

RINGWOOD PARISH NEWS

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FROM THE VICAR:

It is with regret that we say farewell to Fr. A.E. Bellamy who has so conscientiously served this parish over the past 16 months. His happy smile and congenial manner have endeared him to all, especially at St. Stephen's Warrandyte where he has been Priest-in-charge. The congregation of St. Stephen's took the opportunity to wish him well over morning tea on Sunday 1st. June after the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist. Fr. Bellamy is to be inducted to the Parish of St. John's, Sorrento on Friday 27th. June by His Grace the Archbishop. No doubt a number of Parishioners will want to join with he and Mrs. Bellamy in praying for God's blessing on his new sphere of ministry. We all say thank you and wish you well!

As from the 8th. June Fr. Ian Thomas will be Priest-in-charge of St. Stephen's Warrandyte. He now has a new address - 5 MacKay Court, Ringwood. Fortunately St. Paul's Vestry were able to secure another house to replace the rather old and drafty one in Strathallyn Road. It is hoped the 'phone will be transferred next week, - until then, please leave any messages at the Vicarage!

The congregation of Emmanuel, Park Orchards will be assisted by various Priests during June and it is expected that a regular part-time assistant will be available shortly.

The sadness and horror of sudden death through car accidents has overwhelmed many members of our Parish recently. Philip Broadley (17) and Barry Alderson (16) were both killed in the same accident and 2 weeks later Mark Hoppen (11) was killed when knocked off his bike. All fatalities occurred here - in Ringwood. I would like to think that a fund of X millions of dollars was ^{being} campaigned for to help bring greater safety on the roads. The only way to eliminate human error and inexperience is EDUCATION coupled with adequate TESTING and appropriate PENALTIES for wrong attitudes. The Police Force is doing a magnificent job in trying to cope with all it does on a limited budget. However, this is not enough!! If our society considers it needs such lethal weapons as the power-hungry motor car, it must be prepared to pay the price of adequate training to handle in all emergencies these monsters. Space does not permit a fuller amplifying of all that should be said in this regard. Only visit a public hospital and see how many beds are filled with victims of road accidents. Lets move heaven and earth to rectify this scourge!

We were glad to welcome His Grace the Archbishop on Saturday 31st. May to dedicate St. Paul's new Vicarage. In spite of bad weather a happy and helpful service was participated in by all present. Actually it can't be occupied 'til the sewerage is connected which is dependant on the arrival of M.M.B.V. plans.

St. Paul's Planning Committee has been busy interviewing no less than nine Architects in order to select one to build the new Church. An announcement should be made very soon as to the Vestry's appointment.

The Men's Dinner Club will meet on Monday 9th. June at 6.30 p.m. at the Vicarage when Mr. Roger Bussle will speak about his job as a Chemist with Courage Brewery. On Monday 7th. July Mr. Bill Myers, Manager of Williams the Shoeman at Eastland will speak about his job. All men of the Parish are welcome to attend. Mr. Keith Dunstan, the Sun Columnist, will come and speak to us later in the year when a suitable date can be arranged.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: A special Family Service will be held on Sunday 8th. June at 9.00 a.m. for St. Paul's at the Methodist Church when the Confirmees will demonstrate the 3 Projects that they undertook at their camp at The Basin. Group 1: The Basin Bulletin - News of the Spirit's coming.

Group 2: Radio programme on Radio 3WD Ringwood.

Group 3: Two contemporary scenes on the Confirmation front.

PLEASE TRY AND ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

FAREWELL TO ST. STEPHEN'S - Dear Friends, It is already generally known that after a brief ministry at St. Stephen's, I leave to take up new duties and responsibility as Vicar of Sorrento.

My wife and I are most grateful for the friendship extended to us both, and for the hospitality we have enjoyed over the past 16 months. We shall look back upon our time with you as a happy experience, and remember you all with affection.

It is our prayer that God will bless you and your work for Him as you face the future with its challenge of a growing population, and the restlessness of a new era. Yours sincerely, A.E. Bellamy.

PARISH NEWS FROM ST. STEPHEN'S WARRANDYTE - Our Annual Fair, held this year in our own hall and grounds, was a great social and financial success. A nett profit of \$330 was realised, and the organisers are grateful to all who contributed to this result.

The Confirmation date is drawing near and it is expected that ten candidates from St. Stephen's will be presented on Saturday July 5th. at Ringwood.

