

# PARISH MESSENGER

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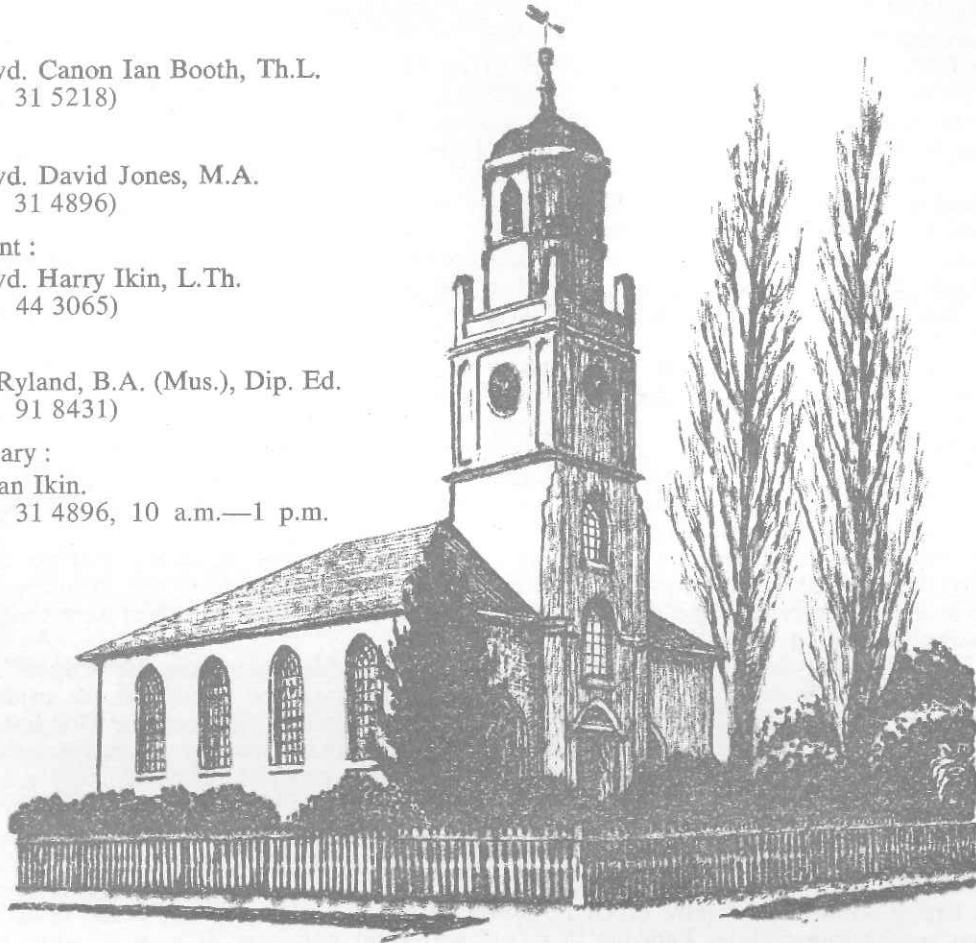
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## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN — LAUNCESTON

### 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.

**Evensong:** 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.

## THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

While our printer is working on this edition of "Parish Messenger" the Revd. David Jones and I will be attending the annual Clergy Conference at Christ College, Hobart. The conference extends over three days.

Some parishioners might well ask, "What do you do at a Clergy Conference?"

The programme of our Clergy Conference is built around Bible Study and worship in the Chapel at Christ College. Each day we gather for Mattins and Evensong and the Holy Communion is celebrated at noon. The day is concluded with devotions at 9.30 p.m. Worshipping together during this time is a very inspiring and encouraging activity because in the course of our parish life we are always involved in planning and leading worship seldom having the opportunity to be in the "pew" as an ordinary member of a congregation.

The Bible Studies this year are to be given by the Revd. Canon John Falkingham, B.A., Th.L. Canon Falkingham is Rector of St. Paul's, Manuka, A.C.T. He was formerly Dean of Newcastle and Lecturer in Biblical Theology at St. John's College, Morpeth, N.S.W.

Since its inception he has been a member of Genral Synod's Liturgical Commission and has recently been involved in the introduction of "An Australian Prayer Book". Because of this our Bishop has asked him to lead several sessions during the conference to enable the Clergy of Tasmania to guide the introduction of the "A.A.P.B." in their parishes.

During the conference Mr. Herbert Woodhouse will lead a session on music for use with "An Australian Prayer Book" and another on The Australian Hymn Book. There will also be two open sessions at which the Clergy will be able to discuss with the Bishop and each other matters which concern them in their work.

All this activity is punctuated with eating! Breakfast, lunch and dinner, morning and afternoon tea and supper are usually times of good fellowship which, in itself, is of great value to the Clergy team of the diocese.

This is what your Clergy will have been doing at the 1978 Clergy Conference.

In the Church of New Testament times there were some very outstanding people. They were not outstanding in the sense of putting themselves forward but rather were chosen by God and equipped for their work within the fellowship.

One such person was Stephen. The work of the Apostles was expanding and the demands of practical caring for the Christian community were drawing them away from the primary responsibility of being devoted "to prayer and the ministry of the word". Stephen and six others were chosen and appointed to take over the caring ministry.

Of Stephen it is recorded that he was "a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit". Before he was chosen he was a fellow who had opened his life wonderfully to the Lord and the evidence of this was obvious to all. The choice of Stephen and the others was clearly a right one and God honoured the choice. We read in Acts 6:7 "And the word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly".

Stephen's openness to God the Holy Spirit made him a person God could use for a ministry of love in his Church, freeing others for the ministry of the Word. Stephen's own life was fulfilled and the Church blessed with growth.

