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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,

Some of us are deeply concerned at the poor attendance at our Sunday Evening Services. It certainly appears that the commercial drive to transform the Lord's Day into Man's Day is winning the day. That unless Christian people treasure this holy day, we will lose it altogether.

Do we really want to see our Churches closed on Sunday nights, and see Sunday night given over to secular activities. If the Church is the Light of the World shouldn't we do some serious thinking about the way in which we are to shine on Sunday nights.

Yet this concern about our Sunday Evening Services must not be taken to mean that I am over-concerned with numbers. Christians should not be impressed by numbers and size, for we know what ultimately grew out of the crucified minority of one Christian — Jesus Christ.

We may long for a revival of religion, but it will not come with vast world wide movements, by playing the numbers game. It will come unobtrusively and unpretentiously, where two or three are gathered together in little groups here and there. Where small numbers of concerned people gather with committed regularity and faithful perseverance to grasp, and be grasped by the Spirit of Him who said "Fear not little flock."

Therefore I do not count heads on Sunday nights, nor look unduly at the size of parish surpluses, or deficits, or any of the other standards of impressiveness, which are the sick standards of the world in which we live.

One of the laws of history is that it is the loyal minorities that count. Believing this, I ask the more important question, could the Christian religion have started with the kind of loyalty that people give it today? Isn't our trouble half-heartedness? Surely a true Christian can never be half-hearted in loyalty to Christ. If we are luke-warm, if Christian worship and actions do not receive our top priority, then it is because we have not opened our hearts and minds to the great infusion of the Holy Spirit. The resulting lack of God's power within us leaves us unready to obey Christ's commands for our lives.

True loyalty demands obedience, and being obedient to what we know is where we begin the Christian experience. We may not understand everything about Christ. That doesn't matter, we never will. The disciples didn't understand many things, they were not brilliant men, but they were devoted men.

Our danger is that we tend to accept the standards of our world, instead of the commands of Christ. we want recognition. We look for honour, acceptance, and applause. If we are not praised our morale sags.

What does this add up to? It means that if we are going to continue the great work the apostles began, we must be those who are "not sufficient of ourselves to account anything as of ourselves." We become those who are willing to obey when we don't fully understand. We, however, understand one thing that Jesus Christ is Lord and that we are in His safe hands.

Finally, in the words of our Lord, those who are prepared to carry on His work. Those who belong to the loyal minority will know the truth of His promise, "Whoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Yours sincerely,
 HUGH GIRVAN.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Thursday: ALL SAINTS' DAY 8 a.m. Holy communion. 10.30 a.m. Morning Party for St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 4 TRINITY XX: 8 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 5 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting.
- 7 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild.
- 9 Friday to Sunday: St. John's Family Weekend.
- 11 TRINITY XXI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 12 Monday: 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 13 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Mens' Tea.
- 14 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 17 Saturday: Worship Workshop.
- 18 TRINITY XXII: 8 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 20 Tuesday 8 p.m. Mothers' Union, Holy Communion and Meeting.
- 21 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Saturday: 8.15 p.m. Music for St. Cecilia's Day.
- 25 TRINITY XXIII: PARISH FESTIVAL. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion 10.45 a.m. Parish Morning Tea 2.30 p.m. Confirmation 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 28 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 30 Friday: ST. ANDREWS'S DAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

evening early in December. A "working-bee" to clean the church will be organised soon. November supper hostesses Mesdames Atkins and Davies.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER 11th

D. Atkins	L. Jones
G. Atkins	J. Roberts
P. Cox	I. Routley
R. Cartledge	D. Sheldrick
W. Donaldson	N. Woods

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

Members of the Auxiliary will meet at the home of the President, Mrs. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, on Monday, November 12th at 2.45 p.m. This will be the final meeting for this year.

On Thursday, October 18th — St. Luke's Day — lovely posies of flowers made by the members were given to patients in the Hospital by the Secretary, Mrs. Palliser. Our sincere thanks to members who made the posies, these were very much appreciated by the patients.

