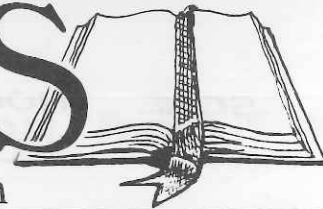


# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



ST JOHN'S MINISTRY

MAY 1990

## DIRECTORY

RECTOR:  
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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

## The Rector Writes

During this last year we have been greatly encouraged by the regular financial support of the work of Christ carried out through St. John's Church. It is the weekly consistent offerings of God's people which provides the ministry of this church and as you know we aim to support all our staff, clergy and lay from the weekly giving of the congregation. The 1989/90 Parish Budget indicates we need a weekly average of \$2,200 to cover this need and we are pleased to know that you have had some share and joy in participating in this ministry.

The 1990/91 Parish Budget indicates that there will be a need to increase the weekly average due to inflation and rises in salaries in the next financial year to keep the parity with other wage increases. We hope you can prayerfully consider increasing your weekly commitment to help us keep pace with the increased costs for this year. This increase will help maintain our ministry at St John's at its present level.

St. John's staff and Lay Readers have supported the Invermay Parish over the last fifteen months and when their Rector was ill we actually ran the parish for some two months. We are pleased to support the church in needy areas but it is only possible because of the consistent support from the weekly offerings of God's people.

There are great opportunities for the gospel through St. John's and we need and value your sacrificial support to take up these opportunities.

May the God of all grace who supplies all our needs richly bless you in this ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Join us in worship any Sunday

8am — 10am — 7pm

Wednesday 10.30am

# SOME THOUGHTS ON READING YOUR BIBLE

BY LLOYD BATH

ALISTAIR COOKE, IN A RECENT TALK ON RADIO, LETTER FROM AMERICA, MENTIONED THAT THE ACTOR ALEC McCOWEN HAD BEEN GIVING A 'READING' OF THE GOSPEL OF ST MARK ON THE STAGE IN NEW YORK. ONE LADY, VERY AFFECTED BY THE WORDS SHE HAD HEARD, ASKED WHERE SHE MIGHT GET A COPY OF THE SCRIPT. "WHY, YOU'LL FIND A COPY OF IT IN THE BEDSIDE TABLE DRAWER OF EVERY HOTEL ROOM IN THE UNITED STATES", WAS THE REPLY. NOW IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN GATHERING FOR SOME YEARS TO HEAR AT ONE 'SITTING' AN ACTOR READ ST MARK'S GOSPEL.

IN THE CLASSROOM WE MAY SPEND A LONG TIME STUDYING HAMLET'S SPEECH "TO BE OR NOT TO BE", BUT WHEN WE GO TO THE THEATRE WE EXPECT TO SEE THE WHOLE OF THE PLAY, FROM THE FIRST LINE TO THE LAST, AND IN ONE 'SITTING'. THE IMPACT OF HEARING THE PLAY AS A COMPLETE WORK IS OF A DIFFERENT ORDER FROM THE STUDY OF ITS PARTS.

SO TOO, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN UNDERSTANDING WHEN A GOSPEL OR EPISTLE IS READ IN ONE, OR IN A FEW SITTINGS. WE SEE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DIFFERENT PARTS WHICH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT BEFORE.

ONE OF THE RECENT CHANGES IN APPROACH TO BIBLE STUDY HAS BEEN TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF READING LENGTHY PASSAGES, AND INDEED, WHOLE BOOKS. THE WHOLE OF MARK'S GOSPEL CAN BE READ IN ABOUT AN HOUR, AND WHEN THIS IS DONE, THE CENTRAL FEATURE OF PETER'S CONFESSION, "YOU ARE THE CHRIST", IS VERY APPARENT.

