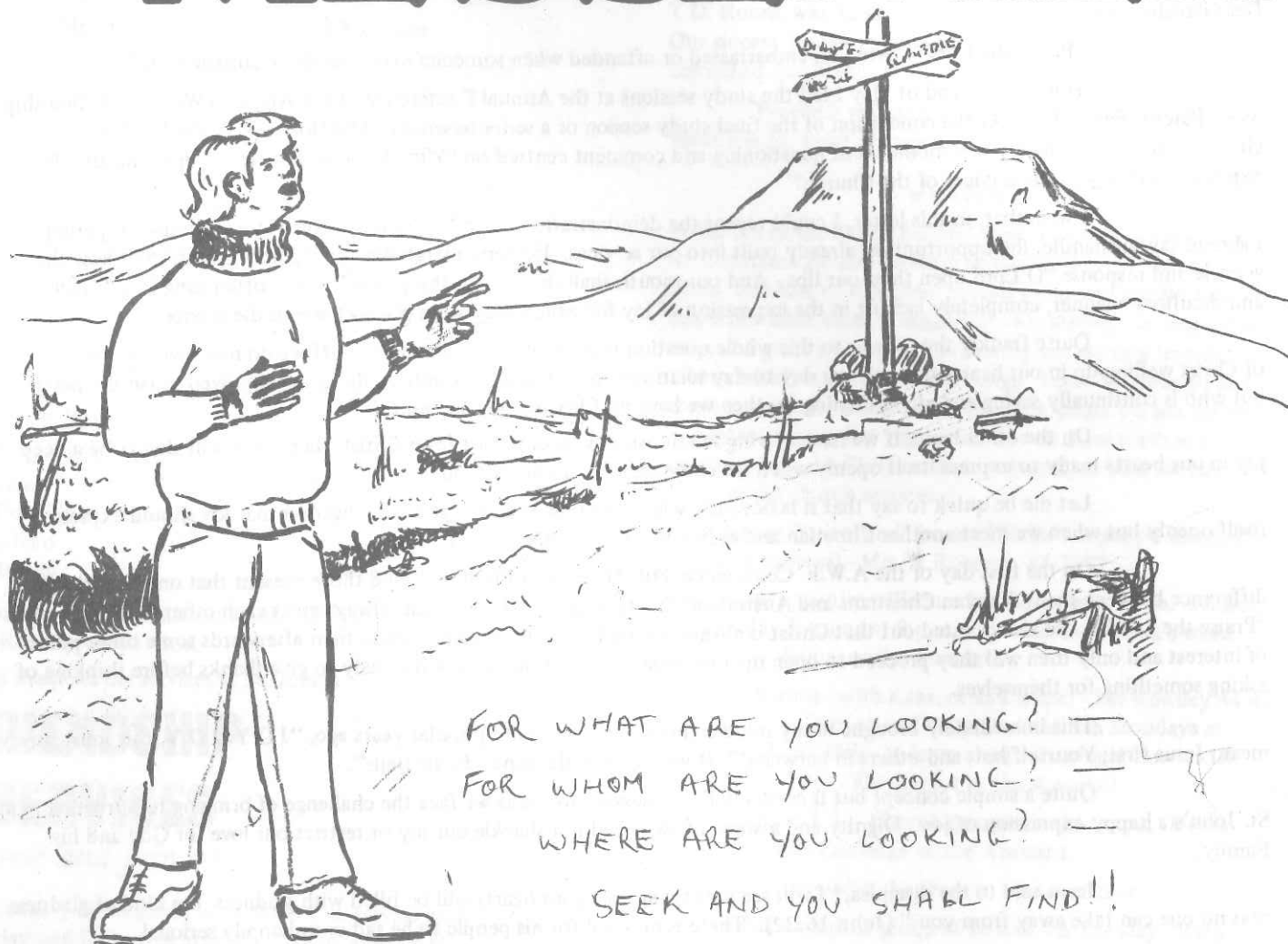


PARISH MESSENGER



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN □ LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third and Fifth Sundays.

Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday. **Morning Prayer:** 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evening Service: 7.00 p.m. (7.30 p.m. during daylight saving months).

WEEKDAY SERVICES: (In the Chapel)

Morning Prayer, daily at 8.00 a.m.; Holy Communion, Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m.

Rector:
The Revd. Ian Booth Th.L.
Tel: 31 5218

Assistants:
The Reverend David Lewis Tel: 31 4896
The Reverend Harry Ikin L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

"Praise the Lord"! Are you embarrassed or offended when someone expresses their Christian joy?

