



# The LINK



LINK is an experiment in keeping in touch with the various aspects of life in our part of the Kingdom of God. It is an initiative of the Fishing Club which, for some years, has been our discussion forum for outreach for Christ in the community and welcoming folk to our parish life and worship.

From the Fishing Club recent initiatives have been Mission 2002 and following the Parish Consultation our trial of Contemporary corporate Worship at the weekly 10 am service.

LINK will be more in the style of short 'newspaper' articles rather than a magazine. The Rector or Editor will be glad to receive comments or suggestions (preferably in writing). LINK will be a means of keeping in touch with some of our folk who for reasons of work, health, age or holidays are not able to worship with us regularly.

LINK will be distributed with the Tasmanian Anglican experimentally for a few months to see if it meets a need in our Parish community.

## JUNE CORPORATE WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at 8 - traditional Holy Communion

Sundays at 10 - contemporary worship

Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th(LCGS Founders Day) Sundays)

Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sundays)

N.B. Sunday 30th June will be a combined

Holy Communion Service at 9 a.m.

Sundays at 7 pm (Robed Choir)

Evening Prayer (1st, 3rd & 5th ) Holy Communion (2nd & 4th)

**CONTEMPORARY CORPORATE WORSHIP AT 10.** The time has come for an evaluation by the congregation of the new patterns of worship that were begun in February this year. The review may take the form of a questionnaire and there will be a discussion in a Parish meeting following the 9 am joint Communion service on 30th June. The questionnaire will be for those who have been attending the 10 am service, but the views of others will be welcome. The questions will include responses to the music and various instrumental styles, clergy robes, uses of the spoken word in readings, prayers, testimonies and the sermon. Over the past months there have been many comments by parishioners and visitors to say that the new patterns have been spiritually helpful to a high proportion of worshippers, and the music has encouraged congregation singing and praise. But NOW is the time for the 10 am congregation to give a formal response to the trial. Please share in this decision making process. We hope that those who choose to worship at 8 am or 7 pm will feel part of this process which is designed among other things to encourage newcomers and young folk to feel at home in our corporate worship patterns. June 30th is important. Please be present if you can.

## OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

JUNE 16th at 7 pm - special service using the music of the Talze community

JUNE 23rd at 10 am - L.C. Grammar School Founders Day Service

OFFERING THE WORK OF OUR HANDS, OUR VOICES AND OUR MINDS

ART MUSIC and DRAMA

MUSIC and MORE

Our first concert in this series in April brought 120 people together to enjoy a program of voice (Valerie Pennefather), clarinet (Karlin Love) the St John's Choir and 3 organ solos by Gaylene Gohen. Gaylene's first appointment as Acting Organist was in 1982, followed by a time as Assistant Organist, then Organist and choral director from 1995.

We thanked Gaylene for her 20 years of "Music Ministry" at St John's. (Over \$300 was donated for the maintenance of our musical tradition.)

The "More" of Music and More will include over the course of time art and craft of members of our church and community, the use of poetry, choral speaking and hopefully - drama.

The next Music and More will be on Sunday June 9th at 2.30 pm with Karlin again playing the clarinet and Gaylene at the organ, and visiting artists will include Lynda Nicholls playing Chopin at the piano, Ben Martin with his wonderful tenor voice, and Monte Mumford with inspiration on the trombone.

The art work will be wall hangings beautifully constructed by Elizabeth (Liz) Prall, and mosaics by George Prall. The artwork will be on display from 1.30 and after the concert.

A cuppa will be available in the Parish Centre

and Liz and George will be present to talk about their craft.

The next exciting Music and More will be August 18th (not 11th as announced earlier).

It will be linked with the City Mission and art work will be by Elizabeth Smith.



SONGS of PRAISE

When Christians of different persuasions are not sure how they can show the world that we all own the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, one thing they can do is to sing together and praise their God in music. They did just that on Pentecost Sunday when nearly 400 people crowded into St John's. They represented many of the Christian communities in Launceston, and their ministers and musicians led our combined worship. There were special musical moments including the Salvation Army Band and songsters, the liturgical dance group, soloists and our choir with exciting backing from organ, piano and flutes and all those voices lifted in praise to God!

The next Songs of Praise will be at the City Baptist Church (Princes Square) on Bible Sunday, July 21st - 2.15 for 2.30 pm. The Salvation Army Musicians will be with us again and our St John's choir will be singing anthems. Come with friends!

Then September 15 (Church of the Apostles)  
November 17 (S.Army), next February (UCA)

*And the GLORY OF THE LORD shall be revealed.*

### Rector GREG CLIFTON's Viewpoint:

*Diocesan Synod 2002:* Following a service of Holy Communion in St John's on Thursday 16 May with the Bishop as preacher and the Rector as celebrant the Synod continued on the Friday and Saturday. The Bishop's Synod Address was entitled 'Healthy Church, Healthy Tasmania, Healthy World'. A Mission Luncheon was held during Synod and the Guest Speaker, Rev. Bill Graham, presented 'A Model for Mission' which was very informative. The financial decisions of Synod will have some benefits for St John's but will affect us adversely by reducing the number of parish representatives on our Nomination Committee.

