

PARISH MESSENGER

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

*at St. John's Parish
Centre
on Monday, 31st 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, 24th July, 1978.



CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

Family Service: 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday.

Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evening Prayer: 7.00 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. Canon Ian Booth, Th.L.
(Tel. 31 5218)

Assistant :

The Revd. David Jones, M.A.
(Tel. 31 4896)

Hon. Assistant :

The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.
(Tel. 44 3065)

Organist :

Mr. C. Ryland, B.A. (Mus.), Dip. Ed.
(Tel. 91 8431)

Office Secretary :

Mrs. Joan Ikin.
(Tel. 31 4896, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.)

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

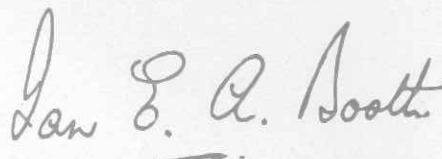
A Casino for Northern Tasmania! Yes or No? I don't want to be negative but I hope and pray the answer will be no. In fact I believe that the most positive answer for the future good of this community is a resounding no!

In the May issue of Parish Messenger I gave a brief personal viewpoint on this matter. Now, the St. John's Vestry has submitted a considered viewpoint to responsible people in community and parliamentary affairs and that you may know the full contact of submission it is printed below.

I ask that you will consider it prayerfully, take every opportunity to add your voice against a licence being granted.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

SUBMISSION RE CASINO IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

Members of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Launceston make the following submission to responsible people and bodies concerned in decision making in regard to a licence for a casino in Northern Tasmania.

1. The attitude of members of the Church of England towards comparatively small games of chance varies widely. However, St. John's Vestry is unanimous in its opinion that casino gambling for high stakes, where the gambler faces the possibility of great financial loss and consequent hardship, is detrimental to community life. Because it can lead to serious breakdown in personal, marriage and family relationships, it strikes at the foundation of society. Experience in Hobart seems to suggest that by far the greatest use of a casino will be by local people and therefore the greatest social impact will be local. The Vestry is therefore opposed to the establishment of a casino in Northern Tasmania.
2. It appears that any casino established will be merely a financial prop to support accommodation or country club facilities. No matter how excellent the facilities may appear, the end cannot justify the means, when the means have the potential of devastating social consequences. A percentage allocation for welfare of those adversely affected cannot justify the granting of a licence.
3. It can be expected that a casino will attract undesirable and criminal elements and such are the "tourists" that Northern Tasmania can well do without.
4. Independent professionally controlled and evaluated research on the effects of the Wrest Point Casino must be commissioned before any decision is made on the granting of a licence for Northern Tasmania if the Government is to act responsibly. The present inter-departmental inquiry has no access to such research and no brief to report on the possible effects of a casino in Northern Tasmania and therefore has no relevance to the issue. We call on electors in Northern Tasmania to sign the petition at present being organised against the granting of a licence for a casino in the North.
5. Should a licence be granted for a casino in Launceston the members of St. John's Vestry stand firmly in opposition to its establishment on any site in proximity to St. John's Church. Since 1824 the neighbourhood of St. John's has had close association with Christian worship and education. Chalmers Church, Christ Church, Elizabeth Street Gospel Hall and the Jewish Synagogue are close neighbours and most are still very active centres of worship and youth work. There are also private residences in this area. The establishment of a casino would be hostile to the environment of this area not only because of gambling but also because of the traffic noise and twenty-four hour service associated with such an establishment.

**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, 10th July, 1978, at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames J. Wherrett, J. Coombe, M. Barclay.

Retiring Officers:

President: Mrs. H. Holyman

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. D. Roche and Mrs. R. Page

Secretary: Mrs. H. Palliser

Treasurer: Mrs. M. Easther

Committee: Mrs. G. Wherrett, Mrs. R. Cornish and Mrs. M. Bennett.

(Afternoon tea hostesses for June meeting were: Mrs. D. Butler, Mrs. R. Page, Mrs. B. Gee.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the June meeting we were pleased to welcome three new members, Mesdames Brain, Thompson and Calvert and guest, Mrs. Heathcote.

Dean Lloyd who addressed the meeting spoke on his boyhood through to his present ministry in Launceston.

