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# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania

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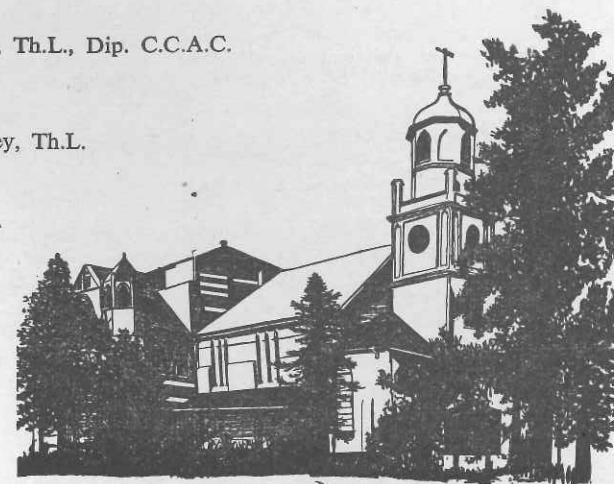
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### FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends at St. John's,

This month is stock-taking time for us at St. John's. We shall hold our ANNUAL MEETING on Wednesday, 28th, when we shall look at what we have done, and hope to do.

On Friday 9th, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Hall, we shall hold a PARISH FAMILY DINNER when we shall consider the financial needs of the parish over the next three years.

I want you to know and believe that all of you are urgently needed at both these functions. You are the parish, and these gatherings are to help us, the parish, function as efficiently and as effectively as possible.

Further to what I have already said in the last two months there are other thoughts on the use of our money which I would ask you to consider.

Human beings all live of necessity in the material world. Those who are Christians do this as children of God, we try to love and serve Him. Each of us then has to decide what we need of the created world in order to love, enjoy and serve God, and further to decide what we do with what we have. In this context we see the use of material things as an act of worship, and worship as an act of giving.

Because money is part of this material world, we must accept it as of God. We therefore neither under-rate or despise it. Nor do we regard it as ultimately valuable in itself, compared with our love and service of God.

This calls for a fresh recognition that the Christian life implies giving and service. Indeed without them there is none. The question therefore is not whether, but how are we to give and serve.

You may agree with this, but then wonder how much you ought to give. Here I would pass on to you two general guide lines. Firstly, Christian giving because it is based on Christ's self giving is always sacrificial, it means giving more than we can afford. We give to the One who gave Himself completely for us. This leads to my second point. If we do not miss what we give, then it is not a gift for it has cost us nothing. There is a vast difference between tipping God and giving to God. In the light of what we have, what we spend, are we making a sacrificial gift to God? That is the question I now ask you to come to terms with.

May God help us all to be honest with ourselves and with Him.

Yours in His service,

HUGH GIRVAN,

Rector.



## Happenings

Best wishes to Jenny Stokes and congratulations to Dennis Carter, on their engagement. Jenny is one of our Sunday School teachers.

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Wonderful to see so many of St. John's people at St. David's Cathedral for the Ordination of Jenny Shaw. It was a tribute to our new Deaconess.

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Hear the retreat of the ordination was held at Rosary House. Another out-reach in inter-church co-operation.

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Rector tells me that he received several congratulatory interstate phone calls and letters after the A.B.C. broadcast. But why does the A.B.C. flatten out the singing volume?

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Had a wonderful time at the Anglican Women's Conference. The Reverend Vernon Cohen proved to be as good as his reputation.

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Was also impressed by the catering arrangement in which our ladies were helped by a group from the Church of the Apostles.

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For the Conference Noel Dicker produced "Go Down Moses" in St. John's. Overheard a number of comments on the latest dramatic talent in the parish.

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Met Jim Carroll, the Director of our Planned Giving Programme. He told me that our forty-five hostesses, under Mrs. Frank Ikin, is the largest Anglican response he has had for some time.

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\$87 was given by St. John's congregation when a retiring collection was made for the work of Austcare in India.

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News that the Primate is coming to Tasmania reminds me of the story told about the Rector who informed his children that when the Archbishop came to visit them they must say "Your Grace". The Archbishop duly arrived and rang the doorbell. Son of the Rectory hurried to the door and intoned "For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful."

