

# PARISH MESSENGER

Supplement to the Church News, November, 1976



## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**Holy Communion:** 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third and Fifth Sundays, 7.30 p.m. Fourth Sunday.

**Family Service:** 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday. **Morning Prayer:** 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

**Evensong:** 7.30 p.m. First, Second, Third and Fifth Sundays.

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:** (In the Chapel).

**Morning Prayer,** daily at 8.00 a.m. (Holy Communion, Saints' Days)  
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Rector:  
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## THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

"From Tasmania". This was an answer we gave many times over when my family and I visited churches in England on our recent trip.

The very first time we gave the answer it was overheard by the visiting preacher, who, like us, had been invited to a fellowship hour after the service and he plied us with questions about our home and church "down under". He (I had a vague feeling that I should have known him because his face and voice were familiar) turned out to be a former Dean of Brisbane, now Vicar of St. James, Piccadilly and Rural Dean of the part of Westminster where we were staying. A quite animated and happy half-hour followed in which quite a number of people present shared and in which the 12, or 13,000 miles which separated our homes seemed to disappear because of the fellowship in Christ we experienced.

In almost every church we visited for worship we found a similar warmth of welcome and fellowship. This had nothing to do with a clerical collar as, apart from the Sunday we visited the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Launceston in Cornwall, my collar stayed in a very remote corner of our camper-van!

I believe that the warmth of welcome we found in so many congregations marks much of what is happening by way of a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ being experienced by those who attend church in this generation when there is such a breakdown of caring and sharing in the home and family and where a person can be desperately lonely in a crowded city.

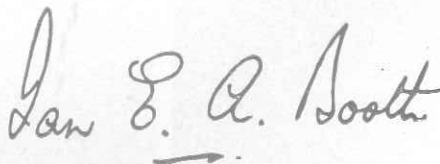
There is so much in the life of the early Christians recorded in the New Testament of this caring and sharing relationship that is surely one of the keynotes of the Christian's life. Indeed this kind of relationship comes from our openness to the Holy Spirit whose working in our lives develops the desire and the qualities of life which make it possible.

Luke records in Acts 3:44 "And all who believed were together and had all things in common". In Romans 15:7 Paul encourages his readers "Welcome one another, therefore as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God".

For some time now we have been aware of this need at St. John's and many have responded to it. We all need to grow together in the love which Our Lord Jesus Christ gives to us and offer our love to those who for any season find themselves at St. John's.

I can assure you that it does bring glory to God when the warmth of Christian love surrounds a visitor or a stranger and characterises all our fellowship together.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

### MOTHERS UNION

Nineteen members were present at our October meeting, and a very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Sutton on the Coat of Arms, the Emblem and other aspects of the Mothers' Union.

All members are asked to bring \$1.00 for Clarendon to the November meeting and as this will be our last meeting, members are asked to bring a plate. On the 24th November a Morning Tea will be held in the Parish Centre, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. 50 cents admission and there will be a trading table. A warm welcome to all. On Friday, 26th November, at 7.30 p.m. the Christmas Party for St. Andrew's Workshop will be held in the Parish Centre.

### GUILD NOTES

The October meeting was held in conjunction with our Annual Dinner at the Windmill Private Hotel, with 23 members present.

We hope that there will be a good attendance at our Beetle Evening to be held in the Parish Centre on the 11th November, the proceeds of which will go towards our several well-deserving projects.

Will members please note that our December meeting will be held on the 2nd instead of the 9th, and that the supper hostesses will be Mesdames Andrews and Harris.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 8th November at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea hostesses:— Mrs. A. H. Roake, Mrs. K. F. Brown and Mrs. A. Nolan. On Wednesday, the 8th December a "Morning Coffee" will be held in the Centre at 10.30 a.m. Parishioners and their friends are cordially invited. There will be a charge of 50 cents. Proceeds will go towards new beds in the Hospital. Our thanks to all who attended the "Morning Tea". Proceeds, including donations, were \$365.00. This was very gratifying to the members. The President, Mrs. Holyman, welcomed a new member, Mrs. De Bomford, to our meeting.

