

# 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,

Less is made of Lent nowadays than used to be the fashion. Nor is it hard to see reasons for this neglect. Traditionally it emphasises the need for penitence for wrong things done and right things left undone. But this is an age when Christians themselves, let alone the rest of the world, often feel lost and bewildered, where all the old ethical landmarks have been lost in a fog of uncertainty and doubt. And what place can there be for penitence if nobody can be sure any longer of the difference between right and wrong?

Equally traditional is the old-fashioned Lenten emphasis on the practice of some kind of austerity, however minor it may be. But the trend of the age is towards self-indulgence, not self-denial, with a vast machinery of commercial advertising for ever pushing and prodding people to the idea of getting whatever they want.

Lastly there is the traditional observance of what used to be called "spiritual exercises" — by prayer or meditation or study making an effort to train and exercise the spirit as contrasted with the body. But the whole current of materialism fashionable today is against any such attempt.

Yet it is also certain that, in spite of everything, scores of thousands of Christian people will be making an effort, of one kind or another, to begin on Ash Wednesday, 7th March, the special observance of a season hallowed by century upon century of Christian practice. These are the Christians who are prepared to swim against the secular current, and to do something about keeping Lent. The important question is what?

Let Lent be used this year as a time when we strengthen what we are already doing. Thus your resolve might be to worship twice on Sunday, instead of once. To worship during the week. To study, not read, the Bible (helps are available). To add meditation to our prayers. To give more of our substance to God's work. And this not in order that we might feel that we are doing our duty, but in order that we might in a new way meet Christ. Not the Jesus of history, but the actual, real, living Lord. Let us through these have our eyes opened and see Jesus. Then we will understand His Passion, His Resurrection and His Lordship of our lives.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh GIRVAN

## CALENDAR FOR MARCH

4. QUINQUAGESIMA: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
5. Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L.
7. ASH WEDNESDAY: 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address.
8. Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild Communion and Meeting.
11. LENT 1: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
12. Monday: 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
13. Tuesday: Mens' Tea 6 p.m.
14. Wednesday: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address.
18. LENT 11: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
20. Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
21. Wednesday: 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address.
25. LENT 111: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
28. Wednesday: 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Address.

## MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March in the Kindergarten hall commencing with Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. It is hoped members will be able to come, even if not for the whole day's programme.

Would members keep in mind Monday 12th March, at 2 p.m. — we are entertaining the members of Royal Society for Blind and Deaf.

Mothers' Union invites all those interested to "Keep Fit Classes" in the kindergarten hall each Tuesday 10-11 a.m.

Keep in mind Wednesday 28th March 9 a.m. for a Jumble Sale to aid our Sunday School. Any old clothes can be left at the Rectory.

The Annual Meeting will be held on 20th March. Supper hostesses — Mesdames Crawford and Ayres.

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

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the parish hall on Monday, 12th March at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Mesdames Holyman and Palliser.

On Monday 9th April we have arranged an afternoon at the Dairy Food Centre, 105 George St., commencing at 2 p.m. Guests will be served afternoon tea by courtesy of the Board. A charge of 50c will be made by the Auxiliary — proceeds for the hospital funds.

## FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church  
MARCH 4 —  
Mrs. White

Chapel  
Mrs. Higgins

## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

MARCH 11 —

M. Easther, B. Easther, J. Stevenson, D. Atkins, M. Willson, P. Cranswick, S. Brownrigg, G. Hill, M. Perkins, G. Lillico.

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

## GROUNDS ROSTER

MARCH —

10. D. Atkins. 17. G. Verco.  
24. J. Bonney. 31. G. Hill.

## NEW HYMN BOOK IN 1977

A hymn book to be jointly used by Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists has been prepared for submission to the council's of the member churches.

This is the first time that a group of churches in Australia has combined to produce a hymn book for mutual benefit.

At present in the Anglican Church alone seven different books are in use.

## DURING LENT

Sundays: Evensong Addresses. A series on the "I AM" claims of Jesus.

Wednesdays: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesdays: 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion using "Australia 69" and addresses by other clergy of the Arch-deaconry.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

MARCH —

11. D. Lewis. 25. B. Easther.  
18. G. Lillico. April — 1. M. Perkins.



## HAPPENINGS

Notice that our Mothers' Union is to run "Keep Fit" classes. It shows that the ladies are determined to attack the inflation problem.

My rectory grape vine brings me the latest on the air waves. The Rector may be heard on "Pause A Moment" on the A.B.C. 12th to 16th March at 9.15 a.m.

Being away on holidays I didn't hear of the death of Dorothy Leonard until after I wrote last month's happenings. She was a gracious lady who loved St. John's and enjoyed the Guild.

Also missed because of the Christmas holiday and no January issue was the passing of Bob Watson. Bob was a former Vestryman and more recently a Sidesman. Failing health didn't deter him from travelling and enjoying life.

Coming to Launceston, (and St. John's 11th March) for the Launceston Week for World Development (4th-11th March) will be the Rev. Brian Walsh, a Presbyterian Minister who is Victorian Secretary for World Development. The Rev. Murray Johnston (formerly St. John's) is Mr. Walsh's assistant.

