



# 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.)

## Rector :

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Organist : Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, B.Mus., F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends at St. John's,

This is the time of the year when we tidy up our financial affairs, and prepare our income tax return. I hope then that you will not mind if I remind you that we have come to the end of the Church's financial year as well.

On behalf of the Vestry I therefore seek the co-operation of those parishioners who may not have been able to return their offertory envelopes before the end of June, to do so as soon as possible.

Rising costs trouble the Church as much as the housewife or the businessman, and the Vestry constantly watches costs in order to meet our increased commitments to the Diocese and missionary work at home and overseas. As well my assistant, our organist and myself have been given increases in stipend this year. For this we are grateful realising that all that we do could never be accomplished without the generous support of many parishioners.

I realise that many of our people are on fixed incomes, and that for them giving is no easy matter. From those of us who have received increases, large or small, I hope there will be a proportional increase in our giving to our church. There is much we can, and must do, but without constant, and increasing giving we are unable to carry through our plans.

In this issue you will see an invitation and acceptance for me for the Parish Tea and Annual Meeting. I do hope that you will be able to be present. It is important that we discuss a number of matters on which I want your opinion. Church restoration, aged persons units, service times and revised services, are but some of the questions we want you to consider. So let us make it a night to remember, and in the meantime I hope that you will pray for the Spirit's guiding always, and particularly when God's people meet to further His Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,  
HUGH GIRVAN.

## CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 1 TRINITY 11: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.  
4 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8 TRINITY 111: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Evensong.  
9 Monday: 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's 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. Womens' Guild.  
15 TRINITY IV: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.  
17 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union.  
18 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
22 TRINITY V: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.  
24 Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.  
25 Wednesday: ST. JAMES' DAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. Parish Tea. 7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting.  
29 TRINITY VI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Holy Communion.

## FLOWER ROSTER

Church	Chapel
July 1 —	
Mrs. M. Easther	Mrs. Smith
July 8 —	
Mrs. Cornish	Mrs. Greuber
July 15 —	
Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Thompson
July 22 —	
Mrs. Page	Mrs. Crawford
July 29 —	
Mrs. B. Easther	Mrs. Watson
August 5 —	
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Higgins

## MOTHER'S UNION

Our June guest speaker, Mr. Cuthbert, from Kelsall and Kemp, gave us a wealth of information on the wide range of first class materials manufactured locally, and we gained valuable knowledge on fashion fabrics and their care. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Kay Woods.

The next meeting will be at 8 p.m. on the 17th July. This time we ask you to contribute an apron, or an article of your own choosing, towards our Mini Market. Supper hostesses, Mesdames Roberts and Ayers.

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

The members of the Auxiliary will meet in the parish hall on Monday July 9th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Misses M. Bennett and V. Andrews.

On Wednesday August 15th at 10.30 a.m. a "Coffee Morning" will be held in the parish hall. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners and friends, a charge of 50c will be made. There will be a mixed stall, plant stall, floral demonstration and work from the Embroidery Guild. Unusual recipes dishes will be made for people to taste — recipes will be sold to anyone requiring them.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER  
FOR JULY 8th

D. Lewis	S. Brownrigg
P. Cox	D. Cox
J. Stevenson	M. Willson
T. White	J. Roberts
N. Woods	M. Perkins

If unable to attend please advise M. Perkins, phone 31 3541.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Record with nine members present. It was a bake and bring a recipe evening, and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

There will be no July meeting, but instead the Guild members will hold an Afternoon Tea for our Senior Parishioners. This will be held in the Hall on July 12th. We would like to hear from any who would like an invitation to attend. Those requiring transport should phone Mrs. T. White. (Ph. 2 4130).

WHAT THE CHURCH IS NOT  
HERE FOR

The Church is not in the world to convince men of its relevance to contemporary life. Rather it is here to convict men of sin through the preaching of the Gospel.

Nor is the Church in the world to win men's allegiance to an organisation. It exists for the purpose of winning men to faith in God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Christianity Today"

## A FAMILY WEEKEND

The Parish Education Committee is planning A Family Weekend from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th. November. This will be for your family as part of the parish family. The location will be at the Christian Youth Centre, Ulverstone.

Book this date now. There will be programmes for old and young. Details soon.