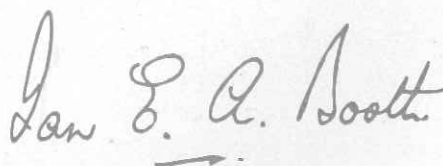
Can you see how Stephen's experience is meaningful to us?

When we live in faith, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit we are ready for responsibilities of love and caring within the Family of God. When we are needed we will be ready to accept the invitation to take up such responsibilities knowing that God will fulfil our own lives as a result and further bless the Church with growth.

There is great need for outstanding people like Stephen in the Church of today. As part of the Church, St. John's needs them too!

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

### MOTHERS' UNION

At our May meeting members farewelled Mrs. Jan Crawford, who with her family is moving to Queensland. We will miss her very much, and thank her for her friendship over many years. We wish Jan and her family happiness in their new home.

We give thanks to God for the life of Mrs. Beverly Smith who died on Sunday, 7th May. Bev was a member of Mothers' Union for over twenty years, and gave loyal service, especially as link correspondent for many years. Another of her outstanding contributions was the embroidery of a Mothers' Union Banner which is now in the Cathedral at Honiara. Mothers' Union members extend their sincere sympathy to her husband, daughters and mother, Mrs. Miller.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 20th June, commencing with the service in the chapel at 7.45 p.m. Supper Hostesses : Mesdames J. Davis and A. Radford.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

The May meeting being our Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year — Mrs. Jan Stevenson, President ; Mesdames Butler and Easther, Vice-Presidents ; Mrs. Olva Harris, Secretary ; Mrs. Jean Sheldrick, Treasurer. The meeting was chaired by the Rector, Canon Booth. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet recorded another successful year, enabling the Guild to further assist our various projects.

At our next meeting, on 8th June, Dean Lloyd will be our guest speaker, and we look forward to a full attendance of members.

Supper hostesses : Mesdames Sutton, Palliser and Ford.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 12th June, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses : Mesdames Butler and Page.

Arrangements have been completed for the Luncheon to be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 14th June, at 12.30 p.m.

A cordial invitation is extended to parishioners and friends of St. Luke's.

We were delighted to welcome a new member, Mrs. N. Dicker. We now have a membership of thirty-one.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Application Forms for the Adult Confirmation Group are now available from the Parish Office and the Rector would like all those desiring to join to complete one as soon as possible.

If you would like to discuss the matter of Confirmation before completing the form please contact the Rector at 31 5218.

Applications have now closed for the Young People's Preparation Classes for 1978. All applicants have been notified as to the commencement of classes.

### INTRODUCTION OF "AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK"

Services from the "A.A.P.B." will be in use in St. John's Church from Sunday, 4th June, 1978. At the Sunday Communion and on Saints' Days and other Holy Days at 8 a.m. the order used will be the Second Order in "A.A.P.B.". Sunday Mattins and Evensong will mostly follow the First Order whilst on weekdays in the Chapel we will use the Daily Services. For Holy Baptism the Second Order will be used.

Copies of the Pew Edition of "An Australian Prayer Book" can be obtained from the C.M.S. Book Shop, 92-94 St. John Street, Launceston. There will be various other editions, including personal and gift editions, available from C.M.S. very soon.

### LAUNCESTON CITY MISSION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary is holding an "American Tea" in the City Mission Hall in Frederick Street on Monday, 26th June, 1978, commencing at 2.30 p.m. "Bring a Gift and Buy a Gift". Donation 50 cents. A warm welcome to all parishioners.

### FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN (Launceston Committee)

#### CONCERT

at the  
Princess Theatre  
on  
Friday, 30th June  
at 8.00 p.m.

Bookings at Princess Theatre  
Adults : \$3.00 Children/Pensioners \$1.50

ALL LAUNCESTON ARTISTS

### MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 11th June, 11.30 a.m.

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

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| W. Cowell (Duty Driver) | G. Lillico   |
| M. Willson              | D. Sheldrick |
| M. Wing                 | J. Stevenson |
| V. Murgatroyd           | S. Murray    |
| D. Rowe                 | D. Gill.     |

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 1 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 4 **9th ORD. SUNDAY**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 Monday 7.30 p.m. Order of St. Luke Prayer Meeting.
- 6 Tuesday 12 noon Pastoral Committee in Assistant's Cottage.
- 7 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.  
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 8 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild, Guest Speaker: Dean Lloyd.  
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 **10th ORD. SUNDAY**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Mattins.  
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 12 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 13 Tuesday **St. Barnabas' Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.  
6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 14 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
12.30 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary's Luncheon.  
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.  
6 p.m. G.F.S.  
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 15 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 16 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 17 Saturday 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. C.E.B.S. Working Bee.
- 18 **11th ORD. SUNDAY**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
10 a.m. L.C.G.S. Founders Day Service, Preacher: Mr. R. P. Hutchings.  
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 Monday 8 p.m. Order of St. Luke Chapter Meeting.
- 20 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.  
Bible Study: Assistants Cottage Group 7.30 p.m. Rector's Group 8.15 p.m.
- 21 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.
- 22 Thursday 6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 23 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 24 Saturday **Nativity of St. John Baptist**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 25 **12th ORD. SUNDAY**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Sunday School.  
10 a.m. Mattins.  
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.  
7 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 Monday 2.30 p.m. Launceston City Mission, Women's Auxiliary, "American Tea" at City Mission Hall.
- 27 Tuesday 2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.  
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.  
Bible Study: Assistant's Cottage Group 7.30 p.m. Rector's Group 8 p.m.
- 28 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.
- 29 Thursday **St. Peter's Day.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 30 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.  
8 p.m. Freedom from Hunger Campaign Concert, Princess Theatre.

**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.