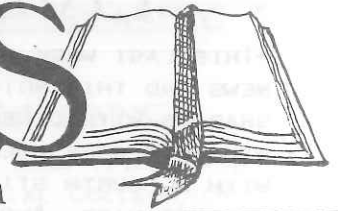


# GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



OCTOBER 1990.

LIVING HOPE !

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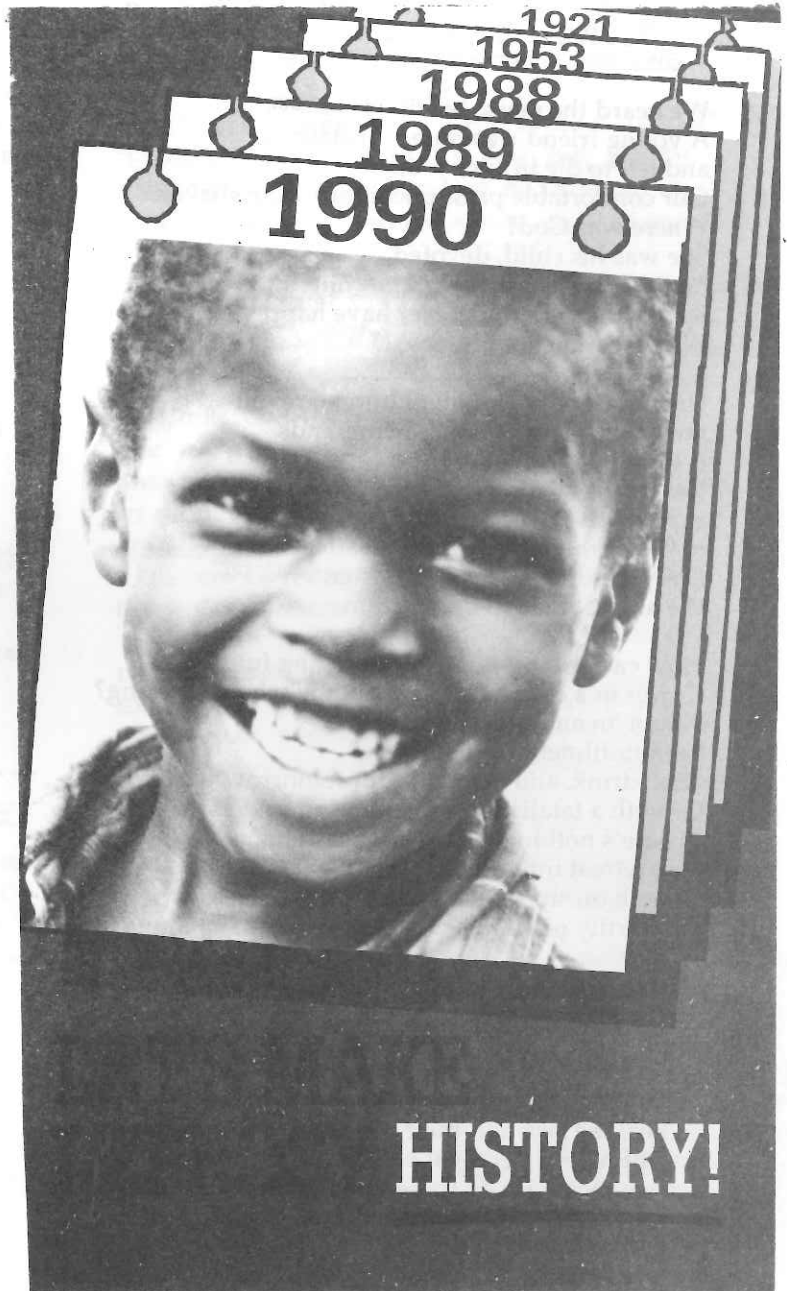
## PARISH GROUPS

### 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



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

## LIVING HOPE

THIS LAST WEEK HAD A LOT OF UNEXPECTED NEWS AND THIS BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARING WITH OTHERS IN THEIR GRIEF. THREE STUDENTS WERE KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT WITH A FOURTH STILL CRITICALLY ILL WITH BRAIN DAMAGE. ANOTHER STUDENT FROM A DIFFERENT COLLEGE CAMPUS HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE.

