

SUPPLEMENT to the CHURCH NEWS, DECEMBER, 1977

# PARISH MESSENGER

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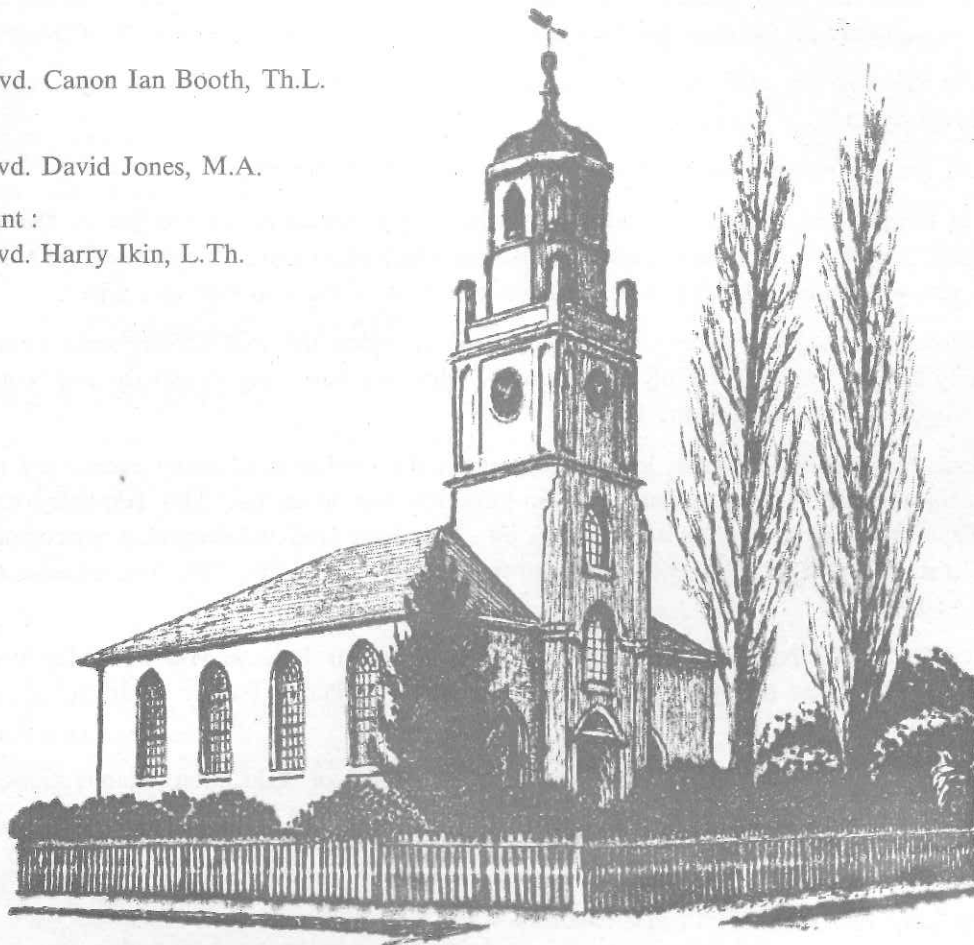
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Assistant :

The Revd. David Jones, M.A.

Hon. Assistant :

The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.



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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 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.

## THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

How busy we all become in the pre-Christmas rush! Well before the end of November Launceston's Christmas Parade has been held and "end of year" functions, many with a sentimental Christmas atmosphere built into them, are under way. Our diaries are full of them.

Oh, yes! There are those presents we must buy and the cards we must send. All the selection and buying must be squeezed in between the functions and there are only . . . days left to Christmas!

Did I hear you say last year that you were getting tired of it all and will not let yourself get caught up in such things again?

May I ask you to pause a moment and consider a most vital matter?

Thomas a Kempis once wrote, "He who loves with purity considers not the gift of the lover but the love of the giver". There is so much in all our business which lacks love, which centres on our own feelings and activities that we confuse the vital issues and we lose sight of the real Gift and Giver.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" so reads the well known verse from John 3:16 quoted regularly in our worship at Holy Communion. Here we have very succinctly and beautifully stated the Gift, the Giver and the love of the Giver.

