

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 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.

Rector:
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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,

Behind the scenes in any important effort are those who willingly give of themselves. Our sincere thanks are due to our Rector's Warden, Mr. Max Easther and his team of visitors who administered the intensive phase of our new Stewardship Programme. Elsewhere in "Parish Messenger" you will find a report on the progress of the Programme up to the time of going to press.

Each year a group of young people and adults is prepared for Confirmation. Classes are now forming and application forms are available from the Parish Office or from the tables in the Narthex of the Church. The age for those joining the classes will be at least twelve years on or before 13th November, 1977, the date set for the Confirmation Service. There is no maximum age!

Regular attendance at preparation classes is of the utmost importance and all candidates will be expected to attend a service of worship each week during the time of preparation. These requirements are not a discipline but are regarded as an expression of the sincere and meaningful commitment to Jesus Christ which is at the heart of Confirmation.

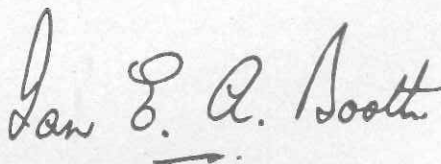
Confirmation preparation will commence with a meeting of candidates' parents on Sunday, 22nd May, at 11.30 a.m. in the Kindergarten section of the Parish Centre. I hope parents will attend the 10 a.m. service on this day as the sermon will be on the theme "Made Strong" and will, I trust, help to set a tone and a challenge for this year's approach to Confirmation. There will be a cup of tea or coffee and a few moments of fellowship in the Parish Centre between the service and the meeting. All candidates should also attend on this morning.

How better could we all take seriously the matter of Confirmation than by making a point of being present at the 10 a.m. service on 22nd May to support with our prayers those families involved in this year's preparation and also to renew our own commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Family, the Church. To be aware of and to be in prayer for the Confirmees throughout the year will give strength and power to our parish life.

For this reason I commend to every parishioner the reading of Ephesians Chapter 6:1-20 from which I quote a few lines, "build up your strength in union with the Lord and by means of his mighty power . . . keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people. And pray also for me, that God will give me a message, when I am ready to speak, that I may speak boldly and make known the Gospel's secret." (Today's English Version).

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME

Our Stewardship Programme which started ten days ago has nearly been completed and the response has been generally gratifying. Although the result falls short of the target figure we set for ourselves, there is hope that within the next week we shall reach that figure.

To date the total is approximately \$38,000 over two years. If all those who have made a pledge to give on a regular basis carry out this promise, the Churchwardens and Vestry will be able to plan the affairs of the Church with much more confidence.

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

Members will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 9th May at 2.45 p.m. Hostesses: Mesdames Atkinson, Cornish and Palliser.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The April meeting was held in the Parish Centre and we had the pleasure of welcoming two new members — Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Paxton. All members enjoyed our Rector's slides and talk on the family's recent overseas trip.

We are thrilled to report that our Mannequin Parade was a great success, both in attendance (a full hall) and financially. We are particularly pleased to be able to send the proceeds, \$550, to the Roland Boys' Home. Our grateful thanks go to all who participated and to those parishioners and their friends who supported our effort. Our gratitude also to Mrs. Ponting of "Delphine", Sue Rees, head of the Modelling School and to her models and assistants, who all acted in a voluntary capacity thus augmenting the sum of money raised for Roland.

The next meeting on 12th May will be the Annual Meeting. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Gee, Butler and Easther.

MOTHERS' UNION

The last meeting commenced with a Mothers' Union Office, conducted by the Rector. The evening was spent discussing an article from the magazine, *Mia Mia*, "Standards Begin with Me", and the meeting concluded with a reading from the Devotional of the Least Coin, read by Mrs. Easther. In place of next month's meeting, all members are asked to attend the Tuesday evening session of the Anglican Women's Fellowship Annual Diocesan Conference being held at St. Mark's from the 17th to 19th May. The evening will commence at 7.30 p.m. with a Sing-a-long, followed at 8 p.m. by a dramatic presentation directed by the Rev'd J. A. Senior and supper will be served afterwards.

During May, Mothers' Union Prayer group will meet on the first and second Thursday in the Parish Centre at 11 a.m. The June meeting will be a Beetle evening.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Children interested in helping to re-establish our Junior Choir should see Mr. Chris Ryland, our Organist /Choirmaster. Efficient participation in weekly practice at 7.30 p.m. Thursdays and at the 10 a.m. service each Sunday will help to raise the standard of our worship and the children will receive 30 cents each week for their help.

