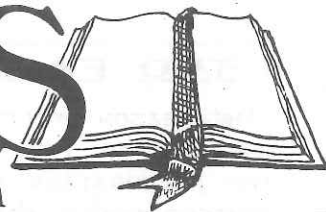


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



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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

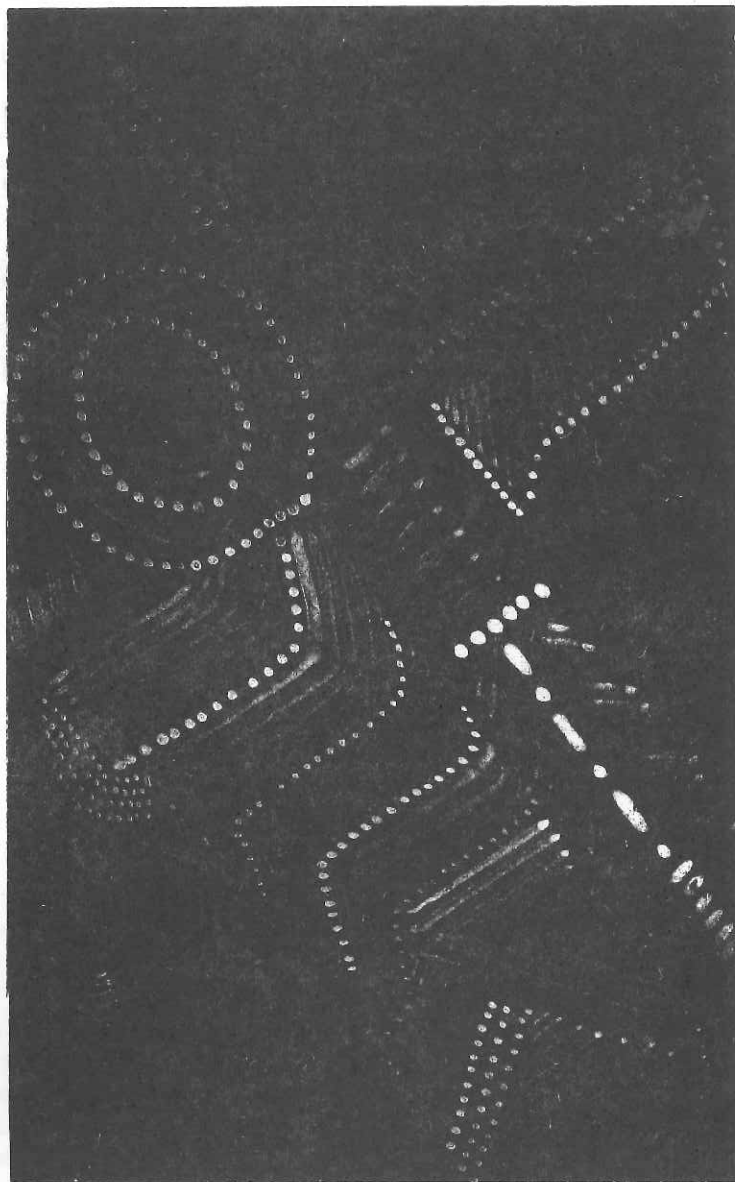
2nd Wednesday 1.00pm 44 7163

WOMEN'S GUILD

3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484

GFS TOWNSEND

2nd Thursday 12 noon 26 1877



**THE WAY
OF THE CROSS
IS LIFE**

LENT 1991

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

TWO FACES OF LENT

THE SEASON OF LENT IS A TIME TO COMMIT ONESELF TO PRAYERFUL PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER. LENT LOOKS TOWARDS GOD'S ACT IN THE RESURRECTION. THE IMAGE OF 40 DAYS AS A PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENT WITH GOD, OF REPENTANCE AND PRAYER IS DEEPLY IMBEDDED IN SCRIPTURE. IN THE EARLY CHURCH, LENT BECAME A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM, AND AMONG THE BAPTISED, A TIME FOR REFLECTION UPON ONE'S BAPTISM AND RENEWAL OF VOWS. IT DEVELOPED AS A TIME FOR INTROSPECTION AND SELF-DENIAL.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT LENT, IN CERTAIN TIMES AND PLACES, HAS BEEN ABUSED, BECOMING A PERIOD OF EXCESSIVE INTROSPECTION, EMPTY ABSTINANCE FROM TID-BITS OF AFFLUENCE, EVEN OF WALLING IN THE GLOOM OF SELF-DENIAL. THE RICH TRADITION OF THE CHURCH CORRECTS THIS BY SAYING; SELF-DENIAL DURING LENT CAN ONLY BE WORTHY IF IT IS CHRIST-AFFIRMING, AS ONE LOOKS TOWARD EASTER AND BEHOLDS THE RISEN, LIVING CHRIST.

