

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, OCTOBER, 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.

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

Evening Service: 7.00 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,

Returning home after four months overseas is quite an experience! Mrs. Booth, the boys and I had developed a whole new set of habits out of the restrictions of life in a motorized caravan. Besides this there was no telephone to disturb the plans of each day and no front (or back) doorbell to ring.

However, a few hours back home in St. John's Rectory brought us to heel and we soon realised that there are many vital and interesting things to be done and many wonderful people to surround us in the busy task of this parish. Thank you all for the love you have shown in welcoming us home.

There are so many highlights of our trip that it is impossible to share them all with you in a short space so I will confine myself to one only.

Whilst in Hong Kong, my cousin, who has lived there for twelve years, arranged transport for us to visit the St. Nicholas' Kindergarten at the Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Centre in Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

Our Sunday School children will remember the Hong Kong Markets held at St. John's to raise money to help with the education of children in the re-settlement housing blocks in Hong Kong. This support used to be sent to a Roof-Top School where it was administered through a Christian Missionary Social Worker, Miss Whattam. Recently this work has been transferred to a new welfare centre nestled in an open area between re-settlement housing blocks towering above. It is basically a kindergarten and a welfare office from which Miss Whattam works and guides the education of many children after they leave the kindergarten for primary and later secondary education. It is the secondary pupils whose education is paid for through the sponsorship scheme as all kinder. and primary education is paid for by the government.

Miss Whattam had arranged for two of the children sponsored from Tasmania to be present to meet us and what a delight it was!

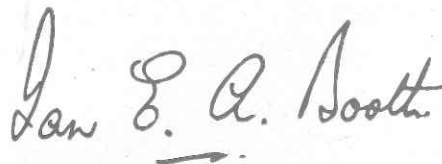
Fung Ha has only recently been accepted for sponsorship, she was a little shy about meeting people from overseas as her conversation in English was not fluent but her shyness disappeared a little when Lai Fun arrived and was introduced. Lai Fun has received sponsorship for several years and is doing Matric with the hope of securing a place at one of the two Universities in Hong Kong. She is a bright Christian lass with a good command of English, a good scholar and just so full of questions that it was hard to leave when the time came.

To be able to share the expense of education for these children whose families cannot afford it is wonderfully worthwhile. It is a sharing of the love of Jesus and at this point becomes obedience to his command to love one another and it must be enriching to our own lives.

Please pray for the children and for the quiet but strong work of Miss Whattam.

This visit was one event in our long service leave but for me it was also a new step in Christian experience and understanding.

God bless you all,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 11th October, at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses:— Mrs. H. Gardner and Mrs. J. Green.

The sum of \$48.00 was raised from the supper provided by the members at the Museum Theatre on the 23rd August.

Our grateful thanks to all for their generous support.

GUILD NOTES

Our Guild meeting, held on the 9th September, was well attended. General business was discussed, especially our proposed Beetle Evening to be held on the 11th November, the proceeds of which will be used for our several current projects.

We all missed the company of Jean Sheldrick at our meeting owing to sickness, and regret that it has now been necessary for Jean to undergo a period in hospital. We all wish you a speedy return to health Jean!

Our next meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual dinner on the 14th October.

MOTHERS' UNION

Twenty-five members were present at our last meeting. A short meeting was conducted before commencing the Beetle Evening on the 21st September. This was a most successful function and enjoyed by everyone who attended. The next meeting will be on the 19th October and our speaker will be Mrs. Sutton.

**MEALS ON WHEELS
SUNDAY 10th OCTOBER, 1976**

The following parishioners are rostered for **Sunday, 10th October, 1976, at 11.30 a.m.**

- IAN ROUTLEY (Duty Driver)
- R. CARTLEDGE D. SHELDRICK
- R. CLEARY T. WHITE
- W. DONALDSON M. WILSON
- J. ROBERTS A. WHITTLE
- W. COWELL

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

GROUNDS ROSTER

- October 16th — J. STEVENSON (Church)
 R. DEWIS (Rectory)
- October 30th — I. ROUTLEY (Church)
 R. CARTLEDGE (Rectory)

The grounds around the Church take much looking after at this time of the year, and if you are interested in gardening, and would have the time, your help would be much appreciated.

Please see Wendy Cowell, or Ian Routley if you are able to help.

CONFIRMATION CLASS — 1976

This has been set for Sunday, 14th November at 10 a.m. when Bishop Davies will be the Confirming Bishop.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Lloyd Bath will be continuing his Old Testament Studies on the second and fourth Mondays in October and November, i.e. the 11th and 25th October and the 8th and 22nd November, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

School of Prayer at Beresford House, 11th October, 1976.

Programme — Conducted by Bishop Davies

- 10.00 a.m. — Holy Communion.
- 10.30 a.m. — Morning Tea.
- 11.00 a.m. — Address and Discussion.
- 12.30 p.m. — Lunch.
- 1.30 p.m. — Address and Discussion.
- 3.30 p.m. — Closing Devotions.

To bring own lunch and pool it. Tea, milk and sugar available. Pitt Avenue bus leaves Mantach's, York Street, 9.30 a.m. — ALL WOMEN WELCOME.

FAMILY CAMP — C.Y.C. ULVERSTONE

Bishop Jerrim will be the Leader at the Family Camp to be held at the C.Y.C. Ulverstone on the 22nd to the 24th October. Ask for application forms from the Parish Office. Forms also at back of Church.

CAR PARKING

Car Parking space is 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.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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| 1 Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir.
8 p.m. C.M.S. Fellowship Night,
Parish Centre. | 17 Trinity XVIII | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7 p.m. Evensong. |
| 3 Trinity XVI | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7 p.m. Evensong. | 18 Monday | 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Annual Meeting,
(Launceston Chapter),
followed by—
8.15 p.m. Healing Service in
St. John's Church. |
| 4 Monday | 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting. | 19 Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. |
| 6 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. | 20 Wednesday | 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S. |
| 7 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. | 21 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 8 Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. | 22 Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. |
| 10 Trinity XVII | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7 p.m. Evensong. | 23 Saturday | Hobart Boys' Choir in St. John's
Church. |
| 11 Monday | 10 a.m./3.30 p.m. A.W.F. School
of Prayer, Beresford House.
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to
St. Luke's Hospital.
7.30 p.m. Bible Study, Parish
Centre. | 24 Trinity XIX | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
No Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
No Confirmation Class.
7 p.m. Evensong. |
| 12 Tuesday | 6 p.m. Men's Tea. | 22 Friday —
24 Sunday | Family Weekend,
C.Y.C. Ulverstone. |
| 13 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. | 25 Monday | 7.30 p.m. Bible Study,
Parish Centre. |
| 14 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7 p.m. Women's Guild, Annual
Dinner at "The Windmill"
8 p.m. Choir Practice. | 26 Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend. |
| 15 Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. | 27 Wednesday | 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10 a.m./12 noon Bible Society.
Garden Party in Rectory grounds.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S. |
| 16 Saturday | 10 a.m./noon G.F.S. Townsend
Fair. | 28 Thursday | 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| | | 29 Friday | 4.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice. |
| | | 30 Saturday | C.M.S. Day of Prayer.
8 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | | 31 Trinity XX | 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7 p.m. Holy Communion. |