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PARISH

Editor's Note:

It is with great pleasure we welcome the Rev. Buckle and Family to our Parish. We hope they will find joy and fulfilment in their Ministry here.

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The year is well under way, what with the children back at school and holidays over for many.

For me the welcomes are over and I have almost readjusted from Rural to Urban Ministry and I'm finding the change exciting and challenging.

Exciting & Challenging? Oh there are the sobering moments, but you and I because of the vitality and vibrance of Jesus are potentially potent people.

We may have to frequently work on that with a, "Don't I believe, help thou my unbelief".

Paul gives us a lift when he says that Jesus, "by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think".

Ephesians 3 Verse 20.

Come on now, read that again! Where is the power? Who is the power in ?.....You!

Finally, what is the purpose of this power? "to do far much more than we dare ask or think."

And to you with the burden - this is God's answer!

If I can help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

George Buckle

PARISH Cont.

All are invited to share in the Conference of Evangelism to be held at the "Southern Cross" Y.M.C.A. Lodge, ECHUCA.

The Conference will begin at 7.30 p.m. Friday February 23rd. and continue through until 4 p.m. Sunday 25th.

Registration will be \$32 - per person and is Residential. The programme will include Bible Studies, Small group work, A Youth Forum, Music etc. Speakers, Rev. John Mallison and Rev. Dr. Keith Cole.

Tickets may be obtained from Rev. Buckle - Closing Date 16.2.'79.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Invitation to all women COME TO PRAY Friday 2nd. March, 1979.

PLACE: St. Mary's Church of England - Kangaroo Flat.

TIME: 8 p.m.

SPEAKER: Miss Norma Young

THEME: Spiritual Growth.

COFFEE-SHOP REPORT

The in place in Bendigo during January was the Midway House Coffee-Shop. Young people from all over Bendigo converged on Midway House to hear good music, watch audio-visuals, and drink coffee.

The Coffee-shop was held at Olinda St. Uniting Church on Friday & Saturday nights. The coffee-shop was organised by the U.C. Youth Worker, John Mathes and a group of Youth people from different churches in Bendigo. A three week training program was run before the Coffee-shop was open to train the young people in running the program.

Entertainment in the Coffee-shop included the Advocates, Freedom Singers & Soloists, Drama, Audio-visuals and plenty of friends to talk to.

Many young people had the chance to hear about Jesus at the Coffee-shop and were really Blessed.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM UNITING CHURCH KILDONAN
OPPORTUNITY SHOPS COMMITTEE.

1563 High St.
GLEN IRIS.
7-12-1978

Dear Mrs. Hibbert,

I am writing on behalf of the Kildonan Opportunity Shop Committee in response to your request, which was found in the box of goods you so kindly sent us. It may be some time since you mailed it, but you will understand that goods are coming in all the time, so that it may be a while before they are sorted.

We have four shops, Northcote, Fairfield, Glenferrie, and Hartwell. The Glenferrie one takes as much in a month as the other three, as it is very well situated in the shopping area, and you will realize that the heavy rental asked for shops these days prevents us from being in the best position.

The money we raise is used to pay Social Worker's salaries, the house-keeper at the Boy's Hostel in Hawthorn and we give \$200 each month to the Social worker who looks after the elderly in their homes, to supplement what she gets from the Church funds. We have also given her \$200 for Christmas Cheer and \$100 to the Men's Mission towards their Christmas festivities.

Then we help with the children in the Homes, who go to holiday camps, have dancing lessons, cub fees etc., also Kinder fees for any little folk who may go to Kindergarten from the Babies Home.

We give the Men's Mission a lot of clothing during the year. We have a large work-room and employ a lady to supervise the groups of ladies who come to iron and mend each day, and also employ a lady two days a week to sort goods. The shops are serviced once each week, and everything is clean and ready for sale.

Our total sales for 1977-78 amounted to \$57,494. so you will understand it is quite a big task for the Treasurer.

Almost \$20,000 was given to the causes I mentioned earlier.

You mentioned "How many Voluntary helpers?" It would be hard to say just how many, as we have ladies from the Churches in the area where the shops are, rostered to help in the shops. In each shop we employ a lady who is responsible to the committee.

We feel that an important part of our work is the help that our ladies give the customers. Many of them tell of their problems, and our ladies go out of their way to help.

Now I trust this will give you some idea of the work you are involved with too - as without the goods that come from all parts of Victoria we would not be able to function.

Thank you for your interest and help.

Yours very sincerely

Fran. B. Taylor. (Convenor)

Clothing & goods may be left at 4 Graham St. Kangaroo Flat.