SO LENT CAN BE SAID TO HAVE TWO FACES: FIRSTLY, ONE OF SOBER AWARENESS OF SIN, AND OF SINFUL LIVES, AS WE MEET IN JESUS THE MAN WHO WAS HUMBLED, TEMPTED, SUFFERED AND DIED BECAUSE OF THIS; AND SECONDLY, A FACE OF PROFOUND JOY AS WE ENCOUNTER IN JESUS THE GOD WHO SETS US FREE FROM SIN BY HIS DEATH, AND CREATES IN US NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE, WHICH IS THE MESSAGE OF HIS RESURRECTION.

CONTRIBUTED BY DAVID MORRIS

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 10th MARCH 1991

H. BOURKE, J. GREEN/H. PITT,
L. KNOWLES, H. GRIFFITHS, A. NEALE,
D. PLUMRIDGE, V. MURGATROYD,
D. SHELDRIK, A. WHITTLE, M. WING

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ROSTERED ON A DAY THAT DOES NOT SUIT YOU, PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE.

!!! THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT !!!

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 - WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLK WHO NEED THE 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 LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT ME THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARGARET WILLSON

MOTHERS' UNION

ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 1991 THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST JOHN'S. THE DAY WILL BEGIN AT 10.00AM. WITH MORNING TEA FOLLOWED BY HOLY COMMUNION AT 10.30AM. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE AT 3.00PM. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

OUR BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH AT 1.00PM. BEGINNING WITH A SHORT MOTHERS' UNION SERVICE IN CHURCH. NEW MEMBERS WILL BE MADE MOST WELCOME SO COME AND JOIN US THIS YEAR AND SHARE IN OUR MANY ACTIVITIES.

OUR FIRST SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 1991 AT 10.30AM., DURING HOLY WEEK AND WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF ANYONE REQUIRING TRANSPORT ON THIS OCCASION. PLEASE PHONE MARJ EASTER, 31 5750.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

A number of our members attended the Diocesan Women's Guild Conference at Holy Trinity Church on February 21st, 1991 and handed in four rugs of knitted squares for underprivileged children overseas. If any parishioners would like to knit more squares for winter rugs, this would be much appreciated. Please enquire for details from any Guild members. We hope to hold a "Getting to know you" Morning Tea in the near future - further details later. Next Meeting will be 2.00pm, Thursday, 21st March, 1991. Afternoon Tea Hostesses - Mesdames J. Gatenby and J. Sheldrick.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

THIS COMMITTEE MEETS REGULARLY TO DEAL WITH PASTORAL MATTERS WITHIN THE PARISH OTHER THAN THOSE DEALT WITH BY THE CLERGY FOR EXAMPLE, THE ORGANISATION OF THE VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY AT 'CARNACOO', OPERATION DOORKNOCK, THE CASSETTE MINISTRY AND THE PRAYER CHAINS. THE COMMITTEE ORGANISES THE CRECHE ROSTER AND THE TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER LIST.

SEVERAL OF THE RECTOR'S VISSIONS AND STRATEGIES ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN DEPTH AND THE RESULTS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT SOON SO WATCH OUT AND PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS THE MEMBERS GO ABOUT THEIR SPECIAL WORK. FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO BASIL, SYBIL, ANN, WENDY, PAUL, RICHARD, OR CHRISTOPHER.

ANN MCKERCHER
SECRETARY

A PARTITION TO OUR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER & SON

DEAR LOVING HEAVENLY FATHER,
AND YOUR MOST BLESSED SON,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN LORD
AND SAVIOUR DIVINE;
MAY WE STRIVE TO BE
GOOD AND KIND
AND MORE LIKE YOU
WHO ARE IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH ADORED.

