

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, JULY, 1977

*You and your Family
are invited to a
PARISH TEA*

*at St. John's Parish
Centre*

*on Thursday, 28th July
at 6 p.m.*

*The Tea will be followed
by the
ANNUAL MEETING
at 7.30 p.m.*

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return to the Parish Office
or hand in at Church by
Monday, 18th July, 1977.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday.

Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evensong: 5 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.
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The Revd. David Le Rossignol, Th.L.
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The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

Trinity Sunday, 5th June, marked the 25th Anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood. It was a very happy day especially as it commenced with many of you sharing with me in thanksgiving at the 8 a.m. service of Holy Communion and staying on to breakfast in the Parish Centre.

And what a Parish Family it was at breakfast, not many short of one hundred adults and children sat down to cereal, sausage and tomato.

For me it will be an occasion I will not forget and I thank you all sincerely for the presentation of twelve volumes of "The New International Commentary on the New Testament" which Mr. Max Easterher made on your behalf — one volume during the 8 a.m. service and the others at the breakfast. Your fellowship, prayers and the Commentaries will be a continuing strength to my ministry.

At any Christian conference these days we can be fairly certain to find something about the Church's ministry on the Agenda. The character of the task we face in this latter end of the 20th Century is naturally shaped by the character of society itself. Because of this we hear of new patterns of ministry emerging and we are not quite sure what we should think about them. If we accept them, will we rock the boat or even sink the ship?

We can understand the idea of Hospital Chaplains or Industrial Chaplains even if, in the case of the latter, we don't quite know what they are supposed to do. But what of Team Ministry? Or of Frontier Ministry?

At the Clergy Conference in May I met the Revd. Jim Puntton who is a Presbyterian Minister and Education and Training Officer of Scripture Union's Frontier Youth Trust in the United Kingdom. Jim Puntton has exercised an exciting but somewhat untraditional ministry in Scottish slum areas and inner-city London. He also crossed the Atlantic to work in Harlem where his ministry led him out into situations from which most of us would hide because we do not understand them. Jim went out into these situations and struggling with them sought to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to broken lives. In this frontier ministry many social problems and corruption in the community were faced with loving Christian concern and dynamic action.

If we sincerely endeavour to understand the new patterns of ministry the boat will neither rock or will the ship sink. Sometimes working with or alongside traditional forms of ministry, sometimes carefully replacing them, new patterns may well provide under God the Holy Spirit the impetus needed for the renewal of the Church.

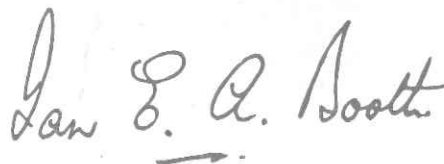
Incidentally, ministry is not only clerical or ordained. Our consideration of patterns of ministry, old or new, must include the ministry of the laity if it is based on the New Testament as it should be.

Because of my 25th Anniversary, I have been doing much prayerful thinking about the pattern of my ministry.

Have you ever thought out the pattern of your ministry?

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.



HAPPENINGS

It's been cold doing duty at St. John's but we have managed to keep the Church unlocked for two hours each afternoon. There have not been many visitors so I've been told but it is good that it was open for those who did come.

Yes, Mr. Colin Rodda of the Bible Society did say that many people today still make excuses like those who excused themselves from the banquet spoken of in the Gospel of the Second Sunday after Trinity. And, yes, he did say that the excuse is sometimes, "I've bought me a wife or I've married a cow". The Biblical excuses are sometimes humourously referred to in that way to draw attention to them. By the comments after the sermons on Sunday, 19th June, a great deal of attention was drawn!

My many friends and relatives around Australia will be pleased to hear that St. John's will be on A.B.C. Television later in the year. We had a hectic visit from the cameras, microphones and lights on Sunday, 26th. As far as I know the video-recordings will be used throughout Australia sometime in November. A long wait but be watching for it.

Am I hearing things? Is it true that the Mothers' Union had the Beatles for their June meeting? Whoever it was the noise was terrific.

Elizabeth Street

BIBLE STUDIES SERIES

"In the Spirit of Love"

continues on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in Parish Centre.

This is your opportunity to join a short course of Bible Study which also provides home and family studies as desired.

Study Book \$1.00 from the Rector or Parish Office.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH OFFICE

is located in the Parish Centre

Hours: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily

Monday to Friday.

