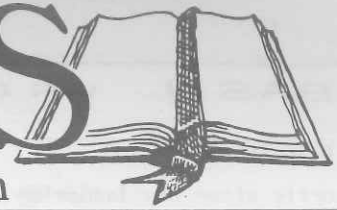


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



LENT

MARCH 1990

DIRECTORY

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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
JYFS YOUTH GROUP
Friday 7.30pm 31 2048
IRISH 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

LENTEN SERVICES FOR MARCH

THIS SPECIAL
SEASON OF THE
CHURCH'S YEAR
STARTED WITH
ASH WEDNESDAY
[28TH FEBRUARY].

SERMONS AT THE
10.30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

SERVICES WILL
BE BASED ON

REVELATIONS

CHAPTS 2 AND 3.

SERMONS AT THE
8 AND 10 A.M.

FOR THE SIX

SUNDAYS OF LENT

WILL BE ON THE
EPISTLE TO THE

ROMANS CHAPTERS

1 & 8.

SERMONS AT THE
7 P.M. SERVICES

WILL BE ON THE
EPISTLE TO THE

EPHESIANS.

CASSETTES WILL
BE AVAILABE.

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

BASIL WRITES

DEAR FRIENDS,

Shortly after his Induction in 1987, Revd. John Brook began to look at visitation as a means of evangelism at St. John's. Some questions needed to be answered. How many homes in the parish area? How many residents had active, or nominal connections with St. John's or the Anglican church? Could the church, by contacting each home, make known its concern for the spiritual, and indeed practical welfare, of residents? John looked around for willing parishioners with a desire to reach out with the gospel, and under the leadership of the Pastoral Committee, Operation Doorknock began in November of that year.

After obtaining a map of the parish area and a list of known residents with St. John's connections, the fifteen or so original volunteers set off in pairs to knock on doors in allocated areas which should have been about a hundred doors each, but in some cases turned out to be nearly double that amount! About 1000 homes were visited that time, with over twenty referrals for follow-up visits by clergy. The approach at people's front doors was to introduce one's self as a visitor from St. John's Church (a name card with a picture of the church helped greatly), and to ask about previous church connections, whether the resident was actively involved in a church, and whether St. John's could offer them practical help or explanation of the Christian faith. Volunteers did not need special training, as the weightier theological issues could be dealt with by a follow-up clergy visit.

Most of those involved in the initial visitation were very much encouraged by the response, especially by positive remarks from active members of other denominations. Hostile receptions were few. Some volunteers felt that they were not really suited to door to door work, and declined further assignments, but others have continued the work on a smaller scale in 1988 and 1989. By late 1989, the whole parish area had been visited once (excepting homes which did not answer doors), and the information gathered, along with that from Christmas and Easter letterbox drops, has established the size of the parish at 2000 homes.

Information from each of the 19 "territories" within the parish area has been recorded on a computer, so assignments can now be prepared at short notice for further visitation, and even at the time of writing, three volunteers have maps, recording sheets, lists of addresses etc. to enable them to spend a couple of hours occasionally to continue this important work.

What has been the impact? There are active members of St. John's today who were reached with the gospel by Operation Doorknock. A great many people in the community are aware that the church is active, and cares enough to visit them. Some have been able to share hurts and grievances about the church, and have been encouraged that these can be resolved, and that we, God's people, are there to help them. And finally, along with all the other means of evangelism being exercised by St. John's parishioners, disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ have been able to go out in His name, carrying out His great commission to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world.

BASIL.

THE REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY

BAPTISMS

AMANDA JANE SUMMERS
ANDREW PHILLIP MACE
BRADLEY LIONEL MOORE

MARRIAGES

DALE SPEERS & JEANETTE SCHELL
COLIN LOCKHART & LISA BATTEN

BURIALS

DOUGLAS ALBERT WALKER THORP
JAMES HENRY LLOYD-WEBB
ETHEL MAY SHAW
KEVIN FRANCIS BARRETT

Launceston CITY MISSION

THIS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1854 AND IS RUN ON THE LINES OF A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ORGANISATION, WORKING CHIEFLY AMONG THE URBAN POOR. WE PRESENT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND WE SEEK TO ALLEVIATE THE SYMPTOMS OF POVERTY AND DISTRESS WHEREVER POSSIBLE BY ASSISTING WITH FOOD, CLOTHING, COUNSELLING, ACCOMMODATION, FURNITURE BEDDING AND MID-DAY MEALS. WE SEEK TO COMPLEMENT AND SERVE THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, AND WE WILL ADOPT PROGRAMMES THAT WILL EFFECT THESE GOALS.

THE MISSION AS FROM JANUARY 1990, IS NOW A FULLY INCORPORATED BODY AND IN APRIL 1889 THE "NORTHERN MEN'S HOUSING ASSOCIATION" WAS AMALGAMATED INTO THE MISSION STRUCTURE.