PARISH OFFICE

Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Telephone 31 4896. Mrs. Joan Ikin is Office Secretary.

HELP PREVENT VANDALISM AND THEFT

When you come into the city drop into the Church for a few moments of prayer. This will be a helpful spiritual exercise and with many folk coming and going will provide a deterrent to those who come for the wrong purposes. There have been repeated incidents recently including the theft of brass vases from the Chapel.

SEVEN WEEKS OF BIBLE STUDY

There have been a number of requests for Bible Study and we are now able to announce that commencing on Tuesday, 28th June, there will be the opportunity to share in a series of weekly studies on the book "In the Spirit of Love". This will tie-in with the Northern Tasmanian Reachout Programme as well as being a good basic Bible Study in Evangelism. Please mark this in your diaries (28th June to 9th August). As well, to focus the studies for those involved, Evensong Sermons from Sunday, 3rd July to 14th August at 5 p.m. will be based on the week's theme.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH SCENE

G.F.S. — Meets every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Parish Centre. For details see Mrs. Lesley Perkins — Phone 28 1358.

C.E.B.S. — Meets every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in the Parish Centre. For details see Mr. Glenn Clark — Phone 31 8996.

STOP PRESS YOUTH CLUB

St. John's Youth Club meets every Friday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. For details see the Rev'd D. Le Rossignol — Phone 31 4896.

There is plenty of room for you in our groups where you are assured of a warm welcome.

G.F.S. NEWS

As a result of the combined G.F.S./C.E.B.S. car wash in March, a cheque for \$16 was given to the City Mission. Thank you to all who helped and also to those who brought their cars along to be washed.

We are in need of suitable persons over 14 years of age to be selected for training as cadet leaders. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Lesley Perkins by ringing 28 1358.

ADVENTURE DAY

for all 10's to 14's

Saturday, 21st May — Guide House, Deviot
Leaving Parish Centre 9.30 a.m. and
arriving back approximately 4.30 p.m.

Watch Weekly Pew Sheets for further details.

IMPORTANT: Transport is required. Any parent or other parishioner who can provide transport **one** way is asked to kindly contact the Rev'd D. Le Rossignol (31 4896), Miss Brownrigg (31 1520 or day time 31 6759), or Parish Office (31 4896).

THANK YOU.

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 **Easter III** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 2 **Monday** 7.30 p.m. Order of St. Luke,
Prayer Meeting.
- 3 **Tuesday** **St. Philip and St. James' Day.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **Thursday** 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 6 **Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 8 **Easter IV** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 **Monday** 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to
St. Luke's Hospital.
- 10 **Tuesday** 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 11 **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.
- 12 **Thursday** 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild,
Annual Meeting.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 13 **Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club (venue to
be advised).
- 15 **Easter V** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong, Florence
Nightingale Service.
- 16 **Monday** 8 p.m. Order of St. Luke.
- 17-19 **Tues/Thurs** Anglican Women's Fellowship
Annual Diocesan Conference at
St. Mark's.
- 17 **Tuesday** No Mothers' Union meeting so that
members can attend the above
Conference.
7.30 p.m. Sing-a-long.
8 p.m. A dramatic presentation.

- 18 **Wednesday** 9 a.m. Bible Discussion,
C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 19 **Thursday** **Ascension Day**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting of
members of the City Mission at
Town Hall, followed by Public
Annual Meeting at 8.15 p.m.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 **Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 22 **Sunday** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
After 10 a.m. Sunday School.
Ascension 10 a.m. Mattins.
11.30 a.m. Meeting of Confirmation
Candidates and their parents in
Kindergarten Section of Parish
Centre.
7 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 **Tuesday** 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
- 25 **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. Junior Choir Practice
(this week only).
8 p.m. Choir Practice
(this week only).
- 26 **Thursday** 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
- 27 **Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
8 p.m. Haydn's "Creation" in St.
John's, Launceston Philharmonic
Society.
- 29 **Whitsunday** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong.
8.30 p.m. Northern Tasmanian
Reachout Rally for Information
and Inspiration.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday,
May 8th at 11.30 a.m.

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| Ian Routley (Duty Driver) | M. Perkins |
| D. Cartledge | J. Roberts |
| W. Donaldson | D. Rowe |
| M. Easther | D. Standaloft |
| P. Hull | J. Stevenson |

GROUND ROSTER

- 7th May, 1977 —
John Stevenson (Church)
Ian Routley (Rectory)
- 29th May, 1977 —
W. Donaldson (Church)
G. Lillico (Rectory)