## GENERATION SERVICE

On Sunday 15th July, at 7 p.m. there will be a special service in the Church. This service has been arranged by some of the young people of the Parish — it is not a service for young people but by young people for all the parishioners, and all the people in Launceston.

There will be a film shown, in place of the usual sermon, titled "The Parable" — which is designed to provoke not only thought, but discussion when we meet in the hall after the service for a cup of tea or coffee.

There will be modern settings to hymns, some well known religious songs, and the prayers and readings will be in contemporary language.



## HAPPENINGS

Nice to have "Pat" Gee back at the organ during Lindsay O'Neill's visit "across the water." Pat was his father's stand-by during the many years that he was organist.

The Grammar "Founders Day" service reminded me that Graham Thurley "discovered" a sheet showing the reserved pews in the old St. John's Grammar had their quota in the middle front.

We lost our oldest Sidesman with the death of Tas McClymont at the age of 86. Until a month before Tas was still on duty with the energy and alertness of a much younger man. He loved St. John's and served it from the days when he was a boy chorister.

Included in those chasing the sun to Queensland at present are — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams, and Gayle Stokes.

Congratulations to engaged couples, Terry Wakefield to Juliana Fulton, and John Lee-Archer to Glenys Scott.

St. John's representatives on the Diocesan Synod for the next three years will be Messrs. Max Easter and John Roberts. For them it will mean giving up part of their annual holidays or long service leave. Sacrificial service indeed.

Nice to see two of our "boys" home on holiday and hear of their progress. Peter Roberts is "going well" with his course for Repco in Melbourne, and Craig Girvan has now been promoted to the officer's course at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin.

Is there some significance in the fact that most books are borrowed from our Lending Service at the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. services? Don't the 8 o'clocker's read, or are they always too anxious to get home to breakfast?

It had been a particularly hectic Sunday morning for my friend, the busy mother of six young children. When at last she settled into her pew at church, she discovered to her horror that she was still wearing her fuzzy red house slippers. "Good Heavens!" I said, as she related the story to me. "Whatever did you do?"

"Oh," she replied, "I kept a cool head — and when I went up to take communion, I walked with a limp."

*Elizabeth Street*

### GOD KNOWS

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission; I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next life.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it — if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am. I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me — still He knows what He is about.

John Henry Newman.

### VESTRYMEN

Because members of a parish commit much of their responsibility to the vestry, the choice of vestrymen ought to be of paramount concern to them. They ought to seek out committed and skilful laymen for the office, encourage them to accept the office, and work towards serving the Lord, His Church and His people. In large measure the witness of any parish depends upon the devotion, skill and sacrifice of its vestrymen.

The 1973-74 Vestry for St. John's will be elected at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 25th July.

### 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.

Anon.

### CHEAP GRACE

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without Church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without contrition. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the Cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

"BUT DO WE ALSO REALISE THAT THIS CHEAP GRACE HAS TURNED BACK UPON US LIKE A BOOMERANG? THE PRICE WE ARE HAVING TO PAY TODAY IN THE SHAPE OF THE COLLAPSE OF ORGANISED RELIGION IS ONLY THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR POLICY OF MAKING GRACE AVAILABLE AT ALL TOO LOW A COST. WE GAVE AWAY THE WORD AND SACRAMENTS WHOLESALE, WE BAPTISED, CONFIRMED, AND ABSOLVED A WHOLE NATION WITHOUT ASKING AWKWARD QUESTIONS, OR INSISTING ON STRICT CONDITIONS. OUR HUMANITARIAN SENTIMENT MADE US GIVE THAT WHICH WAS HOLY TO THE SCORNFUL AND UNBELIEVING. WE Poured FORTH UNENDING STREAMS OF GRACE. BUT THE CALL TO FOLLOW JESUS WAS HARDLY EVER HEARD."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

### RESPONSIBILITY

It is always a privilege for a priest to be asked to take the Sacrament of Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to get to Church because they are ill, disabled, or otherwise kept from making their Communion in the Church. Such a request is always a joyous opportunity for your priest to exercise his ministry, and should never be thought of as an imposition. If you are unable to attend our regular services, please call your priest and ask him to bring the Sacrament to you at home; his responsibility is to provide that ministry to you: **your responsibility is to let him know that you desire it.**

Anon.

## YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A PARISH TEA

IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL,  
ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY, AT 6 P.M.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

at 7.30 p.m.

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