As we look forward to Christmas let us try to avoid the confusion of many events and much activity and make a deep response of love because he who gave his Son loves us. This response ought to be so meaningful that it will direct our time and energies into honouring God and deepening our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. We will then be able to re-echo the words of St. John, "We love because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19 R.S.V.)

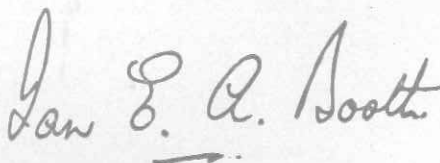
My wife Valerie, our boys and myself join in expressing our love to you all. May you experience all the joys of Christmas and find your place in worship with the Parish Family at St. John's on Christmas Day.

Graham, our oldest son, having just completed Diploma of Education examinations, will be in New Zealand for Christmas. However, Philip our second son, will be home from New South Wales for the first time in twenty months. I have mentioned Graham and Philip in particular because they are not very well known in the Parish. They have been living away from home and as a result many of the Parish Family think we only have two sons, Kevin and Michael.

Elsewhere in "Parish Messenger" you will find the words of a most delightful comment made by a parishioner following my appointment as a Canon. I think you will find them most appropriate!

God Bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.



## HAPPENINGS

Did you enjoy the telecast on November 13th? Friends of mine from far away have written to say how much they enjoyed it.

Space Age sounds were heard at the Mothers' Union Festival service in St. John's a week or two back. Little feet had transported little hands to the pulpit and the input control knob for one of the microphones had been turned up to full gain with quite devastating results!

Dulcie Butler (Miss) has done it again. Having relentlessly pursued everyone in sight for sponsorship she walked the full distance in the Bible Society Walkathon from St. Leonards to White Hills and return — and guess what? She is now pursuing everyone relentlessly to pay up even some who hadn't promised! Well done Dulcie.

*Elizabeth Street*

### PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Committee has been re-formed and members are as follows :-

The Revd. David Jones (Convenor),  
Mrs. Dulcie Butler,  
Mrs. Wendy Cowell,  
Mr. Michael Johnson,  
Mr. Michael Perkins  
Mrs. Judy Ryland,

Immediate areas of concern are —

1. Care of people in various areas of need.
2. The welcoming of visitors and newcomers to services, parish functions, etc.

If parishioners know of any particular need, will they please approach one of the Committee members.

### SECURITY ROSTER

Due to the kind assistance of many parishioners we are able to keep the church doors open between 2 p.m. — 4 p.m. each weekday. However, if a few more parishioners could volunteer to serve on this worthwhile roster, it would be possible to ensure that each volunteer would be called for duty only once during each month.

The future rosters are placed on the table at the rear of the church during the last week of the month. The December, 1977 and January, 1978 rosters are already there.

If you can assist please give your name, address and any days that would not be convenient for duty to the sidesmen, the Parish Office or Mr. Swinnerton (Tel. 44 3482).

### KINDERGARTEN AND SUB-PRIMARY

We invite you to St. John's Kindergarten and Sub-Primary Christmas Evening on Thursday, 8th December at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Families and parishioners all welcome.

### G.F.S. TOWNSEND

G. F. S. Townsend members' Annual Fair on Saturday, 12th November was very successful. \$210.00 was banked and more money has come in since.

We wish to thank all who attended or helped in any way. Proceeds are for the G. F. S. Townsend Carpet Fund.

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

The final meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital for 1977 was held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 14th November, 1977.

Meetings will resume in March, 1978.

On Friday, 10th February the Annual Button Day for the Hospital will be held. Members who can assist, would you please contact the Secretary.

The result of the "Morning Tea" which was held at the home of the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room, was most gratifying. Approximately \$554.00 was received; this included donations. Our many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Room and also our wonderful members for their very loyal support. To the many people who attended we are indeed very grateful. Money from this effort will be used for the renovations to the kitchen and laundry at the Hospital.

A cheque for an extra \$100.00 has been sent to assist with the replacement of beds in the older wards.

On Christmas day patients in hospital will receive a giftwrapped parcel on their breakfast tray. This has been the practice for many years. Members will also make cakes and biscuits for use in the Hospital over the Christmas period.