A number of St. John's folk went to the C.M.S. Summer School held in Hobart. A charming visitor in whom they were interested was the Rev. Alf Chipman's fiancée Miss Nola Plush.

The Commissioning Service for Graham and Helen Thurley was quite an inspiration, and the farewell social a very happy occasion. Noticed a few moist eyes at the airport the next morning too. Hear they arrived safely and are slowly cooking in the heat.

Changes in the dress of Roman Catholic nuns are taking place at such a pace that even members of the church are having trouble keeping up. This story comes from the Melbourne Congress. A priest, travelling in the lift of a hotel turned to a group of women wearing outfits he didn't recognise. "Pardon me," he said, "but I don't recognise your order. What is it?" The young women looked perplexed. Then one of them replied, "Oh we're airline hostesses."

*Elizabeth Street*

## WHAT TO GIVE UP IN LENT

(Some positive suggestions which have helped other people).

1. Give up grumbling — instead — be thankful for what you have.
2. Give up 10 to 15 minutes in bed — instead — use that time in prayer.
3. Give up looking at people's worst points — instead — concentrate on their best ones.
4. Give up speaking unkindly — instead — let your speech be generous and understanding.
5. Give up your worries — instead — trust God with them.
6. Give up hatred and dislike of anyone — instead — "love your enemies, and pray for those who hurt you."
7. Give up pleasure-seeking one evening a week — instead — visit some lonely or sick person.
8. Give up buying non-essentials for yourself — instead — give the money for the work of the Church.
9. Give up judging by the standards of the world — instead — learn to judge by Christ's standards.
10. Give up YOURSELF — to God's service.

## UNIQUE CHALICE

In 1960 Mr. Hubert Lewis of Hobart presented to Archdeacon Sutton the "Youl" chalice to be kept at St. John's. The glass chalice was the first one used by the Rev. John Youl when he was chaplain to Port Dalrymple. It was given to Mr. Lewis by his mother Lady Elliott Lewis, a great grand-daughter of John Youl.

Although damaged in a fall before being given to St. John's, it was used by the Rev. David Lewis, (a great great grandson of the first rector) when he celebrated his first Holy Communion in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 28th February.

## THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Anglican church in Papua New Guinea is alive and growing. It is winning souls to Christ through vigorous evangelism. It follows His example in healing and teaching. Faithful indigenous clergy minister in hundreds of scattered villages. But the picture is quickly changing. The country is rushing head-long towards independence. The Anglican diocese is already independent. Soon most of its leaders will be indigenes. And they will face enormous problems.

### After Independence

Their clergy will minister among university graduates, government and commercial leaders, villagers battling to adjust to town life. Theological training adequate for a simple village ministry will no longer be enough. Evangelism will be more urgent than ever. But the evangelists' college is too small now to take all the men wanting to enter. Papua New Guinea is a rugged, roadless country. The Church must maintain boats and aircraft to spread the gospel.

People drift into the towns, cannot find work or accommodation, and crowd into makeshift shanty settlements. The Church must minister to their special situation. Leaders in all spheres are needed as independence nears. The Church must help with leadership and vocational training. And education and medical work must continue in the face of ever-increasing needs.

Such a total programme is urgent and inescapable — but costly. And many of the Church's best members have no money at all. They still put yams in the offering plate. Most others give above a tithe when they give 20 cents a week. Overseas support keeps the work going. But as independence comes, the Church will depend more and more on its own resources. What resources . . . ?

## The Garamut Trust Appeal

It will provide money for tasks far beyond the pockets of Papua New Guinea Anglicans — yet tasks vital to Christ's mission. World-class theological education. Training more evangelists. Lay training, staff training, stewardship education. Maintenance of boats and aircraft. Producing Christian literature, gospel audio-visuals, broadcasting material. Leadership and job training. Carrying on medical and educational work. The Church has the people, the faith and the love. It only needs the resources to make its love real.

## What the appeal is not

It is not a substitute for missionary giving to ABM and CMS this year. It is to be. Supporting the on-going mission overseas is the duty and privilege of every Christian. Papua New Guinea and other young dioceses will need overseas help for years. The diocese would prefer that you gave nothing to this appeal, rather than make it an excuse for not giving to ABM and CMS this year. Neither is it a shelving of responsibility by Papua New Guinean Anglicans. Diocesan-wide stewardship campaigns are currently achieving excellent results — a higher scale of giving, proportionately speaking, than in most Australian churches. But tithing your yam crop or income of \$1.50 a week doesn't go far towards a theological college . . . . .

## Why the appeal comes to us

We in Australia launched the Anglican Mission in Papua New Guinea. With our help, under God, it has become a thriving indigenous Church with 100,000 members, over 60 indigenous clergy, including a Papuan bishop and 600 trained evangelists, teachers and medical workers.

If we turn our backs now, 81 years of Australian Anglican missionary labour will be lost. If we respond, it will be fulfilled.

Lenten giving at St. John's will support the GARAMUT APPEAL.

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