

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

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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
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
2nd Thursday 12 noon 26 1877

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A SPECIAL OFFER

FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

IT HAS BEEN MY CONCERN FOR SOME TIME THAT PARISHIONERS WHO BECOME UNABLE TO ATTEND ST JOHN'S BECAUSE OF INFIRMITY, MAY LOOSE CONTACT WITH US. FOLK MOVING INTO MORE CONVENIENT ACCOMMODATION SUCH AS RETIREMENT HOMES OR WITH RELATIVES, MAY HAVE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS, OR MAY BE PHYSICALLY UNCOMFORTABLE SITTING THROUGH THE LENGTH OF A CHURCH SERVICE. WE HAVE SOME SOLUTIONS TO SUCH DIFFICULTIES AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLK WHO NEED THESE SOLUTIONS!

MOTHERS' UNION IS MEETING SOME OF THESE NEEDS BY ORGANISING TRANSPORT TO THE SPECIAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES; THE NEXT ONE BEING ON WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH. IN ADDITION, ST JOHN'S IS ABLE TO PROVIDE CASSETTE RECORDINGS OF SERVICES FOR USE AT HOME.

PERHAPS THERE IS SOMEONE YOU REMEMBER WHO USED TO ATTEND ST JOHN'S AND WHO MIGHT NOW CONSIDER THESE OFFERS.

IF YOU WOULD CARE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT ME THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARGARET WILLSON

THANK YOU!

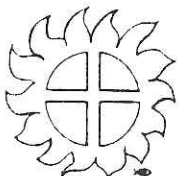
WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN DONATIONS TO ASSIST WITH THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OUR PARISH MESSENGER. THIS IS A CONTINUING EXPENSE AND WE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DONATIONS.

! CONGRATULATIONS!

to St John's CEBS !

AT THE STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELD RECENTLY AT LONGFORD OUR BRANCH WON THE 8-11 YEARS PAGE COMPETITION "BOY WITH A MISSION" - RAISING THE MOST MONEY IN THE STATE - AND BECAME THE FIRST BRANCH TO WIN "BRANCH OF THE YEAR" TWICE RUNNING. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, AND OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO GOD FOR HIS GREAT GUIDANCE.

GLENN CLARK
BRANCH GOVERNOR.



THE
LORD
HAS
RISEN

DAVID WRITES

Dear friends,

Our lives as Christians are full of adventure and challenge as we grow spiritually and as we follow our Lord's leading. For some this process could be daunting - for others exhilarating. It's a bit like polishing gem stones. The action of polishing could be a "grinding, wearing down" experience or it could "shine us up" and reveal our better qualities (but perhaps not without the cost of losing a few rough edges!).

As we reflect again on Jesus' death and resurrection we see tremendous cost and sacrifice and tremendous victory and joy in our Lord. When Jesus said, "Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed. But if it dies it produces many seeds." (John 12:24), he was no doubt referring to his own coming death and resurrection. - an event that encompassed the anguish of death for our sin and the potential of new life for all who come to Christ. New life that is available through repentance of sin and our living with Christ in the resurrection hope.

Jesus was also referring to the Christian walk. We too will die to self and live for Him. (v25.)- a process that is both challenging and possibly threatening but also, in Christ, empowering. Jesus concludes this passage with the comment "Whoever serves me must follow me."(v26).

On a personal level Romayne, the boys, and I feel as though we are experiencing something of this process. As you know, we leave on 30th April and I take up a new role as Rector of St. Andrew's Summer Hill in Sydney. We are sorry to be leaving but glad to be following what we believe to be the Lord's leading.

We came to this beautiful island in January 1979 in the first year of our marriage and have established our home in Scottsdale, Lenah Valley, Gagebrook and Launceston (we have even produced three Tasmanians!). Through this diocese we also had the privilege of studying at St. John's Nottingham. This experience has helped us in ministry here to overseas students and will hopefully help us in our new cosmopolitan challenge (40% of the population of Summer Hill were born overseas and are from numerous different countries). Fortunately we will have the support of a faithful congregation and family and friends in the Sydney district . Our new residence (2 Henson St. Summer Hill 2130) will be about 8 km. west from the city centre with easy access by train and 'plane and a spare room for Tasmanian visitors!

