

PARISH MESSENGER

PALM SUNDAY — HOLY WEEK — GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 19/3/78	8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion, Distribution of Palm Crosses. 7 p.m. Evensong.
HOLY WEEK	
Monday	8 a.m. Holy Communion.
Tuesday	8 a.m. Holy Communion.
Wednesday	8 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
Thursday	8 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper.
GOOD FRIDAY 24/3/78	8 a.m. Passion Liturgy. 10 a.m. Family Service. Noon — 3 p.m. THREE HOURS DEVOTION. 7 p.m. Music of the Passion and Readings.
EASTER DAY 26/3/78	7 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL.

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.

Rector :

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The Revd. David Jones, M.A.

Hon. Assistant :

The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

There is so much moving and changing around us today that many don't know how to respond. We struggle and strive or get carried along with the currents and in so doing we can build up a scene around us which can lead to illness and breakdown.

When we become Christians we become members of the Kingdom of God. Catechism in the 1662 Prayer Book describes this for those who have been baptised as becoming "a member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven". Many of us fail to live fully this life which leads to wholeness.

Wholeness is implied in the word "salvation." Jesus came into the world as "Saviour" and we often refer to him as "The Saviour of the World." In so many places the New Testament declares salvation and therefore wholeness, to be God's perfect will for all. For instance St. Paul writes in his first letter to Timothy (1 Tim. 2 : 4, R.S.V.) "This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

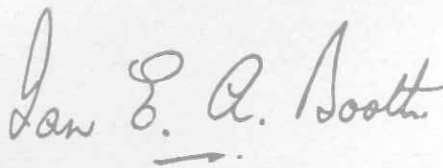
Illness and breakdown are states which prevent our full experience of wholeness. There are, however, some clear directions which can lead to health and wholeness. In a study booklet being used by the Launceston Chapter of the Order of St. Luke, the Revd. David Crawford arranges these directions as follows :-

- (a) When we become conscious of a wrong action or word, an impure or unkind thought we should immediately confess it, claiming God's forgiveness and cleansing, then affirm the opposite virtue and claim it as our possession.
"Be renewed in the spirit of your minds and put on the new nature." Ephesians 4: 23 and 24a.
(Read also the verses following which highlight the opposite virtues.)
- (b) When emotions build up and attitudes of mind throw our whole system out of tune we must "change mental gears" once again affirming the corresponding opposite — Love must replace Resentment, Trust displaces Anxiety, Faith displaces Doubt. Prayer for the Holy Spirit will increase the fruit of the Spirit which strengthens the positive and healing virtues.
"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Galatians 5 : 22 & 23a. (See also Romans 5 : 5 and Philippians 4 : 6 & 7).
- (c) We need to respect our bodies by giving them the most favourable conditions for proper functioning. Food fads, self-indulgences and lack of common sense place an overwhelming strain on our bodies which need not be there.
"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Cor. 6 : 19 & 20.

Begin to respond according to these Scriptural directions and you will find a new way of coping with life — God's way, the way of wholeness and healing.

The worship of Holy Week and Easter will also help to renew our response to the love of God in Christ. I commend the schedule of services to you and encourage you to share actively in it.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

CLERGY VISITING

The goal of visiting homes in the parish in the last year was a door to door contact throughout the area and nearly every home was visited. This year the Rector and the Assistant Curate will endeavour to visit folk regularly worshipping at St. John's with the purpose of getting to know the Parish Family better and being of pastoral assistance wherever possible.

It seems strange to many but it is nevertheless very true, that the work commitments of the clergy make adequate time for visiting very hard to find. The possibility of making a visit to you is further limited by your commitments as you may be out or busy when we call.

However, the goal has been set and a warm understanding and co-operation on the part of all will help us to achieve it. Please make it easy for us to call and to leave again without spending too much time just chatting (which we like doing!) so that we may be able to fit more visits into the time available.

If there is some matter in which we can help or for which you would like us to pray with you please feel free to ask us when we call so that full advantage can be made of the visit.

A NIGHT — A DAY

Our Parish Family activities for '78 are getting off to a good start with one of Mr. Bill Donaldson's popular Film Evenings on Friday, 31st March at 7.30 p.m. and we would be glad if each one will bring something for supper.

