

PARISH MESSENGER



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:

The Revd. Ian Booth, Th.L.
Telephone 31 5218

Assistants:

The Revd. David Le Rossignol, Th.L.
Telephone 31 4896
The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

This is my first opportunity since Christmas to place on record how much my family and I appreciated the many expressions of your love and greetings at that time. Thank you all very much.

You will be pleased to know that the Revd. David Le Rossignol has received notification from the Bishop of Tasmania that he is to be advanced to the Priesthood on St. Matthias' Day, Thursday, 24th February. I have assured him of our prayers and support which I trust we will show by making every effort to travel to Hobart for the Ordination Service at 7.30 p.m. that day and by being present at the services of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, 27th February when he will be celebrant and preacher.

Writing to the clergy of the Diocese recently, Bishop Davies said, "I warmly commend the Primate's Lenten Programme, 'Let's Pray Better.'" Our Bishop asked Archbishop Frank Woods if we could share in the programme and much to the Archbishop's delight other dioceses began to express an interest too as has the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne. Bishop Davies went on to say, "I do hope that throughout the Diocese of Tasmania we will all make a determined effort to 'pray better in '77' and that we will take advantage of the Archbishop's leadership in what promises to be a very helpful course."

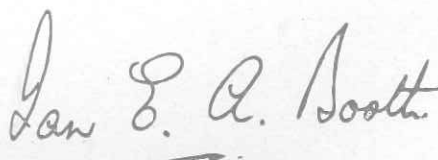
We will be using this course as the basis of our evening study in the Chapel on the Wednesdays of Lent at 7.15 p.m. sharp (finishing at 7.45 p.m.). Also available are five addresses of Archbishop Wood on a C90 cassette for personal listening for those unable to attend or for those who would like them as an added strength to the Wednesday sessions. These recordings contain a section of practical prayer suggestions. They are available from the Department of Mission, Box 748H G.P.O. Hobart, 7001, at \$3.50 plus 30 cents postage.

Giving of our income as an act of worship and response to God is a deep need. The needs of the Church and its Mission are met in this way and as a result Christians are cared for and nurtured through the Church's fellowship and ministry and the "Good News" proclaimed in our community and beyond. In April our parish will be making known to you the need for your giving in a new Stewardship Project. Our parish life is growing and so is the cost of every item on our budget. I trust we will all grow in the measure of our giving and therefore of our commitment to Christ and his Church.

So let us "pray better" and "give better" in '77.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.



HAPPENINGS

I have been silent for a few months but vandalism makes me vocal! The holiday season has once again been marked by several incidents at St. John's, one of which resulted in purposeless damage to our property and another unauthorised entry to the Choir Vestry which could have resulted in serious damage to the organ. Fortunately this did not occur.

Whenever I'm down that way I usually drop in to the Church as I pass. The presence of people about the building must be a deterrent and every minute counts. Incidentally I often meet visitors to our Church and am able to give them a friendly welcome.

I heard a buzz that there were other visitors in the Church a few Sundays ago. A small swarm of bees invaded just before baptisms which then had to take place in the Parish Centre. Believe it or not, the Psalm at Evensong that day (after the bees had been dealt with) included the words "sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb".

A happy year of fellowship and service in '77.

Elizabeth Street

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

AT THE PARISH CENTRE

ON

SUNDAY, 27th FEBRUARY

AT 10 A.M.

Enquiries at — Parish Office 31 4896

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first 1977 meeting of the Guild will be held on February 10th commencing with a Communion Service in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m.

The Guild would like to advise parishioners and their friends that we will be holding a Mannequin Parade on the 31st March, tickets to be \$2.50 each. We hope for generous support on this occasion as the proceeds will be donated to the Roland Boys' Home where there is a real need for help in the colossal but loving task of rearing a large family of growing boys. Tickets will shortly be available at St. John's Church Office (between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.) and from Guild members.

Supper hostesses for February are — Mesdames Cornish, Plumbridge and Hill. Members are reminded to bring along their favourite recipe! New members will be very welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION

Members are reminded that the first meeting for 1977 will be held on the 15th February at 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

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

The first meeting for the year will be held on the 14th March, 1977, at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISMS

Initial enquiries re. Baptisms should be made at the Parish Office. Baptismal services are normally at 3 p.m. most Sundays, but arrangements must be made well beforehand.

CAR PARK

Car parking space is available in St. John's Car Park. For details please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each week day. Telephone 31 4896.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Tuesday 8 a.m. Daily Service recommences in Chapel.
- 2 Wednesday **Purification of the Virgin Mary.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 6 **Septuagesima** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel.
- 8 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 9 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild, commencing with a Communion Service in the Chapel.
- 13 **Sexagesima** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Mattins.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 15 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 **Quinquagesima** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 21 Monday 8 p.m. O.S.L. Meeting.
- 22 Tuesday G.F.S. Townsend—date and place to be advised.
- 23 Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Thursday **St. Matthias' Day.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
7.30 p.m. Ordination of the Revd. David Le Rossignol to the Priesthood at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart.

- 25 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 **Lent I** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

GUILD —

2nd Thursday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences February.
Mrs. A. E. Ford, Telephone 31 6412.

MOTHERS' UNION —

3rd Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences February.
Mrs. D. Cartledge, Telephone 31 4743.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S —

2nd Monday, 2.45 p.m.
Commences March.
Mrs. H. Palliser, Telephone 31 6967.

TOWNSEND GROUP, G.F.S. —

4th Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences February.
Miss E. Kiddle, 70 Arthur Street.

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP —

2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Commences February.
Mr. Max Easther, Telephone 31 5750.

G. F. S. —

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Commences 23rd February.
Mrs. L. Perkins, Telephone 28 1358.

C. E. B. S. —

Every Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commences 24th February.
Mr. Glenn Clark, Telephone 31 8996.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, 13th February, 1977

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 13th February, 1977 at 11.30 a.m.

- Margaret Wilson (Duty Driver)
- R. Dewis
- D. Gill
- J. Green
- G. Hill
- T. Heggaton
- S. Murray
- D. Plumbridge
- J. Stevenson

G. Swinnerton

If anyone is unable to attend please advise Margaret Wilson on 30 3164.

GROUND ROSTER

12th February —

- John Stevenson — Church Grounds.
- Robert Dewis — Rectory.

26th February —

- Rick Cartledge — Church Grounds.
- Ian Routley — Rectory.