### G.F.S. NOTES

Awards and enrolments are to be given during the Family Service on the 12th December, and on the 15th December a Break Up party will be held, when all old and new G.F.S. members will be welcome. Supper will be provided.

Uniforms are wanted for all sizes, especially for 7, 8 and 9 year olds. The uniform is a navy skirt, white blouse and pale blue tie, and G.F.S. will buy any that may be available if necessary. Uniforms can be left at the Parish Centre or will be collected if you will please ring 28 1358.

### G.F.S. ANNUAL FAIR

This will be held on Saturday, 6th November, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Parish Centre. Morning tea and stalls of various kinds and reasonably priced Christmas gifts and floral arrangements can be purchased. Donations of produce, etc., unwanted articles needed for White Elephant Stall. Please come and make the Fair a success. Proceeds for G.F.S. Church Carpet Fund.

### PARISH FAMILY NIGHT

Bring all the family to the next Parish Family Night on Friday, 19th November! It is to be a barbecue in the Church and Rectory grounds commencing at 6.30 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to enjoy fun and fellowship as a Parish Family. Bring your own meat, bread, etc. Tea and coffee will be available.

### VESTRY NOTES

A new member on the Vestry is Mr. Terry Butler.

Family Nights have been very successful and the Vestry appreciates the time given by those people responsible, Bill Donaldson the projectionist and the Mothers' Union for providing the supper afterwards.

The Family Weekend received good support and enrolments numbered 66 at the October meeting.

The Rector announced to the Vestry that the 7 p.m. service on the fourth Sunday in the month would be Holy Communion.

The Vestry is pleased to see that the Education Committee has recommended purchasing copies of "Sing to God" for use at Family Services.

And the Vestry is also pleased to note the growth within the C.E.B.S. and G.F.S. Thanks are due to the leaders, who give their time to these groups.

In regard to maintenance, the main iron gates have now been restored.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

#### SUNDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, 1976

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 14th November, 1976, at 11.30 a.m.

IAN ROUTLEY (Duty Driver)

H. BOURKE V. MURGATROYD

W. COWELL M. PERKINS

P. HULL J. ROBERTS

G. HILL D. STANDALOFT

J. STEVENSON

If anyone is unable to attend, please phone Ian Routley 31 6666 (Work) or 44 4936 (Home).

## CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1 Monday	All Saints' Day. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting.	17 Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. G.F.S.
3 Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. G.F.S. 7.30 p.m. Property Committee. 8 p.m. Education Committee.	18 Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
4 Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	19 Friday	6.30 p.m. Family Night, Barbecue in Church and Rectory grounds.
6 Saturday	10 a.m. — 12 noon G.F.S. Fair.	20 Saturday	11 a.m. C.M.S. Barbecue at Fingal.
7 <b>Trinity XXI</b>	8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.	21 <b>Trinity XXIII</b>	8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
8 Monday	2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. 7.30 p.m. Bible Study, Parish Centre.	22 Monday	7.30 p.m. Bible Study, Parish Centre.
9 Tuesday	6 p.m. Men's Tea.	23 Tuesday	7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
10 Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. G.F.S. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.	24 Wednesday	9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. — 12 noon Mothers' Union, Morning Tea. 6 p.m. G.F.S.
11 Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild, Beetle Evening. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	25 Thursday	6 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
14 <b>Trinity XXII</b>	8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Confirmation Service and First Communion. 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.	26 Friday	7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Christ- mas Party for St. Andrew's Workshop. 8 p.m. O.S.L. Healing Service at Paterson Street Methodist Church, with supper to follow. (The Revd. and Mrs. Bill Bur- ridge, Bournemouth, England).
15 Monday	8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.	28 <b>Trinity XXIV</b>	8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Sunday School. 10 a.m. Mattins. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
16 Tuesday	7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.	30 Tuesday	St. Andrew's Day, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.