I HAVE NOW BEEN AT THE MISSION FOR 18 MONTHS AND AM ENJOYING WHAT I AM DOING. ONE POINT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IS OUR SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS WITH STICKABILITY. WE URGENTLY REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. SALVAGE AREA; TRUCK OFFSIDERS AND PEOPLE TO HELP IN THE GOODS RECEIVING SECTION.
2. CARPENTERS AND JOINERS AND/OR VERSATILE HANDYMEN.
3. KITCHEN HANDS; HELPING TO PREPARE AND SERVE OUR MID-DAY MEAL.
4. SHOP ASSISTANTS.
5. ELECTRICAL GOODS DEPOT (SMALL REPAIRS AND CHECKING).
6. FURNITURE REPAIR.

IF YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF WHERE THE MISSION DEPOTS ARE SITUATED REFER TO THE MAP, ASK DON BLIZZARD FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PICK UP A LEAFLET FROM THE NARTHEX IN ST JOHN'S.

YOURS IN "HIS" SERVICE,
DON BLIZZARD.

PRAYER FOR LENT

FATHER, HELP US TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF YOUR DEAR SON'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION, AND TEACH US TO REFLECT IT IN OUR LIVES. GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOR EVER AND EVER.

AMEN.

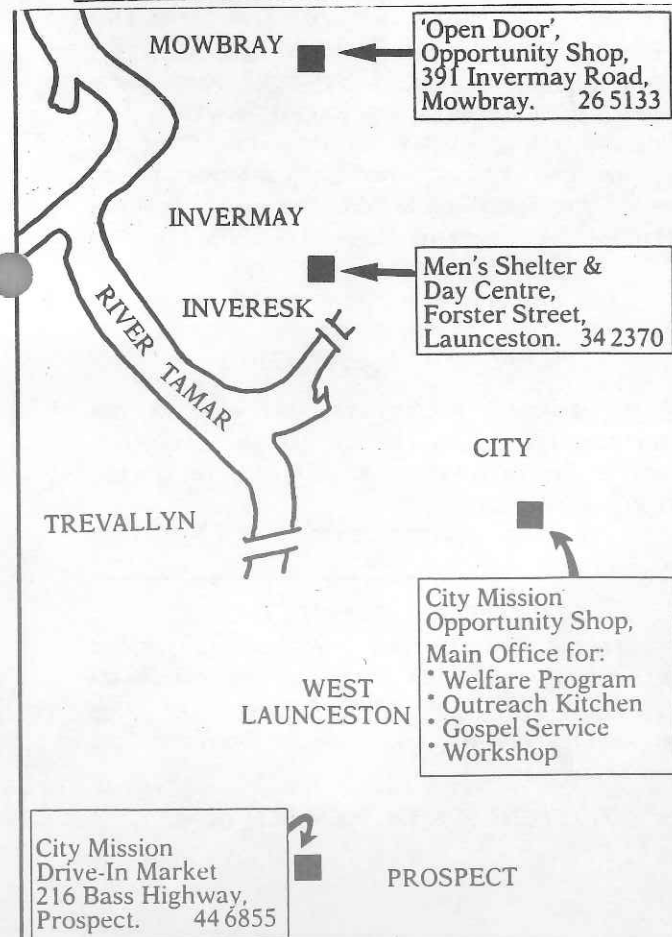
C. E. B. S.

THE YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE ANGLICAN BOYS' SOCIETY ARE COLLECTING PHOTOS, PROGRAMMES, NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS MEMORIES AND MEMORABILIA CONCERNING C.E.B.S. AT ST JOHN'S. THIS COLLECTION IS BEING MADE TO SET UP A RECORD OF THE BRANCH, SCRAPBOOKS AND SPOKEN RECORDS WHICH CAN BE WRITTEN DOWN.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE IN

C. E. B. S.

PLEASE CONTACT GLENN CLARK 31 8996, OR LEAVE YOUR COLLECTABLES AT THE PARISH OFFICE.



ST JOHN'S WEEKEND CAMP AT ULVERSTONE

WITH THE REVD NEVILLE NEWETT AND TEAM.

Alive in the Faith

- * ALIVE TO GOD IN JESUS CHRIST
- * ALIVE IN SWIMMING AGAINST THE TIDE
- * ALIVE IN SERVICE
- * ALIVE IN FELLOWSHIP
- * ALIVE IN WORSHIP

OUR VENUE CAMP CLAYTON OFFERS COMFORTABLE HOTEL-TYPE UNITS (AND THE VILLA) IN A RURAL SETTING CLOSE TO THE BEACH.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, EXCELLENT MEALS PROVIDED FOR US AND A MINIMUM OF CHORES.

