

PARISH MESSENGER

Rector :

The Revd. Canon Ian Booth, Th.L.

Assistant :

The Revd. David Jones, M.A.

Hon. Assistant :

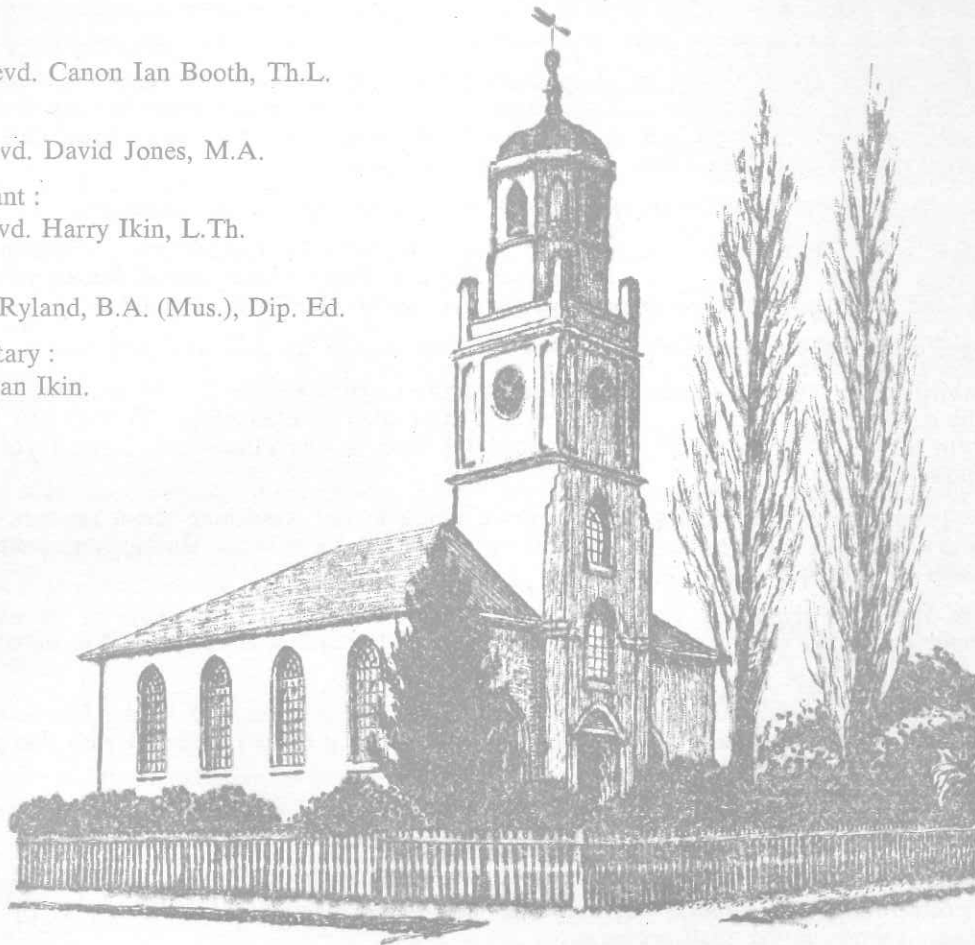
The Revd. Harry Ikin, L.Th.

Organist :

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

Office Secretary :

Mrs. Joan Ikin.



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,

Each year, as the time arrives for calling applications for Confirmation preparation, I find myself searching deeply trying to find an answer to "after Confirmation, why?" Why do so many not become regular communicants? Why do they find their way out of Sunday School, worship and other involvements they have had?

Perhaps this question is unfair to those who have found deep personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ through their Confirmation and have expressed this consistently by their faithfulness in many ways.

Whilst it is true and a reason for deep thanksgiving that deeper commitment has been the experience of quite a few, it still remains a fact that a large number lapses into Christmas and Easter attendances only and others "graduate" right out of the life of the Church. All this when a great deal of care is taken in preparation classes and counselling to avoid such a result.

There are, I believe, some positive things we can do to improve this situation.

The first is for each of us to identify the people preparing for Confirmation. To help us do this a list of their names will be published when the classes begin in June. Make yourself known to as many of them as possible and help them to experience a caring love within the Parish Family.