All at St. Stephen's were saddened by the death of fifteen year old Denise Wagner on May 13th. after some months of illness, and we give the assurance of our prayers and sympathy to her Mother, Brother and Sister.

EMMANUEL CHURCH PARK ORCHARDS - By the time the Parish News reaches you, plans will be well in hand for our Church Dinner to be held late in June. You may well say "Money Again," when you receive our invitation to attend. However, at last we are forced into the position of facing squarely our financial responsibilities. We are still blessed with the idea that two Bob in the plate will do when we come, even if might be only twice a year or less. Just work out how much you spend a week on cigarettes or liquor or on your lipsticks etc. and compare it with what you have given over the past two years to the Church's work both here and overseas.

The task of the Church is to equip itself with a faith that is real, active and positive and which places Jesus Christ fair and square at the top. However, if you feel that your present faith and purpose in life is now sufficient you're very lucky in the way you must be able to cope with life and serve your fellow men.

We are more than lucky at Park Orchards to have a keen group of young people who are prepared to examine their faith and to look a bit further than their own back yards. All of us have a responsibility to share our faith with one another. How about making a start at our Dinner!

We at Park Orchards join with the rest of the Parish to wish Father and Mrs. Bellamy every success in their new Parish of Sorrento. Ian Thomas.

YOUNG WIVES BIRTHDAY MEETING - is on Wednesday 18th. June at 8.00 p.m. in the Fellowship Block of the Methodist Church, Station Street. The Speaker will be Mrs. Curtis, the Publicity Officer of the Mentally Retarded Children's Day Centre, Oakleigh. You are welcome to come if you are interested and please feel free to bring a friend.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SCHOOL - PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE TIMES AND HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO JOIN IN THE REGULAR WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY OF LEARNING, DISCUSSION, WORSHIP AND PROJECTS WHICH TEACHERS MAKE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ANGLICAN CHILDREN.

PLEASE NOTE: KINDERGARTEN CLASSES: 9.00 A.M. SUNDAY - CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH BUILDINGS, STATION STREET.
PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: 9.00 A.M. SUNDAY AT RINGWOOD STATE SCHOOL.
GRADES 3 & 4: 3.30 P.M. TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT METHODIST HALL, STATION STREET.
GRADES 5 & 6: 3.30 P.M. TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT METHODIST HALL, STATION STREET.
SECONDARY SCHOOL: SEABURY METHOD - IN PRIVATE HOMES.

Teachers of St. Paul's Church School will be joining in a 6 week Teacher Training Course this term to enable them to teach your children more efficiently. These classes are open to all persons interested in learning about the work carried out at St. Paul's Church School.

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FROM THE VICAR:

When you read this letter I will be on annual leave, returning to the Vicarage with Audrey on Wed. 20th. August. We hope to go by caravan to Sydney and visit 2 or 3 friends en route. During my absence Fr. Ian Thomas will be in charge of the Parish and all messages can be directed to him. Owing to an unfortunate mishap in the tenancy arrangements, Fr. Ian has had to move his home again and now resides at 8 Reserve Road, however, the telephone number is the same as before - 8702093.

On Sunday 3rd. August the Revd. Bob Butterss will preach at both 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion and 9.00 a.m. Family Eucharist at ST. PAUL'S. Fr. Butterss is well known to this parish as Secretary to the Australian Board of Missions in Vic. We look forward to his visit and hearing of the churches mission and outreach in New Guinea and the Islands.

The Revd. Ron Adams who was Vicar of this Parish from 1956 to 60 and is now retired and living at Upwey will celebrate and preach at ST. STEPHEN'S WARRANDYTE on Sunday 10TH AUGUST at 9.30 a.m. At ST. PAUL'S on Sunday 17TH AUGUST the Revd. Roy Bradley, Chaplain to the Austin Hospital, will celebrate and preach at 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion and 9.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist. This will be a great opportunity for members of the congregation to hear of the Chaplaincy work and the training in Pastoral care of Chaplains which Fr. Bradley is engaged in at the Austin. It will be a happy occasion also for Mrs. Margaret Francis who is a regular worshipper at the 7.30 a.m. service as she is the sister of Fr. Roy.