Towards the end of May I led the study sessions at the Annual Conference of the Anglican Women's Fellowship at St. Peter's, Sandy Bay. At the conclusion of the final study session of a series based on "The Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life." a very happy few moments of questioning and comment centred on "Why don't we have more opportunities for expressing our joy in the services of the Church?"

I wish that, in this letter, I could repeat the demonstration our Bishop gave of the way we handle or, perhaps I should say mishandle, the opportunities already built into our services. He demonstrated by giving his impression of how the versicle and response "O Lord open thou our lips - And our mouth shall show forth thy praise," are so often sung in a dismal and desultory manner, completely lacking in the expression of joy for which they were placed there in the service.

Quite frankly the answer to this whole question is squarely in our own court. If we do not have the joy of Christ welling-up in our hearts through our day to day relationship with him, not only as the One who saved us (in the past) but who is continually saving and strengthening us, then we have no Christian joy to express.

On the other hand, if we have a living relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, then there will always be a deep joy in our hearts ready to express itself openly when we come together to praise God.

Let me be quick to say that it is not only when we come together as a congregation that joy should express itself openly but when we meet another Christian and even when we are alone!

On the first day of the A.W.F. Conference, Mrs. Helen Van Emmerick told those present that one remarkable difference between many Kenyan Christians and Australian Christians is that the Kenyans always greet each other with the words. "Praise the Lord" - she also pointed out that Christ is always placed first in their conversation then afterwards some other point of interest and only then will they proceed to open up a personal sorrow or need - always ready to give thanks before thinking of asking something for themselves.

This immediately brought to my mind a chorus that was quite popular years ago, "JOY, JOY, this must surely mean; Jesus first; Yourself last; and others in between!" It was sung to the tune "Jingle Bells".

Quite a simple concept but it certainly has a message for us as we face the challenge of bringing to our worship in St. John's a happy expression of joy. Dignity and a sense of awe need not shackle our joy or restrict our love for God and his Family.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I will see you again, and your hearts will be filled with gladness, the kind of gladness that no one can take away from you." (John 16:22). There is no need for his people to be sad or unhappily serious!

Yours sincerely,

Ian E. A. Booth

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

There were 15 members present for our general meeting which preceded our Annual Meeting, this was chaired by Rev'd. Booth.

An election of officers for the coming year was held and Mrs. White was re-elected President for her thirteenth year of office. We pray that, despite the ominous sound of thirteen, this will be her happiest year within the guild.

Mrs. Harris was re-elected as Treasurer.

A very satisfying report of the years works was presented by the secretary on behalf of members. This was quite a sizeable report considering we are a small guild. I do not know how we compare in size to other guilds, or their year's work. They would certainly have to be blessed to have better workers than our members.

Our next meeting will be in the church centre on June 12th at 7.45 p.m.

Supper hostesses will be Mesdames Stevenson and Gatenby.

MEALS ON WHEELS

ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 8th JUNE, 1975

B. Easther (Duty Driver)	K. Benson
R. Cleary	N. Dicker
W. Donaldson	D. Lewis
G. Lillico	V. Murgatroyd
S. Murray	A. Whittle

If you are unable to attend would you please phone Ian Routley on 44 4936.

Help make all the services at St. John's

FRIENDSHIP SERVICES

come and join us

particularly at breakfast after the 8 a.m. service each Sunday and for coffee after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. services.

IN THE PARISH CENTRE

approached via. the Southern Ambulatory door.

MOTHER'S UNION

17th June Beetle Evening - bring a friend and supper \$1 donation - prizes - 8 p.m. in Centre.

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

Members of the St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, June 9th at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs. M. Easther and Miss Lockwood.

The President, Mrs. Holyman reported that the result from the Morning Tea, held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. T.D. Room, was \$293.54, this included several donations. Our sincere thanks to parishioners and friends from the combined Auxiliaries for their generous support.

Proceeds will go towards the air-conditioning of the theatre at St. Luke's Hospital.

WANTED

In the life of the Parish Family, there are many areas where we Christians are able to share in the privilege of serving others - Often, this sort of statement sounds pious and a little wet, but this is one time when it ought not - for through serving others come the great enjoyment of meeting and making friends with others, which is a joy, and a privilege. Some of these areas of concern are listed below, with the appropriate person for you to contact, if you feel you would like to show forth in a practical way, the Christian love and concern that we talk about in the church services.

