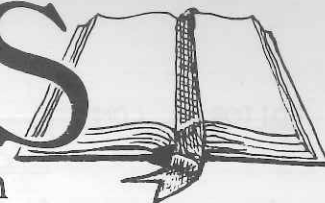


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

JUNE 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



!! MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT !!

Miss Georgina Stott will join the staff of St. John's from mid-June to do evangelistic and pastoral work with students in the City's Tertiary Institutions. This is a five-month project supported from the evangelistic segment of the Parish budget. Georgina will be working with David in the ministry to students during the week and providing counselling services for students in hostel situations. This is an exciting development when an experienced Missionary can be deployed in her home country in a strategic area for a limited period, it fits squarely into our concepts of what the Decade of Evangelism and Partners in Mission is all about. Pray for Georgina and introduce yourself when you next see her on Sunday. At the moment she is concluding her WEC deputation programme and she will be residing at the WEC College. We are grateful to WEC for their contribution to this ministry by making Georgina available and providing accommodation.

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

"OUR PARISH MINISTRY"

IT WAS WRITTEN OF ST JOHN'S NOT SO LONG AGO THAT OUR CHURCH IS "... UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PARISH CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA AND POSSESSES AN EQUALLY NOTED PIPE ORGAN." THE WRITER, A CLERGYMAN, REMINDS US THAT WE SHOULD BE DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE PRIVILEGES WE ENJOY AND SHOULD EXPRESS OUR DELIGHT WHEN OTHERS COME TO SHARE OUR RICH HERITAGE.

HE WROTE THAT WE SHOULD "... OPEN OURSELVES TO THE BEAUTY OF THE SOARING ARCHES IN MELLOWED STONE, THE SUPURB CARVING BY LOCAL CRAFTSMEN AND THE ELOQUENT TESTIMONY OF STAINED GLASS ALL CARESSSED AS THEY ARE BY NOTES OF PRAISE REVERBERATING FROM THE SPECTACULAR DOME."

ST JOHN'S IS A SITE WHERE THE GLORIOUS NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US ALL REVEALED IN THE PERSON OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED SINCE 1825. THE PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF COUNTLESS PEOPLE HAVE BESTOWED UPON THIS PLACE A PEACE WHICH CAN LITERALLY BE FELT. THE WRITER INVITES US ALL WHO WALK OUT FROM ST JOHN'S TO DO SO "... WITH FAITH KINDLED AND HOPES LIFTED, AND WITH A NEW VISION OF HIM FOR WHOM OUR FORBEARS BUILT AND WHO IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOR EVER."

BUT THE RICH HERITAGE THAT IS ST JOHN'S IS FAR GREATER THAN SOARING ARCHES AND DOME. INDEED IT IS THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO PRAISE OUR LORD BRINGING THEIR PRAYERS, GRIEFS AND JOYS INTO HIS PRESENCE. THEIR DESIGNS AND DESIRES HAVE WROUGHT A RICH SPIRITUAL HERITAGE THAT CAN BE NIETHER DENIED NOR ALTERED.

FROM ONE SERVICE EACH SUNDAY BACK IN 1825, ST JOHN'S HAS GROWN TO THREE SERVICES ON THAT HOLY DAY WITH ANOTHER EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING AND SOME SAINTS' DAYS AND DAILY OFFICE OR HOLY COMMUNION VERY EARLY EACH WEEK DAY.

OVER THE YEARS ST JOHN'S HAS PROVIDED THROUGH ITS PEOPLE A VAST AND EXCITING SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL OUT-POURING FOR ITS OWN FAMILY AND FOR THOSE WHO PAUSE AWHILE. THROUGH THE YEARS THERE HAVE EXISTED MANY GROUPS WHICH PROVIDE FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP AND COMFORT WITH EACH OTHER IN GOD'S GREAT LOVE.

OF THESE GROUPS THE OLDEST WOULD BE THE CHURCHWARDENS AND THE CHOIR. THE WARDENS, ONCE NUMBERING TWO, SOMETIMES FOUR AND NOW THREE, HAVE ATTENDED TO THE PRACTICAL MATTERS OF BUILDINGS, PROPERTY AND THE CREATURE COMFORTS OF PARISHIONERS. IN THE LAST FIFTY YEARS THEIR DUTIES HAVE BEEN AIDED BY THE VESTRY. THE CHOIR HAS EVER SOUGHT TO UPLIFT COMFORT AND INSPIRE THROUGH THE GIFT OF MUSIC.

A CATCHIST AT FIRST SUPPLIED MUCH ASSISTANCE AND WAS THE FORERUNNER IN OFFICE TO THE LAY READERS IN THE CONDUCT OF DEVINE SERVICE AND THE SIDESMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER THE DUTIES OF THE PEW-OPENERS. SOME MORE RECENT ADDITIONS IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN THE PEOPLE ON THE "READER'S ROSTER", WHO READ EACH BIBLE LESSON FOR US AND THEN THERE ARE THE SERVERS; YOUNG PEOPLE, COMMUNICANTS, WHO ASSIST AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP HAVE BROUGHT A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S WORD TO YOUNG AND OLD; EVEN TO THE VERY SMALLEST OF US WHO HAVE LEARNT AT SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT "JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW." WE MEET TOGETHER IN MANY OTHER GROUPS OF FELLOWSHIP, MEN'S TEA, SUNDAY BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, PARISH FAMILY DAYS AND CAMPS, YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AND JYFS.

