

PARISH

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, AUGUST, 1976

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: 5.00 p.m.

WEEKDAY SERVICES: (In the Chapel).

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

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The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

When I told a friend of mine that I was going as Locum to St. John's Church, he remarked, "Oh! It is like a cathedral and has a fine organ." Some of the cards arriving at the office from parishioners overseas have been pictures of the magnificent cathedrals in England which are the glory of its church. Dr. Billy Graham said he liked to sit alone in them and hold service inside himself.

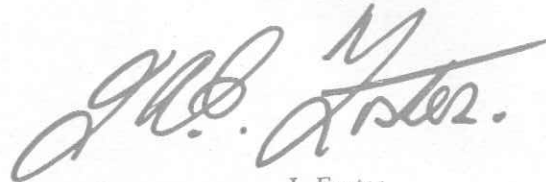
However, one day last week at our normal service I was impressed with a poem read from a book of contemporary worship. It was entitled "How Big Is Your Church?" and it emphasised a view widely held today that the modern church must not be confined to buildings and walls but has to reach out into the community and the world.

The church is not rated by windows and spires,
But by what it believes and its worship inspires,
By what it expects and what it requires,
The concerns that burn on its altar fires.
The church is as big as the world it claims,
As broad as its outreach, as great as its aims,
Each church is big as its budgets for missions,
As profound as its sense of the Great Commission.

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, writing about the Anglican Congress of 1963 said, "In a world estranged from God the Church exists, on the world's behalf, to keep alive the communion with God for which the world was made. By a life led with Christ in God, Christians are serving the world in its deepest needs."

Last Sunday's collect was a prayer for peace that the Church may joyfully serve God's cause in the world.

Yours sincerely,



J. Foster.

FROM THE RECTOR AT LARGE:—

15/6/76

Time is hurrying on with little time for letter writing. By the time we are organised in the evenings it is time to start preparing the bunks in the Campervan with letters just not done!

We have now completed our tour of England, Wales and Scotland and will be crossing to the Continent on Thursday.

Last weekend we met up with the St. John's M.U. folk in London. On Sunday afternoon just prior to a special service for Australian M.U. visitors, Jim Sanderson was standing at the gateway to Westminster Abbey when we arrived. It was just like turning up at St. John's!

We attended Evensong at Kings College Cambridge. The singing is the finest we have heard here and we have heard some very wonderful choirs in the Cathedrals.

Hope all at St. John's are well. May the Lord richly bless you all.



HAPPENINGS

No doubt there will be rejoicing in the Car Park and sorrows (??) at No. 39 now that the canine boarder has returned to his home.

Our roving Warden has returned to the fold. Max believes that there is greater warmth and sunshine at Annual General Meetings than central Australia. I wonder if the Tourist Bureau know about this great attraction.

Not very often do we have a clergyman doing anything congregational. Our visiting Assistant is not pew sitting but dog minding (includes the house as well).

"I'm satisfied with just a cottage below" but two members of the congregation are singing the chorus at present —

"I've got a mansion just over the hill-top,
In that bright land where we'll never grow old,
And someday yonder we will never more wander,
But walk the streets that are purest gold."

Animals seem to be much in the news among members of our congregation with the Easthers' morning sheep deliveries and the Stevensons' littering the place with pups.

Elizabeth Street

MOTHERS' UNION

Eighteen members attended the meeting. Mr. Geoff Radford gave an interesting talk on being a Careers Officer. Next meeting on 17th August at 7.45 p.m. We will be discussing the new Mothers' Union Service Books. Supper hostesses: Mesdames: M. White and M. Easter.

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

A record number of members attended the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. Rev'd. H. Ikin opened the meeting and kindly chaired the meeting.

All officers were unanimously elected to their positions. Rev'd. Ikin congratulated members on the very successful year recorded. Having visited the Geriatric section at the Hospital, Rev'd. Ikin spoke of the delightful and comfortable rooms made available for the patients.

The President, Mrs. Holyman, welcomed Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. H. Ikin as guests to our meeting. Mrs. H. Ikin was also welcomed as a new member.

On Wednesday, September 29th, the Auxiliary members are holding a "Morning Tea" in the Parish Centre at 10.30 a.m. An invitation is extended to

parishioners and their friends. There will be a stall, a charge of 50 cents will be made.

Members will meet again on Monday, August 9th, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Page and Miss Molly Bennett.

GUILD NOTES

Our July Meeting was held on the 8th July, there being a good attendance of members. We welcomed two new members — Miss Barnes, and Mrs. L. Plumridge, and we hope that more ladies will be encouraged to participate in our activities and projects.

