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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. Fourth 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 Elect:
The Rev. Ian Booth, Th.L.
Acting Rector:
The Rev. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

Assistant:
The Reverend David Lewis.

Telephone 31 4896

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

FROM THE ACTING RECTOR

My dear friends,

I have recently been reading various opinions from peoples of all denominations and I was interested to read their expressions of what their Church has meant to them, and I have wondered if this too would be the opinion of the members of this lovely Church of St. John.

I quote one opinion. Is this the way YOU feel?

"Before I was born my church gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

My church enriched my childhood with the romance and religion and the lessons of life that have woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths my church taught became radiant, insistent, and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence my church heard my problems and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes towards the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love my church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, my church drew me to the friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, my church has believed in me and woingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself, and taught me that my failure was not permanent.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and my Church is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

My Church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith."

God bless the church on the street that hears the city's cry,
The church that sows the Seed of the Word where the crowds of men go by;
The church that makes, midst the city's roar, a place for an Altar of Prayer,
With a heart for the rich and a heart for the poor, and rejoices in their burdens to share.

Yours in Christ,

H. D. IKIN, L.Th., J.P., Acting Rector.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 4 TRINITY 8: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion. (corporate Communion for Mothers Union). 7 p.m. Evensong.
5 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild at 16 Wyett Street.
10 Saturday: 10 a.m. Planting Day at the Rectory.
11 TRINITY 9: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Family Service (Broadland House Primary School Service), 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels, 7 p.m. Evensong.
13 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
14 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
18 TRINITY 10: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Evensong.
20 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union at 4 Henrietta Grove
21 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
25 TRINITY 11: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7 p.m. Generation Service.

- 27 Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.
28 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Monday 12th August at 2.45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. L. R. Page, 12 Spencer St.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses:

Mrs. J. M. Gee and Mrs. H. Holyman.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Sunday, 11th August, 1974

Ian Routley (Duty) B. Donaldson
R. R. Cleary P. Hull
W. Cowell L. Jones
P. Cranswick L. Nicholas
N. Dicker D. Sheldrick

If you are unable to attend phone Ian Routley — Work 31 6666, Home 44 4936.

We urgently require additional volunteers. It takes very little time (11.30 a.m.—1.15 p.m. approx., 2nd Sunday each month) but your time is appreciated by the elderly and sick who receive this wonderful service.

Why not ring Ian Routley now and volunteer?

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

There were 14 members present even though it was a very cool evening. A

most enjoyable social evening was had by all.

The next meeting will be August 8th at the home of Mrs. White, 16 Wyett Street. This will be in the form of a Beetle Evening to raise funds.

MOTHER'S UNION

Last month we had fun with "Beetles" at Mrs. Watson's home — thank you, Lorraine.

On August 20th at 8 p.m. we'll gather at the home of Mrs. B. Easter, 4 Henrietta Grove, for a Knitting Night. Mrs. L. Pratt who last year entered the National Championships in Adelaide and recently the Champion of Champions in Melbourne, both conducted by the Australian Wool Corporation, will be our special guest. Everyone welcome.

Supper Hostesses: Mrs. B. Smith and Mrs. A. Roberts.

The Service of Corporate Communion will be held for the Mother's Union on Sunday 4th August at 10 a.m. — All members are requested to be at that service if at all possible.

The Diocesan Council Meeting will be held at St. James, New Town on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August. The Theme will be "Getting to know your Mother's Union." Mrs. Robinson has stressed the importance of this meeting. If further details are needed, phone 44 2928.



HAPPENINGS

Have been hearing mumblings about something called "Mission 75" for some time, and all those I've asked were most unsure about it, too. However, when I was looking at the material in the back of the Church, I came across a paper which outlined some of the things that will be happening next year — I know these are only some suggestions, but it looks a most exciting venture we can all share in.

Talking of 1975 — You knew of course, that St. John's is celebrating its 150th anniversary of worship on this site. It promises to be a most stimulating year for all. There has been set up an Organizing Committee to plan a programme which will help us celebrate and remember our Sesquicentenary. One of the committee asked me to pass on their request for any suggestions you may have for activities in and around our Church next year. Any of the Staff or the Vestry would gladly pass on your thoughts to the Committee.

When I was in the back of the Church, the 'Narthex,' I believe it is called, one Sunday after the service, I noticed the Mobile Library — Many good books were there, and too some suggestions for reading. Heard that each month a new list will be published, outlining more of these books — they certainly provide a most useful guide to the reading we should be doing.