OUR VERY SMALLEST PARISHIONERS MEET FOR PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY MORNING BRINGING THEIR MOTHERS TOGETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY. ON SUNDAYS THE SMALL ONES MAY ENJOY TIME SPENT IN THE 10 A.M. CRECHE.

AS GENERATIONS HAVE GROWN OLDER, CEBS AND GFS [BOTH PART OF WORLD-WIDE ORGANISATIONS] HAVE PROVIDED A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES CENTRED AROUND BIBLE STUDY, HOBBIES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, MUSIC, HEALTH AND HYGENE WITH THE INTENTION OF BINDING YOUNG PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR CHRIST. AN EXTENTION OF GFS IS THE TOWNSEND GROUP FOR MORE MATURE GIRLS.

ALL AROUND IN ST JOHN'S THERE ARE EXPRESSIONS OF GOD'S GREATNESS; THE FLOWERS SO BEAUTIFULLY ARRANGED BY THE FLOWERS GUILD, THE RADIANT GLEAM OF POLISHED BRASS, THE PRAYER OFFERED IN A WELL-SUNG HYMN AND THE WARMTH IN GREETING - "PEACE BE WITH YOU!"

A NEW AND IMPORTANT FIELD THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED LATELY IS THE MINISTRY TO TERTIARY STUDENTS IN LAUNCESTON, WHICH DEALS ESPECIALLY WITH STUDENTS LIVING AWAY FROM HOME. THE MOTHERS' UNION AND THE WOMEN'S GUILD PROVIDE PRAYER SUPPORT AND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE IN AND OUT OF THE PARISH. THEIR WORK IS OFTEN UNSEEN AND PASSES SOMETIMES UNREWARDED EXCEPT BY THE LOVE OF OUR LORD.

FROM WITHIN THE PARISH FAMILY COMES THE KLOMP CLUB, REACHING OUT INTO THE WIDER COMMUNITY INTRODUCING YOUNG CHILDREN TO MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH FELLOWSHIP, BIBLE STORIES, MUSIC, FILMS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE PARTIALLY DEAF, IMPARED OF SIGHT, THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND OF THE PARISH ARE CARED FOR THROUGH THE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE OF SOUND REINFORCING EQUIPMENT, LARGE-PRINT SERVICE BOOKS, THE PARISH LENDING LIBRARY, HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITING WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND TRANSPORT TO CHURCH. PARISHIONERS ALSO TAKE A MONTHLY TURN AT MEALS ON WHEELS.

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AT ST JOHN'S ALL THIS IS UNITED UNDER THE SUPPLE LEADERSHIP OF THE CLERGYMEN, WITHOUT WHOM, ALL THAT IS STRONG AND FAITHFUL IN ST JOHN'S WOULD CRUMBLE AND BE LESS THAN OUR LORD DEMANDS. THEIR GUIDING HAND UPON OUR FAITH AND OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES, THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORD OF GOD AND THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST ENCOURAGE AND UPHOLD US ALL DAILY.

ALL THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH.

HAVE YOU A SET OF WEEKLY ENVELOPES?

IF NOT, PLEASE CONTACT MR MAX EASTER! PH 31 4896 (PH 31 5750)

MISS KIDDLE'S PARTY

THE AFTERNOON WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS AND THE TOWNSEND GIRLS DID A MARVELOUS JOB. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PARISH FAMILY FILLED THE AFTERNOON AND IT WAS JUST GREAT TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE THERE. AS MANY OF THE KIDDLE FAMILY AS COULD BE GATHERED TOGETHER WERE PRESENT AND SOME ST JOHN AMBULANCE MEMBERS CAME ALONG IN UNIFORM.

OUR RECTOR TOOK THE FLOOR AS M.C. AND KEPT THE PROGRAMME FLOWING NICELY. THERE WERE THREE MUSICAL ITEMS FROM THE CHOIR, MR BILL PIERCE AND MISS JENNY GILL. MR MAX EASTER SPOKE ABOUT HIS FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MISS KIDDLE AND HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH HER OVER THE MANY YEARS. THERE WAS A DELICIOUS BIRTHDAY CAKE AND A LOVELY BOUQUET OF FLOWERS WAS PRESENTED BY MRS MARGE EASTER. A LOVELY AFTERNOON TEA WAS SERVED.

IT WAS A SPLENDID WAY TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY AND TO GIVE THANKS FOR A LONG LIFE OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO ST JOHN'S BY MISS KIDDLE AND ALL THE FAMILY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MISS KIDDLE !

