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# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania

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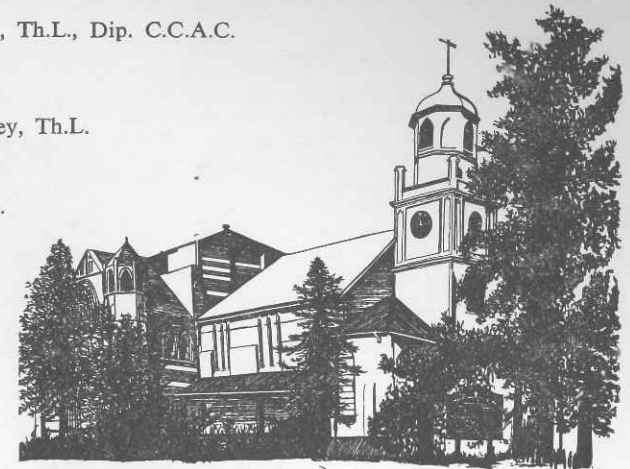
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Phone 31 4896

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Mr. Lindsay O'Neill,  
F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.  
Phone 31 2998



### FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's,

We have had another wonderful month at St. John's. Our worship has been enriched by two visits by the Bishop. The first for the Civic Service, the second for our Parish Festival which included Confirmation. How fortunate we are to have a leader who gives us such clear directions in Christian living as our Bishop gave on these occasions. When one includes the Synod services it is obvious that we have had more than our fair share of the Bishop's time this year, I hope you are as grateful as I for the way in which he has helped us.

I know too that many within the parish made their contribution to these grand occasions. The obvious people like the organist and choir, and those who, in less obvious, but important ways, made theirs.

It is important for us to unite in worship and church activities, for it is within the life of the worshipping congregation that we receive strength and draw closer to our God. Yet over and over again one is impressed that Jesus did his mightiest work in the hurly-burly of life. In fact, he was so much a part of people and their experiences that men called him a wine-bibber and a glutton, and when he died they hung him up at the Place of the Skull, not in a church sanctuary.

Jesus died where men swore and gambled for his seamless robe. This was a place of vulgarity and it was this that Christ had come to redeem. The Epistle to the Hebrews says it was "outside the gate."

As Christ's people, we are called to join him outside the gate. The business of Christ belongs where housewives must deal with the daily frustrations and burdens of the children and home.

Christ asks us to join him on the assembly lines, in the halls of politics, and in the daily struggle of all men to earn their daily bread.

This is where we Christians will win or lose the battle for Christ—outside the gate.

Within the gate — the congregation — we worship and work and study, we train in the Christian life. Outside, we "fight the good fight."

May our God give us strength to do both.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH GIRVAN.



## Happenings

Great rejoicing in the Thurley family, Matthew John arrived on Tuesday, 26th, and gave his first yell at 8 a.m. Congratulations to our effervescent assistant Graham and his wife Helen.

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I nearly missed news of the marriage of Celia Pennicott to Gary Hill. Celia has had long and close associations with our Sunday School and G.F.S. Gary recently addressed our Men's Fellowship on his hobby—steam engines. Gary and Celia will continue to live in our parish.

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A former parishioner, Grace Dart, nee Haslam, died recently. She was baptised and confirmed in St. John's and joined the G.F.S. in 1910. An athlete in her youth; she belonged to St. John's Union Jack Club and represented Tasmania in hockey. More recently her interests were with Meals on Wheels and Esk-leigh Hospital.

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Asked the Rector what I should call the open area now provided in the Church, he called it a "narthex" which my dictionary says is "a porch across the west end of a Church".

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Our sympathy to Mrs. Annear and her family on the death of Mr. William Annear. Many of our older members will remember the family before marriage took them away from St. John's.

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Didn't count how many I spoke to at the Parish Family Luncheon, but I did notice that the Bishop hardly at all, he was spending his time talking to as many as possible. Full marks to our Bishop.

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Wonderful to see a full church for the Confirmation service, but I never know whether to be sad or glad. Sad that so many in the past have soon forgotten their promise, glad that others are willing to try.

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Former Youth Group leader and choir member Elizabeth Webb (now spending her time at the University) and Len Beremner of Scottsdale are receiving congratulations on their engagement. Now we know why she missed choir sometimes last year.

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Mrs. Parishioner, whose son had grown a beard, sought her Rector's help in getting the boy back to decency and normality.

The Rector was smarter than she. "Mrs. Parishioner," said he, "I have to tell you that most of the men who had the greatest influence on my life and whom I admire most, wore beards—Moses, Jesus, my grandfather and Santa Clause. Let your son keep his. I may grow one myself."