The nominations for the 3 Lay Representatives from this Parish for the Melbourne Diocesan Synod closed on Monday 14th July and I am pleased to report that the 3 representatives are: Messrs. Ralph German and Bob Hedding from St. Paul's and Mr. Rod Sands from Park Orchards. As no other nomination was received an election was not necessary, and these men now become our Synodsmen for the next 3 years. This year Synod commences on Sunday 19th. October at 3.00 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral.

EMMANUEL PARK ORCHARDS: This congregation will be pleased to learn that Revd. H.J. Neil, Director of Council of Christian Education in Schools, will commence assisting in this Parish on SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER at the 10.00 a.m. service of Holy Communion at EMMANUEL.

Since the last News Letter, correspondence has been received from John and Sybil Woods at Townsville saying how much they appreciate our prayers and are looking forward to going to New Guinea to serve the Diocese there. John has enjoyed the past 5 months in Townsville working in the Diocesan Registry and completing further exams with the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. Also from Sister Grace Mary at the Community of the Holy Name - she thanked everyone at St. Paul's for the fine table full of groceries and the opportunity to tell of the work of the Diocesan Mission to Streets and Lanes on July 20th. Also from Barbara Spring in Mwanza, Tanzania, East Africa, who writes saying she hopes to be home in August and see her Mother who is a permanent patient at the Eildon Private Hospital, Bond Street, Ringwood. Barbara has been serving with the Church Missionary Society as a teacher in Isamelo Primary School for the last 4½ years.

Last week St. Paul's Vestry had an encouraging report from the Architects, Gerd and Renate Block, to the effect that, if the work can be accomplished, sketch drawings may be available for our new workshop centre in August and tenders may be let in October. Please pray daily about this as 'more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' Following a recommendation from our last Annual Meeting, the balance of the 10% of the sale of our Ringwood Street property, has now been dispersed. It was moved by the Vestry that in the spirit of M.R.I. \$6000 be allocated to this year's Diocesan M.R.I. projects for Gona Village in New Guinea and the Nairobi Christian Community Centre in Kenya. (2) a \$1000 each be allocated to the ordinary budget of both the A.B.M. and the C.M.S. (3) that \$2000 be placed in the diocesan rolling fund for the building of a vicarage at St. Stephen's Warrandyte, and that this money be available for St. Stephen's to draw on during the next 5 years so long as a matching sum of \$2000 is raised locally for the building of their vicarage.

This last allocation was seen as a step in the direction of Home Mission towards St. Stephen's becoming, eventually, a parish in its own right. It is hoped that this form of encouragement will find further ready support amongst members of the Warrandyte congregation.

The total of \$10,000 concludes the original intention of dispersing \$19,000 or 10% of the sale price of the Ringwood St. site in support of M.R.I. towards extra parochial activities.

MEN'S DINNER CLUB- Last month a most informative night was enjoyed by all - and it was good for our soles! as Mr. Bill Myers spoke to us on the manufacture and sale of boots, shoes and other footwear. Next Monday 4th. August, the Dinner Club will still be at the vicarage with Rev. Ian Thomas as host. Mr. Keith Beattie will speak on his job as a Customs Agent. All men welcome at 6.30 p.m. for a hot meal - 50c donation.

ST. STEPHEN'S WARRANDYTE:

Dear Friends,

Plans are now in hand for St. Stephen's Trinity Dinner which will be held this year on Saturday 11th. October, commencing at 7.00 p.m. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Bill Green (Weg) of the Herald. All men of the parish are asked to keep this date free.

Our parish confirmation was held on July 5th last and St. Stephen's had 10 young people presented to Bishop Sambell which represented our largest number of confirmees for some time. It is encouraging to see these young people's continuing attendance at worship and to have 5 of them now training as Servers. The girls from this class have also undertaken to be responsible for the offertory procession which is to be included in our communion services as from Sunday August 3rd.

All of us at St. Stephen's join in congratulating Dianne Hobday and Bill Valentine, also Wendy Cole and Ian Gedge on their recent engagement.

PARISH PROJECT - DATES TO REMEMBER:

Ian Thomas.

This year's Project is in aid of a new area's Priest in Zambia. Would any organisations who are planning functions in support of the Project please ring Mr. Bob Herd, 8703175, and advise him of the dates concerned for publicity purposes.