L O C K W O O D

Many thanks to all those who attended our Strath-Haven Barbeque, sorry we ran out of time for all the things we'd planned to do, but we do hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

We were able to give \$613.70 to the Strath-Haven Appeal. A big thankyou to all those who donated eats and goods, and to all the helpers, your efforts were much appreciated.

Heard on the grapevine that a certain bantam rooster is keeping neighbours awake in the area!

Our church is responsible for running the dance at the Lockwood Hall on Feb. 17th. and we would be glad of your support.

Guild commences on Wednesday Feb. 7th. please bring syllabus ideas along.

We express our Sincere Sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Colin Reid & Family on the death of Colin's Brother Charlie Reid.

Charlie has been a very active member of the Church at Coonooer Bridge and St. Arnaud.

Get Well Wishes are sent to Vera Gaudion our New's Reporter from Lockwood.

We believe she hasn't been her usual sparking self of late.

We hope the holiday will do the trick and you will come home feeling fit once again.

The world is full of willing workers, those willing to work and those willing to sit back

and let them.

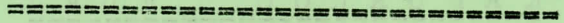
Don't Talk (T.W) Today's Weather

Talk (W.T.) Wonderful Truth.

Negatives are developed in the dark.

We are the children of light.

G O L D E N S Q U A R E



As the year 1979 enters its second month, the Golden Square Ladies Guild will re-commence its activities. Their meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th. Feb. in the Sunday School Hall, at 2 p.m. This will be a social afternoon, and members of the executive will be hostesses.

New members and visitors made very welcome. Under the leadership of President Mrs. Vi. Mamouney, and Secretary, Mrs. Eunice Vapp who were both re-elected at the Annual Meeting in December. We are looking forward to a year of working in faith and hope for the church and its people.

We extend a special welcome to Rev. G. and Mrs. Buckle and give them an open invitation to be present at any, or all of our meetings and activities.

We are still needing lots and lots more books for our Book Fair. Mrs. Laurie White can be contacted by phone 436763 to pick up, or arrange delivery of books. The actual date of the Book Fair is still uncertain but it will be held on the Saturday of the next State Elections. Further particulars will be in coming weekly bulletins.

Our prayerful and loving thoughts go out to those who are ill or distressed or have suffered bereavement. May God be with you in your hour of need.

Golden Square Property Committee Annual Meeting on Monday Feb. 19th. in Church Vestry at 7.30 p.m.

All Members please attend.

DOOR STEWARDS

February Ken Miles Peter Bradbury

KANGAROO FLAT

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting for 1979 of the Kangaroo Flat Ladies' Afternoon Fellowship will be held at Lake Weeroona on Tuesday February 27th. following a picnic lunch commencing at midday, to which all ladies are welcome. Members are asked to bring along new ideas for syllabus.

Ladies visited Dunedin House prior to Christmas entertaining inmates with singing and afternoon tea. Each lady was presented with a gift.

From now on members will visit the home the first Monday of each month at 2 p.m. and any lady will be most welcome to come along.

EVENING FELLOWSHIP

At the beginning of December we arranged and catered for the annual St. Andrew's Day Dinner. There was a very good representative gathering and all voted it a good night of fellowship. Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the evening such a success.

Our first Meeting for 1979 will be held at Scots at 7.30 p.m. on February 14th. We hope that Mrs. Buckle, our new Minister's Wife, will be present, and urge all members to take this opportunity of becoming acquainted with her. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies of the Church to join with us this year. Last year we achieved a good deal in fellowship and fund raising, but there is certainly plenty of room for many new members - how about it?

A very warm welcome awaits you into this sphere of Service for our Lord in this place. The Syllabus item for the month is "Childrens' Sayings" - we hope all those who attend will take part.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. Boyle on the death of Mr. Boyle's Sister.

KANGAROO FLAT Cont.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As from March 4th. the Service of Worship will start at 9.30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 10.15 a.m. There will be a Creche for very young children in the Kindergarten.

The 1978 Youth Discussion Group from Kangaroo Flat which conducted the service on Paul plans to continue learning and arranging more productions in '79.

They invite any interested youth from the Parish to join with them Sunday mornings at 9.30 or if not then to contact either Ian Parsons or Geoff Collishaw, for details.

Ann Allan has a sale for used stamps and Lan-choo Tea Labels, the money goes towards the Missions.

