

Supplement to the Church News, December, 1976

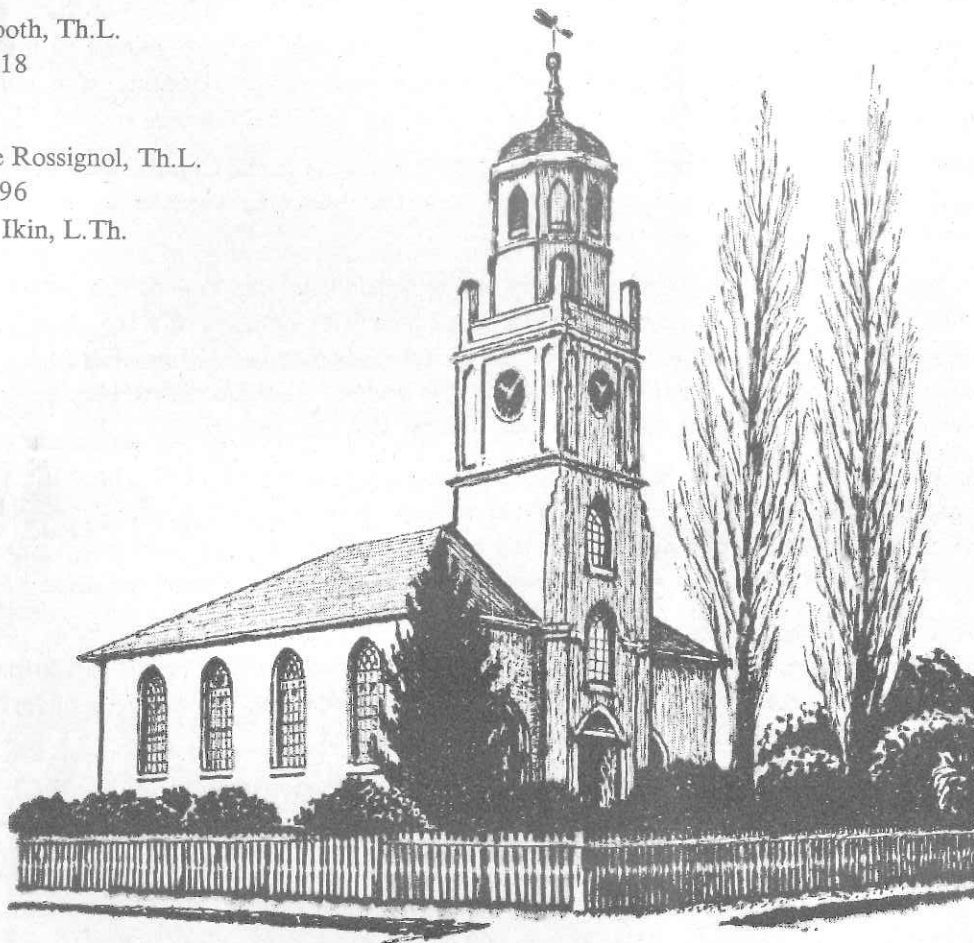
PARISH MESSENGER

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

8 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY

6.30, 8.00 and 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.

THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

Each year in November we witness the Confirmation of a group of young parishioners and also, in recent years, some adults. On Sunday, 14th November, 37 young people and one adult declared their decision to follow Christ, to repent of their sins and to renounce evil. They also affirmed their belief and trust in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through prayer and the laying-on of hands by the Bishop they were assured of God's strengthening grace through the Holy Spirit living in and increasing in their lives.

Confirmation is not the end of a process beginning with Baptism. It is beginning in a new way a relationship with Jesus Christ in which they have stood through their earlier Baptism. It is an enriching and strengthening step in their lives.

I am hopeful that the whole Parish Family will make a response to the Confirmation by a warm and surrounding acceptance of those who have been received into this enriching experience. We all have a sensitive responsibility in this.