JUDY HUGHES.

PRAY FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM.

PRAY TO GOD WITH ALL OUR ENERGY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST THAT THE NATIONS INVOLVED IN THE HORROR OF WAR WILL REACH A SWIFT AND AMICABLE SOLUTION. PRAY FOR THE INOCENTS, THE BABIES, VERY SMALL CHILDREN AND THE MOTHERS; AND PRAY FOR THEIR DELIVERENCE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND FREEDOM. PRAY FOR THE SOLDIERS PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE FOR OTHERS THEN PRAY FOR THE AGGRESSORS, THAT THE DOVE OF PEACE WILL ENTER THEIR HEARTS AND PUT AN END TO GREED, HATRED AND USELESS BLOODSHED. GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD FOR THE FREEDOM AND PEACE WE SHARE LIVING IN AUSTRALIA.

PRAY FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE.



Living the Scriptures

The scriptures are very clear about the significance and importance of baptism.

Ezekiel 36.25-27 I will sprinkle clean water on you and make you clean from all your idols and everything else that has defiled you. I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.

John 3.5-6 "I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

Romans 6.2-4 We have died to sin — how then can we go on living in it? For surely you know that when we were baptised into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptised into union with his death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life.

Think about these texts and consider what importance they have for you as a baptised follower of Jesus.



Notes and Reflections

1 Baptism is the sign of new life through Jesus Christ. Through our baptism we become part of a community of people with similar beliefs. That is to say, in baptism we are united with Christ and his people. From time to time it is important that we are reminded of our baptismal vows and all that they imply for the way we conduct our lives.

2 Baptism is the participation in Christ's death and resurrection. Saint Paul reminds us that when we were baptised we were buried with Christ and shared his death. Therefore just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of our heavenly Father, so too will we receive a new life. Because we have become one with Christ in dying as he did, in the same way we will become one with him by being raised to life as he was (Romans 6:3-5).



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

THE AMOUNT OF \$261.00 WAS RAISED AT THE DECEMBER 'BOX OPENING'. THIS MONEY HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE VICTORIAN OFFICE OF B. C. A. THANK YOU TO ALL BOX HOLDERS FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS. THE REVD BRIAN VINEY, THE VICTORIAN SECRETARY, IS ALWAYS PLEASED WITH OUR EFFORTS.

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

ST JOHN'S WELFSARE AUXILIARY

THE AUXILIARY MEETINGS WILL RECOMMENCE ON MONDAY 11TH MARCH 1991 AT 2.30 P. M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO OUR MORNING TEA ON WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 1991, 10 A. M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

G. F. S. TOWNSEND

PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY AND TIME.

OUR FIRST MEETING FOR 1991 WILL BE ON THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 12 NOON-2.00PM. IN THE PARISH CENTRE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. WE WILL BE PLANNING OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THIS NEW YEAR.

CELIA HILL.
SECRETARY

VESTRY NOTES

NEW VESTRYMAN THE RECTOR HAS APPOINTED MISS MSARGARET WILLSON TO REPLACE MR ROBERT DEAVIN ON THE VESTRY. MR DEAVIN WAS FAREWELLED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

BILL NEWMAN CRUSADE 23RD-28TH APRIL.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH HAS REGISTERED ITS OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN THIS CRUSADE. EACH PARISHIONER CAN PARTICIPATE IN TWO VITAL WAYS.

FIRST, PRAYER - WATCH FOR PRAYER POINTS IN THE WEEKLY PEW BULITINS AND USE THEM. SECOND, ATTEND THE CRUSADE - TAKE ALONG AT LEAST ONE NON-BELIEVER EACH.

INDIVIDUALLY, WE ARE EACH COMMANDED BY CHRIST TO SPREAD HIS GOSPEL AND THIS IS ONE WAY IN WHICH WE CAN HELP TO DO IT.

DO NOT DISMISS IT, PRAY ABOUT IT!

DAVID MORRIS
SECRETARY

FEBRUARY REGISTER

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& CHERYL JEAN WALSHE
STEPHEN CHARLES OAKLEY
& JANET MARIE EDWARDS

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DAME MARJORIE ALICE COLLETT PARKER

EDITORIAL NOTE

PARISHIONERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE IS

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 1991.

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

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