

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, MAY, 1976



The Revd Theo Hayman, Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society will preach at Evensong in St John's on Sunday, May 9 at 7 p.m.



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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.

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THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

As this month's Parish Messenger is being prepared for posting my family and I will be busy packing our cases for an overseas holiday. As you read it we might well be in the air en-route to London.

For many years Mrs Booth and I have hoped to make this journey but many things have made it impossible until now. Our time away constitutes Long Service Leave to which has been added this year's annual leave.

We plan to spend a total of eight weeks in England and a further eight weeks on the Continent with a five day break in Hong Kong on the way home. According to our planned itinerary we will be arriving home at night on September 2.

During my absence from the Parish the Revd Dick Pethybridge of Melbourne and his wife (and perhaps their cat as well!) will take charge for a period of three months as from May 15 and I am sure you will welcome them most warmly. Please pray for them now and throughout their time in the Parish.

The times of Bible Study on the Wednesday evenings in Lent centred on some of the words of Jesus recorded in the Gospels and I believe we all experienced much blessing through them. During the winter term I am hopeful that a course of Bible Studies will be arranged and that many of you will take the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Again later this year, Mr Lloyd Bath will lead another course of Bible Studies along similar lines to the one he led last year and which was deeply appreciated by a keen group of people.

The Easter theme of the Resurrection of Jesus has once again challenged Christians to a dynamic and abundant life. At the time when Jesus rose from the dead the disciples did not understand a great deal of what was going on around them but they discovered a tremendous fact and, confident in that discovery, they went back to where they were staying to wait patiently for a fuller understanding. Before Easter Day was over Jesus was seen by Cephas and then by the 12 disciples. The shock and confusion of the empty tomb was but a passing shadow as the Light of the Risen Lord became a living reality.

One of the great messages of the Resurrection is that "He is here", here with His people forever. "Where two or three are gathered together I am in the midst of them."

May we all be patiently confident as we rediscover the fact of our Lord's Resurrection. It will become more and more evident that He is our Life and that because He lives we shall live also.

May the Risen Lord Jesus Christ richly bless and guide you all now and in the months we will be away.

Yours sincerely,

Ian G. A. Booth



HAPPENINGS

Am I mistaken or is it true that the carillon was heard to sound out a note or two of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" on the Sunday night just before Mr Max Easter's retirement after 50 years of service to "The Examiner". Elizabeth Street re-echoes the tune and adds her best wishes to Mr Easter for a long and happy retirement.

Have you realised that the Rector is dodging the winter? It will be springtime in England when he arrives. Three summers in a row, that's not fair, in fact it's a bit hot!

The Rector has heard that baths can be expensive in England for tourists. I happened to overhear him booking in for a free one at the home of a young couple visiting Launceston over Easter and who will be home in Bristol only a few days before the Booths pass by!

I am always delighted to meet so many overseas visitors at St John's. On Easter Day it was no exception. England, Canada, Malaysia, Mauritius were four of the countries I found represented - it helps me to pray more meaningfully when I have had the opportunity of talking with Christians from around the world. Which leads me to comment that I hope the large number of St Johnnites travelling overseas this year will carry a little of this fellowship back. Brazil, U.S.A., Hong Kong, England and many European countries will receive visits from our parishioners this year.

And finally, back to the carillon. How wonderful to hear the bells ringing out the message of Easter morning. Easter music was truly in the air on Easter Day. A band passed by St John's giving a solid background music to our prayers at the 10 a.m. service. Elizabeth Street is now quite composed.

Elizabeth Street

BIBLE REAPS A HARVEST

Last year in Indonesia a young man purchased a New Testament and took it home to his small village in South Sumatra.

Several months later, when students from the Batu Bible School in East Java visited the village they discovered that God had done His own work through His Word.

Not only had the young man been converted, he had also led many others in his village to Christ.

The students were amazed to see that a church was established without the help of a preacher but through His Word. Such is the power of the Bible.

MOTHERS' UNION

Nineteen members attended the meeting, slides were shown of the least coin from Australian Church Women. Supper hostesses: Mesdames J. Easter, L. Watson, D. Williams. Next meeting 18/5/76.