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| SEPT. 5TH. | Wine Testing Evening. |
| OCT. 3RD. | Progressive Dinner. |
| DEC. 7TH. | Novelty Car outing. |

DIOCESAN ROLLING FUND-

New Peak - On 1st. July total funds passed the \$600,000 mark and have continued to mount slowly. This sum includes \$552,000 in interest bearing deposits. During the three years the fund has been operating, lodgments of interest bearing deposits aggregated \$662,000, while repayments have reached \$110,000. Repayments are normal movement as deposits are repayable on demand and the "rolling" movement is established by different people taking a turn as depositors as well as by loan repayment instalments.

Number of Depositors - Interest was paid to 623 depositors on 30th June last with 60% of them having \$4,914 added to principal. \$4,990 was distributed in 231 cheques. The number of current supporters in all sections is now 696. New depositors welcome.

Target for 1969 - The goal for this year is to have 1000 supporters by Christmas. It is not an unrealistic figure for 210 parishes when one parish alone has 110 depositors.

Loans - Loans totalling \$493,351 have been made to finance or refinance 29 parish buildings. Some of them could not have been built without loans obtainable from this fund for the long period of twenty years. And with interest being charged at the low rate of 5%, there will be an annual saving of up to \$10,000 per annum in the accounts of the 26 parochial districts concerned when the loans are fully drawn. Each parochial district has maintained the payment of monthly instalments.

Issued by: A.P. Reynolds, Promotion Officer,
St. Paul's Cathedral Buildings, Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY NEWS:

The following items of interest are brought to your notice. During the month of June there was \$48.50 collected from C.M.S. Missionary boxes in this Parish. Any persons interested in having a missionary box please contact Mrs. M. Milsom, 8701428. On Sunday August 10th there will be a Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 p.m. at St. James, Glen Iris, preacher will be Rev. J. Moroney. There will be a welcome extended to Dr. & Mrs. R. Weedon. On Friday September 19th at 8.00 p.m. the annual C.M.S. Meeting will be held in the Chapter House. There will be a welcome extended to both Miss Barbara Spring and Dr. John Cranswick. The Ringwood District C.M.S. Members meeting will be held on September 27th at the home of Mrs. M. Milsom, 43 Nelson Street. The speaker on this occasion will be Miss Barbara Spring. All welcome.

EDUCATION WEEK commences on Sunday 10th August with the Norwood High Band and Prefects taking part in a Church service on A.B.V.2 - preacher Revd. Des Shinkfield, Chaplain to Norwood High, commencing at 11.00 - 12 noon. This will be of interest to all Ringwood people.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

ST. PAUL'S RINGWOOD Meeting at Methodist Church, Greenwood Avenue.

7.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9.00 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST

7.00 p.m. Combined Evening Service - EVENSONG 1st. Sunday in month.

ST. STEPHEN'S WARRANDYTE

9.30 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION

EMMANUEL PARK ORCHARDS

10.00 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION

WEEK DAY SERVICES.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, 40 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday 6.30 a.m., Wednesday 10.30 a.m., Thursday 6.30 a.m. and Saturday 8.00 a.m. MATINS is said following these services, except on Wednesday and EVENSONG is said at 5.30 p.m. each day. Special services for HOLY DAYS are announced in the weekly pew leaflet. Clergy are available for counsel or absolution.

FROM THE VICAR:

Your attention is drawn to the Sunday and weekday services as set out above. The number of people attending both Sunday and weekday services has dropped and this cannot be attributed to cold weather because the past winter seems to have been milder than usual. Please consider seriously the reason for church attendance. It is surely to praise, honour and say thankyou to our Lord Jesus Christ who sets the pattern and standard for the good life. This good or happy life which we all desire in some way or another is found in Jesus Christ. As we read the Good News (Gospels) of His life and teaching and take and eat His Body and Blood which he gives us we are gradually drawn to know Him and love Him better. This is no mean thing to despise.

Our Church would not be large enough to hold all the Anglicans if only half of us attended. As it is there is plenty of room. Last Sunday 31st. August, the numbers at each service were as follows:
St. Paul's 7.30 a.m. 46 9.00 a.m. 93 7.00 p.m. 8
St. Stephen's 9.30 a.m. 28 Emmanuel 10.00 a.m. 7
This is a disappointing total of 182 out of 1300 Anglican families in this Parish. The total number of people who attend church, of course includes men, women and children and according to statistics the average family has 4 people in it, therefore the total of 182 must be considered in relation to not 1300, but 5200 people, which percentage wise means that of all the Anglicans in this parish who will at one time want to make use of the facilities of the church to be married, buried or have their children baptised, approximately 4% are really interested in seeing the church life maintained week by week. We all realise that the figures mentioned above occurred during the school holidays and this does mean that some people are not at home. However the average attendance over the whole year including weekday and special services is only 3% higher. What about the 90% of Anglicans who seldom worship in Church from one year's end to the other except to attend a friend's funeral or wedding.