THE APPEARANCE OF NEW TRANSLATIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES DURING THE LAST FIFTY YEARS HAS MADE RAPID READING EASIER, PARTICULARLY IN PAUL'S EPISTLES. THE SIMPLICITY OF THE STYLE OF THE GOSPELS MAKE FOR EASE EVEN WHEN READING THE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH OF THE AUTHORIZED VERSION, BUT PAUL IN SIXTEENTH-CENTURY ENGLISH CAN BE DIFFICULT AT TIMES. J.B. PHILLIPS WAS ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN TRANSLATING THE NEW TESTAMENT FOR TWENTIETH-CENTURY READERS. HIS TRANSLATIONS OF FOUR OF THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS, AMOS, HOSEA, ISAIAH AND MICAH, ARE NOT SO WELL KNOWN. HERE IS A PASSAGE FROM ISAIAH WHICH IS VERY VIGOROUS. (THE SITUATION IS THAT IF JERUSALEM DOES NOT TURN FROM ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH MATERIAL PROSPERITY THE LORD WILL ALLOW THE NATION TO BE CARRIED OFF INTO CAPTIVITY.)

ISAIAH 5:26-29

" THEN THE LORD WILL SIGNAL FOR A NATION AFAR OFF

AND WHISTLE FOR IT FROM THE OTHER END OF THE EARTH.

AND SUDDENLY IT COMES SWIFTLY, QUICKLY,

NONE FAINTING, NONE STUMBLING,

NONE SLUMBERING NOR SLEEPING;

NOT A BELT IS LOOSE,

NOT A SHOE-STRING BROKEN,

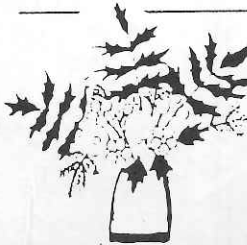
ARROWS ALL SHARP,  
BOWS ALL BENT,  
HORSES' HOOVES AS HARD AS FLINT,  
WHEELS LIKE WHIRLWINDS.  
WITH THE ROAR OF THE LIONESS  
AND THE ROAR OF YOUNG LIONS  
IT WILL SEIZE ITS VICTIM WITH A SNARL,  
AND CARRY IT OFF, WITH NONE TO RESCUE!"

IN MAKING THIS QUOTATION WE HAVE READ A PORTION OF SCRIPTURE IN THE WAY IN WHICH IT IS READ IN OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP, A PASSAGE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND ONE OR MORE FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT. THE PASSAGES SUNDAY BY SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY BY WEEKDAY, REFLECT THE PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH YEAR - ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY, LENT, EASTER, ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, THE EVENTS OF THE LIFE OF JESUS, AND THEN HIS TEACHING.

AT THE TIME OF THE REFORMATION THEY WERE SO ARRANGED THAT THE OLD TESTAMENT SHOULD BE READ ONCE AND THE NEW TESTAMENT TWICE IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE LIVING DURING THE FIRST 1500 YEARS OF THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH COULD NOT HAVE AFFORDED A COPY OF A GOSPEL, LET ALONE A BIBLE. SINCE THE INVENTION OF PRINTING IT HAS BECOME POSSIBLE THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE CAN RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BIBLE. {SADLY THERE IS NOT WORLD-WIDE ACCESS. EARLIER THIS YER IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE SALE OF THE BIBLE HAD BEEN PROHIBITED IN BANGLADESH.} WE ARE PRIVILEGGED TO HAVE PERSONAL COPIES OF THE BIBLE.

SO THIS IS NOT TO ADVOCATE ONE OR OTHER METHOD OF READING. IT IS NOT AN EITHER/OR SITUATION. WE ARE IN THE POSITION TO BE ABLE TO READ AT LENGTH AND STUDY IN DETAIL. THEN WE HEAR HOW INSISTANT ARE THE QUESTIONS, SPOKEN OR IMPLIED: "WHO IS THIS?" AND "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"



THE PRESIDENT  
& MEMBERS  
OF

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY  
EXTEND AN INVITATION  
TO A  
MORNING TEA

IN THE  
PARISH CENTRE

10 A.M. WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1990

COST \$2.50 STALL

# Miss Kiddle's Birthday Party 20th May 2.00 p.m. Parish Centre

## TANIA IN INDIA

NAMASTÉ. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I WENT TO INDIA ON SHORT TERM MISSION SERVICE WITH INTERSERVE (FORMERLY BMMF) AND LIVED WITH MR AND MRS THOMAS PAUL AND FAMILY BARODA, GUJARAT STATE. WELL I HAVE NOW BEEN HOME JUST ON TWO MONTHS AND AM STILL FINDING IT A BIT HARD TO SETTLE DOWN. THE TWO MONTHS I SPENT IN INDIA WERE REWARDING, CHALLENGING AND EXCITING. I FEEL THAT I HAVE LEARNT AND GROWN CONSIDERABLY.