CHARGES ARE MODERATE AND YOU CAN PAY IN ADVANCE IF CONVENIENT. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. CAMP COMMENCES FRIDAY EVENING AND CONCLUDES WITH SUNDAY LUNCH.

RETIREMENT

It is with a real sense of loss that we report the retirement of Mr. Bruce Proverbs, after many years as a Lay Reader of St. John's. Bruce has had a long and distinguished career as a senior Lay Reader with wide experience and will be sadly missed, both at St. John's and the Diocese as a whole. He has taken a leading role in many Lay Readers' Conferences and Retreats and more recently, has given valuable assistance in the Parishes of St. Leonard's and St. George's. Many will miss his distinctive sermons with their combination of dry humour and simple direct Christian messages. We wish Bruce every blessing for a long and happy retirement.

!! ANNOUNCING !!

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ANGLICARE CO-ORDINATORS, JENNY IVEY AND NELL CUTHBERTSON WILL BE THE AFTERNOON SPEAKERS WHEN THE A.W.F. NORHTERN BRANCH MEETS AT SCOTTSDALE ON THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 1990.

A BUS WILL BE LEAVING THE CHURCH OF ST MARK ON THE HILL AT 8 A.M. SHARP WITH PICK-UPS ON THE WAY AS REQUESTED. = CONTACT BEV BLIZZARD 98 2463 OR TINY KENNEDY 31 1177 NO LATER THAN MONDAY 19TH MARCH 1990.

ST BARNABAS' CHURCH LADIES WILL BE HOSTESSES FOR MORNING TEA AT 10 A.M.

HOLY COMMUNION WILL FOLLOW WITH THE RECTOR, THE REVD ALAN BULMAN, OFFICIATING. THE MORNING ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE REVD BRIAN MATTINGLY.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12.15 P.M. AND EVERYONE PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.

AFTERNOON TEA WILL CONCLUDE THE EVENT-FILLED DAY. LADIES COME AND JOIN US.

MOTHERS' UNION

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH AT 1 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE. IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE RING EITHER JOAN BROOK, (PRES.) 31 5218 OR PENNY CARLYLE, (HON. SEC.) 44 7163.

14TH MARCH HOLY COMMUNION AND ADMITTANCE SERVICE FOR NEW MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

WOMEN'S GUILD

THERE WAS A VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE AT THE FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR. THE GUILD CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT ST JOHN'S ON 20TH MARCH 1990.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 1990 AT 2 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

PLAY GROUP

WEE ONES AND THEIR MOTHERS (AND ANY FATHERS) WILL MEET AGAIN ON THURSDAY MORNING 1ST MARCH 1990.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

THE NEXT TEA WILL BE ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 1990 AT 6 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

BOOK AT THE PARISH OFFICE NOW TO ENSURE A PLACE AT THE TABLE.

MEALS ON WHEELS

MARCH 11TH 1990

LGH: BOURKE, J GREEN/H PITT, N WHITTLE,
M PERKINS, J SMITH, D SHELDRIK, R DEAVIN,
D PLUMRIDGE.

QVH: M WING, J STEVENSON.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

THIS IMPORTANT GATHERING WILL BE ON FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 1990 THE THEME WILL BE

A BETTER TOMORROW JUSTICE FOR ALL

THE SERVICE WILL BE AT THE CHURCH OF APOSTLES AT 2 P.M., SPEAKER, STEVE CLOUDSDALE OF THE CITY MISSION. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE 'PHONE 34 1698.

BETHSHALOM LADIES' AUXILIARY

WITH THE BETHSHALOM NURSING HOME BEING PART OF ST LUKE'S [ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA] ASSOCIATION'S PROJECT TO BUILD A NEW COMPLEX FOR THE ELDERLY, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRINT THE FOLLOWING REQUEST;

DESPITE THE RECENT CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF THE BETHSHALOM NURSING HOME, THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE RESIDENTS REMAIN THE SAME.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ENABLE THE AUXILIARY TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPLY OF EXTRAS WHICH ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR IN GOVERNMENT FUNDING; E.G. BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE YEAR WAS ON TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 1990, THE NEXT WILL BE 27TH MARCH AT 10 A.M. IN THE DINING-ROOM AT THE HOME AT 10 CROYDEN AVENUE, [OFF CYPRESS STREET] AND THEN EVERY LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE AND SATISFYING TIME. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 'PHONE BETHSHALOM NURSING HOME 31 5205.

[MRS] DOROTHY MCGINN,
[AUXILIARY SECRETARY]

!!!ADVERTISEMENT!!!

CARPARK A FEW SPACES ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR HANDY-TO-THE-BUSINESS-CENTRE PARISH CAR PARK. RING THE PARISH OFFICE, A.M., 31 4896 TO DISCUSS RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE:

THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE WISHES TO REMIND PARISHIONERS THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS FEBRUARY 18TH 1990. PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THIS DATE.

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