

JULY 74

# PARISH

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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.)

Acting Rector:  
The Reverend Harry Ikin, L.Th., J.P.

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,

This is the first occasion of which I have the privilege of writing to you as your Acting Rector. There are so many things I would like to say regarding first impressions.

The first one is the wideness of the church of St. John itself. I would think there is not a suburb of Launceston which does not contain at least some members of this church.

The second is the obvious pride of belonging which I have found in the many visits I have made, whether these visits have been to hospitals or to private homes. In response to my enquiry, again and again people have said to me — "Yes, I belong to St. John's, and my people before me," and they have then told me of the history of their family and they have said how much St. John's has meant to them.

Now the other night I was listening to Dvorak's "New World Symphony" (a favourite of mine), which is based on the old negro spiritual "Going Home." A symphony as you are aware is composed of various movements which are joined together by one basic thing, and in a sense this is true of a church.

A church has many departments, and through those departments many people express their devotion to Christ, and it is this particular devotion which is like a common theme, namely fellowship in Christ joining together many people in one.

How do we define the word church? Many people think in terms of bricks and mortar, and when they say I belong to this church or to that church, this is what they have in mind. Leslie Weatherhead once said "a church is not a religious club meeting behind stained glass windows, but it is a committed group of Christ Centred People." Along a similar line of thought, in a military camp I heard His Grace the Archbishop of Hobart, Doctor Young, say almost the same thing. He was talking to a group of cadets and had been using the term "church" throughout his address, when he stopped suddenly and said, "YOU, YOU ARE THE CHURCH." So too, I would again emphasise the fact that a church is a group of Christ Centred Christian people.

One writer once said that the word fellowship can only truly be expressed when it is based on common cause, and OUR common cause can be summed up in the opening words of the Apostles Creed — "I believe in God The Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son, Our Lord."

If we then believe in Christ and all that he stands for, then we must believe in the brotherhood of mankind. We cannot separate ourselves from the world around about us. We must be concerned in the fellowship of all believers. In this regard I would quote from a magazine which had a report concerning the church in China. According to a group of priests and lay people who set out to find the state of that church in mainland China, this was its findings.

"The real religious climate in mainland China is one of terror, or near terror.

They found no church in which it was permitted to say mass or to even offer up prayers. A few priests did this in their hotel rooms. It was dangerous to talk religion to fellow travellers, according to one priest.

A nun who asked her brother whether Christians were meeting secretly for any form of worship is said to have received the reply — 'I have never heard anything of this kind — it is impossible — too dangerous.'

Another refused to say whether Chinese children were still being baptised, since it was better to avoid even talking of religion."

So you see the church and its teachings is being challenged on every side.

Finally, I would just like to say how very grateful we are, both Mrs. Ikin and myself, for the warmth and the friendship we have shared since coming into the fellowship of St. John's Church. I cannot speak too highly of the friendship shown to us by the Reverend Hugh and Mrs. Girvan and family. They took us right into their home and made us feel at one with them. Nor can I speak too highly of the continued friendship of the Reverend David Lewis.

Yours in Christ,

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

### CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 3 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7 TRINITY 4: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Evensong.  
8 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.  
9 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.  
10 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m. Vestry.  
11 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.  
14 TRINITY 5: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels, 7 p.m. Evensong.  
16 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union.  
17 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
21 TRINITY 6: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

- 22 ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S DAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
23 Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.  
24 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
28 TRINITY 7: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7 p.m. Generation Service.  
31 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

CHURCH	CHAPEL
July 7 —	
Mrs. Page	Mrs. Thompson
July 14 —	
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Crawford
July 21 —	
Mrs. White	Mrs. Watson
July 28 —	
Mrs. M. Easther	Mrs. Higgins

### ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. White reported on the A.W.F. Conference, and what a lovely three days it had been.

At the end of our meeting Mr. Ford showed some of the most beautiful slides on their trip to England. The members were delighted, and found it hard to believe these slides were taken by an amateur photographer — one felt they were actually on the spot. Thank you Mr. Ford for a lovely evening.

Our next meeting will be on July 11th at the home of Mrs. Record, 59 Ann Street.

Supper Hostesses: Record, Kerrison.



## HAPPENINGS

When our new Rector, Ian Booth, arrives, he will be keeping up an old tradition. For he did his theological training at Moore College, Sydney, as did Hugh Girvan, Leonard Sutton and Marcus Brownrigg.

Two of the hardest working members of our Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Holyman (President) and Mrs. Palliser (Secretary) are enjoying overseas travel. There'll be a stir in the Auxiliary when they return.

The Junior G.F.S. recommended by Shirley Girvan is now under the care of Sue Butler and Debbie Cassidy. Sue is a sister and Debbie a nurse at St. Vincents.

Now that winter is here again it's a great comfort to know that we can feel the right kind of "hot air" in the Church. With heated cars there's no excuse for absence during the cold months.