"Welcoming Committee" (to say "Hello" to people arriving at church services) - Mrs. J. Roberts. 44 3177

Bible Study - daytime, Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. 1st and 3rd Monday Evening at 8 p.m. - to learn about God's word for us - the Rector or the Assistant.

Meals on Wheels - with a car, or as a helper - Ian Routley 44 4936.
"Mission '75" Discussion Group. 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 p.m. St. Paul's Hall - to learn about Christ and how to tell others about Him - The Rector or the Assistant.

C.E.B.S. and G.F.S. - Church groups for the young - Debra Cassidy, Dennis Cartledge or the Assistant.

Sidesmen to help with the services - the Assistant.

The Women's exercise group at 10 a.m. on Tuesday - Ring Mrs. Leslie Perkins 31 3541

YOU for a cuppa after the services.

PARKING ON SUNDAYS

Those wishing to have off-street parking during Sunday Services at St. John's and unable to find a space in the parking area behind the Church are reminded that they are at liberty to use the vacant areas in the old tennis court area approached off Frederick Street,

This is for Sundays only. At other times the spaces are all fully rented to our parking clients.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- TRINITY 1: 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 in the Chapel.
8 p.m. Bible Study in the Centre - all people invited (St. Mark 9 & 10)
- 3 Tuesday: 8 p.m. John Mavor will talk on "Force 10" for the Tasmanian Council of Churches.
- 4 Wednesday: 9 a.m. Bible Study in C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 5 Thursday: 8 p.m. Choir practice
- TRINITY 11: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Service
11.30 a.m. Meals-on-Wheels
7 p.m. Evensong
- 9 Monday: 2.30 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital in Parish Centre.
7.30 p.m. Mission '75 Discussion Group.
- 10 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 11 Wednesday: ST. BARNABAS' DAY.
8 a.m. Holy Communion
9 a.m. Bible Study
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
5.45 p.m. G.F.S. "Tea"
7.30 p.m. Vestry
- 12 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild
8 p.m. Choir practice
- TRINITY 111: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Holy Communion - John Batman Treaty 140th Anniversary - Re-enactment Party attending this service.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
7 p.m. Evensong
- 16 Monday: 8 p.m. Bible Study (St. Mark 10 & 11)
- 17 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union
- 18 Wednesday: 9 a.m. Bible Study
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 19 Thursday: 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice.
- 20 Friday: 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir
- TRINITY IV: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Mattins. L.G.S. Founders Day Service.
10 a.m. Sunday School
7 p.m. Evensong. St. John Ambulance Service - Speaker Miss Annette McCaw of S.A.M.S.

- 23 Monday: 7.30 p.m. Mission '75 Discussion Group at St. Paul's.
- 24 Tuesday: NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN, BAPTIST
8 a.m. Holy Communion, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group.
- 25 Wednesday: 9 a.m. Bible Study
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 26 Thursday: 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice.
- 27 Friday: 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir
- TRINITY V:
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Evensong
- 30 Monday: 8 p.m. Bible Study (St. Mark 12)



HAPPENINGS

FOOD! - not only for the inner spirit, but for the inner man (and woman!) - It is great to be able to have breakfast after the 8 a.m. Service in the Centre, and a cuppa after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services. Not only an Anglican Bickie with the cuppa, but even a Sing-a-long to help get to know the others of the "Parish Family" - It surprised me to realise just how little I did know about others who worship at St. John's - Do hope this will go on to be something really important in the worshipping life here.

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A tremendous Service on the 18th at 10 a.m. when 3 Leaders and 11 boys were made members and associates of C.E.B.S. On Saturday representatives from some of the other Tasmanian Branches joined us for a games afternoon, and then, with some of the other fathers, for tea. The Sunday admission Service, was a great inspiration to the boys, as well as the leaders. With 4 more boys ready to sign up, it looks as if this group is really off the ground now, and ready for some big things at St. John's. The G.F.S. have moved their meeting day to Wednesday, and no longer meet with the C.E.B.S. - They too, seem to be having more joining up - Only hope that more children will be found for these groups so that they will become an even more worthwhile group in the life of our Parish.

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It was reported to me that the President of the Anglican Women's Fellowship, introducing our Rector, at the Second Session of the recent conference in Hobart invited him to "Carry on" - much to the delight of everyone present! I'm looking forward to the report.

Elizabeth Street