Next event is a Family Day on Sunday, 16th April at the ideally situated, well-equipped "Carnacoo", Paper Beach — the Cub's Camp House. Folk are asked to arrive by 10.30 a.m. and the day will commence with a Family Communion Service followed by a barbecue lunch and a time for recreation and fellowship. Please bring own food (tea, coffee and cool drinks provided). If you require transport phone Mr. Gerald Crispin (31 9885) or Miss Sybil Brownrigg (31 1520). They would also appreciate a call from you if you can offer transport. Details of how to get there are available from the Office.

Remember the Parish Family is like any other family — it has people of all ages and this includes YOU! There is a special place for "lone folk" in St. John's Family.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our first meeting for the year was preceded by a Holy Communion Service in the Chapel on the 9th February. During our meeting catering arrangements

were finalised for the Northern Guild Conference on the 16th. The Conference was a success and well attended.

The Guild was sad to receive the resignation of Mrs. Essie Record, one of our senior and respected members. She will be sadly missed as she was a very active member and supporter of the Guild.

Our next meeting will be held on the 9th March at 7.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre and we extend a warm invitation to any ladies who would be interested in participating in Guild fellowship and activities. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Easther, Sheldrick and White.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKES HOSPITAL

The Button Day held on the 10th February was successful, \$187 being raised by the Auxiliary. Grateful thanks are extended to all those who helped to achieve this result.

The first meeting for the year will be held at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 13th March. Members are reminded of the "Garden Plant" Morning to be held at Mrs. Holyman's home, 8 Riverdale Grove on Saturday morning 18th March. Tea and coffee will be available. Cuttings and plants would be appreciated.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on the 21st March. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.45 p.m. Subscriptions of \$1.00 will be collected.

On 22nd March, the Wednesday in Holy Week, members will be serving morning tea to senior members of the parish after the 10.30 a.m. service. Please bring some morning tea and invite as many of our senior parishioners as possible.

Mothering Sunday is on 5th March when Simnel Cake will be blessed and distributed at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

Mothers' Union Diocesan Council will meet on 14th March beginning with Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. Lunch in the Parish Centre for \$1.00. Celebrant and Preacher — The Bishop of Tasmania.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

The first meeting of the year will be held on the Wednesday in Holy Week, 22nd March, following a service of Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1 Wednesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Lenten Service and Study.
8 p.m. Education Committee.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 2 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 3 Friday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 5 **LENT IV** **MOTHERING SUNDAY** (distribution of Simnel Cake at 8 and 10 a.m. Holy Communion).
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong with Liturgical Welcome to the Acting Primate, Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane, who will also preach.
- 6 Monday
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer meeting in Chapel.
- 7 Tuesday
12 noon Pastoral Committee in Assistant's Cottage.
- 8 Wednesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Lenten Service and Study.
8 p.m. Vestry.
- 9 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 10 Friday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 12 **LENT V** **PASSION SUNDAY**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service — John Batman Commemoration.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13 Monday
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 14 Tuesday
10.30 a.m. — all day Mothers' Union Diocesan Council Meeting, commencing with Holy Communion.
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group, in Assistant's Cottage.
6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 15 Wednesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Lenten Service and study.
- 16 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

- 17 Friday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 19 **PALM SUNDAY**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 20 Monday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.
- 21 Tuesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union Annual Meeting, commencing with Holy Communion.
- 22 Wednesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre.
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend, commencing with Holy Communion.
- 23 Thursday **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, followed by Choir Practice.
- 24 **GOOD FRIDAY**
8 a.m. Passion Liturgy.
10 a.m. Family Service.
Noon — 3 p.m. **THREE HOURS DEVOTION.**
7 p.m. Music of the Passion and Readings.
- 26 **EASTER DAY**
7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 Monday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.45 p.m. Special Meeting in St. John's Church, Guest Speaker, Dr. Leon Morris, Principal Ridley College, Melbourne.
- 28 Tuesday
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 Wednesday
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, CMS House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6 p.m. G.F.S.
- 30 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 31 Friday
7.30 p.m. Family Night in Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

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

W. Cowell (Duty Driver)	R. Cleary
R. Cartledge	G. Lillico
T. White	H. Bourke
A. Ford	D. Gill
V. Murgatroyd	D. Rowe

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