

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, MARCH, 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,
7 p.m. Fourth Sunday.

Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday.

Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evensong: 7 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.

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THE RECTOR WRITES,

Dear Parishioners,

When the "sting" of a sudden political crisis has subdued there is a natural tendency to relax until the next time. Twelve months ago we were alert to the need for sincere prayer for those elected to parliament and for all in authority. In fact we were deeply concerned about the whole "scene" of life in our country. A service of prayer for the Parliaments and Peoples of Australia was arranged through the Launceston Ministers' Fraternal and a good number of people attended.

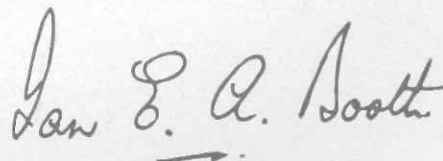
A similar service has been arranged for Sunday, 6th March, the Sunday before the opening of Federal Parliament for 1977 by Her Majesty, the Queen. It will be held in our Church of St. John at 2.30 p.m. under the auspices of the Ministers' Fraternal of which I am the President this year. May there be a good response in prayer for our nation.

As the life of our Parish Family develops the task of Church-wardens and Vestry demands the widest possible involvement and support of our parishioners. There is evidence of growth in our Sunday morning congregations and in the Sunday School; there are increasing challenges to deeper involvement in study of the Christian Faith and in prayer as well as in "outreach" or evangelism. For all this we thank God and take courage but it means also that the staffing, administration and financing of our parish must be equal to the need; that maintenance and development of our property must be at a very high level to support the ongoing demands of work to which we have been called by God.

To accept our full share of responsibility for the Mission of the Church each one of us must be spiritually and physically active in it. We must also give sacrificially, in a deep sense of stewardship, to the financial needs, not only for maintaining but also for developing our work both within and beyond our parish.

The Epistle to the Hebrews (13 : 15 and 16) in speaking of our response to Jesus says, "Through him (Jesus) let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God".

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.



HAPPENINGS

I am looking forward to Archbishop Frank Wood's Lenten Study series "Let's Pray Better in '77" — it ought to be very helpful. What a good idea it is for him to share some of his deep insights with us in this way before he retires soon.

St. John's Church on "fire". Yes, that was literally true one Sunday afternoon recently! The door to the Crypt under the Vestry had been slowly smouldering away for hours before the faint smell of smoke was detected at the Baptismal service. The cause, judging from the pile of matches, cigarette butts and packets, was a "cigarette party" probably on the Saturday night.

Remember last month's request that we all help with vigilance around the church buildings by popping in as often as we have opportunity.

My No. 39-er has been growing zucchinis quite successfully. A number of parishioners have been converted to zucchini eating as a result. I understand that this vegetable must be picked and used at the right stage. When this is done it produces more fruit — perhaps there's a good spiritual lesson in that!

Elizabeth Street

THANK YOU!

Miss Isabel Oates, who is at present a resident of the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home, would like to express her very grateful thanks to the many people who have helped her during the past few months. In particular she wishes to thank the Rector and those who helped him to clear her flat; the Rector and the Revd. H. Ikin for administering the Holy Communion to her while she was a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital; Miss E. Kiddle who transacted business for her and Miss Jessie Andrews for her constant help and support. Miss Oates would like to say "thank you" to all the people who have visited her and helped her in so many ways and for all those whose prayerful thoughts for her have been the source of so much strength and comfort.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, 13th March, 1977

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

Ian Routley (Duty Driver)

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| R. Cleary | D. Standaloft |
| W. Cowell | T. White |
| V. Murgatroyd | D. Sutton |
| J. Roberts | G. Lillico |
| D. Sheldrick | |

If anyone is unable to attend please advise Ian Routley on 44 4936.

PARISH MESSENGER

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THANK YOU.

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

Members will resume their meetings for 1977 on Monday, 21st March, at 2.45 p.m. Please note alteration of date. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. V. C. Holyman and Mrs. H. D. Palliser.

Friday, 11th February was our annual Button Day. Our grateful thanks to the following members who offered to sell buttons — Mesdames Holyman, Palliser, Easter, Cox, Maclaine, Gardiner, Miss D. Lockwood and Mrs. N. Hummerston. Approximately \$131.00 was raised.

Members will be sorry to learn that Mrs. K. F. Brown (a past President of the Auxiliary) was a patient in hospital. We do wish her a speedy recovery.

MOTHERS' UNION

Twenty members were present at the first meeting of the year and Mrs. Beryl Robinson gave a most interesting talk on Mothers' Union and "Mia Mia".

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on the 15th March, which will be preceded by a Holy Communion Service in the Chapel at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker at the meeting will be Mrs. V. Proverbs and she will speak on "The Community of the Sisters of the Church". Supper hostesses: Mesdames L. Watson and A. Atkins.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the Guild for 1977 was preceded by a Communion Service in the Chapel, after which members met in the Parish Centre for a general meeting.

The main subject for discussion was our proposed Mannequin Parade by "Delphine" to be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 31st March in the Parish Centre. We advise those interested that tickets (\$2.50 each) are now available from the Office (between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.), from Mrs. Marjorie Easter and from Guild members. We are anticipating generous support from the ladies of our Parish and their friends, as this is our main function in aid of Roland Boys' Home for 1977.

Next meeting — 10th March at 7.45 p.m. Ladies, bring along your recipes again! New members always welcome! Supper hostesses: Mesdames Butler, Record and Sheldrick.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 2 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. Lenten Study — "Let's
Pray Better in '77", in Chapel.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 3 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 4 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Women's World Day of
Prayer, Chalmers Church.
- 6 Lent II 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Service of Prayer for
Parliaments & Peoples of
Australia, in St. John's.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting,
in Chapel.
- 8 Tuesday 10.30 a.m. Mothers' Union
Diocesan Council, commencing
with Holy Communion.
6 p.m. Men's Tea — Speaker: Mr.
Phil Leonard of the Northern
Regional Library.
- 9 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. Lenten Study — "Let's
Pray Better in '77", in Chapel.
8 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 13 Lent III 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 15 Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Annual
Meeting, commencing with Holy
Communion.
Speaker: Mrs. V. Proverbs.
- 16 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. Lenten Study — "Let's
Pray Better in '77", in Chapel.
- 17 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.

- 18 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Parish Family Night.
- 20 Lent IV **Mothering Sunday**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
Blessing and distribution of
Simmel Cake, distribution also at
other Services.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 21 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to
St. Luke's Hospital.
8 p.m. Order of St. Luke—Healing
Service, venue to be announced
later.
- 22 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Annual
Meeting.
- 23 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. Lenten Study — "Let's
Pray Better in '77", in Chapel.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
- 24 Thursday 7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday **Annunciation of the Virgin Mary**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Passion Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 30 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. Lenten Study — "Let's
Pray Better in '77", in Chapel.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
- 31 Thursday 7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Women's Guild Mannequin
Parade in Parish Centre.

April

- 1 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 p.m. C.M.S. Fellowship Night,
St. John's Parish Centre.

GROUNDS ROSTER

12th March —

John Stevenson — Church Grounds.
W. Donaldson — Rectory.

26th March —

I. Routley — Church Grounds.
G. Lillico — Rectory.

Meals on Wheels — Easter Sunday, 10th April, 1977.

Due to a number of parishioners who normally do
Meals on Wheels going away at Easter we urgently
require volunteers.

Please contact Revd. I. Booth, Mrs. Ikin or Ian
Routley if you would be able to help.