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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. 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:
The Rev. Ian Booth, TH.L.
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Assistants:
The Reverend David Lewis Tel: 31 4896
The Reverend Harry Ikin, L. Th.

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

The past month was for me a sad one. Both of my parents passed away within six days of each other, and only a few days before their Golden Wedding Anniversary which was to have been on 15th November.

Whilst there is human sadness and sorrow in parting from loved ones there is also a wonderful sense of thanksgiving for all that they have been to us down through the years, and especially for the quiet and effective faith which characterised their lives.

I have been very conscious of the prayers and support of so many of you during this time. It has been a wonderful experience to be receiving such Christian love and pastoral care. This has been expressed not only in words but also in so many practical and most helpful ways making it possible for me to be in New South Wales for nearly a fortnight and for my wife to fly up, after my father's death, when my sister and I needed her support so much.

My sincere thanks to you all for your sympathy, understanding and prayers.

We have now entered a new Christian Year. Advent is here with its message of the coming of the Lord! Very soon we will once again celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We will worship, exchange presents and express joyous goodwill to our friends and neighbours.

Do not approach Christmas without facing its challenging message to the world of the mid-1970's. "Emanuel, God with us" reminds us that Jesus was born into human life at a point in human history and shared the experiences of life in the world of that time, identifying himself with the sufferings, conflicts, tensions and the joys of human experience. Into this world he brought the love and power of God in a new and living way which changed lives and eventually had a dynamic effect on Society.

In today's world there is a need for people to find this same love and power of God in Christ with its power to change lives and society. I do not need to remind you of the sufferings, conflicts and tensions of the moment, the media is constantly making us aware of these. There are also many joys into which Christ can come and make known his enriching love.

May Christmas 1974 bring to you a renewal of your faith, love and joy that you might have a message to share with others as we set out together into 1975 with its focus on mission and evangelism.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Ian E. A. Booth

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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- ADVENT 1: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7.30 p.m. Evensong (Special Introit for Advent "I look from afar," Mattin Responsory for Advent by Palestrina).
4 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 Saturday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion — League of Youth Thanksgiving.
ADVENT 2: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Broadcast of Broadland House School Service and Mattins, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels, 3 p.m. Organ Recital, 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
10 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea, 8 p.m. Bible Study (Speaker: The Rector).
11 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Vestry, 7.30 p.m. Women's Guild Christmas Party.
12 Thursday: 7.15 p.m. Kindergarten Break-up at Milton Hall.
14 Saturday: 8 p.m. 'Messiah' — (See Notice).
ADVENT 3: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Family Service — Break-up Service for Kindergarten and Sunday School. (Sunday School resumes February 23rd.), 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
18 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
21 ST. THOMAS' DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Consecration of the Venerable H. A. Jerrim at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart.
ADVENT 4: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Choir to Exeter (all Parishioners in-

- visited — see Rector), 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
24 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons, 11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral), 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Evensong and carols.
26 Thursday: ST. STEPHEN'S DAY, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
27 ST. JOHN'S DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
28 HOLY INNOCENTS DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
CHRISTMAS I: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7.30 Holy Communion.
NEW YEAR'S EVE: 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Watchnight Service.

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 1 Wednesday: — NAMING OF JESUS — 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
5 CHRISTMAS 2: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
6 EPIPHANY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 Friday: 7.30 p.m. Evensong for R.S.C.M. Summer School — Preacher the Revd. H. H. Condon (Chaplain to Summer School).
12 EPIPHANY 1: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist for R.S.C.M. Summer School — Preacher: The Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, the Rt. Revd. H. A. Jerrim,

- 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels, 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
15 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
EPIPHANY 2: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
22 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
25 CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
SEPTUAGESIMA: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7.30 p.m. Evensong.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE:

- 8.00 p.m. Festival of Carols.
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

- 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion — Choral.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.
Please notify the Rector of any person desiring Communion in hospital or at home.

MOTHER'S UNION

We ended '74 with an enjoyable evening together — Holy Communion followed by a meeting and musical entertainment in the rectory. Our sincere thanks to our Rector and Mrs. Booth, and to those who provided the music.

We look forward to another year of fellowship in '75 and hope to see you all on February 18th at 8 p.m. Supper Hostesses: Mrs. B. Smith & Mrs. B. Deavin. A happy and Holy Christmas to all.



