

# PARISH MESSENGER

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TO KNOW HIM  
IS TO LOVE THEM



ST JOHN'S PROGRAMME OF  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMENCES  
IN MID-FEBRUARY. ENQUIRIES  
PHONE 31 5218.

THEY'RE  
ONLY KIDS

## 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 Reverend David Lewis Tel: 31 4896  
The Reverend Harry Ikin L. Th.

## THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners of St John's,

The length of the school summer holidays in recent years has meant a much later start not only for schools but also for the normal pattern of parish activities.

For this reason I ask you to be prepared to take your place in the activities as soon as they begin for 1976 so that we may move into efficient and effective work immediately.

One of the most important facets of our programme is that of Christian Education and young people's activities. During 1975 we saw a strengthening of this work; attendances at Sunday School improved; the formation of Church of England Boys' Society and Girls' Friendly Society groups was completed and the branches commissioned. As our Christian Education programme commences this year these activities will again be available and boys and girls warmly welcomed into them.

As well I am hopeful that a youth group will be developed and a team of Servers trained to assist at Holy Communion.

Whilst it is always important for the Church to provide opportunities for the Christian Education of our young people and for fellowship and other activities it must always be borne in mind that a Christian home is the environment in which a child will be open to the greatest opportunity (in terms of time and close personal relationship) for education and growth in Christian life and knowledge. Randolph Crump Miller, a Professor of Christian Education, has written

"The Christian parent is involved in this task simply by being a parent. The parent brings or does not bring the child to baptism or dedication. During the early years of childhood the parent is in complete control. The education that occurs is mostly in the unconscious, but is crucial to the child's future. Faith, expressed in attitudes and atmosphere, is contagious, just as anxiety and dread are contagious."

The Family Life programme being planned through the City Mission and interested congregations will provide challenge, encouragement and resources for the development and strengthening of Christian education in the home. There should be more information about this programme very shortly.

We said goodbye to my Assistant, the Revd. David Lewis on Sunday, January 4 and presented him with a beautiful Chalice and Paten which it is hoped will be very useful in his future years of ministry.

My new Assistant, Mr David Le Rossignol moved into the Cottage on Monday, January 12 and is meeting everyone and settling into the routines of his task. His ordination to the Diaconate is to be on St Matthias' Day, Tuesday, February 24. A point of special interest is that his father, Mr Ted Le Rossignol, is also to be ordained Deacon at the same service. I am confident that you will support both father and son, in your prayers, as they prepare for this most significant day.

Finally may I express sincere thanks from all at the Rectory for the greetings and expressions of love extended to us at Christmas. May Our Lord Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrated then, be our constant friend and guide in the year 1976. He is a wonderful Saviour!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Ian G. A. Booth*



### HAPPENINGS

Christmas joy was once again at large as we participated in the worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I did enjoy the Nine Lessons and Carols and I'm glad my comments from last year were heeded and the Cider and Cheese evening held again — fancy anyone listening to my suggestions!

London via Melbourne, Sydney and Singapore. Yes, you've guessed it! The Revd. David Lewis who occupied my No. 39 has moved out on me. Why did he try to cover up his departure by leaving his beloved hydrangeas (a very dried arrangement) in the window? Goodbye and God bless, Mr Lewis, Elizabeth Street will miss you!

Have you met my new Thirty-Niner? Mr David Le Rossignal is settling in well. He doesn't like dried hydrangeas! Even the wisteria in the back yard blew down the other day but I understand he's fond of vegie gardening! Welcome to the parish family and to Elizabeth Street, Mr Le Rossignal.

Mr Ron Adam has once again been doing "time" for us. His engineering know-how has added several adjusting devices to the clock mechanism up in the tower. As a result the hands on the three faces can be accurately adjusted to tell exactly the same time despite the inevitable wear which had caused, at least the face on the Rectory side showing one minute faster than the others. The clock now strikes on time as well.

I couldn't understand how Mr Adam managed to set all the hands exactly while not being able to see them. He persuaded a friend with "walkie-talkie" radios to fetch them along to set up two way communications from the Church grounds to the clock room in the tower. How ingenious!

*Elizabeth Street*

### 1976 COMMENCEMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School recommences for 1976 on Sunday, February 22 at 10 a.m. Parents are asked to encourage their children to come on this day and to be regular in their attendance. New scholars will be warmly welcomed.

FIRST FAMILY SERVICE FOR 1976: Sunday, March 14 at 10 a.m.

1976 PARISH CHILDREN'S CAMP: May 14 to 16 at C.Y.C. Ulverstone. Leader will be Mr David Reeve of Scripture Union.

### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY

	Church	Chapel
Feb. 1	Mrs Stevenson	Mrs Smith
Feb. 8	Mrs Page	Mrs Sheldrick
Feb. 15	Mrs White	Mrs Grueber
Feb. 22	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Thompson
Feb. 29	Mrs Swinnerton	Mrs Crawford

### MEALS ON WHEELS & GROUNDS ROSTER

Those on roster for Meals on Wheels and the Grounds will be notified.

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## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 EPIPHANY 4 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Evensong
- 2 Monday Purification  
8 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting (Chapel)
- 4 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 8 EPIPHANY 5 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Mattins  
7.30 p.m. Evensong
- 10 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea
- 11 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting
- 13 Friday Button Day for St Luke's Hospital
- 12 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Guild
- SEPTUAGESIMA 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Holy Communion  
2.30 p.m. Prayers for the Peoples and  
Parliament of Australia. Patterson  
Street Methodist.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong
- 16 Monday 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter meeting
- 17 Tuesday 8 p.m. Mothers' Union
- 18 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
6 p.m. G.F.S. recommences
- 19 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S. recommences  
8 p.m. Choir practice
- 20 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice  
7 p.m. Scouts' Founders' Day Service
- SEXAGESIMA 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Mattins  
7.30 p.m. Evensong
- 24 Tuesday St Matthias' Day  
8 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Group  
8 p.m. Ordination of Mr D. Le Rossignal  
in St David's Cathedral
- 25 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 26 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
8 p.m. Choir practice
- 27 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir practice  
C.M.S. Progressive Dinner
- QUINQUAGESIMA 8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Evensong

## GUILD

The first Guild meeting for 1976 will be on  
February 12 at 7.45 p.m.

## THE INFLUENCE OF ONE

David Livingstone, explorer and missionary doctor, died whilst at prayer over 100 years ago. Much has been written about this great Christian but little has been said about a man who had a profound effect on his life. This was young David's Sunday School teacher, one David Hogg. Dr. Livingstone often quoted what Hogg told him on his death-bed:

'Now, lad, make religion the every-day business of your life, and not a thing of fits and starts; for if you do, temptation and other things will get the better of you.'

Livingstone never forgot the words of his teacher and made a time of quiet with Christ his daily practice for the whole of his life. Such can be the influence of one unknown Sunday School teacher.

Pause  
and  
Think

There are some interesting words inscribed on an old clock in Chester Cathedral.

"When as a child I laughed  
And wept — time crept.  
When as a Youth I dreamed  
And talked — time walked  
When I became a full grown man —  
Time ran.  
And later as I older grew —  
Time flew.  
Soon I shall find, while  
Travelling on — time gone."

As you read these words, the old clock ticks on and the time left for you and I to reach our neighbours, friends and strangers, with the priceless open secrets of the Christian Gospel gets less and less. What are we doing with our time?