

PARISH MESSENGER

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN □ LAUNCESTON

Celebrating

150 Years



... WITH

**ARCHBISHOP
LOANE**

OF SYDNEY

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 1975**

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Holy Communion
Noon Cold Buffet Luncheon in
Parish Centre. Family \$2.00.
Individual \$1.00. Please notify
Parish Office by 12/11/75 if
attending luncheon.

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,

Michael Griffiths, General Director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in his book "Cinderella with Amnesia", published in April this year quotes some challenging statistics.

He says, "around the average evangelical church there are 2,000 houses, with 10,000 people who could walk to church within 10 or 15 minutes. You can reckon that there are

500 households needing a neighbourly hand of friendship	10 discharged prisoners
20 unmarried mothers	10 homeless
100 elderly housebound people living alone	20 families in debt trouble
100 deprived children	80 persons in hospital
100 broken marriages	80 alcoholics."
100 juvenile delinquents who have been before the courts in the last three years	

These exact figures may not fit our own community in Launceston as they were taken out in Great Britain but we can be assured that a similar survey here would present us with a local scene presenting a similar challenge and opportunity of service in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Talking recently with Mr Morton Jones of the Launceston City Mission I quoted the statistics from Michael Griffith's book and asked him to comment on them. He said, "proportionately the figures would be very much the same and increasing almost daily in our city as the trends of the larger urban centres of the world are copied here."

Elsewhere in Parish Messenger you will read of a plan to reach out to families in our city through the churches and the City Mission. I hope we will see this as a challenge to us all. In this plan Mr Jones speaks about the "Salvation of the Family" as a means of witnessing for Christ in our city which is small enough for a wonderful co-operation programme.

Christians in Launceston and therefore, the Parish Family of St John's must realise afresh that the message of Jesus is Good News and that through the Holy Spirit's guidance and power this Good News can be made known. Lives can be renewed, seemingly impossible situations can be changed, broken relationships restored and sickness healed.

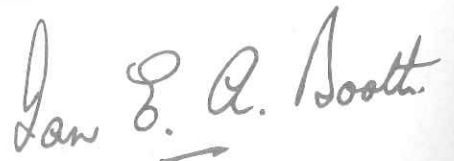
Such happenings are not confined to the New Testament but the Scriptures do open up to us the imperative command of Jesus to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37) and "greater works than these will you do because I go to the Father" (John 14:12). We are also assured of the dynamic power to serve our Lord, power no less than the power of God - "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

So often we have held back in a very subjective experience of Christianity, "saying MY prayers", "making MY communion", "St John's is MY church", etc., when there is so much more to the life of faith which is objective and which leads to the ministering of God's love and power through us to others.

In November there are three events of special importance, a Civic Service on 9th, the visit of Archbishop Marcus L. Loane on 16th, (both of these are part of our parishes 150th Anniversary celebration) and the Confirmation on 30th. In themselves these will be merely "events" in the life of St John's, if they are not accompanied by a deep response of faith and commitment to our Lord, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With such response there will be many lives challenged and changed.

Yours sincerely,



MOTHER'S UNION

Twenty members attended our October meeting. Mother's Union Festival will be at St John's Church on Tuesday, November 25, with a Service of Holy Communion commencing at 10.30 a.m. Mrs Robinson, our Diocesan President will speak about various matters concerning the World Wide Centenary to be held at St John's on March 25, 1976. Please bring your

own lunch, tea, coffee and soup will be provided. Next meeting November 18, Service of Holy Communion will commence at 7.45 p.m. in Chapel. You are invited to bring a friend. The South Esk C.W.A. Drama Group will be our guests with their play "The Other Inn". All ladies please bring a plate of supper.



HAPPENINGS

What a glorious day for the Parish Family at Kelso — over a hundred were there to join in the celebration, fun and food (even if the gas barbecue cooker wasn't very hot!). The mosquitoes and jack jumpers drove us out from the open air chapel, which was indeed a pity, for this area has a real charm; but the Service of Communion held outdoors made a great impact, and will be remembered for a long time.