HAPPENINGS

Black Magic and E.S.P.? — Surely not the sort of thing that goes on at a Church 'DO' — but at the Annual Gathering of the Senior Parishioners, the Occult was demonstrated. The Revd. Harry Ikin showed another side of his Repertoire when he entertained the Folk at the Afternoon Tea provided by the Women's Guild at Mrs. Harris' place. Of course, we all KNEW that it was only trickery — but the atmosphere did get a bit electric for a while! I understand that at one stage, he was thinking of Spiriting the Rector into the Swimming Pool.

Most of us have heard the Revd. Harry singing in his superb bass voice — and he did not disappoint with a delightful negro song. Mrs. Harris played her new electric organ — accompanying herself on the Wha Wha and drums. Much talk and catching up on happenings was done — as well as eating fine cakes and sandwiches!

There were 25 people presented for confirmation this year. It was wonderful to see so many friends and families coming to support these people at this time. Our responsibility in prayer and example must now be shown through the fellowship we offer these folk. We live a life of relationships — and there must be a real reciprocity of ministry between Christians, Young and Old, Lay and Ordained.

Much hammering, drilling and laying of bricks has been going on, now the finer weather is here — Our Parish Centre is taking shape, with walls almost complete, the roof being formed and windows going in. New chairs and tables have arrived, carpet and lino chosen and the various groups working out cupboard space they will need. The long wet winter wait will be worth while when we move in early next year.

Elizabeth Street

MR. LINDSAY O'NEILL

B.Mus., F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.

After nearly a quarter of a century of musical leadership in the parish, our Organist, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill has tendered his resignation to the Rector. He has accepted appointment as Organist

and Master of the Choristers at St. Andrew's Church, Brighton, Victoria, where he will commence duties in February next. Mr. O'Neill will be missed not only at St. John's but in Launceston generally as he has won the interest and respect of a wide number of people not only as a gifted musician but also a good Christian friend and citizen.

BISHOP REPORTED

On November 9th, the Bishop reported on the activities of the Parishes around Tasmania in preparation for "Mission '75". St. John's was represented by eight parishioners who heard of the importance of small groups equipping themselves by prayer, study and really getting to know other members of their church, so that they can take an active and effective part in this Mission.

The Bishop talked of the importance of getting those that are "on the Role," but not very involved in the life of the Church, to see the need of real commitment to Christ in their own lives, and in and through an active participation of the worshipping life of the Church family. Only after we can develop in our OWN lives a living relationship and not just an academic acquaintance with the Living Lord, can we expect others to take notice of our belief and faith, and to come to an awareness of, and a response to, Christ.

A Task Force was established which will meet, plan and act for this Mission — NOW is the time YOU can become more committed to this Mission, by joining the Task Force, and using YOUR God given abilities in His Service. Ring the Rector for more information.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL PARISHIONERS FROM THE CLERGY AND VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

CHURCH	CHAPEL
December 1 —	Mrs. M. Easter Mrs. Hill
December 8 —	Mrs. Cornish Mrs. Smith
December 15 —	Mrs. Hart Mrs. Grueber
December 22 —	Mrs. Swinnerton Mrs. Thompson
December 25 —	Christmas Day Flower Guild
December 29 —	Mrs. B. Easter Mrs. Crawford

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

The last meeting for this year was held at the home of Mrs. Easter, Wyatt St., and quite a lot of business was discussed. It was decided to send \$20 to Clarendon Home in lieu of Button selling, also Christmas cakes are to be purchased and wrapped for the City Mission.

Our Afternoon Tea for Senior Parishioners was discussed; this has since been held and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Members are advised our Christmas Dinner is to be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 7.30 p.m. at the St. James Hotel.

As this is our last report for the year I take this opportunity on behalf of the President, members and myself, to wish one and all a very Happy Christmas.

JUNE HARRIS, Secretary.

Four Musical Highlights at St. John's

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 3 P.M.

Music for St. Cecilia's Day
with Lindsay O'Neill organ, and the St. John's Singers.

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 8 P.M.

Handel's Messiah, presented by Launceston Philharmonic Society
conducted by Bruce Kekwick, with
Cynthia Johnston, Soprano
Janet Dawson, Contralto
Hugh Macindoe, Tenor
Ian Giles, Bass
Lindsay O'Neill, Organ

CHRISTMAS EVE — TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 8 P.M.

Festival of Carols and reading of the Nine Lessons.

JANUARY 6TH-12TH.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL,

directed by Lionel Dakers of R.S.C.M. Headquarters. This is an annual conference of Church Musicians who come from many parts of the country. Special features at St. John's to which all are welcome include daily lunch hour recitals by visiting distinguished organists, and two big services, Choral Evensong on Friday 10th January, 7.30 p.m. and Sung Eucharist on Sunday 12th January at 10 a.m.

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