As you read this, if you are in the 90%, please consider how you expect the church to be alive and grow and serve the community. Rather, the 6-7% that at present carry the load will more likely consider the task is too great and the church will slowly fade out of existence.

The good wishes of St. Paul's congregation goes to Caroline Hateley who married John Root in August and who expects to settle in Warrandyte until the end of the year when they are going overseas. Caroline of course, is well known in our congregation as she taught in our Church School for many years and was a member of the Young Adults.

EMMANUEL PARK ORCHARDS.

10.00 a.m. next SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, FAMILY COMMUNION,
We welcome the Revd. H.J. Neil to Emmanuel and look forward
to his ministry amongst us. Also at this service the new
Altar presented by Mr. & Mrs. D. Pillinger will be Dedicated.
A cup of tea will be served after the service. Please invite
your friends to attend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

St. Paul's congregation met the Architect and Planning Committee on Thursday 21st. August to view and discuss the proposed new sketch plans of the Church. After an amicable two hour meeting, the plans were passed, with various suggestions being made by members present.

EMMANUEL Park Orchards will commence having EVENSONG on the 3rd. Sunday in each month at 7.00 p.m. Don't forget SUNDAY 21ST. SEPTEMBER for the first of such services. Our Lay Reader, Mr. Rod Sands will take this service.

WALKATHON - \$125.00 has been promised to the 43 walkers who ran or walked eight miles on Sunday 17th August to aid the PARISH PROJECT. This was organised by the Senior Church School members.

MENS DINNER CLUB - There will be no Dinner Club Meeting in September owing to school holidays. The next one will be on Monday 6th. October.

ST. PAUL'S next SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER we welcome the Revd. Andrew Gilbert from the DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION who will speak at our 9.00 A.M. Parish Communion about this important work.

OUR OWN MISSIONARY - MISS BARBARA SPRING - The Ringwood District C.M.S. meeting will be held on FRIDAY SEPT. 27TH AT 8.00 P.M. at 43 Nelson Street, when the speaker will be Miss Barbara Spring, who has just returned home from Tanzania.

NEWS FROM ST. STEPHEN'S WARRANDYTE -

Things generally at St. Stephen's are following much of a routine, except to say that our Ladies Guild have started the ball rolling for our Vicarage Building Fund Appeal with a donation of \$100. This gives us all great encouragement for the success of this project. Our thanks also to Elizabeth and Norton Elmiger for their donation which is the first individual gift to the vicarage fund.

September is to be a very happy month for our Parish Family at Warrandyte, with the forthcoming marriage of Deborah Coleman and Geoff Brown; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Dormer are also presenting young Benedict for baptism at a morning service, whilst Meghan Golding and Jim Pleasance are busily planning their forthcoming marriage at St. Stephen's in October.

August saw a very successful seminar sponsored by the Guild on behalf of St. John's Homes for Girls and Boys at which some 50 odd ladies were present.

All at St. Stephen's are delighted to welcome back to Warrandyte Mr. & Mrs. Robertson and their son Sam after an absence of some years. A warm welcome is also extended to Miss Roddick as a recent member to our congregation.

By the way, there seem to be a few familiar faces missing of late on Sundays!
Ian Thomas.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER - The Revd. Jack Mills, Principal of Nightcliff College, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, will be in the Parish and will speak at an informal gathering at the home of Miss Win Gibson, 1 Lena Grove, Ringwood. You will recall this Parish raised \$1212 in our "Dollars for Darwin" Project towards this College, and Mr. Mills has expressed the wish to speak to us about the use they made of this money.

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - There will be an outing for those recently confirmed in this Parish, together with their parents and sponsors, to take the form of a barbecue lunch at ST. HELENA - we will leave the Methodist Parking area at 11.00 a.m. and return at 4.00 p.m., to enable us to go home and relax before returning to the YOUTH SERVICE at 7.00 P.M. John Wilson will be at the piano, with Ross Green leading the Band and REVD. PETER CORNEY will be the speaker.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH - WOMENS DAY IN RINGWOOD in the Methodist Hall at 10.00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. F.W. Cheshire and her topic will be "Children." A cup of tea will be served and bring your own lunch. Creche for children. Donation 20 cents.