The second is to pray regularly for each of them — the list will also help you to do this.

The third is for regular communicants to become responsible for a close personal interest in one or more of the candidates during their preparation and after their Confirmation. To this end I would be glad to hear from those willing to accept this responsibility and as the classes are formed you will be drawn into this task.

Many people have been asking when are we going to say something about the much discussed proposals for a Casino in Launceston. They will be pleased to see that our Bishop has opened up the subject in this month's "Church News".

One of the most significant ways to exercise some influence in this matter is to write to Members of Parliament and make your opinions known to them. They are the ones who will be debating and deciding the issue.

Strong rumours have been about that one of the proposals submitted to the Government concerns a location in proximity to our St. John's property. It is time that those concerned with this proposal end the rumours by affirming or denying them.

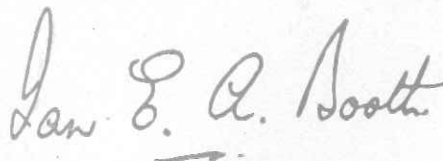
One development of these rumours is that St. John's Vestry is actually involved in the proposal. I need hardly say that this is not true!

I hope our City Fathers will make clear to our State Parliamentarians that the motto of this city "Progress with Prudence" demands cautious and wise decision making. A Casino is by nature parasitic and will foster regress rather than progress.

Whilst encouraging others to act in such matters, each one of us must face the challenge to a deeper quality of Christian life and witness in the community otherwise words are left without evidence of sincerity.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the last meeting on 13th April, our guest speaker was Mrs. Austin from Notley Hills, who with her husband presented a film on their trip overseas. This was well attended. Our Morning Tea and Stall on Wednesday, 12th April, realised the gratifying sum of \$127.00. Our thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

Next meeting on 11th May will be our Annual Meeting. Hostesses: Mesdames Gee, Plumridge and Swinerton.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 8th May, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames Ikin, Cornish and Palliser.

The result from the "Garden" morning held at Mrs. Holyman's home was \$115.31 and from the "Luncheon" at Mrs. Humphrey Gardener's home \$133.75 was raised. Our sincere thanks go to all who attended thus helping to make these functions so successful.

A further donation of \$250.00 was made towards hospital beds.

Mrs. Holyman welcomed a new member, Mrs. O. Smith, formerly of Hobart and now residing in Launceston.

We are always delighted to welcome new members and trust that they will enjoy the company of members of the Auxiliary.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th May, commencing with Office in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. During this service a new member will be admitted.

Members are now contributing to Force Ten and Mrs. J. Easther will collect 20 cents per member each meeting.

Older members as well as our evening M.U. members will be welcome to attend a Morning Group at 11.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Bring your lunch if you wish to stay and have tea or coffee after the meeting.

YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

A group of mothers of young children and babies has been meeting every two weeks in the Parish Centre for several months now. We would gladly welcome anyone else who would like to join us in the very informal afternoons we have.

The meetings are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with coffee or tea provided.

For any information, ring Mrs. Sue Cartledge, at 31 5789.

G.F.S. NEWS

Already this term we have grown in both numbers and fellowship. Congratulations to Mrs. Booth for completing her basic course and being commissioned as Leader on 9th April along with 6 girls enrolled as Juniors, Sally Green, Tracey Moxon, Julia Collinson, Kristi Clarke, Belinda Alps, Megan Jones and Mary Proverbs admitted as a member. Freyr Cleary and Marie Lilloco with 5 other girls from northern branches

are soon to start their Cadet Leaders' course under the guidance of Mrs. Raynor of Hobart.

As from Wednesday, 3rd May, our meeting times will change to the following times:-

Juniors:

Grades 2, 3, 4—6 - 7.30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesday.

Grades 5, 6 —6 - 7.30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesday.

Intermediates:

High School age—7 - 8 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesday.

When a fifth Wednesday occurs a special combined meeting of all girls will be held at 6 - 7.30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF "AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK"

The Bishop has requested of Clergy and parishes that the introduction of the A.A.P.B. be held back until after the Diocesan Clergy Conference to be held during the last week in May. At the conference the Revd. Canon John Falkingham will guide Clergy in the use and introduction of the book.

