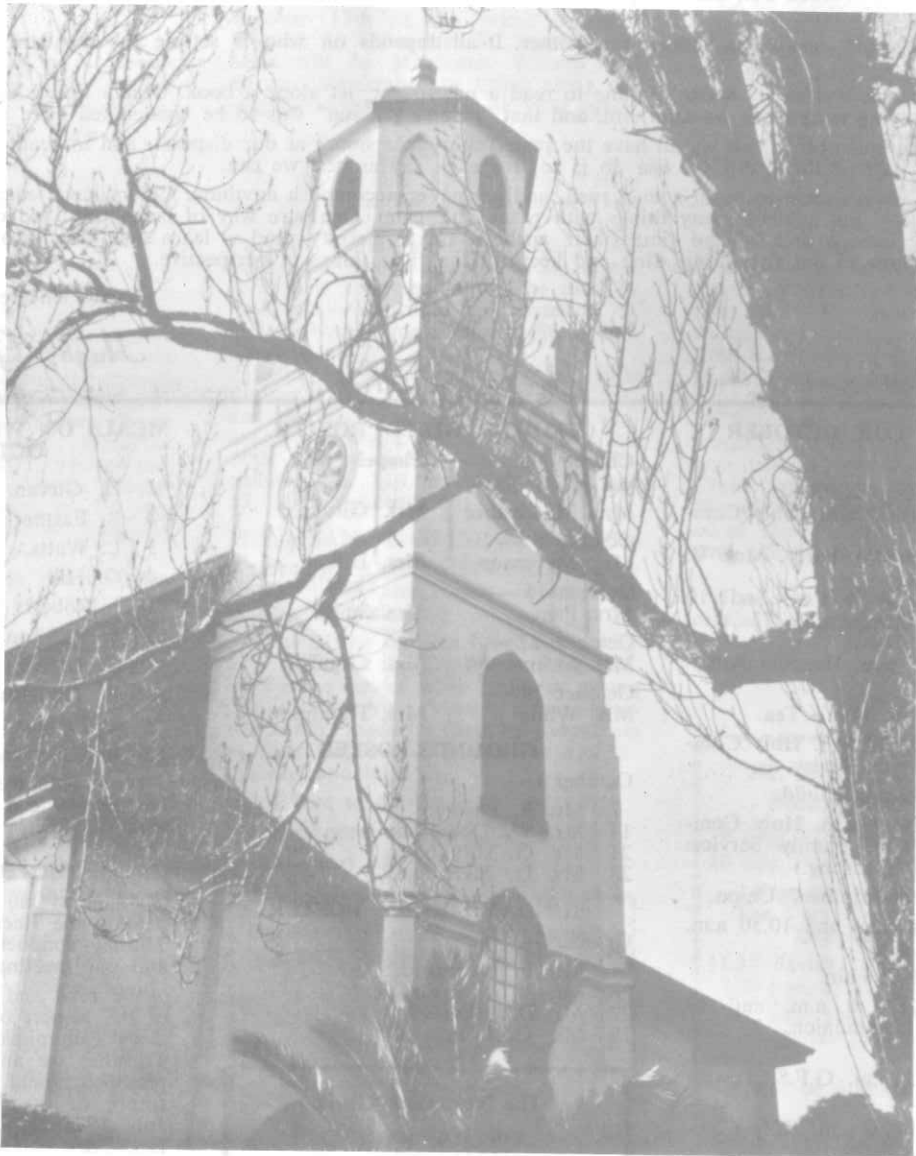


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PARISH MESSENGER



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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's

Many of us have great demands made upon our time. With all such I would share some thoughts.

Our greatest need seems to be time, and we wonder how we might "save time". Perhaps we know some who only feel content when they've finished tomorrow's jobs today, and yet, you'll observe, they end up with as little "spare time" as the rest of us.

There was once supposed to be a curate who was so intent on saving time taken up by reading Morning and Evening Prayer each weekday that he spent the first few days of Advent reading through the Old and New Testament lessons for the Christian Year, the whole of the Psalter and all the Collects, so as to have a bit of "free" time each day for the rest of the year. This never once worked out, and his plan was worthless for the important reason that some things have no value at all unless done at the right time.