To all members and friends of St. Luke's we extend the "Compliments of the Season".

### MOTHERS' UNION

The final meeting for 1977 was a very happy occasion with many members and friends attending. Many thanks to those who gave items.

The Festival was also well attended and our thanks to St. Aidan's members who were our hostesses and entertained us so well.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.45 p.m., and there is a welcome for all who would like to attend our meetings.

### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

After a busy term of candle-making, Junior cake stall, Townsend Mini-Market, Christmas Parade Float, visit to Lilydale branch and return visit from St. Barnabas', Newnham, we will close for the Year on TUESDAY, 6th DECEMBER with a social evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

### 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 Churchwardens.

Miss J. Johnson \$1.00, Mr. R. Cooper \$5.00, Anon \$10.00, Mr. W. J. S. Fuller \$2.00, Mrs. R. R. Collins \$2.00, Miss Kiddle \$2.00.

Thank you.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Thursday  
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 2 Friday  
6.30 p.m. Family Barbecue — Parish Centre.
- 4 **Advent II**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
10 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 Monday  
7.30 p.m. St. David's Cathedral — Rector's Installation as a Canon.
- 6 Tuesday  
12 noon Pastoral Committee.  
7 p.m./8.30 p.m. G.F.S. Social.  
8 p.m. Bible Study — 1. Rectory  
2. Curate's Cottage.
- 7 Wednesday  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.  
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 8 Thursday  
7 p.m. Kindergarten & Sub-Primary Christmas Evening.  
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 9 Friday  
6.30/9 p.m. Youth Fellowship Barbeque, Punchbowl Reserve.
- 10 Saturday  
8 p.m. Handel's Messiah in St. John's, Launceston Philharmonic Society.
- 11 **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.
- 12 Monday  
8 p.m. O.S.L. Meeting & Fellowship.
- 13 Tuesday  
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.  
6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 14 Wednesday  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 15 Thursday  
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 16 Friday  
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 18 **Advent IV**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Family Service.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 20 Tuesday  
2 p.m. Charles Street School Service.  
8 p.m. Bible Study — 1. Parish Centre  
2. Curate's Cottage.
- 21 Wednesday  
**St. Thomas' Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

- 22 Thursday  
6 p.m. C.E.B.S. Break-up.  
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 **Christmas Eve**  
8 p.m. **Service of Nine Lessons & Carols** (Followed by Cider & Cheese).  
11.30 p.m. **Midnight Communion.**
- 25 **Christmas Day**  
6.30 a.m. **Holy Communion.**  
8 a.m. **Holy Communion.**  
10 a.m. **Holy Communion.**  
7.30 p.m. **Evensong.**
- 26 Monday  
**St. Stephen's Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Tuesday  
**St. John's Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Wednesday  
**Innocents' Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 Saturday  
11.30 p.m. **Watchnight Service** (Holy Communion).

There will be no week day services at 8 a.m. after Wednesday, 28th December; these will resume in February. During January there will be Holy Communion Services every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Friday, 6th January (Epiphany of Our Lord) and Wednesday, 25th January (Conversion of St. Paul). Sunday Services will be at the usual time.

## MEAL ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for December and January:

## Sunday, 11th December, 11.30 a.m.

H. Bourke	J. Roberts
R. Cleary	D. Rowe
W. Cowell	D. Sheldrick
P. Hull	G. Swinnerton
L. Nicholas	A. Whittle

## Sunday, 8th January, 11.30 a.m.

Mrs. W. Arendt	D. Gill
R. Cartledge	P. Hull
W. Cowell	D. Rowe
M. Easter	D. Sutton
A. Ford	G. Swinnerton

If unable to attend, please phone Robert Dewis on 31 3916 (home).

## CONTRIBUTED ANONYMOUSLY ...

Musically speaking, In **A CANON** a melody is first introduced alone and then repeated by another voice, or by more voices in succession, in such a way that the entries occur before the previous statement of the tune is finished — (Dad and the boys).

**A CANZONETTA** is "a little song" — (Mrs. Booth).  
pleasing description of the Booth family!