Our speaker for the evening was Miss Hill, who gave a very absorbing talk on her recent trip overseas, speaking mainly on several famous British Cathedrals, and fascinating Biblical landmarks in the Middle East.

The Guild has adopted Roland Boys' Home as an additional project for the ensuing year, recently contributing \$50.00 to their funds. It was also decided that our members would re-cover the various cushions in the Home.

Next Meeting: August 12th at 7.45 p.m. Supper Hostesses: Mesdames Gatenby and Stevenson.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1976

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday 8th August, at 11.30 a.m.

IAN ROUTLEY (Duty Driver)

R. CARTLEDGE

W. COWELL

M. EASTHER

T. HEGGATON

V. MURGATROYD

J. ROBERTS

D. STANDALOFT

D. SUTTON

G. HILL

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

GROUNDS ROSTER

14th AUGUST — I. ROUTLEY CHURCH
R. DEWIS RECTORY

28th AUGUST — R. STEVENSON CHURCH
R. CARTLEDGE RECTORY

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.

If you are able to help, please phone Mr. Ian Routley — 44 4936.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the Clergy or Church Wardens.

Mrs. J. Robinson \$5; Mrs. H. Morgan \$5; Mrs. B. MacLaine \$2; Mrs. R. H. Watson \$2; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Page \$4; Miss V. Sadler \$1; Mr. Graham Thurley \$5.

Thank You.

EVENSONG

As from September 5th, Evensong will revert to the normal time of 7.00 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- 1 Trinity VII 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.
- 2 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel.
- 4 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S. & G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Property Meeting.
8 p.m. Education Committee Meeting.
- 5 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 6 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Senior Youth Fellowship.
- 8 Trinity VIII 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service — Preacher Mr. Ron Buckland.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, in the Parish Centre.
- 10 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 11 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S. & G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 12 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Guild.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 13 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Senior Youth Fellowship.
- 15 Trinity IX 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.
- 16 Monday 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting in Parish Centre.
- 17 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 18 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S. & G.F.S.
- 19 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Senior Youth Fellowship.
- 22 Trinity X 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group.
- 25 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S. & G.F.S.
- 26 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 27 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Senior Youth Fellowship.
- 29 Trinity XI 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.

FAMILY WEEK-END

October is coming round very quickly and arrangements are well in hand for our Family Get-Together from Friday Evening, 22nd till Sunday Afternoon, 24th.

Once more the venue is the delightful Ulverstone setting, so close to the beach, where we receive such happy and helpful co-operation from the folk of the Christian Youth Centre and our Leader this year is to be Bishop Henry Jerrim who is known and loved by so many of us.

As usual there will be a separate programme for children during adult sessions, which are timed to allow plenty of leisure, the aim of the week-end being as much to "Laugh, play and sing" together as to hear (and perhaps discuss) "things spiritual". Accommodation is in "The Villa" and in comfortable (though less pretentious) bunkhouses. Chores are at a minimum and, Mum, meals are prepared by our hosts!! (Tasty ones too). It is for both individuals and families but unfortunately we cannot take children on their own.

Our congregation comes from very many areas and as we live together for this brief time it helps us, not only to get to know each other, but to find ourselves part of the family of St. John's and we especially invite those who are "newer" in the family.

Application forms will be available shortly.

FAMILY NIGHT

The seventy or so who so much enjoyed the evening of films by Bill Donaldson in June will be glad to know another is scheduled for Friday, 24th September when Bill will once more provide the programme.

While thanking him for the interesting and educational night he provided last time we also thank the Mothers' Union for the delicious supper they provided. They will be looking after the "inner man" again.

WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

The Winter Bible Studies will begin in St. John's Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd August, 1976, at 7.45 p.m. on the subject "Christian Discipleship". These studies will be in four parts, and will be led by the Assistant, the Rev'd. D. Le Rossignol.

FAMILY SERVICE

The next Family Service will be on the 8th August, 1976. The Speaker will be Mr. Ron Buckland, General Secretary of Scripture Union in Tasmania.

YOUTH SCENE

St. John's Youth Scene now caters for all ages from 7 to 18 years of age. Be part of the scene by joining either G.F.S., C.E.B.S. or the Senior Youth Fellowship. **There is plenty of room for newcomers in each group.**

See the Assistant, the Rev'd. D. Le Rossignol for details, or one of the leaders.

CAR PARK

Car Parking Space is now available in St. John's Car Park. For details of rental, please contact the Parish Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or phone 31 4896.