

PARISH MESSENGER

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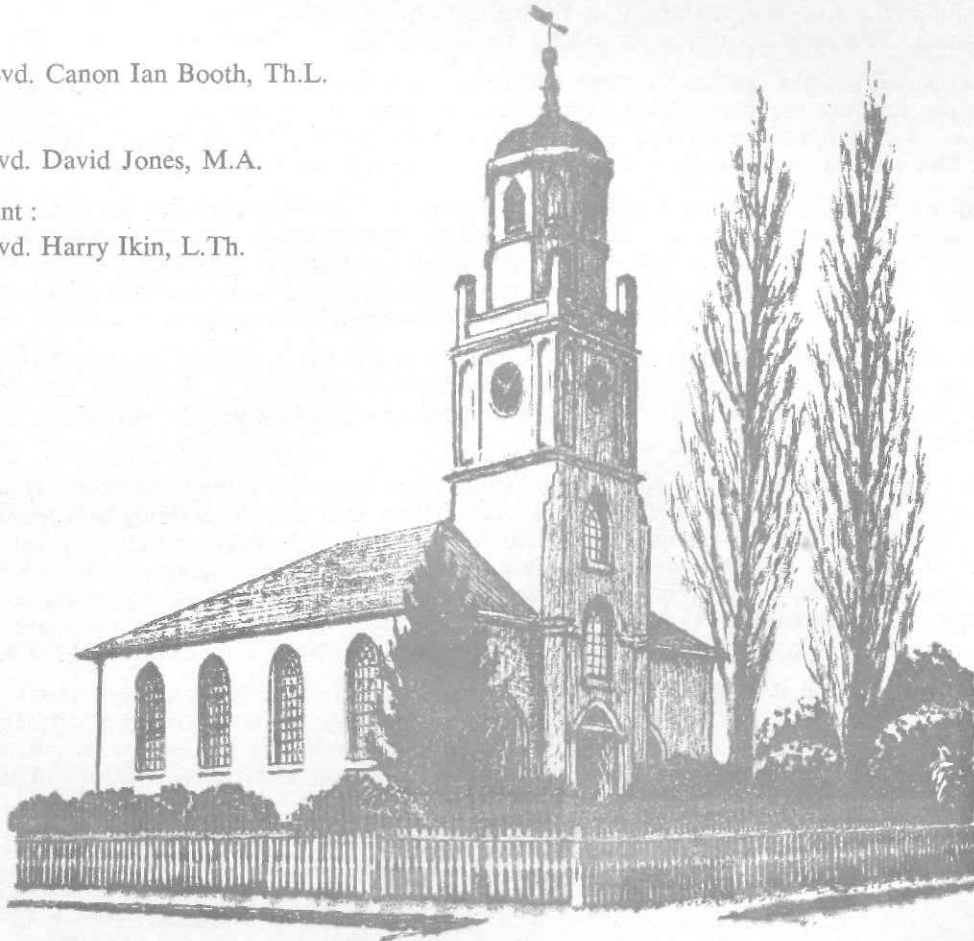
The Revd. Canon Ian Booth, Th.L.

Assistant :

The Revd. David Jones, M.A.

Hon. Assistant :

The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.



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.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

As 1978 opens before us our heads are held high for positive solutions to some of the disturbing problems facing our community and nation.

With the newly elected Government in Canberra predicting reduced levels of inflation we might well be hopeful but no-one can be happy at the indications of further rises in an already intolerable level of unemployment. We have no desire to achieve records in this.

Nearly eighteen months ago our Bishop addressed himself to this problem in his Presidential Address to Synod. More recently the Most Revd. Robert Dann, Melbourne's newly enthroned Archbishop, spoke out in support of a national conference on unemployment and other related matters. Many other Christian leaders have also spoken out as have a wide range of national and community leaders.

I am not an authority on these matters and I do not wish to propound theories nor to stir prejudices. My purpose is to remind you and myself that all of us should make ourselves available to deal with those aspects of the problem to which we can contribute a positive approach. Given that there are some who have little will to work and who are content to opt out, there are still many with a genuine desire to work and these deserve every ounce of Christian love and concern.

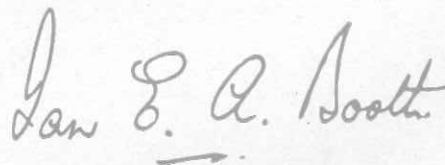
Concern and action is needed at every level. Those at the top will need to show less political point scoring and more deep compassion. Those at community level will need to show less selfishness and more self-sacrifice. Fewer words and more concerted, compassionate action are the order for each day if our heads are to be held high in 1978.

There are many other concerns which will demand our attention during the year. Human resources alone will not be sufficient to meet them. It has been rightly said that "everything that touches the life of a nation is the concern of the Christian". There is a ministry of prayer which you can offer, prayer to uphold all in authority and all whose daily lives influence the lives of others. Do you pray regularly and often? God has given us the privilege of intercession, if we neglect it we lose the most relevant resource of wisdom and guidance available to Man. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching and it will be given him." (James 1:5, R.S.V.).

As a parish my hope is that we will continue to strengthen those parts of our worship programme, group activities which lead to spiritual growth through knowledge of the Scriptures, through prayer and through Sacrament and that we will keep close to our hearts the developing life of the parish as a family of Christian families. This will have a natural result in equipping us to be more effective in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

God's blessings be yours now and throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. BOOTH, Rector.

