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# 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,

As I pen this letter, Whitsun or Pentecost, the Festival of the Holy Spirit, is very near. And if I go on to write to you of the Holy Spirit there is no fear that my message will be dated by the time it reaches you, for, far more than any of us adequately recognise, the Holy Spirit is an ever-present reality, and ought to be an intense and continuing preoccupation for us all.

It is of great significance for this ecumenical age that as we read the story in the Acts of the Apostles of the special outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit, which on Whitsunday followed the Ascension of our Blessed Lord, we note that He rested upon the disciples and others who were assembled "with one accord in one place". In other words, UNITY appears to have been a keynote of, perhaps even essential to, this wonderful outpouring of the power of the Holy Spirit. And we are prompted to ask, what manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit may well be given to the church of the second half of the twentieth century as she realises more fully and more closely that unity which is undoubtedly the will of her divine Lord and Master?

Two other circumstances recorded in the Book of the Acts of the coming of the Holy Spirit are of special significance for us here and now. Firstly, the "rushing mighty wind". This speaks to us, surely, of POWER. And as I read the history of the church, she has only been fully and truly effective in those periods when she has most surely waited upon God, has sought to know His will, and has sought His divine power for the tasks to which He has called her.

Secondly, I find in the Acts a reference to the Spirit coming as "tongues of fire" upon the disciples. Fire has always been the symbol of CLEANSING and purifying, and it is only insofar as we are cleansed and purified by the power of the Holy Spirit that we will be fully effective in the tasks to which God is calling us here and now.

Unity, power, purity — these are eternally the gift of God's Holy Spirit and we have never needed them more than we need them here and now, for the tasks to which God has called us in our own day and generation are immense, complex, challenging and stimulating.

Yours sincerely,  
HUGH GIRVAN.

**CALENDAR FOR JUNE**

- 3 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10 WHIT SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday: 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 12 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Mens' Tea.
- 13 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Womens' Guild.
- 17 TRINITY SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins (L.C.-G.S.). 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 ST. BARNABAS' DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group. 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 20 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 TRINITY 1: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 ST. PETER'S DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

**FLOWER GUILD ROSTER**

Church	Chapel
June 3 —	
Mrs. B. Easther	Mrs. Watson
June 10 —	
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Higgins
June 17 —	
Mrs. White	Mrs. Girvan
June 24 —	
Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Hill
July 1 —	
Mrs. M. Easther	Mrs. Smith

**MOTHERS' UNION**

Overseas sale gifts will be collected at our next meeting on Tuesday 19th June at 8 p.m. Also to continue with the preparation for our September Mini-Market, our June contribution will be an article of doll's clothing.

Supper hostesses will be Mesdames L. Watson and B. Deavin.

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

Owing to building operations being carried out at the hospital our June meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday June 11th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Misses V. Andrews and M. Bennett.

At our last meeting the President, Mrs. Holyman, paid tribute to work of the late Evelyn Dodery, a member of the Auxiliary for many years, her kindness and help, especially at the Kiosk, will be greatly missed.

Several functions for this year are under discussions and will be announced later. The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, August 20th at 2.45 p.m.

**WOMENS' GUILD**

The May meeting was held at the Rectory with fourteen members present. The ladies of the Guild on the flower roster have quite a time trying to get flowers to brighten our church during the winter months. It would be appreciated very much if anyone had flowers they could give over the next few months. If you could, phone Mrs. White on 2 4130. It is also possible to have flowers in the Church as a memorium, if you would like to do this, and have them acknowledged in the pew sheet, the Rector would need to be notified on the previous Thursday prior to the Sunday of display. May was also the month for our Annual Meeting and re-election of officers. These were as follows: — President: Mrs White, Vice President: Mesdames Easther and Girvan, Treasurer: Mrs. Sheldrick, Secretary: Mrs. Harris, Committee: Mesdames Andrews, Holyman, Swinnerton and Targett.

The main topic of the meeting was the idea for a Church of England Home for the Aged. It is felt there was an urgent need for this in the north, and further discussion will be forthcoming on this.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Record, Ann St. on June 14th. Supper hostesses will be Mesdames Record and Kerrison. This is our favourite recipe evening.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

For adults and young people will begin in July.  
Application forms may be obtained from the clergy.



## HAPPENINGS

Received a copy of the Churchwardens' Annual Report, Exmouth Ashburton Parish. In it is a welcome to Graham Thurley who "came to the warmest summer on record, straight from the Siberian climate and wilderness of Tasmania". It then went on to "congratulate Graham on two big achievements: his first parish, and his elevation to the Australian mainland proper!"

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 Congratulations to choir-member Jenny Gill who won the Sacred Solo section of the Launceston Competitions. Adjudicator (Richard Thew) described Jenny's singing as "a moving experience". "The story beautifully told". Jenny also came second in the Lieder.

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 Wonderful music at the Easter Carol Service and a better than usual congregation, but we still regard Easter as a lesser festival than Christmas (instead of the other way round), at least our church attendance seems to say so.

