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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.)

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends at St. John's,

I have been asked why we want to leave St. John's. The answer is simple, we don't want to leave St. John's, or Launceston, or Tasmania. However it is not what we want, but what we believe we ought to do that matters, and we have come to believe that at this time we ought to go to Bendigo, and knowing our own weakness of desire we trust that we shall "go in the strength of the Lord God". It is this thought that I want to share with you this month for it is in God's strength that we all must continue, you in Launceston, we in Bendigo.

For all of us the future is uncertain. Not one of us has any idea what the future holds for us. We may have a good background of success upon which to build, but we cannot guarantee that success will continue. Our strength may have lasted out in the past, but we cannot claim that that strength will never fail us. Even Samson's strength failed him. And so, with all the uncertainty of the future to be faced, let us revive hope and confidence for the days that lie ahead and afresh take up the purpose that we have set before ourselves, by determining that we shall go forward only in the strength of the Lord God.

We ought also to claim the strength of the Lord God when facing the temptations of the future because, as Christians, we must never rely upon our own ability to overcome. All of us will be tempted, at some time, to waste our talents of time, talents and treasure. St. Paul knew that we would face the temptations common to man, but promises that God will give us power to resist.

Whatever we may have to face in the future I have no doubt that there is available to us the power of God to provide strength for all, and for every occasion. "To the weak there comes strength, to the unholy, purity; to the perplexed, guidance, to the doubting, courage".

Let us then seek the strength which we have been promised. For myself, in the work to which God has called me, I long to be able to make the Christian message so real and clear that all will want to experience it at its best for themselves. To come anywhere near to accomplishing this, I know my dependence must be on God. It can never be accomplished in the power of human energy alone, and so I must go forth "in the strength of the Lord God". My hope is that we may all have the same objective wherever we may be.

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus,

Hugh Girvan.

## CALENDAR FOR MAY

1. ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES: 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
5. EASTER III: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
8. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
9. Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild.
12. Easter IV: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Carol Service.
14. Tuesday: 6 p.m. Mens' Tea.
15. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
19. EASTER V: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
21. Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
22. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
23. ASCENSION DAY: 8 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
26. ASCENSION I: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
28. Tuesday: 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.
29. Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

The Churchwardens invite all parishioners to a gathering after Evensong on May 12th to convey good wishes and many blessings to the Rev. H. H. Girvan and family, as they prepare to leave St. John's to go to Bendigo.

Would the ladies please bring a basket.

## PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News." Donations may be given to the clergy or Church Wardens.

M. H. Maclaine \$3.00, A. Thollar \$5.00, Mrs. R. Page \$2.00, G. Swinerton \$2.00, E. Asmus 20c, Mrs. K. Sutton \$1.00, Mrs. C. Latta \$1.00, Mrs. S. Crawford \$1.00.

Thank you.

## MOTHERS' UNION

We all had fun using our "artistic talents" under the supervision of the Hobbytex demonstrator at our April meeting.

At our next meeting at 8 p.m. on 21st April, Dr. Smith will be our guest and will speak to us on family planning. Supper hostesses: Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Radford.

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

Members of the auxiliary will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday May 13th at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses Mrs. M. Easther and Mrs. Maclaine.

The 'Morning Tea' held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Room, once again proved a wonderful success, approximately \$300.00 was raised by the combined Auxiliaries of St. Luke's Hospital. Our sincere thanks to those who assisted and the many people who attended.

Also to Mr. Keetley for the use of crockery etc. which he kindly loaned free of charge. It was very much appreciated and we were indeed very grateful.

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The April meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Watson with 17 members present. It was moved to send \$20.00 to Glenview Home to help with this year's fair.

Mrs. Nell Peck was absent from our meeting, owing to the fact her husband was very ill and we were sad to hear this, and pray for his speedy recovery.

Our next meeting will be the annual meeting, we would like to see all members present. This will be held at the rectory. The guest speaker will be Mr. Henty, he will speak to us on "Foundation 41".

The date May 9th, the time 7.45. Supper hostesses, Girvan and Stevenson.

## C.E.B.S.

In the March long weekend, four boys from families of the Parish, together with the assistant, attended a C.E.B.S. camp at Ulverstone. This camp was to introduce to the Parish the aims, the work and some of the Church of England Boys Society.

Why should we have a C.E.B.S. group at St. John's? What about the other organisations already existing—why start yet another? Several parents have expressed a real need for some group within the organisation of the Church to provide not only physical and mental group activities for their growing sons,

but also the need for a specific Christian basis and environment in which they can grow. The C.E.B.S. is a society which does provide such an environment which will help boys grow to men with that Christian outlook so essential to today and tomorrow's living.

It is expected that a 'Page' group (ages 7-12) will be formed in the Parish early in Term 2. We have already two leaders, a father who will have the oversight and responsibility of the group. The numbers in the society at the start will be limited to about 15—we already have names of 7 boys waiting to join. So if you are interested in enrolling your son in the St. John's C.E.B.S. group please contact the Rector or the Assistant for an application form.

**MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER**

May 12th—

J. Roberts (duty)	Donaldson
K. Atkins	H. Girvan
D. Cartledge	Miss Whitfield
R. Cleary	T. White
P. Cranswick	N. Woods

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

**FLOWER GUILD ROSTER**

Church	Chapel
May 5—	
Mrs. B. Easther	Mrs. Grueber
May 12—	
Mrs. Page	Mrs. Thompson
May 19—	
Mrs. Stevenson	Mrs. Crawford
May 26—	
Mrs. White	Mrs. Watson

**EASTER CAROL SERVICE**

Sunday, 12th May  
7 p.m.

**ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

May 28th, 29th & 30th  
at St. John's Launceston

Theme: "The Man You Can't Ignore"

Leader: The Dean of Hobart

All women of the Anglican Church are invited to the Sixth Annual Conference

Programmes and Enrolment Forms from The Rector or Mrs. White.

**DRUG USE —  
A FAMILY AFFAIR**

Family practices and background, rather than the so-called "generation gap" are to blame when white middle-class teenagers become heavy drug users, says Dr Harold H. Blum of Stanford University.

The key factors, Dr. Blum says, are family income, political and religious beliefs, attitudes toward authority and toward youthful rebellion and self-expression, and parental use of alcohol and drugs.

By analysing these traits, the doctor contends, he can predict with 90 per cent accuracy whether youngsters will become "high risk" or heavy drug users.

"Kids turn out like their parents — only more so. That the family is the most profound influence on children's behaviour is not a great scientific discovery. But the ability to identify the key variables is important."

Dr. Blum's key variables:

● **Income:** The richer the family, the greater the risk, "the better-to-do have a higher risk than the well-to-do."

● **Religiosity:** "One of the most powerful set of predictors, God-fearing church-attending families are low risk." Stricter religions — such as Roman Catholicism or Mormonism — have lower risk than more liberal faiths.

● **Politics:** Liberals have a higher risk than conservatives, reflected in their views on freedom versus restraint and the primacy of the individual or the community.

● **Alcohol and drug use:** "Mum's sedative and medication use and the parents' use of alcohol is copied by the kids. The before-dinner cocktail hour has a nice, clear correlation with the kids' use of both licits and illicit."

Dr. Blum defines high-risk drug users as chronic marijuana smokers, one time users of LSD or heroin, those doing "any needle work," smokers of two packs of cigarettes daily, and heavy alcohol users. "There is a 90 per cent correlation between alcohol and other drugs," Dr. Blum says. "Drugs are drugs, and teenagers are non-specific in their choice of foolishness."

— Listen News.

**WORSHIP**

What do we mean when we say that worship is a good thing? Perhaps we are saying that it is the right and proper thing for Christians to do. Which, of course it is. The worship of God is a duty, and "ought." The word "ought" comes from the word "owe." We ought to worship regularly, because as creatures of God we "owe" it to our Maker and Lord.

But is public worship a duty? He went to the synagogue "as His custom was." The early Christians broke bread together. We who are His children, gather as His family. We are to love one another, to work as partners, and to acknowledge Him together, in Divine Worship.



**HAPPENINGS**

For the "oldies" I report from a Parish Messenger of March 1921, which I found within the leaves of an old book. The Grammar School has purchased a new site, the C.M.S. has moved to 92 St. John Street, and Miss L. Murray has undertaken to organise an appeal in order that the heavy burden of the church debt might be got rid of before the centenary in 1925.

In those days Holy Baptism was administered each Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. How did the dads get the morning off? Maybe it was a mums and babies only affair. Can any reader help us?

Another question I would like answered is the reason for the differences in the faces of the clock in St. John's tower? or haven't you noticed?

Top marks to the Mothers' Union members who provided transport for some of our senior ladies so that they could attend Communion in Holy Week. The morning out concluded with Morning Tea.

Pity that we lost the usual Palm Sunday service in our T.V. service, but I'm sure the A.B.C. producer was right when he told us that lots of "shut-ins" and isolated viewers will be helped by the extra effort made by so many here at St. John's.

At the time the producer couldn't give us dates for viewing, and it will now be too late for some, but it was shown in Victoria and N.S.W. on April 28th. Will be shown in Tasmania on May 5th, and in Queensland on June 16th.

Am still getting over the Rector's "bombshell" dropped at the special meeting for the congregation. Old halls on the way out, a new parish centre on the way in. That was enough for me in one morning, but when I heard the last news of the morning I agreed with whoever it was near me who exclaimed "I can't believe it".

If I started with some ancient news, I'll finish with a very up to date story about the little girl who asked her mother if all fairy tales begin with "Once upon a time". Her mother replied that usually this is so, but for this month most of them begin with "If I am elected . . ."

*Elizabeth Street*

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