



PARISH MESSENGER

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN □ LAUNCESTON

USUAL SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday, 10.00 a.m. First and Third Sundays, 7.00 p.m. Fifth Sunday.
Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday. Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Third Sunday.

Evening Prayer: 7.00 p.m. Every Sunday except Fifth

(The evening service is held at 7.30 p.m. during daylight saving months.)

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends at St. John's,

This year one of our aims must be to increase our understanding of worship, to deepen our involvement in it, and to make it an offering of the whole congregation.

The materials of the worship of God are words, music and actions arising within the context of Christian fellowship. And sometimes a true and deep experience of worship comes upon us by silence and meditation. We do not have to justify worship, since the desire and need of it are part of the given-ness of our nature. Every man must worship for himself — though he may be stirred and inspired in the presence of others who have more insight and experience than he.

Each of us is called to work at our worship. In a service we are not to be passive spectators, to be instructed or entertained or moved, but to join in a communal action to set forth God's praise, recognising his presence, as well as the seen and unseen members of Christ's Body. In "coming to church" we do not initiate worship but rather join in an offering continually going on and which never ceases. Therefore none of us can expect to dominate the proceedings himself, nor hope that his private needs will receive priority of attention. For the experience and understanding of the whole church is far wider than ours, and we may hope to be led into paths of adoration and praise which by our selves we should never have found. Such advantages are secured for us by the Church's Liturgy, in which materials both old and new are brought out of the treasure house of history.

I wish with all my heart that all of us would give time to practise for worship, to study the materials, and immerse ourselves in the experience of it. Just imagine the difference in our music, our praying and listening if, because of our understanding and participation, we could look through and beyond to Him who stands amongst us — the Lord of life and glory. What worship we could offer!

Yet we should note that every spiritual opportunity is also a time of spiritual testing. We may be worse for coming to Church, we may be better. It all depends on HOW we come. If we come patronisingly, or critically or suspiciously, the Lord will send us away empty. But if we come expectantly and humbly we shall find assurance, because here is something we can grasp with firmness, someone by whom our souls are fed. The prayer "Lord, may this worship be to us more than mere words" could well be the prayer of each one of us every Sunday.

Sincerely yours

HUGH GIRVAN.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

2. FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION :
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
4. EPIPHANY V : 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
5. Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L.
7. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
11. EPIPHANY VI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
13. Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
14. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
18. SEPTUAGESIMA: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
20. Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
21. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
24. ST. MATTHIAS: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
25. SEXAGESIMA: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
28. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

BE AN ASSOCIATE IN THEOLOGY

Church people who desire to study theology at an elementary level may take examinations which lead to a Th.A. (Associate of Theology in the Australian College of Theology).

This year Mr. Lloyd Bath and the Rector will coach any from St. John's who would like to take this interesting course. Subjects include Old and New Testament, Prayer Book, Church History and a number of optional subjects. Intending students should see the Rector for further information.

NEW ASSISTANT

The vacancy caused by the Rev. Graham Thurley's resignation will be filled by the Rev. David Lewis. After matriculating from Hutchins School Mr. Lewis worked in the survey section of the H.E.C. Between 1965-68 he attended the University of N.S.W. After a short term with the Department of External Territories Mr. Lewis entered St. John's Theological College, Morpeth as a postulant for the Diocese of Tasmania. He was made a Deacon in February 1972, and returned to St. John's College to become Senior Student. It is expected that he will be ordained a Priest on St. Matthias' Day, February 24th. His special duties will include the Sunday School, the Youth Groups and Hospitals.

ENGLISH PREACHER

On Sunday 18th February at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services the preacher will be the Rev. Michael Harper, Director of the Fountain Trust which fosters interest in spiritual gifts. (The charismatic movement). For some time Mr. Harper was on the staff of All Souls' Church, Langham Place, London, where the Rev. John Stott is Rector.

BORROWING SERVICE

This month will bring to St. John's parishioners a "Borrowing Service", through which popular theological books may be borrowed for reading. Last year we sold books, but in order to increase theological reading books will now be lent at no cost. This service will be available in the Narthex at the end of each Sunday service.

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.

Anon. \$2.00, G. Swinnerton, \$2.00, Anon., \$5.00, A. Thollar, \$5.00.

Thank You.



HAPPENINGS

My, how the year is racing ahead, seems ages since Lindsay O'Neill returned with a B.Mus. from Adelaide University gained, I should add with a distinction and two credits.