PARISH PROJECT EVENTS - SUPPORT OF PRIEST IN ZAMBIA, AFRICA,

WINE TASTING - FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 8.00 P.M.

MYERS, EASTLAND, \$3 PER HEAD. TICKETS AVAILABLE. PHONE 8703175.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER - FRIDAY 3RD. OCTOBER, 6.30 P.M.

\$3 PER HEAD. PHONE: MRS. M. GERMAN 8705517, MRS. J. BROADLEY 8708523
Mrs. K. LOWE 8706043.

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ST PAUL'S RINGWOOD PARISH NEWS SUPPLEMENT

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To accompany the MAY issue of "SEE"

General Information.

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Priest Assisting: The Reverend Arthur Lloyd, 3 Kin St Bayswater. 729-1736.

Youth Leader: John Message, 25 Aurum Crescent, Ringwood, 879-3102.

Vergers

Caretaker

Mr Mervin Ashlin, 40 Warrandyte Rd, Ringwood, 870-2093.

Office. Monday - Friday, 9 - 12, 870-2093

CLOSING DATE FOR JUNE COPY, Parish News:- May 24th.

CARETAKER NEWS -

David and Sharon Apted moved to Sunbury at the end of March. He is now responsible for the dairy herd at Salesian College, "Rupertswood", Sunbury. We were fortunate in gaining the services of Mr Mervin Ashlin, who, with his wife Margaret, and their daughter, Kylie, moved in just before Easter. Already we have had the benefit of their work. I hope you will make them welcome and introduce yourself to them when you meet them. Would secretaries please see that all parish engagements are written in on the programme planner that is on the wall at the east end of the Narthex.

Sharon and David wrote this letter as they left :- "As caretakers for the past ten months, we have met a lot of nice people from this parish. - people who helped when Sharon was in hospital, who offered to babysit the twins, and people who wanted to be friends. To all these people we say thankyou.

By the time you read this we will be installed in new surroundings and a new job for David on a dairy property. We have waited two years for this opportunity and we hope to make it a success.

To the Vestry of St. Paul's we say thankyou for giving us this position ten months ago. A special thankyou must be given to Mr Jack Snow, a true gentleman, for his unending patience:- one of the nicest men we have met. And to Rev. Bill Potter:- what can we say to a man who tolerated early morning guitar concerts, late night organ recitals, cats, dogs, birds, babies, and a duck. He has stated many times love can be shown in many ways - Father Bill is certainly a fine example of loving his fellow man. Goodbye to all our friends, and may God Bless you all."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BOYS' SOCIETY NEWS - David Jones, (Leader), writes:-

"Our meetings, except for the third and fourth Thursdays in the month now take place at the Norwood High School Hall at the usual time - 7.00 - 8.30 pm. The third Thursday is Swimming Night at Nunawading, and the Fourth Thursday is Craft Night at the Parish House. It is hoped to have a Father and Son weekend at "Illalangi", Olinda, on the 4th - 5th June.

The response to the bottle collection by the parishioners has been disappointing. If you have bottles you wish to donate to our funds for World Vision, and want them collected, then please fill in a slip from the large envelope near the church door and replace it.

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be at 4 Jill Court on Tuesday May 31st, (8 pm). All welcome to attend and discuss the weekend camp. Enquiries from me - 870 - 9334.

FROM THE LADIES' AUXILIARY - (Secretary Mrs Burnside - 870-4755)

A very successful stall was held in the Council Caravan, Friday April 15th at which \$204 was raised. The members would like to thank all who supported our efforts by gifts of goods for sale and also donations of money.

Our next meeting on 3rd May will be held at the home of Mrs Beryl Thornton, at 10 am, and will be followed by a light luncheon. All welcome.

SPEAKER FROM THE MAROONDAH HALF-WAY HOUSE.

At all morning services on Sunday June 5th, the visiting speaker will be Mrs Robyn Dolphin. One of the needs of half-way house is for bed linen and blankets. They endeavour to start people off in new surroundings with their basic needs. Have you any sheets, blankets, or towels that could be useful? If so please leave them in the office before the end of May.