FLOWER ROSTER

Feb. 18th.	Mrs. A. Humphreys	Mar. 4th.	Mrs. B. Roberts
25th.	Mrs. J. Whyte		

DOOR STEWARDS

Feb. 18th.	Ewen Rowan	Mar. 4th.	Kevin Moorhead
25th.	Joan Collishaw		

ELDERS

Feb. 18th.	E. Rowan	E. Bell
25th.	I. Parsons	K. Collishaw
Mar. 4th.	L. Hamilton	J. Curnow

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Feb. 18th.	M. & J. Filby
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Mar. 4th.	M. Cleaver & J. Sleeman

HIGH STREET

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SCOTS

B. & E. Trimble
Miss Allan & A. Youl

B. & J. Parsons

CHILDRENS' CORNER

A Happy 1979 to all our readers. I hope those of you who attend school will have a very successful year, and that the "tinies" who start for the very first time at either School or Kinder will make lots of new friends among their classmates. I also hope that you will all have a very happy year at Sunday School, enjoying the fellowship of your fellow scholars and teachers. Remember that there is plenty of room at Sunday School for all your school friends who don't already attend anywhere else - they will receive a very warm welcome. Remember, too, that this is your very own Page in the Magazine and send in any news items, articles or competitions that you would like to share with the other boys and girls.

TRUE KINDNESS

Do you find it hard to be nice to those who are not nice to you? When someone does not agree with you in what you believe, do you become upset or angry? When someone tells lies about you, do you find you hate that person? The Bible tells us that God will judge those people. We are told only to love them.

Temper tantrums will never win anyone to Christ - His Word tells us to be "kind one to another, tenderhearted".

When you meet someone from another religion, do you show that you have the love of Jesus in your heart? Or do you get the feeling that God does not love him as much as he loves you? We need to stand up for what we believe, but we also need to be sure that we have love, patience, kindness and tenderness to show to those who do not love God as we love Him.

Whether a person treats us unkindly, whether he has different beliefs from us, or whether someone lies about us, it is not for us to judge or condemn, but only to love.

God tells us to love others because he loved them and gave His son the Lord Jesus Christ for them as well as for us.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, make me see how wrong it is to be unkind to anyone at any time. Help me to depend on your love rather than mine to keep me kind at all times, and may other children see by my actions that I belong to you. Amen.

KIDS

The teacher at Dalby Downs Primary School is in trouble with the Queensland Education Department. It all started with trying to win the Department's prize for the most improved garden in the State. Really all "Chalky" Chambers had to do was to plant capeweed and it would have improved the place. It was capeweed that actually gave him the idea of surrounding the school path with sunflowers, and voilets for contrast.

But no sooner had the seeds been planted than a flock of white cockies descended.

That problem was solved by having all the boys in Grade 6 - there were 5 of them - take turns each day in standing guard against the cockies who would sit on the old tin roof and carry on. Some parents complained because the white ants kept eating the boots off the kids feet, so they decided on a new plan.

"Micro" Jackson's Dad had just hired a new shearer's cook who only made "quick grip" porridge. After two mouthfulls nobody could open their mouth for 24 hours, so it solved the problem of feeding the shearers. "Micro" decided that if he painted the school roof with the shearers' porridge, they would catch all the cockies.

Being 6'10", "Micro" got the job of painting the roof. As soon as he came in, "Chalky" Chambers dashed out to find hundreds of cockies descending onto the roof - and they loved the porridge!

"Chalky aimed and fired, and off flew the cockies with Dalby Downs Primary School glued to their feet! The cockies must have landed somewhere by this, and what with the porridge and "Micro's" leadership there's no doubt the kids will survive until found.

Thomas thought the disciples were kidding when they said Jesus was alive until he saw Jesus with his own eyes. Then he knew it was no joke. Jesus was alive.

Have you spoken to Jesus lately?

Atheists, agnostics, and wilful unbelievers cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.

RIDDLE - ME - REE

My first is in knowing and also in no,
My second in belt but not in bow
Work has my third but not so toil.

School has my fifth so also does soil,
my fifth is in come but not in go
My sixth is in home and also in hoe
Some has my seventh and so does more
Eighth is the same as the one before
Love shows my ninth but not so hate.

You has my tenth but its not in mate
Friend brings my next as also does Joe
Gleam has my twelfth but not so glow.
My last is in cricket but not in ball
My whole is the time that starts for us all
When we answer, soon, the school bell's call.

(ANSWER - NEW SCHOOL YEAR)

ON TELEVISION IN HEAVEN

I used to wonder how God's sharp eye
 Could see my deeds from beyond the skies;
But those were the days of radio,
 And I had no way by which to know,
Except His word which told me so.
I knew He could hear, but how could He see
 O'er that infinite space 'Twixt Himself and me?

Then came T.V. and as I'd view I could hardly
 believe that the facts were true,
But at last I knew that if such could be,
 That men see visions o'er land and sea,
Surely my God is watching me....

How now can I do one secret sin,
 When God and all Heaven have me tuned in?.....
