

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.

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THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

Along with the decline of courtesy in our dealings with each other there has been a corresponding decline of sensitivity. The pragmatic approach we have to so many situations does little to restore confidence in a renewal of these simple virtues.

There have no doubt been times when courtesy has been wrongly seen as a means of reacting to false ideas of status and sensitivity has been regarded as a reason for opting out or showing weakness in situations better suited to confrontation and strength. You will all know of cases where this is true.

Are there guidelines for a Christian? Yes there are!

Of the fruit of the Spirit the greatest is love, so St. Paul clearly states in 1 Corinthians 13 : 13. We need only to read back through that same chapter of Corinthians to find a most clear statement of the characteristics of love. In particular I refer to verses 4 to 6 and I quote them in the T.E.V. Good News Version :-

"Love is patient and kind ; love is not jealous, or conceited, or proud ; love is not ill-mannered, or selfish, or irritable ; love does not keep record of wrongs ; love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth Love never gives up : its faith, hope and patience never fail."

Surely in such statements as this there are strong guidelines showing the way to courtesy and sensitivity.

In today's world many people, much research and volumes of words urge us to keep asking ourselves are we loving our neighbor as we should? Sometimes a great deal of emotion is stirred through demonstrations and the media about such things and our attitudes are either confirmed or shattered. There is nothing bad in this, but it is no answer in itself. I remember reading a most meaningful sentence in C. S. Lewis' book "Christian Behaviour". It runs "Don't waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbour ; act as if you did." C. S. Lewis points out that when we do this presently we will actually come to love our neighbour as we should.

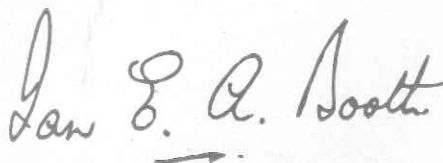
Courtesy and sensitivity are two aspects of behaviour, of acting, which, when we exercise them sincerely will help us to express more adequately our love for others and to grow in love towards them. It is good that we not only re-find such qualities ourselves but that we should also endeavour to counteract the pressures that influence our children to regard them as unimportant hand-me-downs from a previous generation.

"Love one another warmly as brothers in Christ and be eager to show respect for one another" . . . "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep," so read some more of St. Paul's instructions to Christians (Romans 12 : 10 and 12 : 15) which point up the Christian standards of courtesy and sensitivity.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the spontaneous and kind expressions of best wishes on my appointment as a Canon of St. David's Cathedral. Any honour attached to the appointment I share with the Parish Family of St. John's as we together serve God through the Church in the Diocese of Tasmania.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.



HAPPENINGS

I have been told at the Parish Family Camp one of the Rector's sons being quizzed about his father's appointment as a Canon was asked, "Does that make you the son of a gun?"

People often get themselves all out of balance and up-side-down carrying out their responsibilities. A birdie told me that Gerald Crispin certainly did just that at Ulverstone when he tried to demonstrate to the children how to use the trampoline!

Do you remember my 39-er David Lewis? You do, but do you remember his little dog Frodo? Frodo was revisiting St. John's recently and on arrival proceeded to clear the grounds of cats as in the days of old. The result, the Rectory cat (known as "St. John Vestry") was found twenty feet up a tree!

I am looking forward to the new Australian Prayer Book acceptance of which was decided at the Synod at Burnie last month. Isn't it interesting to hear that it has some illustrations, namely sketches of Australian wildflowers. Illustrations apart it appears to be a most comprehensive and useful book. I will certainly be ordering my copy and donating one to the church as well. How about you doing the same!

Elizabeth Street

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our last meeting on the 13th October we were very pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs. Gretta Jones, and we look forward to her participation in our fellowship and functions.

We had the pleasure of a well-known speaker, Mrs. Freshney, Matron of Roland Boys' Home, Sheffield, who enthralled us all with her fascinating association with her large family of boys and an account in conjunction with slides of the Christian work she and her husband have undertaken in a loving service to young children deprived of parents and home. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Peck for their kindness in being hosts to Mrs. Freshney and accommodating her on Thursday night.

