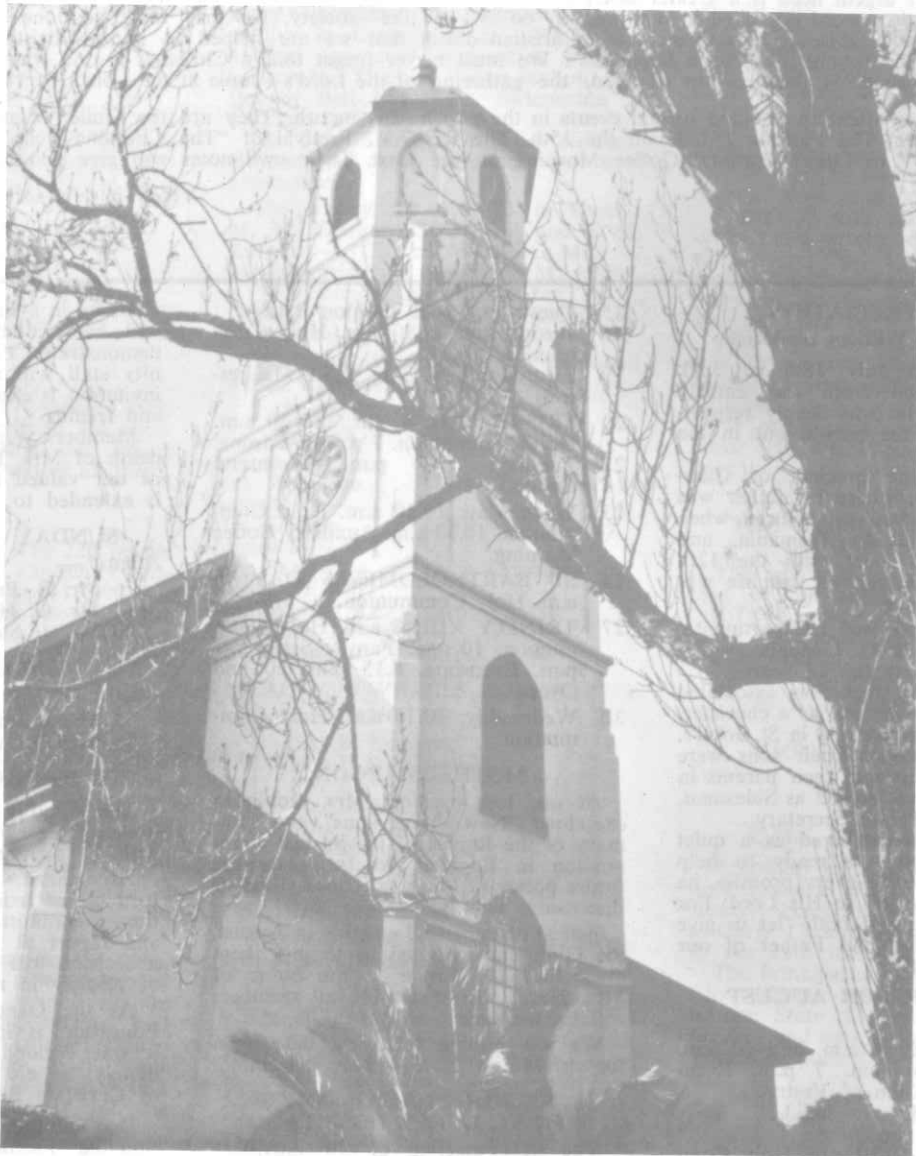


PARISH MESSENGER



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's,

Our Annual Meeting was not as well attended as some others have been, but those who came for the tea and meeting had a very pleasant evening of fellowship. I urge those who were not able to be present to collect a copy of the Annual Report, including the Financial Statements, now available in the Narthex of the church.

While there is always room for improvement, those responsible were able to give satisfactory reports of their stewardship of time and money. Our increased giving to objects outside the parish, and our greater involvement in our own community, are indications of an outward looking parish, always a healthy sign.

The present urgent need is a greater discipline in the regularity of our worship, this is one of the foremost duties of a Christian. Duties is a word not liked in our present "do as you like" society, for they must be done always, whether we feel in the mood or not. However it is through our Christian duties that we are helped to know Christ's presence, the presence which gives us the "royalty of inward happiness". We must never forget that a Christian is one who has duties to God, and foremost among them is the worship of God, the gathering of the Lord's People at the Lord's Service on the Lord's Day.

I draw your attention to some special events in the parish this month. They are the Guild Afternoon for Senior Parishioners on the 10th. The Fashion Parade on the 15th. The R.S.C.M. Festival of "The Church's Year in Music" on the 19th, and the Auxiliary to Luke's Hospital Coffee Morning on the 23rd. Their own notes will give you further information.