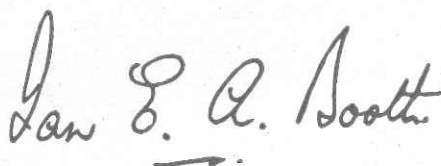
December comes with all its growing demands of preparation for the end of the school year, the celebrating of Christmas and the many other activities associated with holidays and the New Year. How complex everything has become and how busy we make ourselves coping with it all. How much we have crowded out the simplicity of the Love made known at Christmas. This December becomes even more complex for us with the State Elections to absorb our interest and our prayers.

As we think about the many young people leaving school, and some who left school last year, looking for employment opportunities, or the families trying to cope with the unhappiness of over indulgence in celebrating, or the tragedy of irresponsibility on the road and many other problems which grow to larger proportions at this time of the year, can we see a new picture of why the Saviour was born and why he died for us?

May you know the love, joy and peace of Jesus in your lives and in your homes at Christmas. May you look for his sustaining strength and wisdom in the New Year. May you be led to be of loving service to him and to people caught in the complexities of the world around us.

Christmas and New Year blessings on you all and sincere greetings from all at the Rectory and the Parish staff.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

G.F.S. JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES

The end of year Break-Up will be held on Wednesday, 15th December, at 7 p.m. There will be a Christmas Tableau and supper will be provided. Meetings will resume on the 23rd February, 1977 at 6 p.m.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND FAIR

The Townsend members of St. John's G.F.S. wish to thank all who supported the recent fair. It was a great success. \$210.00 was added to our Church Carpet Fund.

MOTHERS' UNION

At the November meeting 20 members were present and after the usual agenda, we had a very enjoyable evening with singing from Mrs. Radford, Miss Brownrigg and the Revd. Harry Ikin as well as a piano recital from Mrs. G. Watson and Mrs. R. E. Watson. Slides of England were also shown by the Revd. Ian Booth.

To commemorate the Centenary of Mothers' Union, a rose tree will be planted after the Family Service on the 5th December. All Mothers' Union members are welcome.

GUILD NOTES

In place of our usual November meeting, the Guild held a successful Beetle Evening in the Parish Centre. There was a good attendance of supporters. Approximately \$60.00 was raised for the Roland Boys' Home. The Guild wish to thank all those who so generously supported our evening.

We also extend a warm invitation to any parishioners who would care to attend the Anglican Women's Fellowship Afternoon Tea Party on the 9th December at 2.30 p.m. Should transport be required, please contact Mrs. J. Stevenson, Phone 31 1403, or Mrs. A. E. Ford, Phone 31 6412.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on the 2nd December. Supper Hostesses: Mesdames Andrews and O. Harris. The first meeting for the New Year will be on our usual second Thursday in February.

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

The final meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held on Monday, 8th November in the Parish Centre. The Auxiliary will go into recess until March 1977.

Through the wonderful work of our members and our many friends of St. Luke's who have donated money or attended our functions, we have donated since last November \$1,070.00 towards the purchase of a lifting machine and to assist with the placing of new beds in the older wards. The cost of these will be in the vicinity of \$6,000.00.

On Wednesday, the 8th December at 10 a.m. we are holding a "Coffee Morning" in the Parish Centre. There will be a stall with Christmas gifts, etc. A charge of 50 cents will be made. With money on hand and the proceeds from this function, we hope to donate a further \$100.00. A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners and their friends to attend.

On St. Luke's Day, posies made by our members were given to all patients by Mesdames, Roake, Holyman and Palliser.

Cakes and biscuits will be made and given to the Hospital for Christmas. Patients will also receive a gift-wrapped parcel.

Mrs. Holyman welcomed yet another new member, Mrs. Elkerton. We are delighted to have so many new members enrolling.

We extend to each and all the "Compliments of the Season".

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. Sutton \$2.00; Mrs. McLean \$2.00; Mrs. A. T. Cox \$2.00; Mr. J. Crawford \$2.00; Miss J. Ingram \$5.00; Miss D. Glover \$3.00; Mr. L. A. O'Neill \$10.00.