THE ALMS BASKET

PLEASE DO NOT CEASE YOUR EFFORTS! The Contents of this basket is distributed to needy families each week. It is done in a way that preserves both the dignity and integrity of the receivers, through people who are in the position to know. As it is a case of real need, we ask that you give basic nourishing food, with preferably a high protein content. May we suggest Meat, fish, cheese, eggs, and the basic commodities such as sugar, flour, tea, jam, rice and powdered milk? We are very grateful to those people who have given cash donations. These have enabled us to fill gaps in the dietary menu. Similarly our thanks go to those who have supported the basket. If you have not yet thought of this opportunity of service would you think about it. Even one tin can make the difference to a family being undernourished or sufficiently fed. And there are a lot of these families.

KNITTED RUGS

Last year 10 rugs were made for distribution where needed. (we are talking of the "square patchwork2 type.) Already this year there have been enquiries as to the size and Pattern of the square.

Instructions are as follows (for those who understand the language) :-

One 25 grm Ball of 8 ply wool.

Size 8 needles

40 stitches and 40 rows. -

Please leave the squares in the Office addressed to the Mission and Outreach Group.

KNITTING ORDERS.

Hand-knitted Garments will be made to order again this year. - Children's garments, or average Adult Garments, (Not Outsize), Evening Shawls in caressa wool a specialty. Enquiries from Margaret Warr, 870-7168, after 5 pm.

A BIT OF LOCAL HISTORY

- It is just a year ago that Mr Tom Miles (who is now 87 years old) was brought by his two daughters and their husbands to see the Parish House which his father had built. It was about 55 - 60 years since he was last in it. I have now just received from one of his daughters (Mrs Pat Olney) a short history which should be incorporated in our records. She sent it in response to some enquiries we made at the time, and for it we are exceedingly grateful. It is as follows :-

" The house in the Church Grounds of St. Paul's Warrandyte Road, Ringwood was built in 1915 by the late Capt. E.T. Miles.

Capt. Miles was born in Tasmania in 1849. He went to sea at an early age and in due course qualified to command. He went on to own a number of ships. He was prominent in the development of the mining industry on the West coast of Tasmania in the 1880's and 1890's. He also pioneered dredging tin from the sea off the coast of Thailand. He had many business interests in Tasmania, and entered the State Parliament as member for Glamorgan. For a period he was Minister of Lands and Works.

In 1908 Capt. Miles moved to Victoria and purchased a property called "Woorara" in the Ringwood-Croydon area. He was active in the development of the Ringwood area.

He sold "Woorara" in about 1914 and moved to Ringwood where he built the house now in the church grounds. The property was called "Glamorgan" after his former electorate in Tasmania.

Capt. Miles' wife was formerly a Miss Reynolds, and there is a Miles Ave and a Reynolds Ave off Warrandyte Rd, just near the church, no doubt so named by Capt Miles when this area was being developed.

Capt. Miles continued to live in the house until his death in 1945. He had 11 children, and a number of his grandchildren are still living in and around Melbourne. His only surviving son, Thomas, now resident in Sydney, visited the house in May 1976. "

I presume that it is with one of his daughters, Mrs Deryk Giblin, that Mr Tom Miles is living in Sydney. In the covering letter which came with the above Mrs Olney says, "If you or any of your congregation would like further information concerning either Capt. Miles or his old home, I would be pleased to try and provide it. Some of my cousins at various times lived in homes nearby and have strong recollections of our Grandfather and the old family home. "

Mrs Pat Olney's Address is 20 Embling Rd, Malvern, 3144.

SUBJECT: HOLIDAY HOSTS AND HOSTESSES - ST JOHN'S HOMES, MRS KAY SPARKES 83-9461.

St John's Homes for Boys and Girls is seeking holiday hosts and hostesses to take boys and girls from 10 - 16 years for school holidays, Christmas and long vacation and outings at week-ends. Further details can be had from the Senior Social Worker, Mrs Kay Sparkes. (See above.)

PARISH PROJECT THEATRE NIGHT - Friday 27th May, 8.30 pm, at Tait Theatre, 107 Leicester St. Carlton. to see the review "Ain't We Got Fun".

Tickets \$5 each from Ian and Carol Bates. This includes pre-show sherries, free programme, coffee at interval, supper and coffee after the show with the players.

SORRY, No room left for the Vicar except - "God Bless "

Bill Poth