After a time of study, and a good meal, we all set off along the beach. Much good talking (and even some listening!) was done — and many crabs made room for our wanderings. Wet footed children, lots of shells, several smelly dogs and happy people assembled for afternoon tea, then rounded up their families and friends, and headed back to town, after a most successful and worthwhile day in the life of the Parish Family.

My good friend Elizabeth Dewis (The Church Secretary who lives in the Office) has asked that all people who have reports and articles for the Messenger, PLEASE have them into the office (at the latest) by 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Elizabeth Dewis

FROM THE VESTRY

We received a letter from The Dean of the Cathedral in Hobart, informing us that a "Chair" was to be made and placed in the Cathedral for the Assistant Bishop, Henry Jerrim, and that donations from Parishes in which he has worked, would be gratefully received. It was felt that this should be made known to all St John's Parishioners. The Pastoral Committee recognises the work being done by the parishioners in seeking out those who need help in one way or another and providing such help. An extension of this work is seen in seeking people who would be prepared to visit people who are unable to get out and about, and so provide a means of contact with the church.

The new Mercury Vapour lamps have been installed in the Church Dome.

The Parish Family Weekend will be held at Ulverstone from October 22 to 24, 1976.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND ANNUAL FAIR

G.F.S. Centenary Year in Australia -

This will be held on Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in Parish Centre. Morning tea and stalls of various kinds and reasonably priced Christmas gifts and floral arrangements can be purchased. Hoop-la will be managed by the Junior G.F.S. Donations of produce, etc., unwanted articles, welcome at White Elephant Stall. Please come and help to make the Fair a success. Proceeds for G.F.S. Church Carpet Fund.

ST JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The final meeting for 1975 will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, November 10 at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames Holyman, Roake and Nolan. The final result of our "Morning Coffee", held at the homes of Mrs Page and Mrs Cunningham, including several donations, was \$352.85.

Our sincere thanks to these ladies and to all who provided food and gifts. To the many friends, Thank You one and all. Members of the Auxiliary were later entertained to a delicious Buffet Luncheon by Mrs Page.

GROUNDS ROSTER

The following persons have been rostered to cut the lawns and general maintenance of grounds:

- Nov. 1 Graeme Lillico — Church
- Bill Donaldson — Rectory (includes Parish Centre lawns)
- Nov. 15 John Stevenson — Church
- Ian Routley — Rectory
- Nov. 29 Barry Easter — Church
- Robert Dewis — Rectory
- Dec. 13 Ian Routley — Church
- Rick Cartledge — Rectory

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

The following are rostered for Sunday, November 9, 11.30 a.m.:

- Ian Routley (duty driver) P. Backen
- R. Cleary W. Cowell
- B. Easter V. Murgatroyd
- S. Murray D. Standalof
- J. Stevenson T. White

If anyone is unable to attend would they please phone Ian Routley 44 4936.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1	Saturday	ALL SAINT'S DAY, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
TRINITY 23		
		8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday School 7.30 p.m. Evensong
3	Monday	7.30 p.m. O.S.L. in Chapel
5	Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible Study at C.M.S. House 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. G.F.S.
6	Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 8 p.m. Choir practice.
7	Friday	4.30 p.m. Junior choir practice
8	Saturday	10 a.m. to 12 noon G.F.S. Townsend Fair
TRINITY 24		
		8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Civic service 10 a.m. Sunday school 11.15 a.m. Confirmation class 11.30 a.m. Meals-on-wheels 7.30 p.m. Evensong
10	Monday	2.45 p.m. St John's Auxiliary to St Luke's Hospital 8 p.m. Old Testament Bible Study
11	Tuesday	6 p.m. Men's tea.
12	Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible study at C.M.S. House 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. G.F.S. 7.30 p.m. Vestry
13	Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild 8 p.m. Choir practice
14	Friday	4.30 p.m. Junior choir practice 8 p.m. Peopleship
15	Saturday	C.M.S. Day of Prayer for Vocation and Finance, 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Chapel 8 p.m. in the Centre - Archbishop Marcus Loane will give the address.
TRINITY 25		
		150th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH 8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Holy Communion Archbishop Marcus Loane to give the address at both services. 10 a.m. Sunday school 11.15 a.m. Confirmation class Noon, luncheon 7.30 p.m. Evensong
18	Tuesday	8 p.m. Mother's Union
19	Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible study at C.M.S. House 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. G.F.S.