ST JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The next meeting of St John's Auxiliary to St Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, May 10 at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames Swinnerton and Butler.

The President Mrs Holyman welcomed two new members to the Auxiliary, Mesdames Rule and Richards.

The result from the combined Auxiliaries Morning Tea was \$362.58. We would like to thank members and friends of St Luke's for their generous help and support.

On behalf of our Auxiliary Mesdames Holyman and Palliser visited the Hospital on Mothering Sunday and gave flowers to patients. Our sincere thanks to Mesdames Roake, Latta and Bessant for assisting in making the many posies.

We bade farewell to our Treasurer Mrs M. Easter who will leave shortly for a holiday. We do wish her a happy holiday and safe return.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, May 9 at 11.30 a.m.

Ian Routley, duty driver	S. Murray
R. Cartledge	L. Nicholas
R. Cleary	M. Perkins
P. Hull	D. Plumbridge
G. Hill	D. Standaloft

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

GROUNDS ROSTER

May 15	J. Stevenson	Church
	R. Davis	Rectory
May 29	R. Cartledge	Church
	I. Routley	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.



The Revd Ian and Mrs Val Booth say thank you to all who wished them "bon voyage".

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Saturday 9.30 a.m. Meeting of Clergy and interested people with members of the General Synod Liturgical Commission, Parish Centre.
8 p.m. Organ Recital in St John's, Miss Jennifer Bate.
- 2 EASTER 2 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Evensong
- 3 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting
- 5 Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Study at C.M.S. House
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Property Committee
8 p.m. Education Committee
- 6 Thursday 6 p.m. G.F.S. & C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir practice
- 7 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
- 9 EASTER 3 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Family Service
7 p.m. Evensong — Preacher, the Revd Theo Hayman, Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society
- 10 Monday 2.45 p.m. St John's Auxiliary to St Luke's Hospital
- 11 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea in Parish Centre
- 12 Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Study at C.M.S. House
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Vestry meeting
- 13 Thursday 6 p.m. G.F.S. & C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Guild Annual Meeting commencing with service of Holy Communion
8 p.m. Choir Practice
- 14 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
p.m. Parish Children's Camp commences at C.Y.C. Ulverstone
- 15 Saturday 11 a.m. G.F.S. State Council in Parish Centre.
Noon (approx.) the Revd Dick and Mrs Pethybridge arrive at Rectory.
- 16 EASTER 4 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Holy Communion
p.m. Children arrive home from Camp
7 p.m. Evensong
- 17 Monday 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting in Parish Centre
- 18 Tuesday 8 p.m. Mothers' Union
- 19 Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Study at C.M.S. House
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

- 20 Thursday 6 p.m. G.F.S. & C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice
- 21 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
- 23 EASTER 5 8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Mattins
7 p.m. Evensong
- 25 Tuesday 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
- 27 ASCENSION DAY 8 a.m. Holy Communion
6 p.m. G.F.S. & C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice
- 28 Friday 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
- 30 ASCENSION 8 a.m. Holy Communion
1 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10 a.m. Holy Communion
7 p.m. Evensong

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following a decision taken at the 1975 Annual General Meeting, Evensong will be held at 5 p.m. for the three winter months of JUNE, JULY and AUGUST. Please make this widely known.

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.

Anon \$1.00; Mrs F. Cox \$2.00; Miss J. Johnston \$2.00; Miss Rooney \$2.00; Mrs P. Murray \$2.00; Mrs R. Barber \$5.00.

Thank you.

THINK ON THIS

To follow Christ in the seventies calls for courage. I do not know that anything is more greatly needed among Christian people today than courage. Courage to stand firm for Jesus Christ in a secular situation; courage to swim against the stream; courage, if necessary, to stand alone. The 1970s are no decade for reeds shaken with the wind, that is, for men and women swayed only by public opinion. When the wind blows from the north, they bow down to the south; when it veers round to the south, they bow down to the north. The 1970s are no decade for such people.

JOHN R. W. STOTT.