For a change, didn't rush off after the Service on Sunday but stayed in the Church and listened to our organist, Lindsay O'Neill, playing the organ — a most rewarding few minutes which can be thoroughly recommended. And then I went over to the Chapel and sat in on the Confirmation Class which has started for this year. It's amazing how much of one's basic religious knowledge — the how's and the why's — one forgets over the years. Anyone joining me in these "After Church" happenings!

Much is happening in the grounds by way of new constructions. It has saddened some of us older Parishioners that this has meant the removal of the old hedge and some of the lawn — the Church doesn't quite seem the same. But then, as one of the younger members said — "It's People that count, not buildings or trees." This is quite right of course, and if the new Centre is used by us to the fullest, then it will be

worth it. And of course, new trees and bushes will soon grow — Hope you will be joining me on the "Planting Day" in the grounds on August 10th.

Seems to have been changes all round: now in some of the service times — the Family Service now is at 10 a.m. on the SECOND Sunday, and the Generation Service (the more modern service) at 7 p.m. now on the LAST Sunday of the month. Every morning at 8 a.m., Mattins is said in the Chapel — but one service you may not have heard about is that on Thursday at 8 a.m. when we gather for special prayers for this Parish, and for the members of those who work to keep it the alive and vital place that it is. Prayer certainly helps the Church and its people — so please join us then. (Maybe you can't come always — but you can join us in spirit at that time, in your own prayers).

Honesty in all things — Heard about the wedding reception to which friends were invited as usual, but it was an invitation to "The Bride's Victory Dinner."

Elizabeth Street

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

CHURCH	CHAPEL
August 4 — Mrs. Cornish	Mrs. Piper
August 11 — Mrs. Hart	Mrs. Hill
August 18 — Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Smith
August 25 — Mrs. B. Easter	Mrs. Grueber

BAPTISMS

Renee Joanne Vanson, Adele Louise Davis, Peter Charles MacLaine, Matthew Shane Rogers, Chantal Lai Ambrose, John Allan Burnie.

MARRIAGES

Laurence George Kelly and Patricia Eileen Hinds, Michael James MacKean and Paula Rae Atkins, Neville Graeme Birchall and Vicki Louise Clarke, Philip Leslie Myers and Marilyn Ann Purtell, Philip Raymond Tickle and Cheryl Ina Bowley, Henry Charles Bell and Joan Elizabeth Bishop, Alfred John Thomas and Christine Maree Groves.

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Lewis Marshall Bretz and Pamela Joan Bretz (nee Fuller).

BURIALS

Elsie Melvine McIvor, Hanah Kate Jones, Peter Charles MacLaine, John Forman.

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND

Last Year's Family Weekend was voted such a success that another has been planned for October, from the evening of Friday, 18th till Sunday afternoon, 20th, again in the delightful Ulverstone setting and we look forward to having more families and more of the ones and twos within the Parish Family join in this happy time.

As announced, Rev. Victor Maddick of St. John's Toorak has accepted an invitation as leader. Those who remember Mr. Maddick as part time Assistant Priest on our staff whilst Headmaster of Grammar Preparatory School will know how easy it is to listen to his meaningful messages and will realise how much his personality and friendly manner will contribute to the fun and fellowship.

The venue is a delightful country setting, close to a safe beach and with many recreational facilities within the spacious grounds, including a full size slot car track.

Children will be cared for during adult sessions and separate activities planned for them.

We need to know in good time how many can come and application forms will be available shortly. The cost? The low charge will surprise you.

THE ORGAN

Many will recall with gratitude the long association which the late Laurence Denham had with St. John's Church. One of his particular interests was in the musical tradition of the church, and especially in the project for the completion of the organ.

It is not surprising therefore, that among his many generous bequests, a sum of money was specified for the inclusion of a 32ft pedal reed stop; which through lack of funds at the time of the 1959-60 rebuild, had to be left for some future occasion.

In the present period of inflationary trends, it will be well understood that the cost of such a stop would now be considerably in excess of the item originally stated in Laurence Denham's will. Moreover the Vestry has recently been advised by the organ builders that a further \$1200 will now be needed to add this 'Bombarde' stop, and to complete the installation as had been anticipated by the end of the year.

It was felt that some of our parishioners might appreciate an opportunity to contribute personally to the added expense of this stop, which will undoubtedly provide a most fitting memorial tribute to one who has given so much spiritually and materially to the church which he and we all love so much.

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