The Parish staff and their families say thank-you to all who expressed Christmas and New Year greetings in so many different ways. It was a very happy festive season and was marked by the best attendances at St. John's for many years. Response to the Christmas Bowl Appeal was very good also. We thank God for the love and joy of this celebration.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES
AT THE PARISH CENTRE
ON
SUNDAY, 26th FEBRUARY
AT 10.00 A.M.**

Enquiries at — Parish Office — Tel. 31 4896

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR CHOIR

St. John's Junior Choir is re-forming and anybody interested (parents and children) is invited to a bar-beque and discussion on **Wednesday, 15th February**, at 6.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

The choir is for children between the ages of 8 and 14 (lower age accepted if able to read).

If unable to make this date the first choir practice for Juniors will be on 23rd February, at 7.30 p.m. when any new member will be most welcome to attend. (The first choir practice for adult members will be on Thursday, 16th February).

Anyone over 14 will be welcome to join the senior choir. For further details please phone 91 8431.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the year, on the 9th February, will be preceded by a Holy Communion service in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. New members warmly welcomed! Supper hostesses :- Mesdames Cornish, Peck and Swinnerton.

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

Members of the Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 13th March, 1978. Afternoon tea hostesses :- Mrs. Holyman and Mrs. Palliser.

On Saturday morning, 18th March, Mrs. Holyman has arranged a "Garden Plant" Morning at her home, 8 Riverdale Grove. Members and friends of St. Luke's are invited. (Come in your garden clothes if desired). Tea and coffee will be available. Plants or cuttings would be appreciated.

MOTHERS' UNION

Members are reminded that the first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, 21st February. Coming events of interest are :- the Mothers' Union Diocesan Council Meeting on Tuesday, 14th March, commencing with a service of Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. and the Mothers' Union "Lady Day" celebration on Thursday, 6th April. Speaker for the day will be the Dean of Hobart. More information later.

**ARCHBISHOP SIR MARCUS LOANE
TO-REVISIT ST. JOHN'S**

His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney who was our special guest on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service in November, 1975, will be afforded a Liturgical Welcome and will preach at Evensong in St. John's on Sunday, 5th March.

The service will be one of several throughout the Diocese during an official visit of the Archbishop to Tasmania as Acting-Primate of the Church of England in Australia. Clergy and parishioners of other Launceston parishes will join us for this service.

Please note that Daylight Saving will be over by this date and that Evensong will commence at 7 p.m. and not at 7.30 p.m.

Let us make an enthusiastic and joyful act of welcome and worship as part of the Church Family of Tasmania and Australia.

UGANDA REFUGEE APPEAL

In almost every Anglican Church in Australia on Sunday, February 12, an appeal will be launched to assist Ugandan refugees.

The day has been named Ugandan Martyr's Sunday because it is the closest Sunday to the first anniversary of the murder of the Archbishop of Uganda, Archbishop Janani Luwum.

In a letter to Australian Christians in support of the refugee appeal Bishop Festo Kivengere makes a strong plea for help. "By the thousands people of all ages have left and are still leaving Uganda — escaping to save their lives", he writes. "Some of these are students from the University of Makerere; some are professional people leaving because of the chaos of the present regime in Uganda in which many lives have been lost.

"This means that the country is undergoing a tremendous drainage of brainpower. I feel deeply for them because, I, too, escaped very narrowly when I was wanted by Amin's intelligence units. Any Ugandan knows what that means.

"Please hear the cry of my country's refugees. My burden is to give release to these people — to share with them the love of Christ and the eventual reconstruction of Uganda."

In commending the appeal Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane said, "The care and resettlement of refugees from Uganda is one of the most significant aid problems facing the world at present."

PLEASE PRAY AND GIVE.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 2 Thursday **Purification of the Virgin Mary.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 5 **Quinquagesima** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel.
- 7 Tuesday 12 noon Pastoral Committee, in Rectory.
- 8 Wednesday **Ash Wednesday.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
8 p.m. Vestry.
- 9 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild, commencing with Holy Communion.
- 10 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 12 **Lent I** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Mattins.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 15 Wednesday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Junior Choir Barbecue.
7.30 p.m. Lenten Service and Study.
- 16 Thursday 10 a.m. - all day, Women's Guild Northern Archdeaconry Conference, commencing with Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 17 Friday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 **Lent II** 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 20 Monday 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.
- 21 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 22 Wednesday 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Lenten Service and Study.
- 23 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 Friday **St. Matthias' Day.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
No Youth Group.
7.30 p.m. Ordination of the Revd. David Jones in St. David's Cathedral.
- 26 **Lent III** 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Celebrant: The Revd. David Jones.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion, Celebrant: The Revd. David Jones.
- 28 Tuesday 2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.

A PARISH FAMILY DAY

will be planned for the early part of the year.
Please watch for details of date, place and programme.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 12th February, 11.30 a.m.

J. Roberts (Duty Driver)	D. Plumbridge
K. Atkins	D. Rowe
N. Dicker	D. Sutton
A. J. Green	D. Sheldrick
T. Heggaton	Mrs. B. Sinclair.

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

WOMEN'S GUILD —

2nd Thursday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 9th February.
Mrs. A. E. Ford, Tel. 31 6412.

MOTHERS' UNION —

3rd Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 21st February.
Mrs. Sue Cartledge, Tel. 31 5789.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S —

2nd Monday, 2.45 p.m.
Commences 13th March.
Mrs. H. Palliser, Tel. 31 6967.

TOWNSEND GROUP. G.F.S. —

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

YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP —

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Commences 28th February.
Mrs. Sue Cartledge, Tel. 31 5789.

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP —

2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Commences 14th February.
Mr. Max Easter, Tel. 31 5750.

G.F.S. —

Every Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Commences 22nd February.
Mrs. Val Booth, Tel. 31 5218.

C.E.B.S. —

Every Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commences 23rd February.
Mr. Glenn Clark, Tel. 31 8996 (Home).

YOUTH GROUP —

Every Friday, 7.30 p.m.
Commences 3rd March.
The Revd. David Jones, Tel. 31 4896.