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 More wonderful music at the Annual Florence Nightingale Service, this year held at St. John's. The Broadland Choir led the singing and Father Ted Lloyd of the Church of the Apostles gave a thought provoking address.

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 Sorry to have to say farewell to Lyn Watts who has been transferred by her bank to their Sydney office. Lyn has been a Sunday School teacher, G.F.S. Leader and Vestry Minute Secretary. Who will take her place?

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 The books on display in the Narthex each Sunday are not for sale, they are for you to borrow. Part of the work of our Parish Education Committee. It's aim — read a Christian book a week.

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 The last Diocesan Synod committed us to a Mission in 1975. It will cover the whole of Tasmania and where possible we will join with the Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches. Recently John and Janet Stevenson represented us at a layman's Conference on evangelism. Evangelism was also the theme of this year's clergy conference.

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 The emphasis on evangelism reminds me of Billy Graham's last visit to Australia. He was asked whether he thought his revival meetings would have a lasting effect. Billy responded with disarming realism: "The effects of a bath don't last long, but you need it, and it's good for you".

*Elizabeth Street*

### THE AWKWARD AGE

Sandra will be thirteen soon. At thirteen, no one with an atom of sense would dream of calling her a "child". She thinks boys are nice, specially ones with blue eyes and hair that curls. Clothes are beginning to matter; school's a bore . . . and Sunday School's the absolute end!

Not that Sandra is very different from any other girl who will soon be thirteen. She's just reached the stage where she is beginning to think for herself and that, of course, is as it should be.

Perhaps it would be true to say that the problem is not only Sandra, but also her parents.

Sandra has attended Sunday School since she was four. She normally would graduate now into adult worship. But Sandra has suddenly lost interest. She's begun to notice things — like the fact that her mother and father don't come to church. She has already concluded, "What's right for Mum and Dad is right for me".

You can't blame her. Her Sunday School teacher certainly doesn't. She understands the problem and sympathises with her. But what can she do against such formidable odds?

Parents can often do more by their example than Sunday School teachers can achieve in years. So, parents, please show your interest. Come and worship with your child. You will be doing one of the finest things parents can do. You will be helping to give your child a faith to live by — surely the greatest of all gifts. — Contact.

### A MEDITATION UPON THE WILL OF GOD

Jesus said: Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother and sister.

It is the will of God that we should endeavour to keep our bodies in health and strengthen, and our appetites and impulses under control, and everywhere and in all things be temperate and pure.

It is the will of God that we should train our minds and be true in our thinking, and just in our judging.

It is the will of God that we should be honest, truthful, and upright in thought, word and deed.

It is the will of God that we should be diligent and faithful in our several callings, doing our daily work in all simplicity and integrity, and seeking and labouring only for the things which are just and good.

It is the will of God that we should rule our spirits, bear with each other's infirmities, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men.

It is the will of God that we should live chiefly to be helpful to others, and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.

It is the will of God that we should

do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow of the world, and to overcome all evil with good.

The Lord grant unto us, and all whom we love, the joy of knowing and doing His will, now and for evermore. Amen.

### SOME THOUGHTS FOR YOUTH

I am responsible for the twenty-four hours of each day. How I use them, and how I abuse them concerns others as well as myself. Time is God-given. I cannot do with it as I please. It belongs to us all, and I must share time with others.

I am responsible for poverty, for money, for those things bought and sold, used and enjoyed, given and received. I did not create them; others have helped me obtain them. I cannot use them alone; others are concerned.

I am responsible for my mental powers. My mind is the Kingdom of opportunities. I am responsible for my body, its growth, and its use. I cannot injure it without injuring my personality. I am responsible for my spiritual development. I am Spirit as well as flesh. Into me God breathed the breath of life. In Him I must live, and move, and have my being within the fellowship of His Church.

I am responsible for others. I cannot live in vacuum. I must live among people, among those of my own age, among those who are younger as well as those who are older. We live together, therefore we have responsibilities toward one another.

I am responsible for seeking help to find my way through this life. My help is in my friends, teachers, in parents, clergy, in literature, in communion with myself, in books, in the Bible, in communion with God as revealed to me in Jesus Christ, through prayer and sacraments. All these will help me, and I shall help them.

I am a responsible member of the Anglican Church, and I am living at a time of great opportunity.

— The Living Church.

### THINKING IT OVER

Lord, I depend on other people — the milkman, the bus driver, the people I work with. People's lives make up my day and other people depend on me.

Lord, we all need each other but sometimes we don't admit it because we are afraid or because we are too proud, or because we don't know anyone that we can talk to.

Somebody has to make the first move.

Lord, help your church to be a body of people who care enough to make the first move; who care about what happens but not just to themselves but to all your people: people like old age pensioners, immigrants, criminals, or a mentally handicapped child; and not only these but all the needs which all of us have as we go about our daily lives.

Lord, help us to know that the more we care about what happens to each other the closer we come to your care for us.

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