

PARISH MESSENGER

OPENING OF THE PARISH CENTRE

SUNDAY MARCH 16

- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Preacher
The Revd. Canon Hugh Girvan
- 11.15 a.m. Opening of Centre - by the
Mayor

LUNCHEON

- 1.15 p.m. Dedication of Centre - by the
Bishop of Tasmania



GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 28

- 8 a.m. Passion Liturgy
- 10 a.m. Family Service
- 12 noon –
3 p.m. 'Three Hour Devotions'
Speaker - The Rector
- 7 p.m. Music for the Passion and
Readings.

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 30

- 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
Holy Communion
- 7 p.m. Evensong.

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

There are times when all of us must take stock of ourselves and ask some pertinent questions, making an evaluation of our progress towards the goals we have set.

However, an evaluation for evaluation's sake is nothing more than an interesting and time consuming exercise. Only if we are able to learn from the evaluation and grow into fuller understandings and experiences is the exercise relevant and worthwhile.

How often do we see lengthy reports and submissions made by all manner of Commissions and Committees of highly qualified people, with recommendations by the score, only to find before long that no-one is interested or concerned enough to implement them even though they are most obviously good and necessary? This amounts to nothing more than a waste of time!

Lent enables us to take stock; to make a spiritual evaluation. This evaluation, if it does not lead to spiritual growth in relevant and worthwhile ways, might end up being a waste of time.

Both Matthew and Luke record the experience of a life cleansed of an evil spirit which returns to the cleansed life "with seven other spirits even worse than itself, and they came to live there". What a waste of time!

When we make a spiritual evaluation, seeking the light of the Holy Spirit to cleanse our lives, we must be willing to receive more of the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ into our lives so that his presence builds up and enables our lives to bear more of the fruit of his Spirit. It is not enough simply to be cleansed, we must also be filled; filled in such a way that "God uses us to make Christ known to all men".

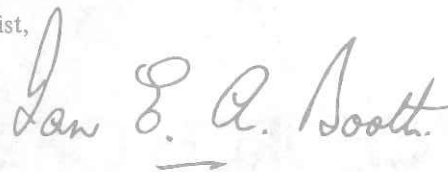
The Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians of Corinth, "In our work together with God, then, we beg of you: you have received God's grace, and you must not let it be wasted."

It is my sincere prayer that you may know the grace of Christ more fully through the spiritual evaluation you make during this Lenten season so that the time spent may not be wasted. It is my prayer because I know that, in the material responsibilities of this parish, for some considerable time now, there has been a working together of many people evaluating the needs of the parish in order to determine ways of providing for the "growth" of God's people through the life and worship of our Church of St. John.

As I write, one of the results of this evaluation and its implementation is almost completed. Our new Parish Centre will be opened and dedicated on 16th March and I venture to say that it will be of value only to the extent of our willingness to aim at the spiritual goals now made possible through the provision of this wonderful new building. These goals centre in the renewal of our parish family life and the bringing of people to Christ that they, too, might come to put their trust in him and serve him in the fellowship of his Church. In this way the evaluation and its resultant action will not be wasted.

For the grace that has led to this point let us praise God triumphantly as we seize the opportunities he has now given us in this fine new building, indeed, the wonderful heritage he has given us in all our buildings. Let us joyously serve him to his Glory.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



YOUTH WEEKEND

All people of the Parish aged 8 to 15 years are invited to come to the Youth Weekend from Friday night 9th May to Sunday lunchtime 11th May.

This will be led by Mr. Ron Buckland, from Scripture Union, Hobart, and will be at the now well-known place at Ulverstone, the Christian Youth Centre.

Application forms are available from the staff, or from the Narthex of the Church.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Note: Sunday Evening Services now at 7 p.m.

- 2 LENT 3: 8 a.m. Holy Communion,
10 a.m. Holy Communion, to open the GFS,
and CEBS. year.
7 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 3 Monday: 7.30 O.S.L. in Chapel
- 5 Wednesday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion,
9 a.m. (and every Wednesday) Day-time Bible
Study (at C.M.S. House)
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion and Short Address.
- 7 Friday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9 LENT 4: Mothering Sunday
8 a.m. Holy Communion, 10 a.m. Mothering
Sunday Family Service,
7 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 11 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Men's Tea in Rectory.
- 12 Wednesday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. & 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion
8 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 13 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild
- 14 Friday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 16 Sunday: OPENING AND DEDICATION OF
PARISH CENTRE.
10 a.m. EUCHARIST - Guest Preacher:
Canon H.H. Girvan,
11.15 a.m. Opening of the Parish Centre by
the Mayor,
A buffet luncheon will then be served followed
by the Dedication of the Parish Centre by the
Bishop of Tasmania. In the Chapel there will
be a service of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and
Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.
- 18 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mother's Union