SO, WHY DID I GO TO INDIA ON THIS SHORT TERM SERVICE?

I FELT CALLED BY GOD TO GO. I FELT THAT I SHOULD BE OPEN TO FULL-TIME MISSION SERVICE AND WANTED TO EXPERIENCE MISSIONARY LIFE.

WHAT DID I DO IN BARODA?

I TAUGHT ENGLISH TO ENGLISH SECRETARIAL STUDENTS, LED OR ATTENDED AN AVERAGE OF THREE BIBLE STUDIES EACH WEEK, TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SANG IN THE CHOIR. I WENT TO PRAYER MEETINGS, COOKED, DROVE THE FAMILY CAR, WORKED WITH STUDENTS.

SOMETIMES IT WAS REALLY LONELY AND HARD NOT HAVING SOMEONE TO TALK WITH. IT WAS DIFFICULT BEING DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE ALL THE TIME. IT WAS PAINFUL TO SEE THE BEGGARS AND SO HARD TO IGNORE AND NOT GIVE THEM MONEY. I HAD TO LEARN TO DEPEND AND TRUST IN GOD MORE AND MORE THROUGH PRAYER AND BE A SERVANT OF GOD FOR OTHERS.

THE REWARDS WERE MANY; FRIENDSHIP, NEW STRENGTHS IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE.

I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME, IT WAS A FASCINATING GROWING EXPERIENCE. IF EVER THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OVERSEAS OR AT HOME IN ANY CAPACITY ARISES AND IT SEEMS TO BE GOD'S WILL, DO IT!

BEING AWAY FROM HOME IS SOMETIMES LONELY AND ALIENATING AND KNOWING THAT PEOPLE AT HOME CARE MEANS A GREAT DEAL.

IF WE FOLLOW GOD'S WILL HE WILL BE FAITHFUL AND TRUE AND REWARD US ABUNDANTLY.

WITH LOVE FROM YOUR SISTER IN CHRIST,

TANIA.

## BUS TRIP TO DERBY

A BUS LOAD OF 31 ADVENTURERS JOURNEYED FROM ST JOHN'S TO DERBY ON SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. THE LORD PROVIDED A GLORIOUS DAY, AND OUR HOSTS A PERFECT SETTING. A TRULY WARM SPIRIT OF FELLOWSHIP DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE PARISH FAMILIES.

WE TOOK PACKED LUNCHES TO SHARE AND A BARBEQUE BANQUET WAS PROVIDED; THE LOCAL BUTCHER KINDLY DONATED THE MEATS.

THE 'HAT PARADE' PROVIDED SOME MOST OUTSTANDING CREATIONS IN SECULAR AND BIBLICAL THEMES. THE SINGALONG WITH GUITAR ACCOMPANIMENT WAS A HIGH SPOT AND THE RETURN TRIP HOME WAS ENHANCED BY IRISH JOKES FROM OUR DRIVER, VERN.

## "BOOTS 'N' ALL"

THIS WAS ESTABLISHED BY SCRIPTURE UNION IN 1981. IT AIMS TO OFFER 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 IN MAY.

### 12<sup>th</sup> MAY - FAMILY WALK TO LIFFY FALLS.

MEET, FOR A BARBEQUE, AT THE LOWER END OF THE TRACK AT 11 A.M. THE WALK TO THE FALLS WILL COMMENCE AT ABOUT 12.30 P.M.

CONTACT - GARY FITZALLEN  
PH. [003] 32 1863.