OPEN LETTER

TO THE VESTRY

DEAR FELLOW-HEIRS IN CHRIST,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED IN OUR RECENT WEEKEND AT CAMP CLAYTON AND ALL THOSE OF YOU WHO SUPPORTED IT.

IF WE ARE TALKING OF NUMBERS, THERE WERE LESS THERE. BUT IN QUALITY AND SUBSTANCE, AS A PARISHIONER OF ABOUT TWELVE YEARS AND ALSO AS A MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ATTENDER OF THE ANNUAL FAMILY CAMPS, TO ME THIS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND ENJOYABLE IN SPITE OF COLD AND WET WEATHER.

WE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED THE LEADERSHIP AND VERY SIMPLE APPROACH TO THE TOPIC SET FOR THE CAMP, "ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS" BY NEVILLE NEWETT AND ROGER HESQUETH FROM ULVERSTONE. THEY TREATED IT WITH DUE REVERENCE AND LOVE AND WITH A VERY REAL RELIANCE ON THE BIBLE AS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY HOW VERY MUCH WE APPRECIATED THE PART OF ROBERT DEAVIN IN HIS MINISTRY OF MUSIC WHICH DID A GREAT DEAL TO ANIMATE AND INSPIRE OUR FELLOWSHIP. WE ALSO ENJOYED HIS PART AS IMPROMPTU MASTER OF CEREMONIES IN THE MORE "FUN" ASPECTS OF THE CAMP.

BEFORE CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND OUR CURATE, PAUL, FOR THE VERY ABLE WAY IN WHICH HE GUIDED US THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.

IN ALL IT WAS A TIME OF CARING AND SHARING IN THE WONDERFUL RICHES OF CHRIST.

YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS VICKI RIETTE.

!! 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



!! NAME TAGS !!

**1990 ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING**

FRIDAY 29th JUNE AT 7.30 P.M.

IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

THIS IS YOUR MEETING.

**AT THIS MEETING THE OPPORTUNITY IS
OFFERED TO YOU TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER
OF THE ST JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY LIFE;
TO EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT AND CONCERNS
FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION.
COME AND BE WITH US
AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME !!**

DONATIONS TO 'GOOD NEWS'

THE VESTRY IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO
THE FOLLOWING NAMED PEOPLE 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 APRIL REGISTER

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SARAH MARY SHERMAN
ERIC JAMES O'CONNOR
BRONWYN MARREE JONES
LAURA LOUISE ELLIOTT

BURIALS

BRIAN FRANK BUTLER
BERYL FLORENCE MERRINGTON
ATHOL ALFORD
DAVID TAYLOR

**MEALS ON WHEELS
10th JUNE 1990**

L.G.H. J. BALL, H. BOURKE, R. DEAVIN,
J. STEVENSON, M. PERKINS, J. SMITH,
J. GREEN/H. PITT, A. WHITTLE.
Q.V.H. D. PLUMRIDGE, L. KNOWLES.

LENTEN SERMONS

IF YOU ENJOYED THIS SERIES OF
SERMONS OR IF YOU MISSED IT, CASSETTES
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH
LIBRARY FOR YOU TO CATCH UP ON THIS
EXCELLENT SERIES. THERE ARE MANY
OTHER THINGS AVAILABLE FROM THE
LIBRARY. HAVE YOU HAD A LOOK LATELY?

B.C.A. Box Secretary - Mrs. Celia Hill



IN PREPARATION FOR THIS YEAR'S
CONFIRMATION, CLASSES WILL BEGIN IN A
FEW WEEKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING
SECOND YEAR AT HIGH SCHOOL (GRADE 8)
AND ABOVE. ADULT CLASSES WILL BE
CONDUCTED ALSO AND THOSE WISHING TO
JOIN EITHER GROUPS SHOULD COMMUNICATE
WITH THE PARISH OFFICE, 31 4896, OR
WITH REVD PAUL WOOD, 31 4566. HE WILL
BE TAKING 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD ON 17th MAY
1990. TWO NEW MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED;
MRS BEV GIBB AND MRS LORNA PIESSE. ALL
RETIRING OFFICE-BEARERS WERE RE-
ELECTED:

PRESIDENT - MRS DULCIE BUTLER,
SECRETARY - MRS SHIRLEY LAWRENCE,
TREASURER - MISS BETTY PARRAMORE.

A GRAND FLORAL FESTIVAL IS PLANNED FOR
19th-23rd SEPTEMBER 1990 WITH MRS KATH
FORD AS FESTIVAL SECRETARY. WATCH FOR
FURTHER NOTICES ABOUT THIS OCCASION.

IN THE MEAN TIME WE ARE HAVING A
SPECIAL "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" MORNING
TEA IN THE RECTORY ON 21st JUNE 1990 AT
10.30 A.M. THERE WILL BE A TRADE TABLE
AND ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.

S. LAWRENCE (SECRETARY).

EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE
JULY ISSUE IS SUNDAY 17th JUNE 1990.
PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT
THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE 'CHURCH NEWS'