

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, APRIL, 1976



HOLY WEEK, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER DAY

HOLY WEEK

Mon-Tues, 8 a.m. Holy Communion

Wed., 10.30 a.m., 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion

Thurs., 8 a.m. Holy Communion

7.30 p.m., Commemoration of the Institution
of the Lord's Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m. Passion Liturgy

10 a.m. Family Service

Noon-3 p.m. Three Hour Service

"Christ Died For Us."

7 p.m. Music of the Passion and Lessons.

EASTER DAY

7 a.m. Holy Communion

8 a.m. Holy Communion

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 Revd. Ian Booth Th.L.
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Assistants:
The Revd. David le Rossignol, Th.L.
Telephone: 31 4896
The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

To consider the statistics of our parish life is an eye-opener. At the Christmas Communion we can expect approximately 650 people to receive Holy Communion at St John's. At Easter 400.

From these figures it would appear that only about two-thirds of those who acknowledge the Saviour's Birth acknowledge His Death and Resurrection. Statistics are, of course, not a complete picture so, hopefully, it may not be as startling as it seems but there is much room for concern.

There is a social factor that contributes to the facts. The Easter break from work and school provides families with their last opportunity for recreation together before the winter. As a result many go away for these few days.

My suggestion to our communicants who do this is to enquire about the time of service at the parish centre nearest their location and take the family to join with the congregation there.

A little more difficult to define is another reason — that for many the Christian Faith has faded into a general belief in God rather than a personal acceptance of our Lord's Death and Resurrection. God in His love not only entered wonderfully into human life (the Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas) but He "took the form of a servant and became obedient to Death, even the death of a cross". For those who hold only a general belief in God, it is for some reason easier to accept the fact of Christmas without the necessity of the Crucifixion and Resurrection. They come to worship with enthusiasm at Christmas but are not present on Good Friday or Easter Day.

To do this is to miss the vital message of Christmas, for God's gift of His Son did not end at a manger stall but led through to the Cross and Empty Tomb and He now "ever lives to make intercession for us."

The Book of Common Prayer gives us this rule, "And note that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year of which Easter to be one." Please note that it says "at least" and not "only". This is the minimum standard for Communicant members of the Church of England.

It is, to say the least, most interesting that in this rule Easter is singled out as the important occasion for Communion. Perhaps the reason for this is found in the Easter Anthems set to be used at Morning Prayer on Easter Day. These are words taken directly from St Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 6, verse 9:

"Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Resurrection are at the very heart of the Christian Gospel and are the means by which God in His love has given us a totally new principle of life — "If any man is in Christ he is a new creation."

It is in praise and thanksgiving for this that Christians worship at Easter and also constantly throughout the year. If you sincerely believe that Jesus died and rose again for you, worship and Communion hold no problem as they will become a normal and logical demand of your faith and trust in him — "if you love me keep my commandments," and do this in remembrance of me."

May I reassure you that a warm welcome awaits you at the Church of St John throughout Holy Week and Easter and at all times.

Your sincerely,

Ian G. A. Booth



HAPPENINGS

Apropos my comments of last month about the number of St John's parishioners travelling to England and who will be there at the same time as the Rectory family and two other ministers of Launceston City churches, I now read in the local press that the St Stephen's Presbyterian Church Junior Choir hopes to be singing in Switzerland during the Booth's time there. Are the Launceston churches joining the Common Market or would that be just too Ecumenical?

Where have all the 'Mozies gone? Launceston shopkeepers reported a sell-out of insect repellent just prior to the Parish Family Day on March 7 but when the Parish Family arrived at Kelso there was very little need for it. The event, however, had plenty of 'bite' in it especially at barbecue time! Elizabeth Street thinks it was well worthwhile and I'm looking forward to the Parish Family Weekend in October.

Last year we celebrated the Centenary of G.F.S. This year the Mothers' Union is 100 years old. Congratulations! I hope the M.U. will move forward to grapple with the challenges of Christian Home and Family Life which face us as we race towards the 21st Century.

The Revd. Tony Ireland, Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, stirred us with a most unusual sermon on March 21. During his address he referred to our Curate, the Revd. David le Rossignol, as "half a priest". I can't work out which half of him was meant but I must admit that there are two sides to most questions!

Elizabeth Street

WOMEN'S GUILD

Eleven members were present at the March Meeting of the Guild. Fund raising was the main topic for discussion and these functions were planned. The First being a Morning Tea on ~~April~~ ^{May} 5 followed by a Film Morning in July and a Mannequin Parade later in the year.

Mr Peter Murphy from Lifelink was our guest speaker, he gave an informative and interesting talk on the history and workings of Lifelink in Launceston and gave us much food for thought.

Next meeting April 8. Speaker Mrs B. Payne. Supper hostesses Mesdames Gee and Butler.