The next meeting will be held on 13th July at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mrs. Hill, Miss E. Barnes and Miss D. Butler.

Perhaps we will have the privilege of welcoming another three new members!

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th July, commencing with the service in the Parish Centre at 7.45 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Freeman, Headmistress of Broadland House School. An invitation is extended to any interested parishioner or friend. All members to bring supper.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the Clergy or Churchwardens.

Miss D. Glover \$2.00, Mrs. N. Martin \$1.00, Mrs. I. Crombie \$2.00, Anon \$2.00, Mrs. M. H. Maclaine \$5.00 Anon \$4.00, Mrs. B. Phillips \$2.00, Mrs. Annear \$2.00, Anon \$5.00, Miss J. Ingram \$5.00, Mrs. R. Collins \$2.00, T. & P. Burnes \$5.00, Mrs. J. Crawford \$2.00, Mr. W. J. S. Fuller \$4.00. Thank you.

SCHOLARSHIPS

BROADLAND HOUSE C.E.G.G.S

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

Examination: 28th July, 1978.

Closing Date: 25th July, 1978.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE PARISH THIS YEAR**

will be held on
MONDAY, 31st JULY, 1978.

Parish Tea: 6 p.m.

Annual Meeting: 7.30 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 9th July, at 11.30 a.m.

If unable to attend please phone Parish Office (31 4896 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

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| M. Wilson (Duty driver) | A. Whittle |
| D. Rowe | W. Donaldson |
| A. Ford | M. Easther |
| T. White | D. Sutton |
| I. Routley | W. Arendt. |

More volunteers and a Convener are urgently needed. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

CALENDAR FOR JULY

2 TRINITY VI/13th ORD. SUNDAY

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 10 a.m. Sunday School.
- 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
- 7 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. John Ambulance Service.

3 Monday

7:30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel.

4 Tuesday

- 12 noon Pastoral Committee in Assistant's Cottage.
- Bible Study:
- 7.30 p.m. Cottage Group.

- 5 Wednesday
 - 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
 - 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 4 p.m. Junior Choir practice.
 - 6 p.m. G.F.S.
 - 7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
 - 8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 6 Thursday
 - 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
 - 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 7 Friday
 - 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 9 **TRINITY VII/14 ORD. SUNDAY**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 10 a.m. Family Service.
 - 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
 - 11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
 - 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 10 Monday
 - 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital Annual Meeting.
- 11 Tuesday
 - 2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
 - 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
 - Bible Study :
 - 7.30 p.m. Cottage Group.
 - 8 p.m. Rector's Group.
- 12 Wednesday
 - 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
 - 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
 - 6 p.m. G.F.S.
 - 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 13 Thursday
 - 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
 - 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
 - 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 14 Friday
 - 7.45 p.m. Parish Family Night.
- 16 **TRINITY VIII/15th ORD. SUNDAY**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 - 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
 - 7 p.m. Evening Prayer, Speaker : Miss Marion Shaw, C.M.S. Missionary, Tanzania.
- 17 Monday
 - 8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.
- 18 Tuesday
 - 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
 - Bible Study :
 - 7.30 p.m. Cottage Group.
 - 8.15 p.m. Rector's Group.
- 19 Wednesday
 - 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
 - 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
 - 6 p.m. G.F.S.

- 20 Thursday
 - 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
 - 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 21 Friday
 - 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 22 Saturday
 - St. Mary Magdalen.**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 23 **TRINITY IX/16th ORD. SUNDAY**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 - 10 a.m. Morning Prayer.
 - 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
 - 7 p.m. Holy Communion, Prayers for Healing.
- 25 Tuesday
 - St. James' Day.**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
 - 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
 - Bible Study :
 - 7.30 p.m. Cottage Group.
 - 8 p.m. Rector's Group.
- 26 Wednesday
 - 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
 - 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
 - 6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 27 Thursday
 - 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
 - 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 28 Friday
 - 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 30 **TRINITY X/17th ORD. SUNDAY**
 - 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 10 a.m. Sunday School.
 - 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
 - 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 31 Monday
 - 6 p.m. Parish Tea.
 - 7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

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

Number coming

Name

Address