### 19<sup>th</sup> MAY - PROJECTION BLUFF.

ON THE EDGE OF THE WESTERN TIERS. ORGANISED BY THE NORTH WEST TREKERS, THIS OFFERS AN EASY GRADE WITH MAGNIFICENT VIEWS.

CONTACT - MARK GIBSON  
PH. [004] 25 5434.

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

HAVE YOU  
A SET OF  
WEEKLY ENVELOPES?

IF NOT,  
PLEASE CONTACT  
**MR MAX EASTER!**  
PH 31 4896  
{PH 31 5750}



!!! ANNOUNCING !!!

THE APRIL REGISTER

BAPTISMS

ZACHARY LEE ARNDT  
JOHNATHAN THOMAS ATKINS  
ELLIOTT BRIAN DAVIES  
THOMAS FRANCIS GEOFFREY BARRETT  
LAREE VICTORIA HARRIS  
LAURA SHRYOCK  
KATE SHRYOCK

MARRIAGES

PETER JOHN CARPENTER  
& LOUISE KAREN GILL

BURIALS

MARGARET ELIZABETH OLIVE CROSSWELL

?? MISSING ??

ONE YELLOW SONY SPORTS FM/AM STEREO CASSETTE RECORDER, FROM THE PARISH CENTRE STOREROOM. THIS WAS DONATED TO ST JOHN'S LAST YEAR AFTER THE JOHN SMITH MISSION AND HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT ITEM IN MINISTRY TO OUR YOUNG MOTHERS AND THE PLAY GROUP MEMBERS. THE RECORDER HAS NOT BEEN SEEN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HAVE YOU SEEN IT ??? ALSO ??

ONE ORDINARY, OLD-FASHIONED, MUCH-NEEDED CLIP-BOARD, FROM THE NARTHEX. THIS HAS BEEN USED FOR THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA LISTS. IT WAS PROVIDED FROM THE CEBS FUNDS AND A REPLACEMENT WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THESE SAME FUNDS. THE SHEETS OF PAPER WERE CAREFULLY LEFT ON THE TABLE WHEN THE CLIP-BOARD DISAPPEARED. HAVE YOU SEEN IT ??? ??

IF YOU HAVE SPOTTED EITHER OF THESE ITEMS, PLEASE DROP A NOTE INTO THE PARISH OFFICE. ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE RETURN OF THESE ITEMS. ?? ??

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE AT 2.30 P.M. ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1990 AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESSES WILL BE MRS D. BUTLER AND MRS P. MURRAY.

MOTHER'S UNION

IT WAS HEART-WARMING TO SEE APPROXIMATELY 75 PEOPLE INCLUDING THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED ATTENDING OUR SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE ARRANGED BY OUR MEMBERS JUST PRIOR TO EASTER. EVERYONE ENJOYED THEMSELVES.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1990 AT 1 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE GEORGINA STOTT AND SHE WILL SPEAK ON "THAILAND".

PARISH ROLL

NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PARISH ROLL IF YOU WANT TO VOTE ON MATTERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1990. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONCERN. FORMS ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE NARTHEX AND PASSED, SIGNED, TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

GROUP LEADERS SHOULD TRY & GET THEIR REPORTS IN TO THE PARISH THIS MONTH. PLEASE BE EARLY.

KLOMP CLUB

IT'S ON AGAIN, THIS WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME, FROM MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE IN THE PARISH CENTRE. ITEMS REQUIRED ARE GUM-NUTS, PINE-CONES, SHOE BOXES, PAPER BAGS, BALLS OF WOOL, FELT SQUARES AND PAPER PLATES. HELPERS ARE NEEDED IN THE CLUB AND IN THE KITCHEN AND PIZZAS, SAVOURIES AND SANDWICHES ARE NEEDED FOR THE LEADERS AND HELPERS LUNCH EACH DAY. YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO COME ON THE THURSDAY NIGHTS TO WITNESS THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY. GLENN CLARK IS MOST EAGER TO HEAR FROM YOU AND ACCEPT YOUR OFFERING. 'PHONE 31 8996, OR THE PARISH OFFICE 31 4896.

EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS SUNDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> 1990. PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE.

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