FLOWER GUILD APPEAL

The Flower Guild proposed to plant White Agapanthus, Arum Lilies Plants in the Church grounds. Donations of cuttings would be appreciated and could be left at the Church or collected by phoning 31 1403 or 2 4130.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, April 11, 1976 at 11.30 a.m.:

Ian Routley, duty driver	T. Heggaton
K. Atkins	N. Dicker
D. Gill	J. Roberts
G. Swinnerton	M. Easterh
P. Backen	J. Stevenson

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

GROUNDS ROSTER

April 3	J. Stevenson	Church
	G. Lillico	Rectory
April 10	R. Dewis	Church
	M. Perkins	Rectory
April 24	I. Routley	Church
	R. Cartledge	Rectory

The above have been rostered for mowing of lawns and general cleaning of Church grounds. If you are unable to attend would you please arrange for a substitute.

MOTHERS' UNION

Twenty-six members and two visitors attended the Annual General Meeting in the Centre on March 16. Office bearers elected were:

Enrolling Member	Mrs V. Booth
Assistant	Mrs J. Davis
Secretary	Mrs D. Cartledge
Treasurer	Mrs L. Perkins
Mia Mia Secretary	Mrs B. Deavin
Overseas Link	Mrs B. Smith

April 14 - Holy Week 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Special invitation to Senior Members. Transport available. Phone 31 4743. Refreshments provided after Service.

May 18-20. Anglican Women's Fellowship at Burnie.

Next meeting April 20 - Supper hostesses Mesdames Davis, Radford and Crawford.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

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| 1 | Thursday | 6 p.m. G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice. | 21 | Wednesday | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 2 | Friday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice | 22 | Thursday | 6 p.m. G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice |
| 4 | LENT 5 | (Passion Sunday)
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Holy Communion
2.30 p.m. "A Time Of Singing."
7 p.m. Evensong | 23 | Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice |
| 5 | Monday | 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting
8 p.m. Launceston Branch of Bible Society Annual Meeting in Parish Centre | 25 | Easter 1 | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Mattins
7 p.m. Evensong |
| 7 | Wednesday | 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.15 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
7.30 p.m. Property Committee
8 p.m. Education Committee | 26 | Monday | 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting |
| 8 | Thursday | 6 p.m. G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Guild
8 p.m. Choir practice | 27 | Tuesday | St Mark's Day (transferred from 25th)
8 a.m. Holy Communion
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group |
| 9 | Friday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice | 28 | Wednesday | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion |
| 11 | Palm Sunday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Service — Speaker: Mr Colin Rodda of the Bible Society
7 p.m. Evensong (Special Choral Settings) | 29 | Thursday | 6 p.m. G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice |
| 12 | Monday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | 30 | Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice |
| 13 | Tuesday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. Men's Tea. Speaker: Mr Geoff Radford | WORLD CELEBRITY TO GIVE RECITAL
ON ST JOHN'S ORGAN | | |
| 14 | Wednesday | 8 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion
7.45 p.m. Vestry Meeting | Whilst visiting Australasia for Festivals in Perth, Auckland and Christchurch, Miss Jennifer Bate, an English Organist of international renown, will come to Launceston to give a recital in St John's Church on Saturday, May 1. | | |
| 15 | Maundy Thursday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. G.F.S. and C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the institution of the Lord's Supper | The recital is being privately sponsored and has been arranged through the Victorian Society of Organists. Your full support for it will ensure an outstanding musical event for Launceston. | | |
| 16 | Good Friday | 8 a.m. Passion Liturgy
10 a.m. Family Service
Noon to 3 p.m. Three Hour Service. "Christ died for us."
7 p.m. Music for the Passion & Readings | Admission will be by programme for which a donation of \$2 is requested. Reduced rates will be available for party bookings of 10 or more. Programmes may be obtained by post from Mr Christopher J. Ryland, P.O. Box 420, Launceston, 7250 and they will also be available at the door. | | |
| 18 | Easter Day | 7 a.m. Holy Communion
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Evensong | ST JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL | | |
| 19 | Easter Monday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion | Members of St John's Auxiliary to St Luke's Hospital will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, April 12 at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses Mrs J. Gee and Mrs G. Swinnerton. | | |
| 20 | Easter Tuesday | 8 a.m. Holy Communion
8 p.m. Mothers' Union | On Thursday, April 8, a Combined Auxiliary "Morning Tea" will be held at the home of the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr and Mrs T. D. Room, Alanvale Road, at 10.30 a.m. An invitation is extended to parishioners and friends of St Luke's to view this gracious old home and it's beautiful gardens. | | |

Gifts for the stalls which will include a mixed stall, produce, cake and plant.

We are hoping to purchase a machine for use in the Geriatrics section of the Hospital which will make the lifting of patients easier for our nurses. This we believe is urgently needed.