA & SLIDE NIGHT,

AT THE NEWSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCH HALL. BRING A CASSEROLE OR SWEET DISH, PRINTS OR SLIDES TO SHARE OR JUST COME FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.

CONTACT - JANET HARVEY  
PH. [003] 44 2768

SO THAT CATERING MAY BE ARRANGED.

WE ASK THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT THE ADVICE AND DECISION OF LEADERS ON SUCH MATTERS AS YOUR SUITABILITY FOR ANY PARTICULAR WALK, SAFETY OR EQUIPMENT. IF YOU WISH FOR ANY ADVICE ON TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SAFETY OFFICER, GARY FITZALLEN [003] 32 1863

COLLECT

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, BY WHOSE PROVIDENCE YOUR SERVANT JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS WONDERFULLY BORN, AND SENT TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR YOUR SON OUR SAVIOUR, BY PREACHING REPENTANCE: GRANT THAT WE MAY TRULY REPENT ACCORDING TO HIS TEACHING, AND FOLLOWING HIS EXAMPLE MAY CONSTANTLY SPEAK THE TRUTH, BOLDLY REBUKE VICE, AND PATIENTLY SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH'S SAKE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN.

(CAAPB) BCP JOHN BAPTIST

ST JOHN'S

WELFARE AUXILIARY

AT THE RECENT ANNUAL MEETING THE FOLLOWING LADIES WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE;

- PRESIDENT, MRS DULCIE BUTLER
- SECRETARY, MRS PAT MURRAY
- TREASURER, MISS BETTY PARRAMORE

\* \* IMPORTANT \* \*

\* \* NO MEETING IN JULY \* \*

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1990

AT 2 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE HOSTESSES; MRS MILLEN AND MRS GEE.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

A SPECIAL WEEKEND WORKSHOP HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR AUGUST 1990; READ THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS.

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF 'GOOD NEWS' WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE 1991 BILL NEWMAN CRUSADE.

DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL MINISTRY AVAILABLE THROUGH OPERATION DOORKNOCK, AND THE CASSETTES OF SERMON SERIES.

!! NAME TAGS !!

DO YOU HAVE A NAME TAG?

DO YOU WEAR IT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAYS?

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS BY NAME?

HAVE YOU INTRODUCED YOURSELF TO A ST JOHN'S

VISITOR LATELY?

???????????

FITZGERALDS KEY-MAN DOES A LOVELY JOB FOR ONLY \$6.00

PARISH MEETING

THIS IMPORTANT GATHERING WAS HELD ON FRIDAY EVENING 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE IN THE PARISH CENTRE. WE SHOULD BLEND OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR RENEWED STRENGTH AND CO-OPERATION, INCREASED HUMILITY AND A DEEPER COMPASSION MIXED WITH CHRISTIAN LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING WITHIN OUR CLERGY AND VESTRY AND THE PARISH AS A WHOLE FAMILY AS WE START INTO THIS NEW FINANCIAL YEAR. THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS MADE AT THE MEETING WERE MADE WITH US ALL IN MIND AND FOR THE WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY.

DONATIONS TO 'GOOD NEWS'

THE VESTRY IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO EASE THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE PARISH MESSENGER 'GOOD NEWS'.

MRS PHILLIPS, MR T. HUME, MR A. THOLLAR, MRS J. HEBBINK, MRS THOMPSON, MRS ROACH, MRS J. GODFREY, MRS J. NICHOLS AND MRS G. COLLINS.

THE JUNE REGISTER

MARRIAGES

JOHN ROBERT CLEMENTS &  
JENNIFER LORRAINE MOORE

BURIALS

CYRIL JAMES MURRAY

MEALS ON WHEELS

10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1990

L.G.H. J. BALL, H. BOURKE, R. DEAVIN,  
J. GREEN/H. PITT, J. SMITH, M. PERKINS,  
J. STEVENSON, A. WHITTLE.

D. PLUMRIDGE, L. KNOWLES.

8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1990

L.G.H.B. EASTHER, W. BAXTER,  
A. CLAYTON, W. DONALDSON, S. PERKINS,  
J. PREECE, J. ROBERTS, D. SHELDRICK.  
M. WILLSON, G. WHEELDON.

WOMEN'S GUILD

A GRAND FLORAL FESTIVAL IS PLANNED FOR 19<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH MRS KATH FORD AS FESTIVAL SECRETARY. WATCH FOR FURTHER NOTICES ABOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL OCCASION. S. LAWRENCE (SECRETARY).

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TEA

THE GUEST SPEAKER AT MEN'S TEA WILL BE INSPECTOR MARK HINDRUM. 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.

CONFIRMATION

CLASSES

IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION, CLASSES ARE BEING HELD ON SUNDAYS, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEUSDAYS FOR ADULTS THOSE WISHING TO JOIN EITHER GROUPS SHOULD COMMUNICATE TODAY WITH THE PARISH OFFICE, 31 4896, OR WITH REVD PAUL WOOD, 31 4566, WHO WILL LEAD THE CLASSES.

CONFIRMATION IS A MOST IMPORTANT COMMITMENT AND FOR MOST YOUNG PEOPLE MEANS TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BAPTISMAL PROMISES MADE BY THEIR FAMILIES. PARISHIONERS ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR THE CLASSES AND ALL WHO TAKE PART IN THEM. WHEN THE DAY OF THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE COMES AROUND IN OCTOBER WE WILL ALL BE INVITED TO SHOW OUR PRAYERFUL SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THAT SERVICE.

PRAYER & PRAISE

DO YOU FIND THE PRAYER AND PRAISE IN THE WEEKLY PEW SHEET USEFUL? WHEN THIS FEATURE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED, ONE OF OUR CLERGYMEN WROTE IT, BUT FROM THE START OF THIS YEAR TWO OF OUR PARISHIONERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS TASK. THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN JOINED BY ANOTHER WRITER.

REVD DAVID HAYMAN CONTINUES TO WRITE THE WEDNESDAY PRAYER AS THIS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY SET ASIDE FOR HIM AS CHAPLAIN TO THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE IS SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1990. PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE.