

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 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,

As I go round Launceston I am constantly being asked by people — "What is happening at St. John's," In fact one man asked the question — "Is the old Church coming to life?" Well we know that many things are happening, not only regarding the building and construction that is going on, but also regarding the spiritual life of the Church. We know that in the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we are told of the renewal of the spiritual life of the followers of Christ, and I believe this is happening in our beloved Church. There seems to be a resurgence and a deepening of spiritual life in all the organisations of the Church.

The other night on your behalf, I went to a meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society. There was a certain man who sat there quietly until he was asked to speak about the work of the Society — AND THEN HE CAME TO LIFE — enthusiasm poured through him — and he came alive. The point that he made was the Society was strong because of the individual efforts of each person connected with it.

So too, is it regarding the Church. We owe a tremendous lot to its leaders, both past and present — but let us not forget what we owe to the witness of good men and good women in every generation.

Again and again Paul emphasizes the fact that to each individual person is given a gift, however small or large, that is our portion. recurring theme — and his command is that we exercise the gift, however small or large, that is our portion.

In Ecclesiastes Chapter 9, Verse 4, there is a story of one humble man, which sums up what we ourselves could do. There was a little city and a few men in it — and there came a great King against it and besieged it and built great bulwarks against it.

Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no man remembered his name.

Yours in Christ, H. D. IKIN, L.Th., J.P., Acting Rector.

FROM OUR RECTOR ELECT

To all at St. John's Launceston,

The last few days have been rather busy! Packing up is always an untidy business which disturbs family routines and adds a great deal of confusion to almost everything happening around the house. When that house is a Rectory the confusion can become more confused!

However, as I write, my family and I have spent about twenty hours in the Rectory at St. John's (six of them sleeping!) and little by little we see the confusion becoming less confused.

We will be returning for our farewell and final services at St. John's, Devonport, and then taking a holiday on the mainland before the Induction on 19th September.

On our holiday we will be visiting our families in New South Wales.

My parents live on Jervis Bay, a beautiful spot for a holiday and only fifty yards from the beach. They will reach their Golden Wedding Anniversary in November, but we will be celebrating it next week while all of us are together.

Graham, our eldest boy is spending some of his University holiday on the mainland and will meet up with us for the celebration. Philip, our next lad who has recently entered the R.A.N. for apprentice training, will obtain weekend leave for the occasion.

Mrs. Booth's parents live at Chatswood in Sydney, so we will stay with them also for part of our holiday. Our two younger boys, Kevin and Michael, will be introduced to some of the "sights" of Sydney, and my wife and I will be able to visit some old friends.

Our return from holidays and the Induction will herald a new phase of ministry for both the Parish of St. John's, Launceston, and myself. To me, at least three things loom large to form a focus around which much of our life will centre in the immediate future, the new Parish Centre, the Sesqui Centenary and Mission '75. It is my prayer, and that of my family, that we will be deeply involved with you all in the new challenges and commitments which will come in the next few months as we face these things together, and also maintain the ordinary day to day affairs of ministry in the Parish.

I leave with you two quotes from St. Paul's Epistles (Colossians 2: 6 & 7, and Philipians 4: 4) as a meditation around which to think and pray in these next few significant weeks.

"Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him and become ever stronger in your faith And be filled with thanksgiving."

"May you always be joyful in your life in the Lord. I say it again: Rejoice!"

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Ian E. A. Booth

PARISH FAMILY WEEKEND ULVERSTONE 18TH-20TH OCTOBER

Have you registered yet? The weekend is only just over six weeks away!

For those who missed out last year — it is held in the delightful setting of the Christian Youth Centre which has many recreational facilities and is close to a safe beach.

Leader is Rev. Vic Maddick of Mel-

bourne and the fun, fellowship, studies and music (in hands of Glen Clark) all promise to be first rate.

Separate activities for children are being provided by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Ryland, who will care for them during adult sessions.

Fees are very moderate and carry a reduction for registration by 20th September. Closing date is 6th October.

Full details on application forms now available.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are rostered for Meals on Wheels, Sunday 8th September 1974.

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| M. Perkins (Duty) | L. Nicholas |
| D. Atkins | L. O'Neill |
| B. Easter | D. Sheldrick |
| A. Ford | Miss Whitfield |
| G. Lillico | M. Wilson |

If anyone is unable to attend, would they please phone Ian Routley 31 6666 work or 44 4936 home.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 TRINITY 12: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion, 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 2 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting for the sick in Chapel.
- 4 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 TRINITY 13: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Family Service, 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels, 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital at the home of Mrs. Holyman.
- 11 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 12 Thursday: 9.30 a.m. Mother's Union Wave of Prayer, 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild at 19 Granville Street, home of Mrs Peck.
- 15 TRINITY 14: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 17 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union at home of Mrs. Watson, 6 Vaux Street.
- 18 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Thursday: 7.30 p.m. Induction of The Revd. Ian Booth as Rector of St. John's.
- 21 ST MATTHEW: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 TRINITY 15: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 23 Monday: 7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting.
- 24 Tuesday: G.F.S. Townsend Group.
- 25 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 27 Friday: 7.15 p.m. Family Films, showing: Pollyanna, will be held at the theatre in the home of Mr. Bill Donaldson, 18 Denman Road. Transport is available from St. John's, leaving 7 p.m.
- 29 TRINITY 16: 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mattins, 7 p.m. Generation Service: Holy Communion — Speaker: The Revd. John Senior.