*Elizabeth Street*

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 3 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6 Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Hong Kong Fair. 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.  
7 **Trinity XXII**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion — Sunday School — Creche. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.  
8 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.  
9 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Tea.  
10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.  
11 Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.  
14 **Trinity XXIII**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Morning Prayer — Sunday School, 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
16 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.  
17 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 2.30 p.m. Mini-Market.  
18 Thursday, 12.30 p.m. Luncheon for Miss Violet Sampie, Women's Inter-Church Council, in Paterson St. Junior Room.  
21 **Sunday before Advent**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Television Service, 7.30 p.m. Evensong, 8.30 p.m. Youth Group.  
23 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. Townsend G.F.S.  
24 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
28 **Advent I**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Family Service, 7.30 p.m. Evensong, 8.30 p.m. 20 & Overs.

### ST. JOHN'S ON TV

WHEN ?

SUNDAY, 21st NOVEMBER  
AT 11 A.M.

It is important that we fill our church  
for this programme of worship.

### LINDSAY O'NEILL TO ADELAIDE

Our organist Mr. Lindsay O'Neill has been given a year's leave in order to take up work at Adelaide University.

During 1972 St. John's organist will be Mr. Lindsay Hutchinson, L.T.C.L., A.Mus.A. Mr. Hutchinson is at present completing an Arts degree at Melbourne University, and is organist at Brighton Methodist Church (Vic.). He has obtained leave of absence from the Victorian Department of Education and will be on the staff of the Grammar School.

## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, on Monday, 8th November, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea hostesses: Mrs. D. Roake, Mrs. A. H. Shepherd. This will be our final meeting for 1971.

The Annual Morning Tea held at Mrs. Holyman's home on Wednesday, 13th October, was again very successful. Proceeds were approximately \$268.00. Many thanks to our members for their wonderful help and assistance. Also to those who accepted the invitation—it was indeed very gratifying.

On St. Luke's Day, 18th October, Mesdames Holyman and Palliser made posies and these were given to patients in St. Luke's on that day.

The combined Auxiliaries, together with ex-trainees and nurses of the Hospital are holding a Garden Fete in the Hospital grounds on Thursday, 25th November. There will be well stocked stalls, morning and afternoon tea.

A cordial invitation is extended to members of St. John's and their friends.

### BUILDING ST. JOHN'S

Slides of 70 years ago will be shown  
at Evensong (7.30 p.m.) on Sunday,  
14th November.

Mr. Peter Webb will provide the  
commentary.

G.F.S.

The G.F.S. Annual Fair held on 16th October, was very successful, and we wish to thank all who helped in any way. \$124 was added to our Church Carpet Fund.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Our sincere appreciation to Dr. Joan Farrar for being present at our last meeting. We found her slides and talk on St. Michael's School very interesting. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend our last meeting for the year, on Tuesday, 16th November, when final arrangements will be made for our Mini-Market to be held the following afternoon, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Thank you to all who made Wednesday, 27th October, a pleasant and memorable afternoon for so many of our Blind and Deaf citizens, they enjoyed it immensely.

### Mothers' Union

#### MINI-MARKET

FOR LADIES OF THE PARISH  
WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER  
2.30 P.M.

PARISH HALL

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Page, Spencer St., with 14 members present. Our President, Mrs. White was not in attendance, as she was away on her holiday, which we hope was most enjoyable. We thank Mrs. Palliser, our vice-president, for chairing the meeting. It was very nice to have Deaconess Shaw with us.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Watson, 11 Gloucester St. Supper hostesses: Watson and Cornish.

### HONG KONG FAIR

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SATURDAY, 6th NOVEMBER  
PARISH HALL, 10 A.M. - NOON

### DR. BROWNE'S CHARITY

From "The Examiner", Saturday, 21st March, 1846.

JAMES STANYARD — we are requested to state that this man who died in St. John's Hospital, and on whose body an inquest was held for the benefit of the coroner, was about eighty years old and had long been in a declining state. The Rev. Dr. Browne lately allowed him to occupy a dwelling rent free, but upon being informed that the old man's infirmities increased and that the person who formerly attended him had declined the duty the Dr. had him removed to the hospital where he would be properly cared for. For the last two years and up to the time of his death Stanyard had been supported as a pauper from the offertory fund of St. John's Church and during that period received a weekly allowance of 8 lbs. bread, 5 lbs. meat, ¼ lb. tea and 3 lbs. sugar.

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### FAMILY SERVICE

Mr. Ron Buckland, Tasmanian Secretary,  
the Scripture Union, will speak at the  
final Family Service for 1971 on 28th  
November at 10 a.m.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE MEANS BETTER HEALTH

A medical research team, at John Hopkins University in the United States, has pronounced that attending Church has undoubted therapeutic value. The incidence of fatal heart disease is almost twice as high for men who are infrequent church attenders as those who worship at least once a week. Moreover regular church attendance would also appear to be statistically related to a lower incidence to other major diseases, such as cancer, cirrhosis, tuberculosis and various respiratory ailments.

The reported stated that the relation may be as significant as that between cigarette smoking and health.