**CURATE'S CORNER (Scott Sargent):** As many of you would be aware I have, since Easter, been helping out in a limited way at Launceston Church Grammar School as their Senior Chaplain. From next term I will be engaged by the school as their Chaplain half time and ministering at St John's half time. There are hundreds of students at the school who do not know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, so please pray that God's Spirit will empower me to have an effective ministry there. My duties include conducting Chapel services, coaching a football team, religious education teaching and pastoral care for staff and students. Please also pray for my ministry at St John's particularly in the next Alpha course which will include 6 couples preparing for marriage.

### NEEDED:

Guests for the ALPHA Dinner on June 11th -  
Talk to Scott Sargent or the office.  
Helpers with Youth Work - see Nathan  
Singers for Choir/ Singing Group. See Gaylene

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### NATHAN'S NEWS (Youth Work):

OASIS may be the name you see around the city for 'pokies'. But much more important is a very different OASIS which will be our new course for work amongst young people in the 7-12 age group starting at the beginning of next term - after school on Mondays. It is based on a scripture centred program designed to bring young people face to face with Jesus as their Friend, Lord and Saviour. Please pray for the leaders of this new venture which will be important in building up the youth work of our church. Kid's Church is going well. (Next time Radio or the Youth Club!)

### SERMON QUOTES FROM MAY:

BEFORE God made the world He chose you. (Eph.1)  
He loves you and wants you in His family. You are chosen because he bought you by His Son's death. That is how valuable you are to God. (Ron Perschky WEC)  
As we read the New Testament we see that HUMILITY characterised the life of Jesus and was seen to be one of the attributes of those who would follow Him. Though there is a great diversity among us one thing in which there should be unity is in our humility toward one another. (1 Peter 5) As God cares for us - so we are to care for one another.

(Greg Clifton- 12 May)

At PENTECOST the disciples were sent into the world but NOT in their own strength. The coming of the wind was the sign of God's creative power bringing in the new age of the Spirit. The tongues of fire are the symbol of the LIVING PRESENCE OF GOD warming, enlightening and empowering the renewed followers of JESUS. (Lana Wall - Pentecost Sunday)

GOD gave to Jesus a name above every name. This world, this city, our lives are under the authority of Jesus. GOD gave to the church boldness and confidence in going out to make disciples under that authority of Jesus. We are apprentices of Jesus modelling all we do on him. All arises from within our worship and the wonderful promise is that Jesus is ALWAYS with us as we journey in the power of the Spirit. (Matthew 28:16-20) (Scott Sargent - 26 May)

## FINANCE REPORT

We are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners in so many ways.

Sources of income include our weekly collections by cash and envelopes. We are behind on our budget and will be glad of extra support in our June collections to balance the budget by the 30th of June. Income from other sources is slightly down this year.

If the pledges are fulfilled our Youth Worker is now fully supported to beyond the end of the year. Thank you. From Songs of Praise on May 19 we sent \$519 for Refugee work in Launceston.

## GROUP NEWS

At the end of Alpha Courses and for all our parishioners we encourage folk to belong to some sort of fellowship group. We shall have reports of different groups over the months:

Parish Groups meet as follows:

Monday: 12 Clarence St 7pm (Phone Alison-6334 7303)

Tuesday: Next Alpha Course 7 pm 11 June  
(Phone: 6331 4896)

Wednesday: 7am Men's Breakfast Study and Prayer.  
Phone: David on 6344 9726 or Peter on 6331 2032)

Thursday: 10.30 1/125 High St (Phone Mrs Crack 6331 6011)

Thursday: 7.30 p.m. Youth Group (Ph Nathan 6343 4703)

Thursday: 7.30 Singing Group and Choir Practice  
(Ph: Gaylene 6344 8436)

Friday: Bible Study -10 am -(Phone Tiny Kennedy 6343 3388)

All of these groups welcome new members.

For further information ring the Parish Office  
- 6331 4896.

Suggestions about new groups - please talk to the Rector.

## SPORTS COLUMN

You can run/walk with Scott  
but watch out for gout.

You can play tennis with Nathan  
or Tony - they may beat you.

You can play bridge  
with Michael - he's a champ.  
Gaylene enjoys fishing and comes  
home with some.

Then there's golf and bridge and  
Boots'n'All. (See Pewsheet Bulletin)

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

7 - Organ Recital at St Johns 8 pm

9 -2.30 pm Music and More with  
Ben Martin (Tenor), Lynda Nicholls (Piano)  
Monte Mumford (Trombone), Karlin Love  
(Clarinet), Gaylene Cohen (Organ).

Art work by Liz and George Prall.

11- new Alpha Course.

16 - special music from Taize (France)  
at Evening Prayer at 7. (Ceremony of Light)

30 - Special Consultation at 10.30 following  
combined Communion at 9

### JULY

21 2.30 pm Songs of Praise at City Baptist

### AUGUST

18 Music and More 2.30 at St John's

Parish Annual Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

15 2.30 Songs of Praise:

Church of the Apostles

### NOVEMBER

Rehearsals will begin for production of  
JERUSALEM PASSION next March

NEW PAMPHLETS on the history of St  
John's Church and organ have been written  
by Jenny Gill and will shortly be on sale at  
\$3 in the Narthex. Thank you Jenny.

A LAUGH (this month from the pulpit!)

A class for children on the CREED. Each child given  
a line to learn. First child answers "I believe in God the  
Father"; Second child "I believe in Jesus Christ".  
Followed by silence until someone pipes up: "The boy  
who believes in the Holy Spirit isn't here today!"