The painting of the concrete ceilings in St. John's made me realise that many of the finishing touches to the church have never been completed. Could we do some of the stone carving while we still have a stonemason or two left?

Heard that several people have had their unlocked cars ransacked recently whilst they were attending services — please keep your cars locked when you leave them in the Church Grounds. And, of course, cars are only left in the grounds when you are on Church business — now that large trucks will be in the yard with the construction that is progressing, the space is limited, and not always safe.

I thought that the last Generation Service was very well done — the singing of the young people, their music with guitars and piano was most pleasing. The prayers were reverently and meaningfully said — pity that more adults were not present.

Congratulations to Bishop Cranswick who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. I noticed in Church News that the Rev. L. V. Daniels is writing a thesis on Bishop Cranswick and his work for Ecumenism. I hope that in due time it will be published for all to read.

*Elizabeth Street*

### RECTOR'S FAREWELL

On Sunday, 12th May, after Evensong, parishioners met in the Hall to say farewell to The Revd. and Mrs. Girvan and their family before their move to St. Paul's in Bendigo, Victoria.

Wardens, M. Easter and D. S. Gill spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Girvan and his family had been held in their time at St. John's. Mr. Gill, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Girvan with a cheque and wished him every success and blessing in his new Parish at Bendigo.

The Organist, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, in making a presentation, spoke on behalf of the Choir and presentations were made to Helen and Richard by a junior choir member. A presentation was also made to Alison from the Sunday School.

Mr. T. Adkins, Tasmanian Chairman of C.M.S. spoke of Mr. Girvan's interest and work for C.M.S. and made a presentation on behalf of that organisation.

Mr. Girvan in replying on behalf of Mrs. Girvan and the family, expressed thanks to all who had made his stay at St. John's quite a memorable one and said how sorry he was to be leaving the Parish.

### MOTHER'S UNION

Apart from the wintry weather and the "drip-drip" our June meeting was most interesting.

Dr. R. Smith brought along his slides taken when he and his family spent several years in Tanganyika. As a medical missionary he encountered many hazards travelling in such unreliable country in four-wheel drive vehicles. Not only did we see colourful slides of the African animals and the hazardous country, but also of the tragic diseases that the natives endure usually because of malnutrition and poor hygiene.

We saw miraculous transformations particularly among the children, when the "team" had supplied necessary medical care, lessons in hygiene and spiritual guidance.

Our next meeting will take the form of a **Beetle Evening** at the home of Mrs. L. Watson, 6 Vaux Street, West Launceston on July 16th at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome — would members bring a small plate of supper and also remember an article for our Mini-Market. Thank you all for the Overseas gifts.

If anyone requires transport would you phone 44 3177 or 44 2928.

### MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Sunday, 14th July, 1974.

M. Easter (Duty)	G. Lillico
A. Ford	B. Proverbs
R. Cartledge	J. Roberts
L. Jones	T. White
Miss Whitfield	Miss M. Willson

Any driver unable to attend please phone Ian Routley, work 31 6666, home 44 4936.

### ANNUAL MEETING

The year of 1974 will long be remembered by the present and future parishioners of St. John's Church. Much is happening — to the buildings: the redevelopment of the old Hall site; plans and construction for a new Parish Centre complex; painting and repair of the Church; — and perhaps most important, a growth in the worshipping life and activities of our members.

Much of the responsibility of the running of St. John's is committed to the members of the Vestry — and for this vital work, people both committed and skilful ought to be sought and encouraged to accept this office, and work towards serving our Lord.

On WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY, at 7.30 p.m. at the ANNUAL MEETING, you can hear reports of the various Church groups, hear of the progress on the building front, and elect your Vestry for 1974-75.

### PLANTING DAY

New buildings and driveways in the environs of the Church and Rectory will necessitate some replanning of the gardens.

The suggestion has been made that we should have a "planting" day on a Saturday morning in the near future.

Most people with gardens will have rooted cuttings, bulbs, tubers, runners, seedlings or shrubs which they could spare and if we could have these brought to the Rectory on Saturday 10th August, we could have the garden shipshape before our new Rector arrives.

Parishioners interested in such a work- ing bee should contact Jenny Gill at 31 1150.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. F. Cox, 161 George Street, at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 8th July.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Cox and Miss Lockwood.

### BAPTISMS

Natalie Jane Crow, Scott Phillip Cunningham, Nichola Frances Hall, Michelle Terese Walters, Jason Phillip Cole, Campbell Blake Lowe, Leigh Maurice Long, Rachael Belind Jones, Kylie Maree Massey.

### MARRIAGES

Terence Herbert Walters and Valerie Helen White, Gerald Henry Gee and Patricia Anne Harding, Malcolm James St. Clair Cooper and Raylee Elizabeth Smith, Gordon John Morrison and Sandra Dawn Riley, Philip Mark Spencer and Bonnie Darlene Ross.

### BURIALS

Jannette Maxine Grove, Alan Brian Hudson, Eleanor Maie Golding Fuller.

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