MOTHERS' UNION

We were privileged to have Mr. Woodhouse, the new Diocesan Registrar, to speak at our October meeting. He told us of his life in South Africa and the political problems arising from the apartheid.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th November commencing with Holy Communion in the Chapel at 8 p.m. We will make final arrangements about a "relaxing get-together" for one



HAPPENINGS

I enjoyed the second "Generation Service" even more than the first. So too did a number of the "oldies" who came and obviously enjoyed singing the modern hymns — or songs — or choruses, (I'm not sure what to call them, but they are singable). Am informed by David Lewis that the next Generation Service will be on December 2nd.

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Have seen quite a lot of the Rev. Alf. Chipman during his stays in Launceston. At first sight I thought it wasn't the same Alf we once knew, but although he may look a bit older (and thinner on top) it was the same Alf who greeted his old friends, of that there was no doubt.

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Am finding the Series III Communion Service easier to follow than I at first thought. The books must be helpful, I hear about thirty of them have "disappeared." Wonder if it's a case of "borrowing" them for a better look.

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One change leads to another. It all began with modern translations of the Bible. That was years ago. Now we have modern services and modern psalms. How long before we give away our hymn book? Some tunes are still popular but the words! Almost to the point of a foreign language.

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"Old soldiers never die" says the song, but what about the ladies who run our G.F.S. Fair? Can anyone remember the first one? I went to this years fair and realised that here was a group who don't easily give up.

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Am still recovering from attending "Godspell." We have become so used to change that I expected something different. What at first seemed irreverent became a thought provoking experience. We need shake-ups like Godspell.

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A first for St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, when the "Queen of Australia" worshipped there two days after creating the new title. The preacher was Archbishop Marcus Loane. A Tasmanian he was baptised in St. John's.

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From England comes this comment from the recent bombings. A man died and was at the gate of heaven. St. Peter

opened the gate and said to him "What religion are you?" "I'm not any religion," said the man, "I'm a member of the I.R.A." "Oh" said Peter, "well you can't come in I'm afraid." "I don't want to come in" said the man, "I've just come to warn you that you have ten minutes to get everyone out!"

Elizabeth Street

FLOWER ROSTER

Church	Chappel
November 4 — Mrs. Cornish	Mrs. Greuber
November 11 — Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Thompson
November 18 — Mrs. Page	Mrs. Crawford
November 25 — Mrs. B. Easter	Mrs. Watson
December 2 — Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Higgins

WOMENS' GUILD

The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. Swinnerton, who showed us slides on Africa, these were most interesting and enjoyed by the fourteen members present.

We still have some wool to be knitted up, if there are any people willing to do this for us, it would be very much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. T. White, 16 Wyett Street. Don't forget to bring a photo of yourself as a child if possible.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

"Why Worship"
"Aids to Worship"
"Liturgical Reform"
"Australia '73"
"English Series 3"

Discussion under the leadership of
The Reverends Oliver Heyward
Charles Holmes
Bill Paton

Where? St. George's, Invermay.
When? Saturday, 17th November,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IMPROVE YOUR VOCABULARY

leg'acy, n. Sum of money or article given by will: material or immaterial thing handed down by predecessor.

The word legacy does not appear in the Bible, but the word inheritance and the word heritage appear any times. They all mean about the same thing.

The Christian counts God's gifts of loved ones, what we are and have, forgiveness in Christ and eternal life as an inheritance.

We can share our good life with the next generation by leaving some of our inheritance in the form of a legacy.

Without our legacies St. John's would not be able to continue as at present, or be able to give so generously to the Church at home and overseas.

This year we have received legacies from the estates of Mr. Laurence Denham, Miss White-Parsons, Mr. G. C. Dodery and Mr. A. G. Hollingsworth.

Have you thought of your Church when you make your will? A legacy large or small, is one way of saying thank you to God.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL 1973

Saturday, 24th November at 8.15 p.m.

MUSIC FOR SAINT CECILLIA'S DAY

presented by the St. John's Singers

with

BERYL CROFT (Organ)

and

WARREN TILLER (Classical Guitar)

SUNDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER

9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (only morning service)
Preacher: The Rev. Charles Holmes.

10.45 a.m. PARISH MORNING TEA
2.30 p.m. CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION
Preacher: The Bishop.

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