Yours in His service,

Hugh Girvan

AN APPRECIATION

Victor John William Sheldrick

The death on July 18th of Jack Sheldrick removed from our earthly fellowship one who was deeply respected, not only in the parish, but in the whole community.

Born within the precinct of Cambridge University, where his father was a lecturer. Jack was only three when the family moved to Tasmania, and apart from time spent with the 12th Australian Brigade Signals, his life was spent in Launceston.

At his death Jack was a Departmental Manager for W. & G. Genders, having served the company for 48 years.

From childhood Jack was associated with St. John's, beginning as a chorister. He and Jean were married in St. John's, thirty five years ago. Their sons were brought to worship with their parents in St. John's, and Jack served as Sidesman, Vestryman and Parish Secretary.

Jack will be remembered as a quiet retiring man who was ready to help others. Faithful to his every promise, he was faithful above all to His Lord. For his life of service and faith "let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ".

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

August —

- 6 TRINITY X: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. Admission of Vestry.
- 7 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L.
- 8 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 9 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday: 2.30 p.m. Guild Afternoon — Senior Parishioners.
- 13 TRINITY XI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.

- 15 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Fashion Parade.
- 16 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Saturday: 6.30 p.m. R.S.C.M. Festival.
- 20 TRINITY XII: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 22 Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.
- 23 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Auxiliary Coffee Morning.
- 24 ST BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 TRINITY XIII: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evensong. 8.15 p.m. 20 and Overs.
- 30 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

MOTHERS' UNION

At our last meeting, Mrs. Robinson explained "New Dimensions", the summary of the Report of the Special Commission in England, to formulate the future policy of Mothers' Union. Further discussions will take place.

Instead of our usual meeting in August, the Guild have invited us to join them at a Fashion Parade at the home of Mrs. Harris, 30 Wyett St., all members will be welcome.

We are hoping to set a date soon for our Mini-Market — keep it in mind!

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the parish hall on Monday, August 14th, at 2.45 p.m.

On Wednesday morning August 23rd, we will be holding a "Coffee Morning with a Difference", in the parish hall commencing at 10.30 a.m. Mrs. E. Good, (one of the Launceston Show Judges) will give a demonstration —

Cooking in a Fry-Pan — various recipes will be available. Mrs. R. Page will demonstrate "Floral Art". An opportunity stall will also be held. A cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners and friends.

Members were sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Thirkell — one of our valued members. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

August —

- 6 Mr. B. Proverbs.
- 13 Mr. G. Hill.
- 20 Mr. J. Stevenson.

GROUNDS ROSTER

August —

- 5 Mr. J. Bonney.
- 19 Mr. G. Atkins.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Swinnerton, Lantana Ave., with 13 members present.

As the St. John's room at Beresford House is in urgent need of renovation, a committee will be sent to inspect and report at our next meeting, when a decision will be made as to the order of priority in renovating the room.

As the General Board of Religious Education is in urgent need of funds it was decided to send \$20.00 immediately to aid their wide programme of Christian Education.

Don't forget our fund raising function the "Fashion Parade". This will be held in conjunction with McKinlays on August 15th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harris, 30 Wyett St. Have you promised to attend? Make sure you get your ticket and bring your friends.

Our next meeting will be held on August 10th in the parish hall at 2.30 p.m. It will take the form of an after-

noon tea for our senior parishioners and a very nice musical programme has been arranged. If you are in need of transport, would you please phone Mrs. White (2 4130), as we want you to join us. (Would all members please remember their plate for the afternoon tea).

Would you remember to pray with us for comfort and strength for our member Jean Sheldrick following the very sad loss of her husband Jack.

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HAPPENINGS

The Winter exodus to the Gold Coast and all points north is on. Sun Seekers include — Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Adam.

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Parishioner once told me he didn't come in the winter because the church was too cold. What's the excuse now that St. John's is heated for our comfort.

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One of our younger young men observed the Rector crossing the road. "There's Mr. God", said our young man. "We are the observed of all men", says St. Paul.

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Here's an eye opener. The 220 people who attend St. Paul's Church Chatswood, N.S.W., are giving \$15,000 per annum to the missionary work of the church. I make that about \$70 p.a. for every man and woman in the congregation.

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Noticed the wedding of former choir member and youth club member, Janet Saxon. She is now Mrs. Robert Keeling.

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Congratulations to the David Sheldricks on the birth of their baby son John Edmund, first grandchild for the late John and Mrs. Jean Sheldrick.