INDUCTION

The Induction of the Reverend IAN BOOTH as the Rector of St. John's Church, Launceston, will be on SEPTEMBER 19TH

The Service will commence at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Booth will be presented by Archdeacon A. G. Costelloe, and Inducted by the Bishop of Tasmania.

You are urged to attend both the Service and the Welcome to your new Rector and his family in Milton Hall afterwards.

Ladies please bring something towards Supper.

MOTHER'S UNION

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Jan Easther for opening her home to us for our Knitting Night. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Watson's home, 6 Vaux Street, on Tuesday, 17th September at 8 p.m. Supper Hostesses: Mrs. M. Easther and Mrs. T. White.

The Keep-Fit Classes are now being held in "Lorraine's Garage" at 6 Vaux Street, on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. All welcome to join the fun!

The Wave of Prayer will be observed at St. John's on Thursday, 12th September at 9.30 a.m. Members away on holiday are asked to remember the group at that time.

In lieu of the 'Mini-Market,' we are holding a stall outside Woolworths, Kingsmeadows, on Friday 4th October, starting at 4 p.m. — to aid the Clarendon Home. Would members continue to prepare for this:— Cakes, Produce, Hand Works.

"GARAMUT" EFFECTS APPRAISED

"A wonderful public relations operation" was how Bishop David Hand of Papua New Guinea described the Garamut Appeal in Australia on behalf of his diocese.

The appeal to the Australian Church for one million dollars ceased to be pressed on December 1, the day PNG began self-government. However continuing programmes in many centres will ensure that the present figure of half-a-million given and promised will be increased.

Committees in Melbourne and Adelaide will use private functions to extend the Garamut cause outside church channels.

The achievement of the appeal went beyond money received, Bishop Hand said. "It has given our Australian brothers and sisters at least some corrective to the false impressions spread by the sensationalism of the media about Papua New Guinea.

"I believe it has established, more fully than ever before, the cause of Papua New Guinea and its church as one worthy of your faith, hope and love," the bishop said.

Speaking of the effects on the Australian Church, the Rev. Geoffrey Sexton, A.B.M. secretary in Victoria, said that the PNG promotion had been the greatest single force for many years in re-educating Australians for "mutual responsibility in the Body of Christ."

Last year's record giving to A.B.M., distinct from giving to the Garamut Appeal, was the result of consciousness raising for the whole cause of mission, he said.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The August meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. White, with fifteen members present. After general business was concluded a fund raising Beetle Evening was held, and was most certainly enjoyed by all.

Would all members please note the change in venue for the next meeting. It will now be at the home of Mrs. Peck 19 Granville Street, on September 12th, at 7.45 p.m.

Supper hostesses will be Mrs. Swinerton and Mrs. White.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

| CHURCH | CHAPEL |
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| September 1 — | |
| Mrs. Robinson | Mrs. Thompson |
| September 8 — | |
| Mrs. Page | Mrs. Crawford |
| September 15 — | |
| Mrs. Stevenson | Mrs. Watson |
| September 22 — | |
| Mrs. White | Mrs. Higgins |
| September 29 — | |
| Mrs. M. Easther | Mrs. Piper |

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

The next meeting of the Auxiliary members will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, on Monday, September 9th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mrs. G. Wherrett and Mrs. A. Shephard.

At the Annual Meeting last month, the following officers were all re-elected. President: Mrs. H. Holyman, Secretary: Mrs. H. Palliser, Treasurer: Mrs. M. Easther, Vice Presidents: Mrs. A. Roake and Mrs. R. Page. Committee: Miss Molly Bennett and Mrs. R. Cornish.

The President, Mrs. Holyman, welcomed a new member — Mrs. G. Atkinson, to our Auxiliary.

MARRIAGES

Gavin George Selby and Lois Elizabeth Gee, Peter Towns and Cherylle Lorraine Burr, Brian Edward Munro and Julie Anne Stephenson, Glenn Ronald Price and Marjorie Della Knott.

BAPTISMS

Donna Ann McGee, Michael James Robinson, Dennis Lyell Cartledge, Ann Elizabeth Dixon, Jason Andrew Kelly, Leah Jane Richardson, Gary Raymond Smith, Lee-Ann Kay Smith, Brett Lionel Marquis.

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