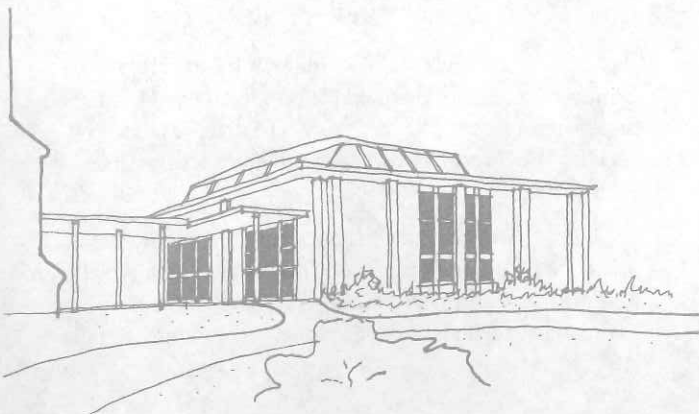
- 19 Wednesday: 8 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 7.15 p.m.
Holy Communion.
- 21 Friday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 23 PALM SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Holy Communion and
Distribution of Palm Crosses, 10 a.m. Mattins -
Return of lenten boxes and distribution of Palm
Crosses to Sunday School. Opening of Sunday
School year.
7 p.m. Evensong
- 24 Monday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 25 Tuesday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion
- 26 Wednesday: 8 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 7.15 p.m.
Holy Communion
- 27 MAUNDY THURSDAY: 8 a.m. Holy
Communion,
7.30 p.m. *At St. Mark-On-The-Hill*
Bishop Samuel to celebrate Holy Communion.
No Service at St. John's - All to attend Service
at St. Mark's.
- 28 GOOD FRIDAY
8 a.m. Passion Liturgy, 10 a.m. Family Service,
12 noon - 3 p.m. Three Hour Devotions,
Speaker: The Rector, 7 p.m. Music of the
Passion and Readings.
- 30 EASTER DAY
7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. Holy Communion,
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 31 Monday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

A DAY OF DEDICATIONS

Sunday March 16th will mark the opening and dedication of our new Parish Centre. The Rev'd Hugh Girvan will be guest Preacher at the Eucharist at 10 a.m. during which the new Bombarde Stop of our Organ will be dedicated. A Processional Cross made to an ancient Etheopian design will also be dedicated as a memorial to the late Laurence Denham. The Mayor of Launceston Alderman D.J. Gunn, will officially open the Parish Centre at 11.15 a.m.

Following a luncheon in the Centre the Bishop of Tasmania will dedicate the building in a special ceremony timed for approx. 1.15 p.m. If completed by this date and we hope it will be, the Garden of Remembrance on the northern side of the Church will then be dedicated.

This day of dedications will be our first great day of celebration in this 150th Anniversary Year of the Church of St. John.





HAPPENINGS

Have you any books you do not read?

I've just seen the copy for the "Sunday School Library" - Looks like something worth supporting. Perhaps your books are not suitable for the Library - Don't despair - for there is to be a MINI MARKET on Saturday, April 5th - to raise money for the CEBS and the GFS - So any books, magazines, records, elephants, ANYTHING - will be needed for this market. Please leave your truck loads of goodies at the Rectory or the Cottage.

Well, the painters have finished the Church Tower, I see. And very nice it looks too! And the scaffold has come down with out the end of the Building falling off. But don't despair, I understand it will be up again when the fretted stonework will be repaired. Incidentally, the Strike has gone on strike.

With the New Parish Centre about to be opened (should be an exciting day on the 16th March) there is now a need to put some useful equipment in there for Parish activities. So far, we have been given a Table-Tennis table, and some bats to go with it. Also, on permanent loan, a record player. So if you have any games or things that can be used in this way, the 'Centre Committee' would be more than happy to hear from you. Ring the Rector or the Assistant for more information on this.

I was talking to Ian Routley about the Centre, and he asked if I knew any one who could help in the clearing up around the Centre just before the opening. If you could help in this work, could you contact Ian, or David Lewis.

Have you any articles or photos that would be suitable for this Messenger? Now that the printing process has been changed, there is much more scope for its lay-out.

Elizabeth Street

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

A very active readership has developed for the recently instituted Sunday School Library. The Parish Education Committee invites parishioners with suitable books with a basic christian message to donate them to this library and help build up a wide selection of books for the use of our children.

We remind you also of the Adult Lending Library available for borrowing and return of books each Sunday in the Narthex of the Church. It has been well written that "reading maketh a full man", and "of the making of books there is no end". Although this applies to reading in general it can be applied quite strongly to the field of christian literature. You are urged to read widely concerning your christian faith as a means of spiritual growth.

MEALS ON WHEELS

More Wheels are needed for our St. John's team as it fulfills its commitment to the Meals on Wheels Service on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Mr. Ian Routley, Phone 44 4936. will be very glad to receive the names of volunteers. You can be assured of a very happy response from those who receive their meal through this service, and all it needs of you is a short delay to your own meal-time on that Sunday.

Roster for March 9th

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| I. Routley (Duty) | J. Stevenson |
| B. Easther | T. White |
| M. Perkins | D. Lewis |
| G. Lillico | V. Murgatroyd |
| Miss Whitfield | W. Cowell |

A Bar-b-que will be held for all families and people who have been involved in Meals on Wheels at the home of John Stevenson, 44 Olive Street, Newstead, after delivery on the 9th.

MOTHER'S UNION

The Annual Meeting will follow Holy Communion in the Chapel at 8 p.m. on 18th March. We hope we'll meet in the new Parish Centre. Thank you Mrs. Booth for your hospitality at the Rectory since your arrival.

Mrs. Robinson, our State President, has asked that each member keep free Friday 18th April. Mrs. Varah, Central President from England will be making a special visit to Tasmania. Programme details later.

Supper hostesses next meeting - Mrs. Bonney and Mrs. Ayers.