20	Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 8 p.m. Choir practice
21	Friday	4.30 p.m. Junior choir practice
22	Saturday	11 a.m. Bishop's report "Mission '75" St John's Church and Parish Centre (bring own lunch) 8 p.m. St Cecilia's Day organ and choral music

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

		8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Mattins 10 a.m. Sunday school 11.15 a.m. Confirmation class 7.30 p.m. Evensong
25	Tuesday	2 p.m. Mother's Union Festival 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group
26	Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible study at C.M.S. House 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6 p.m. G.F.S.
27	Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 8 p.m. Choir practice
28	Friday	4.30 p.m. Junior choir practice 7.30 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal 8 p.m. Peopleship
ADVENT 1		
		8 a.m. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Holy Communion, Confirmation and First Communion. Senior Sunday School to attend Confirmation (parents will be notified). 10 a.m. Kindergarten 7 p.m. Evensong

ST JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The October meeting was held one week later, owing to the show coinciding with our usual night. There were only 12 members present, as quite a few members were on holiday. The Floral Festival which was held recently was a tremendous success, and we thank all those who supported us during that week, for the festival was not only a success in the enjoyment it brought to many but we also benefited financially from it. We are very pleased to announce we were able to pay for the stove in the centre and that we intend to replace some crockery, teapots and jugs, also for the centre.

A presentation was made to the retiring Secretary, Mrs Harris for the wonderful job she has done during her five years in office.

It is intended once again to hold an afternoon tea for our senior parishioners on Wednesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. and we ask senior parishioners to keep that date free. This will be held in the Parish Centre. Our next meeting will be on November 13, Parish Centre at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Butler and Page.

Due to lack of space the following was omitted from "Parish Messenger". It relates to the reference in "The Rector Writes" to activity of the City Mission in the area of family life through the use of Gospel Light publications.

Gospel Light publications came into being just before the Second World War through a person named Henrietta Mears and the Hollywood Presbyterian Church. She had ideas of being a missionary but God had other plans for her. It has now reached out to meet the needs of all denominations, the main platform is to lead folk to the Saviour and that they acknowledge the Lordship of Christ for the total family. They cover such headings as:-

- (1) Communication - Key to Your Marriage. This programme comes from Norman Wright, professor of Christian Education. He is also a licenced marriage, family and child counsellor in private practice.
- (2) How to make your Marriage Exciting. This programme comes from Francis and Charles Hunter, who says "When God made us one, He gave us the right to the greatest happiness in the world. There is no beauty or happiness on earth that compares with a marriage that God made and keeps."
- (3) Living in Families. -comes from Dr. Clyde Norramore noted Christian psychologist. He makes generous use of the Old and New Testament as he emphasises the value of the family unit and the home in God's plan.
- (4) Dare to Discipline. -comes from Dr. James Dobson who is assistant professor of Pediatrics. His experience also as psychological consultant for the Federal Narcotics is invaluable.
- (5) Caring Enough to Confront. - comes by David Augsburger, the author of several books and speaks this way. "Conflict is natural, normal, and neutral. Conflict is neither good nor bad, right nor wrong. Conflict simply is. And how we view, approach and work through our differences does to a large extent determine our whole life pattern." Speaking the truth in love, or "truthing it in love", as Paul phrased it, sums up the Christ-like response to conflict.
- (6) Sex is a Parent Affair. This Plan is for parents to be able to guide their children towards a responsible understanding of realistic, biblical plan for sex.

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