*Elizabeth Street*

### CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 3 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.
- 4 **Trinity IV**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion and Sunday School Creche. 7 p.m. Evensong. 8 p.m. Training night for Planned Giving Programme.
- 5 Monday, 8 p.m. Programme Leaders Meeting.
- 6 Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Hostess Report Meeting.
- 7 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Women's Guild Afternoon for senior parishioners. 8 p.m. Final Programme Training night.
- 9 Friday, Dinner for Planned Giving Programme.
- 11 **Trinity V**, Planned Giving Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Commissioning service—Mattins, Sunday School. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 12 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. 8 p.m. Programme Report Meeting.
- 13 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Final Report Meeting.
- 14 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Director's Summary Report Meeting.
- 18 **Trinity VI**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion and Sunday School. 7 p.m. Evensong attended by the St. John Brigade. 8 p.m. Coffee Shop.
- 20 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 21 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Thursday, St. Mary Magdalene, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 25 St. James the Great, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Family Service, 7 p.m. Evensong, 8 p.m. 20 & Overs.
- 27 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. Townsend G.F.S.
- 28 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. August—
- 1 **Trinity VIII**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion and Sunday School, Creche. 7 p.m. Evensong.

### HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, July 12th, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea hostesses: Miss Green and Miss Lockwood.

Retiring officers are as follows: President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Roake, Mrs. R. Page; Secretary, Mrs. H. D. Palliser; Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Easter.

Result of the Film Evening held last month was \$39.00. Our sincere thanks to members and friends for their assistance. A donation of \$100 was made to the hospital towards the cost of new carpet in the halls at the hospital.

Members were sorry to learn that Mrs. Waldron, through ill health had gone to Melbourne to live. We will miss her very willing help at all times and do trust that she will be restored to good health very soon. Also Mrs. Dodery who is a patient at St. Lukes—our prayers for a speedy recovery.

### MOTHERS' UNION

At our June meeting Mrs. Helen Thurley gave us an inspiring talk on the necessity for daily reading of the Holy Scriptures. From then, she went on to give us examples and illustrate material aids to personal and family Bible Study.

A creche will be conducted by Mesdames J. Piper and J. Easter on July 4th for the 10 a.m. service.

On Thursday, July 22nd, the Annual Morning Tea to raise funds for the M.U. Scholarship Fund will be held in the Kindergarten Hall.

Mrs. Beryl Robinson, the Diocesan President, will be our guest at our next meeting which will commence with an 8 o'clock service in the Chapel on Tuesday, 20th July. Supper hostesses will be Mesdames L. Watson and B. Deavin.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A  
PARISH FAMILY DINNER

on

FRIDAY, 9th JULY, AT 7 P.M.

(inform the Rector if you have not  
received an invitation)

also to

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

on

SUNDAY, 11th JULY AT 10 A.M.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

The June meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Record in Ann St. Apologies were received from several members. We are very sorry to hear that two of our members are ill, we pray for a speedy recovery for both Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Dodery.

The next meeting will be in the Parish Hall on July 8th at 2.45 p.m. when we invite all senior members of our parish to join us for entertainment and afternoon tea. If anyone is in need of transport to and from the meeting would you please contact Mrs. White, Ph. 2 4130.

Highlight of the June meeting were the slides of Malaysia and India shown by Miss Hill. Miss Hill's accompanying talk about the people of these countries and their way of life made us very conscious of the contrast between their country and ours.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE  
INVITED TO THE  
ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE PARISH

to be held in the Hall on  
WEDNESDAY, 28th JULY

AT 7.00 P.M.

The meeting will be preceded by a  
PARISH TEA

### FOR TEENAGERS

Our Youth Fellowship has been meeting on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. The activities include games or visits to activities arranged by other groups around Launceston on the Saturdays, and an after-church Coffee Hour on the Sundays, at which we have a guest artist. Over the June long-weekend six members travelled to Hobart for Jenny Shaw's ordination as a Deaconess, and to attend a camp conducted by the Church Missionary Society League of Youth. From all reports everyone enjoyed themselves and it won't be hard to get people to go to the next camp in March, '72.

### PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the Clergy or Church Wardens.

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Thank you.

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- This is racism—when aborigines are denied access to swimming pools, cinemas, hotels and hospital wards because they are aboriginal.
- This is racism—when individuals are denied entry to Australia because of the colour of their skin.
- This is racism — when equal rights and privileges in housing and employment are denied to any section of the community because of their racial origin.
- This is racism—when Australia takes part in sport with teams chosen on a racial basis.
- This is racism—when people believe that because they have a white skin they are superior to people with a dark skin, and that they are therefore justified in behaving in an arrogant and discriminatory way towards them.
- This is racism—when a church practices any kind of discrimination on the basis of race.
- This is racism — when people believe that individuals of mixed race parentage are inferior.