It is probably not possible to "waste" time either. It all depends on who is setting the standard of what is or is not wasteful.

To some people it seems a waste of time to read a newspaper, let alone a book. Others would say that going to church, or thinking, or praying were more wasteful still, and that "mooning about" was to be condemned once and for all.

The fact to remember is that we all have the same twenty-four hours at our disposal, and in reality we can neither "save" nor "waste" any part of them. All we can do is to live each day as best we can.

Some folk always seem to be in a mad rush, and yet never accomplish anything. Others have learned a marvellous secret, are never in a hurry, but achieve many things with peace and calm. One sure way of being this kind of person is to spend a part of each day outside and beyond time (their anchors are in eternity), and so learn such breadth of vision that it becomes possible to know how to put first things first and keep all the little things in perspective.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Girvan

CALENDER FOR OCTOBER

October —

- 2 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L.
- 4 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 5 Thursday: Morning Party. Mrs. V. Holyman's.
- 8 TRINITY XIX: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 10 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 11 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 12 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild.
- 15 TRINITY XX: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Festal Evensong.
- 17 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 18 ST. LUKE: 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 Saturday: G.F.S. Fair.
- 22 TRINITY XXI: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group.
- 25 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 TRINITY XXII: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church	Chapel
October 1 — Mrs. M. Easterh	Mrs. Girvan
October 8 — Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Hill
October 15 — Mrs. Page	Mrs. Smith
October 22 — Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Greuber
October 29 — Mrs. White	Mrs. Thompson

GROUNDS ROSTER

October —
7 Mr. B. Easterh.
14 Mr. W. Donaldson.
21 Mr. G. Hill.
28 Mr. D. Merrington.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

October —
1 Mr. B. Proverbs.
8 Mr. J. Stevenson.
22 Mr. D. Atkins.
29 Mr. G. Lillico.

The Townsend Group
G.F.S. FAIR
2.30 p.m.
Saturday 21st October
Stalls — Afternoon Tea

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 8th

- 1 H. Girvan.
- 2 B. Easterh
- 3 L. Watts.
- 4 G. Hill
- 5 J. Roberts
- 6 M. Willson
- 7 G. Lillico
- 8 W. Donaldson
- 9 L. Perkins
- 10 L. Hutchinson

More volunteers are required for our list. If you can help, leave your name with the Rector or Mr. M. Perkins.

MOTHERS' UNION

An enjoyable September meeting was held in the Rectory. The Rev. Graham Thurley conducted the opening service, and our meeting followed.

We read and discussed the summary of the Report of the Bishop of Willesden's Commission, "New Dimensions". Together we answered the questionnaire provided. Final decisions regarding the future of the M.U. will be made in July 1973 at the Council meetings in England.

Our next meeting will commence with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 17th October.

Supper hostesses: Mesdames B. Easterh and G. Thurley.



HAPPENINGS

Saw Mrs. Dodery back at Church after her "Pacific Cruise". No sun tan, but looking very well.

David Atkins celebrated his majority by proposing to Helen Simmons. Our best wishes for their future together to David and Helen.

Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hart are rejoicing in the birth of their first grandchild, a son to Philip and Sylvia Hart of Hamilton, N.Z.

Latest parishioner is Stephen Christopher Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey of Canning St. Lady James is the grandmother.

Had an interesting browse through the visitors book on the table in the Narthex of the church and was amazed at the folk from all over the world who visits St. John's. Among the addresses were those from Bonn, West Germany; Castlereagh, Eire; Durban, South Africa; Singapore; Malacca; Malaysia; New York; Holland; Switzerland; Bournemouth, Norfolk, Essex, Hampstead, Bristol and London, all in England; and from all states of Australia.

Elizabeth Massey is in line for congratulations. Firstly on being awarded her Licentiate of Trinity College, London. Secondly on the good singing of her Broadland choir in the Sydney competitions.