Our supply of A.A.P.B.'s has arrived and is being distributed to those who ordered and paid for copies at the pre-publication price.

Please watch for an announcement in the Weekly Pew Bulletin as to the Sunday on which we will introduce the services from this book.

VISIT OF ALF AND NOLA CHIPMAN

Alf and Nola have been at home on leave from their missionary task in Kenya and will be visiting St. John's prior to returning to Africa.

They will be in Launceston from Thursday, 4th May, to Tuesday, 9th May. *As part of this visit Northern members of the Church Missionary Society will join us at Evensong on Sunday, 7th May, at 7 p.m. The Service will be a Northern Valedictory for the Chipmans and Alf will be the preacher. There will be the usual "cuppa" in the Parish Centre following the service to which all are warmly invited.

CONFIRMATION

CLASSES FORMING FOR 1978

(Date of Confirmation, 12th November)

YOUNG PEOPLE (age 12 years + by 12/11/78)

It is necessary for you to purchase the Manual "God, Me and the Church", available from the Parish Office or from the Rector at \$2.50. A tear-out Application Form is contained in the book. **Applications close 21st May, 1978.** No applicants will be accepted after classes commence.

ADULTS. Special Application Form available from the Parish Office or the Rector. Parishioners other than those wishing to be confirmed will be welcome to join this group. **ACT NOW!**

FRANCIS JACKSON

ORGANIST, YORK MINSTER

ORGAN RECITAL ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
TUESDAY, 2nd MAY, 1978, at 8.00 p.m.

Admission by Programme \$2.00

(Senior Citizens & Children — 50c)

Francis Jackson will also play for an
ASCENSION DAY CHORAL EVENSONG
with combined choirs in St. John's Church
on THURSDAY, 4th MAY, 7.30 p.m.

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Monday
St. Philip & St. James' Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel.
- 2 Tuesday
12 noon Pastoral Committee in Assistant's Cottage
8 p.m. Organ Recital - Francis Jackson Organist, York Minster.
- 3 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.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
8 p.m. Property Committee.
- 4 Thursday
Ascension Day.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choral Evensong, with combined choirs, Preacher: The Bishop of Tasmania, Organist: Francis Jackson.
- 5 Friday - 7 Sunday
Youth House Party, "Chartley", Rowella. Meet Parish Centre, Friday 7 p.m.
- 7 Sunday after **Ascension Day.**
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 p.m. Evensong, Preacher: The Revd. Alf Chipman (Valedictory Service).
- 8 Monday
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
7.30 p.m. Service in St. John's—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Preacher: Dean Lloyd.
- 9 Tuesday
2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
6 p.m. Men's Tea.
8 p.m. Bible Study, Assistant's Cottage.
- 10 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.
- 11 Thursday
6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild, Annual Meeting.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 12 Friday
7.30 p.m. Service, Church of Apostles—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Rector will preach.
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

14 WHITSUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Family Service.
11.30 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7 p.m. Evensong.

15 Monday

8 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.

16 Tuesday

7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
8 p.m. Bible Study, Assistant's Cottage.

17 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.

18 Thursday

6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

19 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

21 TRINITY SUNDAY.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Holy Communion.
2.30 p.m. Northern Regional Youth Rally at St. John's—Pre-Youth Synod.
7 p.m. Holy Communion, Preacher: The Revd. Alex Stone, Youth Rally concludes with this service.

23 Tuesday

2 p.m. Young Mothers' Group.
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
8 p.m. Bible Study, Assistant's Cottage.

24 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.

25 Thursday

6 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
8 p.m. City Mission Annual Meeting, Town Hall (7.15 p.m. Business Meeting).

26 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

28 TRINITY I

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Mattins.
7 p.m. Holy Communion.

31 Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 14th May, 11.30 a.m.

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

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| R. Cartledge (Duty Driver) | P. Hull |
| R. Cleary | L. Nicholas |
| N. Dicker | D. Plumridge |
| B. Easther | D. Rowe. |
| T. Heggaton | Mrs. B. Sinclair |