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How many translations can be done, how many printings of new or revised copies of God's Word, with 7 million dollars. You don't know, because you have never handled so many dollars. Neither have we. But the World Bible Society movement is spending that amount of money this year for the "developing countries" alone.

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Reports of persecution of Christians and expulsions of missionaries are flowing in from the East Malaysian state of Sabah. The powerful United Sabah Islamic Association is pressuring everyone to convert to Islam.

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Heard about the fellow who, to add to his capital, did odd jobs on the weekend, but never on Sundays, that was set aside for the Lord's work. "What does he pay?" a friend jokingly asked. Came the reply — "Well, the pay isn't so hot, but you can't beat the retirement plan".

Elizabeth Street

ONE CHANGE IN VESTRY

When, at the Annual Meeting, the Rector announced his appointment of Vestrymen he introduced a new member, Mr. George Swinnerton. An Englishman from Canterbury, Mr. Swinnerton came to live in Launceston in 1968, when he was appointed Engineering Consultant on the Thermal Power Station project at Bell Bay. Mrs. Swinnerton is well known in the Guild.

Mr. John Stevenson did not seek reelection and there were no other new nominations.

The Vestry for 1972-73 is Messrs. M. M. Easther, D. S. Gill and R. J. Roberts — Church Wardens. Miss S. M. Brownrigg and Messrs. K. M. Atkins, J. W. Bonney, B. M. Easther, A. J. Green, F. Ikin, M. C. Perkins, G. R. Swinnerton and T. P. White.

The new Vestry will be admitted during Evensong on August 6th.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church	Chapel
August 6 — Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Thompson
August 13 — Mrs. Easther	Mrs. Watson Jr.
August 20 — Mrs. Page	Mrs. Crawford
August 27 — Mrs. White	Mrs. Girvan
September 3 — Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Smith

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR AUGUST 13th

1. Mr. B. Easther.
2. Mr. J. Stevenson.
3. Mr. M. Perkins.
4. Mr. L. Hutchinson.
5. Miss M. Willson.
6. Mr. D. Atkins.
7. Mr. W. Donaldson.
8. Mr. G. Hill.
9. The Rector.

(Bar-B-Q lunch for drivers and assistants at conclusion of duty).

CHURCH NEWS

The following donations towards the cost and distribution of the Church News and Parish Messenger have been received. Miss Tuffin \$2.00, Mr. G. Dell \$2.00, Mrs. J. Nichols \$1.00, Mrs. J. Godfrey \$1.00, Mrs. B. Phillips \$1.00, Mrs. A. R. Hammond \$1.00, Anon. \$5.00, Mrs. J. Atherton \$1.00.

Thank You .

NEW STRENGTH AND POWER

One of the great personalities in the New Testament wrote as follows: "I have written to you young men because you are strong and have mastered the evil one".

We apply these words to you. We write to you young people because you are strong; none of you need to live a life which is a failure.

In the world today there is a power within your grasp which is greater than all other powers — the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ and wholeheartedly follows Him will experience this power.

The Holy Spirit has a dynamic spiritual strength which overcomes the egoistic evil tyranny of human nature from the inside. The Holy Spirit provides the only power in this universe that can make a man free and fill him with purity, love and joy.

There are millions who have experienced this.

You also can pray to God for the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. This happens only through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is not merely something human. It has the power to save every one who believes.

There are many of you who would like to start a new and fresh chapter in your lives. It is possible for you.

Many of you have already heard these Bible words quoted from your childhood: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, that everyone who has faith in him may not die, but have eternal life".

But you are old enough to study this for yourself. These words are able to change your life, if acted upon. We ourselves have experienced it.

"If the Son (Jesus) therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed".

— from the "White Book"

THE REASONABLENESS OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

The next meeting to continue discussion of the above paper by Dr. S. GIUDICI, presented at the Faith and Order Discussion Day last September, will be held at

ROSARY HOUSE
50 High Street, Launceston
on
MONDAY, 7th AUGUST
at
8.00 p.m.

C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL

A holiday with a purpose may be had next January when the Church Missionary Society holds its Summer School at Christ College, Hobart from the 25th to the 29th inclusive.

The Principal speakers will be: Bishop Clive Kerle, Bishop of Armidale. A former State Secretary of C.M.S. in N.S.W., and now a representative of the Australian Society at International meetings.

Bishop Alfred Stanway, now at Ridley College Melbourne, but formerly one of Australia's foremost missionaries in Africa.

The Rev. Francis Foulkes, Principal of St. Andrew's Missionary Training Hall. The Rev. Lance Shilton, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide, who is a well known preacher and author.

This is a don't miss occasion for all who can attend. Further particulars from the Rector or Miss Brownrigg.

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