I REMEMBER A DAY LAST YEAR WHEN WE HEARD THE UNEXPECTED NEWS OF THE MURDER OF A YOUNG MISSIONARY. I FEEL THAT LINNET HINTON'S POEM IS VERY RELEVANT AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU.

GEORGINA STOTT

We heard the news, horrified —  
A young friend was raped, brutalised,  
and left to die in agony, alone.  
Our comfortable presuppositions were shaken.  
Where was God?  
She was his child, devoted,  
her parents his servants, committed.  
Such a thing should never have happened.  
Why was she not protected?

Under constant assault of human revolt  
the ozone layer of God's commands  
is thinning fast, fatally,  
leaving us all, both bad and good,  
exposed as never before  
to the ultra-violent rays of death.  
Daily headlines scream disaster.  
We are doomed to destruction.

How can we face such a frightening future?  
Cower in a corner, mesmerised by what is coming?  
Adopt an analgesic lifestyle,  
Seek fulfilment present tense?  
"Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die."  
Or with a fatalistic shrug of the shoulders, say  
"There's nothing we can do about it anyway.  
Best retreat into the shadow of the ghetto,  
smooth on sin-screen 15+,  
and fortify our souls with sermons on The Rapture."

God forbid!  
There is a better way.  
From the control tower of living hope  
we can move out confidently into our  
cancerous society,  
to heal the sick and raise the dead,  
accepting our personal portion of pain patiently,  
for we recognise, in these last and terrible times,  
our greatest opportunity  
to demonstrate God's love.

And so, until the very end  
of this "day of grace",  
we eagerly expect to see redemption  
wrung from wreckage;  
not in spite of us, but because of us,  
followers of the One  
who through the carnage of the Cross  
defeated death and unleashed life  
eternal, indestructible.

Linnet Hinton

## Here's how we can work together to make LEPROSY HISTORY!

Matonya has leprosy. But his story is dramatic proof that, while leprosy still causes fearful suffering, disfigurement, social rejection and despair in many countries, modern treatment can cure it completely.

### Feared throughout history

Leprosy's place in history is unique. Probably no other disease has struck such terror into people's hearts - and caused its victims such misery, rejection and despair.

Today, however, leprosy can be totally cured. Yet it still afflicts over 15 million people in more than 30 countries. Tragically, only about one in four is being treated. The others are enduring not just physical suffering but the disfigurement, stigma, loneliness and isolation that accompany leprosy even now.

### Why is all this anguish continuing - if leprosy is a beaten disease?

The answer is simple. Most leprosy sufferers live in countries that can't afford to treat them. And this is why The Leprosy Mission's work is so tremendously important - and why your help is so urgently needed.

THE LEPROSY MISSION, P. O. Box 293, BOX HILL. VICTORIA. 3128. PH. (03) 890 0515

## ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

### ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

UNDER THE BATON OF MR WILLIAM PIERCE  
92 VOICES UNITED FOR A JOYOUS  
AFTERNOON OF WORSHIPPING GOD THROUGH  
THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC. ALL WHO  
PARTICIPATED AS CHOIR, CLERGY AND  
CONGREGATION FOUND ENRICHMENT OF GOD'S  
WORD AT THIS FEAST OF MUSIC.

ST JOHN'S CHOIR JOINED WITH MANY  
OTHERS FROM AROUND TASMANIA; THE  
FURTHEREST COMING FROM NEW NORFOLK AND  
HOBART. EVENSONG WAS PRESENTED AS A  
DEEP EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN ADORATION  
OF GOD AND SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT  
THROUGH MUSIC IN WORSHIP.

MANY WEEKS WERE SPENT PREPARING THE  
MUSIC SELECTED FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO  
20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION  
JOINED THE BUS-TRIP TO BURNIE WITH A  
PICNIC LUNCH. CHORAL EVENSONG WAS  
HELD AT 5.30 PM FOLLOWED BY TEA.

## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

### SPECIAL COMMUNION

ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1990 THERE WILL BE ANOTHER COMMUNION SERVICE ARRANGED BY THE MEMBERS FOR THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GET TO NORMAL SERVICES OR HAVE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

PLEASE CONTACT MARJ EASTER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS AND FOR MORE INFORMATION; PH. 31 5750.