Nice to hear three American members of the Girls' Friendly Society welcomed to Evensong. They visited Launceston after the World Council Meeting in Melbourne.

Have seen Wendy Cowell worshipping in St. John's again. Learn that with her two sons Stuart and Andrew, Wendy is now living in Launceston.

For months I have looked at the poster in our church porch advertising the Anglican cruise to the New Guinea mission stations. Wondered how many would be interested. Now read that a full ship sailed on 4th September.

A young man's definition of "conscience". "That's what hurts when everything else feels so good".

Elizabeth Street

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

Members are reminded to bring their friends to the Morning Party at Mrs. Holyman's on 5th October.

Our monthly meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, October 9th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses Mrs. Benham and Mrs. Page.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The September meeting of the Guild was held at the Rectory, 13 members being present. Mrs. Cameron showed slides of her collection of Antique China. These were most enlightening and enjoyable.

The next meeting will be held on October 12th at the home of Mrs. Watson, 11 Gloucester St. Supper hostesses will be Mesdames Watson and Girvan. Remember to bring along the oldest transportable item in your home.

A GENEROUS GIFT

At the Annual Meeting the Rector announced that the late Laurence Denham had left his holiday home "Quamby Cottage", Spring Beach, Orford, to the Rector and Churchwardens of St. John's. It is their hope that it will be used by those whom Laurence had invited to it, and by other members of St. John's congregation.

Letting arrangements may be made through Mr. Barry Easther, ph. 44 4039, and charges (to cover rates and repairs) are as follows: December 1st. to April 30th. \$15 per week. May 1st. to November 30th. \$10 per week. Weekends \$5. Long weekends \$7.

THE MEANING OF CONFIRMATION

Written by DAVID SHEPPARD, Former English Cricketer, now Bishop of Woolwich, England.

"One of the services I frequently take as a Bishop is the Confirmation service. This is the service when adults or young people take on the vows for themselves which were made for them by godparents at their Baptism. Together the Confirmation candidates say:

- I turn to Christ
- I renounce evil
- I repent of my sins.

The Members of St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital

INVITE

YOU

to a Morning Party to be held at the home of the

President

Mrs. V. C. Holyman,
8 Riverdale Grove

on Thursday, 5th October 1972
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Morning tea 50 cents.

Please bring a gift for the stall.

Together they declare their faith in God. Then they came forward and knelt. I lay my hands on each head and pray, 'Confirm, O Lord Thy servant Mary with Thy Holy Spirit'. And each candidate responds 'Amen'.

Amen is a word we often use at the end of a prayer. It means 'So be it; that's what I want; that is true'. It's there at the laying on of hands as a reminder that God has made us responsible people. There's a danger that young people come forward for Confirmation because their parents want it. But being a 'Yes-man' is not the response God wants.

To be 'Amen-people' is different from being 'Yes-men'. A Russian soldier became a convinced Christian. 'What was it that most of all persuaded you to be a Christian?' they asked him. 'It was the politeness of Jesus'. He quoted a verse from one of the letters to the churches at the beginning of the book of Revelation. The living, risen Christ is speaking: 'Here I stand, knocking at the door; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in'. The Russian soldier said that Christ has the power to break down the door into our lives, but He respects a man's or woman's personality too much to do that. He knocks at the door, waits for us to say 'Amen, so be it, come in'.

That letter begins, 'These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness'. St. Paul once said that Christ is the Amen to all God's promises. 'Would he really come into my life, if I asked Him?' God's promises say Yes. And Christ's life says Amen.

The power of God's Holy Spirit is available for each of us. We have to say 'Amen', to respond personally to know Him".

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL

Sunday, 15th October

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

10 a.m. Family Service.

Preacher at both Services.

The Very Rev. H. Butterley
Dean of Hobart

11.30 Parish Luncheon.

7.00 p.m. Festal Evensong.

You and your family are invited to the Parish Luncheon on 15th October.

We will be attending the Luncheon.

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Address

Number in party

(Return to Rector by Monday 9th)

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