Romayne, Ben, Alexander, Matthew and I have enjoyed these last three and a bit years at St. John's (two and a bit for Matthew). You have provided a good base for the initial establishment of a challenging ministry of chaplaincy to students as well as a good base for fellowship and nurture for our family.

We want to thank you all and especially my colleagues, John and Joan, Paul Anna and family, Val, and Henry Jenny and family for the privilege of being part of the St. John's team.

Yours in Him,

David P. Hayman

MOTHERS' UNION

AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST MONTH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TO OFFICE -

ENROLLING MEMBER, JOAN BROOK
VICE-PRESIDENTS, MARJ EASTHER
& SYLVIA JOSCELYNE
TREASURER, DAWN HINDRUM
SECRETARY, OLVA HARRIS

THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORT SHOWED THAT MEMBERS HAVE CONTINUED WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOTIES TO ANGLICAN MOTHERS AND THEIR NEW BABES AT THE Q. V. HOSPITAL. THE WORK OF THE KNITTERS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND MUCH ADMIRER. WE HAVE PROVIDED TRANSPORT FOR MANY SENIOR PARISHIONERS TO OUR SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICES AND AFTERWARDS JOINED IN WITH THE FELLOWSHIP OF MORNING TEA. WE ALSO PROVIDE CHILD-MINDERS ON FRIDAY MORNINGS WHEN YOUNG MOTHERS ATTEND FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

LADY DAY WILL BE HELD AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 1991 AT 1.30 PM. OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 1991 AT 1 PM. JENNY GILL WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

SPECIAL VIEWING AND READING.

■VIEWING! ABC TV SUNDAY 28th APRIL AT 8.30 PM. "THE VALLEY", A DOCUMENTARY IN THE 'TRUE STORIES' SERIES FEATURING A WORLD VISION PROJECT BRINGING HOPE TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN ETHIOPIA. PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY ROGER AND KATHERINE SCHOLES, BOTH OF LAUNCESTON.

■READING! A CHRISTIAN MAGAZINE, "ON BEING", PUBLISHED IN MELBOURNE. FOLLOWING THE COMPLIMENTARY DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES LAST MONTH YOU MAY WISH TO SUBSCRIBE. INFORMATION AND SAMPLES OF RECENT ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

■MORE READING! SCRIPTURE UNION'S BIBLE NOTES - "YOUR FAITH-YOUR GROWTH-YOUR CHOICE" - HAVE A NEW FORMAT, NEW FEATURES AND A NEW INTERNATIONAL TEAM. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS ONLY \$12.50 AND YOU WILL RECEIVE FOUR QUARTERLY ISSUES POSTED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

PLEASE SEE YOUR S. U. REPRESENTATIVE CELIA HILL AT CHURCH OR PHONE HER ON 26 1877, OR PICK UP A SUBSCRIPTION FORM IN THE NARTHEX.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

THIS MOST WORTH-WHILE MINISTRY OUTREACH FROM ST JOHN'S NEEDS YOU, THE VOLUNTEER, NOW!!

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND OUR PRESENT PARISH TEAM WHO GIVE ABOUT THREE HOURS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH. YOUR COMMITMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS. PLEASE GIVE YOUR MOST SERIOUS THOUGHT AND PRAYER TO THIS MATTER; WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU SO PLEASE RING THE PARISH OFFICE 31 4896 AND SPEAK TO VALERIE MURGATROYD.

SUNDAY 14th APRIL

J. BALL, W. COWELL, W. DONALDSON,
M. JANSSON, M. PERKINS, P. PHELPS,
J. PREECE, J. ROBERTS, J. STEVENSON,
M. WILLSON.

SUNDAY 12th MAY

H. BOURKE, J. GREEN/N. PITT, A. NEALE,
D. PLUMRIDGE, S. PERKINS, R. MANSFIELD,
J. SMITH, D. SHELDRICK, L. KNOWLES,
V. MURGATROYD.