WE FIND THESE SERVICES ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR OF ANY MORE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. MORNING TEA IN THE PARISH CENTRE USUALLY FOLLOWS THE SERVICE

ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1990 WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON FOR CLARENDEN CHILDREN'S HOME, AT 12 NOON IN THE PARISH CENTRE. THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE INSPECTOR MARK HINDREUM.

KEEP THIS SPECIAL DAY FREE

### "BOOTS 'N' ALL"

ESTABLISHED BY SCRIPTURE UNION IN 1981. THIS PROGRAMME OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN A RANGE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LED BY EXPERIENCED 'BUSHIES CHRISTIANS'. PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER WELL IN ADVANCE AS TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES.

20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1990 TARN OF ISLANDS  
AN EXCELLENT MEDIUM GRADE TRIP IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARM RIVER TO PELION TRACK, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF CLIMBING MOUNT OAKLEIGH.

CONTACT - GARRY FITZALLEN  
PH. [003] 31 1863.

### PASTORAL COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN BUSY STUDYING THREE OF THE 'VISIONS AND STRATEGIES' WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE PRESENT EFFORTS OF OUR MINISTRY TO {9} AGED AND ISOLATED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH; {5} THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE IMAGE WE PRESENT OF ST JOHN'S; {2} YOUNG FAMILIES. SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1990 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR ANOTHER OPERATION DOORKNOCK. YOUR PRAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. ON SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 1991 THERE IS TO BE A PARISH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR SERVICE AT 'CARNACOO'. PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE NEXT BILL NEWMAN CRUSADE.

## "CHURCH MISSIONARY

### SOCIETY

#### FACTS ON FINANCE

"\$350 WILL SUPPORT AN EAST AFRICAN AT  
" A BIBLE OR THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE IN  
" TANZANIA FOR ONE YEAR.  
"\$1000 WILL SUPPORT A PASTOR TO TEACH  
" AT THE NEW BIBLE SCHOOL IN RUAHU  
" DIOCESE OF TANZANIA FOR ONE YEAR.  
"\$4500 WILL TRAIN A PASTOR FROM ZAIRE  
" IN BUKAVU DIOCESE FOR ONE YEAR.  
" \$410 WILL SUPPORT A CMS MARRIED  
" DOCTOR IN NEPAL FOR ONE WEEK.  
" \$610 WILL SUPPORT A CMS MARRIED  
" STUDENT WORKER IN URUGUAY FOR ONE  
" WEEK.  
"\$980 WILL SUPPORT A CMS SINGLE URBAN  
" EVANGELIST IN NAIROBI FOR ONE MONTH.  
" \$9200 WILL SUPPORT THE MATRON OF A  
" HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA FOR ONE YEAR."

### SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

#### COMMITTEE

THIS IS A SHORT REPORT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW OUR COMMITTEE IS PROGRESSING.

WE HAVE COLLECTED AND ANALYZED THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE. FROM THIS IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE AVERAGE ST JOHN'S-ITE IS 41-65, MARRIED, IN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AND PREFERS THE SUNG HOLY COMMUNION TO ANY OTHER SERVICE.

HOWEVER, MANY OF US DO NOT FIT THIS DESCRIPTION AND WHILE MANY PEOPLE EXPRESSED SUBSTANTIAL SATISFACTION WITH WHAT HAPPENS AT ST JOHN'S NOW, SEVERAL PEOPLE OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED BY ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS AND THOSE WHO TOOK EXTRA TIME TO ADD SPECIAL COMMENTS.

WE WILL BE DEVELOPING SOME PROPOSALS TO PUT TO VESTRY AND THE CONGREGATION, BASED ON THE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. WE PLAN THAT ALL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES RAISED BEFORE ANY CHANGES ARE IMPLEMENTED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; PAUL PHELPS, ELIZABETH SMITH, CRAIG OWENS, SYBIL BROWNRIGG OR DONALD WALL.

CRAIG OWENS.

THIS IS NOT "A CHURCH" BUILT BY SMITH AND BROWN LTD.  
IT IS "OUR CHURCH" BUILT BY THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH,  
TO BE SHARED BY EVERYONE, WITH DEDICATION, UNITY,  
SELF-SACRIFICE, MIXED IN THE MORTAR  
WHICH HOLDS EACH BLOCK OF GRANITE  
TOGETHER.

ED. J. COMEAU.