Office Secretary: Mrs. Joan Ikin

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Thank you for those serving on the roster to keep St. John's unlocked for a period each afternoon.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 20th July**, instead of Tuesday, 19th, and there will be a discussion on the article in the Mothers Union Magazine, page 21 — "Recipe for a Delinquent".

The Mothers' Union Prayer Group meets on the first and third Thursdays in the Parish Centre at 11.30 a.m.; bring lunch if you wish.

Members are reminded of the Overseas Day at Evandale on 6th July, beginning with Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. Bring a gift and buy a gift. Lunch will be \$1.50. The Speaker will be Mrs. Jull.

The film "Mission Unlimited" will be shown in the Parish Centre on Friday, 19th August, at 7.45 p.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our last meeting, Mrs. Dulcie Butler took the chair in lieu of Mrs. Jan Stevenson who was on holiday, and we all enjoyed an address given by Mr. Noel Dicker on life and experiences in the theatre. Thank you Mr. Dicker!

Mrs. Newman will be our guest speaker at our next meeting on 14th July at 7.45 p.m. and her subject will be the "Women's Shelter".

Supper hostesses: Mesdames Holyman, Stevenson and Page.

New members always welcome.

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

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 11th July, at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Wherrett, Miss Barclay.

A further reminder that the Morning Coffee is being held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 13th July at 10 a.m. Donation 60 cents and stall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Are you cupboard cleaning? Perhaps you may not have any further use for some things. Could you please put them aside for a "white elephant stall"?

Are you gardening? Perhaps you have some cuttings you could transplant.

Our SUNDAY SCHOOL would be grateful if friends could help stock our tables at the Hong Kong Market to be held on Saturday, 6th August, 1977, at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre. Stalls: Cakes and Sweets; Produce and Plants; White Elephant and Comics; Hoopla and Lucky Dip; Morning Tea.

Goods may be left at the Parish Office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, 5th August. Enquiries: 44 2928.

SCHOLARSHIPS BROADLAND HOUSE C.E.G.G.S.

Information relating to these awards available from the School — Phone 31 6055.

Examination: July 29, 1977.

Closing Date: July 26, 1977.

BROADLAND HOUSE C.E.G.G.S. CHOIR

HEAR the Broadland House C.E.G.G.S. Choir's delicate harmony —

WHERE St. John's Church, Launceston.

WHEN Sunday, 31st July, 1977.

AT 2.30 p.m.

Choral, ensembles, dance and instrumental items of the Seventeenth Century through the works of modern day composers.

CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 1 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
8 p.m. C.M.S. Fellowship Night.
- 3 **Trinity IV** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Launceston Church Grammar School, Founder's Day Service.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong, St. John Ambulance Service.
- 4 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting.
- 5 Tuesday 8 p.m. Bible Study, "In the Spirit of Love".
- 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. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 7 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 8 Friday 7.30 p.m. Parish Family Night, with Mr. Ron Buckland of the Scripture Union.
Youth Club to join in.
- 10 **Trinity V** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service, Guest Preacher: Mr. Ron Buckland of the Scripture Union.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
5 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, Annual Meeting.
- 12 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
8 p.m. Bible Study, "In the Spirit of Love".
- 13 Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10 a.m. to 12 noon St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, Morning Coffee.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 15 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.

- 16 Saturday 10.30 a.m. G.F.S. State Annual Meeting.
- 17 **Trinity VI** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Evensong.
8 p.m. Order of St. Luke.
- 18 Monday 8 p.m. Bible Study, "In the Spirit of Love".
- 19 Tuesday 9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 21 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 22 Friday **St. Mary Magdalen**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 24 **Trinity VII** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
5 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 25 Monday **St. James' Day.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
8 p.m. Bible Study, "In the Spirit of Love".
- 27 Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
8 p.m. Public Rally, Paterson Street Methodist Church: Annie Vallotton — Good News Bible artist.
- 28 Thursday 6 p.m. Parish Tea.
7.30 p.m. (approx) St. John's Annual General Meeting.
- 29 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 31 **Trinity VIII** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Broadland House Choir Recital in St. John's.
5 p.m. Evensong.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Meals on Wheels, Sunday, 10th July, at 11.30 a.m.

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| I. ROUTLEY | M. PERKINS |
| N. DICKER | D. ROWE |
| D. GILL | D. SHELDRICK |
| J. GREEN | D. SUTTON |
| L. NICHOLAS | A. WHITTLE |

R.S.V.P. SLIP FOR PARISH TEA

Number coming

Name

Address