Thank you.

VESTRY NOTES

The Vestry was informed that at the General Meeting held on the 7th November it was decided that the Patronage of the parish for the next three years should be vested in the Patronage Council for the Archdeaconry of Launceston.

The following will represent the parish:—

The Synod Representatives ex officio viz. Mr. M. Easther and Mr. J. Roberts.

Elected by the meeting: Mr. D. Gill, Mr. B. Easther, Miss S. Brownrigg.

Substitutes for elected representatives: Mr. G. Swinnerton, Mr. M. Perkins, Mr. J. Stevenson.

A cheque for \$200 from the Launceston Philharmonic Society has been put to a fund for the upkeep of the Organ.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1976

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 12th December at 11.30 a.m.

IAN ROUTLEY (Duty Driver)

P. BACKEN T. HEGGATON

W. COWELL J. ROBERTS

N. DICKER J. STEVENSON

M. EASTHER D. SUTTON

M. WILSON

If anyone is unable to attend please phone Ian Routley 31 6666 (work) or 44 4936 (home).

SUNDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1977

AT 11.30 a.m.

MAX EASTHER (Duty Driver)

P. BACKEN P. HULL

R. CARTLEDGE G. LILICO

W. DONALDSON S. MURRAY

B. EASTHER G. SWINNERTON

A. FORD

If anyone is unable to attend please phone Mr. Max Easther on 31 5750.

GROUNDS ROSTER

11th December:

John Stevenson (Church Grounds)

W. Donaldson (Rectory)

8th January:

Graeme Lillico (Church) Rick Cartledge (Rectory)

22nd January:

Ian Routley (Church) W. Donaldson (Rectory)

Volunteers are urgently required. If you can help would you please ring Ian Routley 31 6666 or 44 4936.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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| 1 Wednesday | 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7 p.m. Vestry tour of Church
property. | 15 Wednesday | 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. G.F.S. Break-Up Party. |
| 2 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. | 16 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 5 Advent II | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service (Admission
of new G.F.S. members).
After the Family Service —
Planting of rose tree to com-
memorate the Centenary of
Mothers' Union.
7.30 p.m. Evensong. | 19 Advent IV | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| 6 Monday | 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting
in Chapel.
7.45 p.m. Bible Society "Good
News Rally" launching Good
News Bible. | 22 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| 8 Wednesday | 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10 a.m. St. John's Auxiliary to
St. Luke's Hospital "Morning
Coffee".
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S. | 23 Thursday | 7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 9 Thursday | 2.30 p.m. Anglican Women's Fel-
lowship. Afternoon Tea Party
(Senior parishioners Christmas
Party).
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.15 p.m. Kindergarten and Sub-
Primary Christmas Evening.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. | 24 Christmas
Eve | 8 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols. Followed by Cider
and Cheese.
11.30 p.m. Midnight Communion. |
| 12 Advent III | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Broadland House Service.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evensong. | 25 Christmas
Day | 6.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| 13 Monday | 7.45 p.m. St. Luke's Graduation
of Nurses. Bishop Davies presid-
ing. Visitors welcome. | 26 Sunday after
Christmas | St. Stephen's Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7.30 p.m. Evensong. |
| 14 Tuesday | 6 p.m. Men's Tea. | 27 Monday | St. John's Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 28 Tuesday | Innocents' Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 29 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 31 Friday | 11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service
(Holy Communion). |

During January the Sunday Services will be at the usual times. There will be no week day services at 8 a.m., these will resume in February. There will be Holy Communion Services every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Thursday 6th January (Epiphany of Our Lord) and Tuesday 25th January (Conversion of St. Paul).

KINDERGARTEN AND SUB-PRIMARY

St. John's Kindergarten and Sub-Primary Christmas evening will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 9th December at 7.15 p.m. Please come with the children. All parishioners are welcome.