Our meetings for the year are now concluded and members will meet at the St. James, on the 10th November for our Christmas dinner. The first meeting for 1978 will be on February 9th at 7.45 p.m. and we extend a warm invitation to new members. Hostesses: Mesdames Cornish, Peck and Swinnerton.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 14th November at 2.45 p.m. This will be the final meeting for 1977. Arrangements are well in hand for the "Morning Tea" organised by the Combined Auxiliaries of St. Luke's Hospital, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room, "Strathlea", Alanvale Road, on Wednesday, 2nd November at 10.30 a.m. Proceeds from this function will

go towards remodelling the kitchen and laundry at the Hospital.

On St. Luke's Day flowers given by members were given personally to each patient in Hospital.

MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th November beginning with a Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. Members are asked to please bring \$1.00 donation for Clarendon. A sincere 'thank you' goes to all who supported the recent stall for Clarendon. Members are also reminded that the Mother's Union Festival Day will be held at St. John's on Thursday, 17th November, commencing with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Bring your own sandwiches for lunch.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

The Victorian Secretary of Bush Church Aid, the Revd. Barry Green says 'thank you' to all who have supported the work of the Society. Box holders please note that boxes should be handed in for opening at this time. Our B.C.A. Box Secretary is Mrs. Celia Hill. (Boxes may be left at the Parish Office).

LAUNCESTON CITY MISSION

For some time City Mission has been deeply concerned about the problem of the unemployed.

They have a plan of action and it goes along these lines:—

1. To gather together as many as possible retired folk who they believe have tremendous talents and skills they could pass on, not just in the work sense but also the skills of life.
2. The City Mission* has resources through Youth Support and Commonwealth Employment to gather up the unemployed, so they would have little trouble bringing them together.
3. The reason the Mission needs our retired folk is a lot more than just preparing for the work situation, great numbers of the unemployed have lost their confidence, dignity and self-respect.
4. To put the plan into action they need all manner of tools and equipment — be it paint, nails, wood or whatever is used in a work situation.

If any parishioners are interested in helping with this worthwhile work, please contact the City Mission, 46-48 Frederick Street, Telephone 31 6424.

G. F. S. TOWNSEND ANNUAL FAIR

ON

SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER, 1977

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Stalls: Cakes, Floral Art, Produce, White Elephant and work which will feature many useful gifts for Christmas.

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Proceeds go to G. F. S. Townsend Church Carpet Fund.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Tuesday
All Saints' Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 2 Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Combined Auxiliaries of St. Luke's Hospital Morning Tea at home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 3 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 4 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 6 **TRINITY XXII**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
6 p.m. Men's Tea.
8 p.m. Bible Study, Curate's Cottage.
- 9 Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
Women's Guild Christmas Dinner at St. James Hotel.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
8 p.m. C.M.S. State Annual Meeting in Parish Centre, Guest Speaker: The Revd. Peter Dawson.
- 12 Saturday
10 a.m.-12 noon G. F. S. Townsend Fair, Parish Centre.
- 13 **Trinity XXIII**
8 a.m. Holy Communion, Preacher: The Revd. Peter Dawson.
10 a.m. Parish Family viewing of St. John's Telecast Service — colour T.V. sets in Parish Centre. Watch Bulletin Sheets for any change to this arrangement.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
2.30 p.m. Confirmation Service and First Communion, Bishop H. A. Jerrim.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.

- 14 Monday
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 15 Tuesday
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union, preceded by Holy Communion.
- 16 Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Order of St. Luke Seminar — The Revd. Bert Parsons.
- 17 Thursday
11 a.m. Mothers' Union Festival Day.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 20 **SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 21 Monday
8 p.m. Order of St. Luke.
- 22 Tuesday
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
8 p.m. Bible Study, Curate's Cottage.
- 23 Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 24 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 27 **ADVENT SUNDAY**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Monday
7.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Graduation of Nurses, Parish Centre.
- 30 Wednesday
St. Andrew's Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 13th November, 11.30 a.m.

I. Routley (Duty Driver)	S. Murray
N. Dicker	V. Murgatroyd
K. Atkins	D. Rowe
B. Easther	T. White
T. Heggaton	Mrs. B. Sinclair

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