! DO NOT FORGET TO SUPPLY YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND TO THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, SOME-ONE MAY RECEIVE THEIR LUNCH AT TEA TIME IF YOU FORGET !

AN ORIGINAL POEM

"WHEN THE PREASURES OF LIFE OVERWHELM ME
EACH DAY,
AND THE PROBLEMS SEEM OUT OF CONTROL,
WHEN I CAN'T SEE THE WOOD FOR THE TREES
IN THE WAY

AND I'M FLOUNDERING IN A DEEP HOLE_

I WILL TURN TO MY GOD, AND TO HIM

I WILL PRAY,

FOR I KNOW HE IS THERE IN
CONTROL.

HIS DIRECTION IS ALL THAT I NEED
FOR EACH DAY,

TO BRING COMFORT AND PEACE TO MY
SOUL. "

BY A SPECIAL FRIEND

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

WITH LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS THIS INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR. ALL THE OLD RULES APPLY FOR 1991. DO JOIN US.

SATURDAY 13th APRIL QUAMBY BLUFF -

A MEDIUM GRADE TRIP - CONTACT - TED SHERRIFF, (003) 44 3739.

SATURDAY 18th MAY DRY'S BLUFF -

A HARD GRADE TRIP ORGANISED BY THE NORTH-WEST TREKKERS. CONTACT - NEIL WALKER, (004) 25 5392.

ELECTORAL ROLL

ON 1ST MARCH 1991 ALL CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLLS BECOME VOID UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARISH ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 1986. THIS OCCURS EVERY THREE YEARS. ALL THOSE WISHING TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OTHER SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS OR HOLD OFFICE IN THE PARISH ARE REQUIRED, UNDER THE PARISH ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 1986, TO HAVE THEIR NAMES RECORDED ON THE PARISH ROLL ON OR AFTER 1ST MARCH 1991.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL WILL OPEN ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 1991 AND CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 1991, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS HOURS THAT DAY (30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH).

DAVID MORRIS
SECRETARY TO THE VESTRY

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

BOXES MAY BE HANDED IN NOW FOR THE OPENING FOR THIS YEAR. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOXES WITH THE SIDESMEN AFTER SERVICE OR LEAVE THEM AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

MRS CELIA HILL
B.C.A. BOX SECRETARY.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL 1991 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE. AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESSES WILL MRS DULCIE BUTLER AND MRS PAT MURRAY.

AN INVITATION

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT OUR MORNING TEA TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 1991, 10 A.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE. ENTRY \$2-50. HOME-MADE CAKES AND OTHER NICE THINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WELL-STOCKED STALL. MONIES RAISED FROM THIS FUNCTION WILL BE FORWARDED IN SUPPORT OF THE ROLAND HOMES PROJECTS.

HE IS RISEN!

HE IS ALIVE!

G. F. S. TOWNSEND

OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM IN THE PARIS CENTRE. THAT DAY WE WILL BE HAVING A RAWLINGS PRODUCTS DEMONSTRATION. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 12.30 PM. SUPPLIED BY OUR MEMBERS.

R. S. V. P. PARISH OFFICE PH. 31 4896.
CELIA HILL.

WOMEN'S GUILD

THE MEMBERS OF THE GUILD ARE HAVING A "GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU" MORNING TEA AND STALL AT THE RECTORY ON THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 1991 AT 10 AM. MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A PLATE AND SOMETHING FOR THE STALL.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

OUR GROUP HAS BEEN MEETING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AT UNIT 1 125 HIGH STREET EACH THURSDAY, 10 AM.-11 AM. STARTING WITH A CUP OF TEA. NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE VERY WELCOME.

RUTH CRACK (LEADER).

MARCH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

JASON ALAN MICHIELETTO
CALLUM WILLIAM NOBES
KYE BENJAMIN NOLEN ALLEN
PRICILLA JEAN HOLMES
DANIEL LUKE HILLIER

MARRIAGES

PAUL FRENCH & JO-ANNE ROBINSON
NEALE FARRELL & LYNETTE TILT
DARREN CATTERALL & CHERYL TROWER

EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE

DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 1991.

PLEASE LEAVE ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION AT THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THAT DATE.

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