## SEPTEMBER REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

MEGAN ALYCE JESSUP  
IAIN WILLIAM ROBINSON  
CLAIRE ANN BENSENMANN  
LUKE JOHN BEST

### MARRIAGES

BENJAMIN BUCKNEY & TANYA THORPE  
TIMOTHY PARSONS & JANE FOCKEN

### BURIALS

MOLLY IVY MARY CAMPBELL  
WALTER JAMES KEAN  
PETER ILLINGWORTH BUTLER  
GORDON HUGH DUNCAN  
NIGEL JOHN DAWKINS  
LAUREL DULCIE WRIGHT

### MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

J. BALL P. PHELPS R. DEAVIN  
W. DONALDSON H. GRIFFITHS M. JANSSON  
D. PLUMRIDGE M. WILLSON. S. PERKINS  
D. SHELDRIK L. KNOWLES  
PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEALS ARE COLLECTED  
FROM THE LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
ALSO NOTE: IF YOU ARE ROSTERED ON A  
DAY THAT DOES NOT SUIT, PLEASE ARRANGE  
YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE. THIS IS IMPORTANT

### WOMEN'S GUILD

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT 2 P.M. IN THE  
PARISH CENTRE. AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESSES  
WILL BE MRS D. NEWMAN AND K. FORD.

THE GARAGE SALE, ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH  
WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>  
OCTOBER. WHEN YOU ARE SPRING-CLEANING  
PLEASE SET ASIDE ANY SUITABLE ITEMS  
FOR OUR "SALE".

THE FLORAL FESTIVAL HELD LAST MONTH  
WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH MANY PEOPLE  
VISITING DURING THE FOUR DAYS. OVER  
\$500 WAS RAISED FOR THE ROLAND HOME  
AND WE WISH TO THANK ALL WHO HELPED;  
WITH FLOWERS, FOOD, PLANTS AND  
PRAYERS. ORGANISATIONS FROM OUTSIDE ST  
JOHN'S CIRCLE TOOK PART AS WELL AS  
OTHER CHURCHES AND OUR OWN GROUPS. MRS  
BEAMS, THE MAYORESS, OPENED THE  
FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY MORNING IN THE  
PRESENCE OF A LARGE CROWD AND THE  
FLOWERS GAVE THEIR BEST PERFORMANCE TO  
THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF BIRDSONGS. MANY  
THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED AND THE MANY  
WHO CAME TO THE FESTIVAL. THE GOOD  
NEWS IS THAT OVER \$1,000 WAS RAISED  
FOR ROLAND BOYS' HOME.

S. LAWRENCE (SECRETARY).

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TEA 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1990

THE GUEST SPEAKER AT MEN'S TEA WILL BE  
THE REVD CRAIG ELLIS.  
HE WILL SPEAK ON INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINCY  
WORK WITH I. T. I. M.

AT 6 P.M. GENTLEMEN WISHING TO ATTEND  
SHOULD ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BOOK A PLACE AT  
TABLE. THIS WILL BE A VERY INTERESTING  
EVENING.

### NEW PRAYER

### BOOKS

" WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP, PLEASE. "  
" AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THE "  
" VESTRY PUT FORWARD THE PROPOSAL THAT "  
" 100 NEW COPIES OF 'AN AUSTRALIAN "  
" PRAYER BOOK' BE PURCHASED TO REPLACE "  
" OLD AND DAMAGED ONES. WE INVITE YOU "  
" 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. "

### FROM THE OFFICE

! ! CAR PARK ! !

THERE ARE FOUR PARKING SPACES  
AVAILABLE IN OUR MOST CONVENIENT,  
CLOSE-TO-THE-CITY CAR PARK.

PLEASE CONTACT MISS MURGATROYD IN  
THE PARISH OFFICE, 'PHONE 31 4896,  
FOR MORE DETAILS AND GENEROUS TERMS  
OF RENTAL.

### ST JOHN'S WELFARE

### AUXILIARY

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE AUXILIARY  
WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1990 AT 2.30 PM.

THE AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESSES WILL BE  
MRS MACLAINE AND MRS RICHARDS.

THE NEXT MORNING TEA WILL BE ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1990 AT 10 AM.

ALL WELCOME AND BRING A FRIEND.

### EDITORIAL NOTE

" PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE "  
" DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE IS "  
" SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 1990. PLEASE "  
" LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE "  
" PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE. "