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This year our Sunday School will miss three of its former teachers. Leslie Honeychurch is teaching at Scottsdale, Craig Girvan is now in the Navy and Helen Thurley in Western Australia.

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Another departure is Mrs. Good, wife of a former Treasurer. She has gone to live at Tweed Heads. Members of the Hospital Auxiliary will miss her.

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The Youth Group will miss the leadership of Margaret Franklin who has been appointed to Geilston Bay High School.

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Was nice to see Dorothy Cox home. Dorothy intends taking her mother back to England to attend her wedding which will take place at St. James Finchemstead on 10th March.

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Two recent births to note are Timothy Allan (Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Vergo of Riverside) and Paul Mason (Mr. and Mrs. Graham Hughes of Kew Vic. congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Easter Paul's grandparents.

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"Vale" to Miss Essie Scott who died on Christmas Eve. She loved all that St. John's stands for and helped in many unsung ways.

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Young worshippers starting out on Commonwealth Secondary Scholarships this year include David and Norman Tilley, and James Powell-Davies.

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Congratulations also to Peter Roberts who has been awarded a cadetship by Repco. Peter has gone to Melbourne to study at the R.M.I.T.

"I can't get anything out of going to church", one man snapped.

The kindly Rector countered that by saying, "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give".

Elizabeth Street

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church :	Chapel :
February 4 —	Mrs. Hill.
Mrs. Page.	
February 11 —	Mrs. Greuber
Mrs. Swinnerton	
February 18 —	Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. B. Easter	
February 25 —	Mrs. Crawford
Mrs. Stevenson	

GROUNDS ROSTER

February :
4 G. Hill

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

February 11 —
M. Easter, P. Cox, M. Perkins, H. Girvan, L. O'Neil, B. Easter, J. Stevenson, M. Willson, T. White, G. Lillico.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The guild will resume its meetings for 1973 on Thursday 8th, March beginning with a communion service in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m., later going to the Rectory for the meeting. New members are always welcome.

It is with deep regret that I refer to the passing of Miss Essie Scott in December last. She was indeed one of our most faithful members and will be sadly missed.

The Guild Conference is to be held at Campbell Town on February 22nd. Anyone intending going, please contact Mrs. White.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents please note that Sunday School will begin on Sunday 18th February. Children should be attending a pre-school kindergarten before they enrol in the Sunday School. (Children of any age are always encouraged to attend church services when accompanied by parents).



MOTHERS' UNION

Members are reminded that our first meeting for 1973 will be on 20th February at 8 p.m. After the Chapel service we shall hold our meeting in the Rectory.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 13th February at 6 p.m. Our speaker will be the Rev. Charles Ruddock, Rector of Beaconsfield who recently arrived from Ireland. His subject will be "Ireland Today". Those attending should notify one of the clergy. All men of the parish are invited to our monthly teas.

IT TAKES COURAGE

To refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

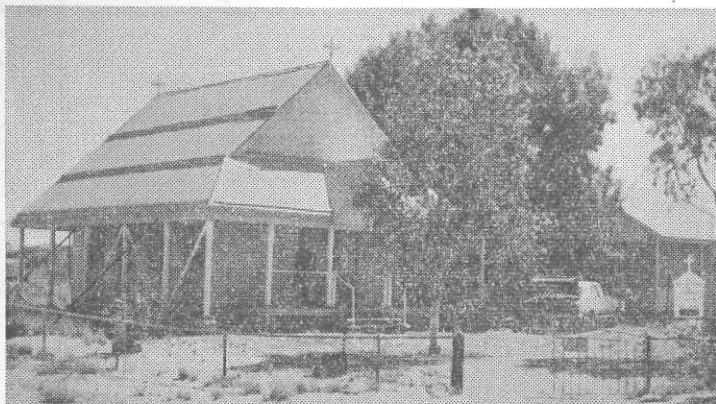
To refuse to do a thing which is wrong, though others desire it.

To live always according to your convictions.

FAREWELL TO THURLEYS

The Rev. and Mrs. Graham Thurley will be farewelled at Evensong on 11th February. The preacher will be the Rev. Theo Hayman, Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society. Other clergy of the diocese who have served with B.C.A. will also attend.

Many of the assistant clergy of St. John's have served our Lord in mission areas, and this will be our opportunity of promising our support for yet another.



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