

# PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, APRIL, 1979

ST. JOHN'S

## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

22nd APRIL, 1979

"They first gave themselves to the Lord"

10 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHER : The Rev'd. D. C. LEWIS  
Rector of St. Mark's, Deloraine.

Followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre.

Parishioners are asked to plan this day so as to attend the 10 a.m. Service and then be at home when our visitors call later in the day. However, provision will be made for those who will not be home to fill out their Commitment Card in the Parish Centre following the Service.



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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 (Healing Service). **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' Day).  
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

**N.B.** Changes have been made to standard times for 25th April, St. Mark's and Anzac Day. Please see Calendar.

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## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

When 'the gifts of the people are brought to the Lord's Table' in the service of Holy Communion the following prayer is said:

*Blessed are you, Lord God our Father;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.*

God is only glorified when the absolute best is offered: anything less limits what he can do through us. I want you to regard the 'us' in this case as the St. John's Parish Family through which the work of this parish is done. The 'us', of course, is made up of each one of us. Each individual response in giving is of major importance to the total gifts of the people of the parish.

I speak, then, to each one of you when I ask that your giving to the work of God through our parish, might be the absolute best that it can be so that God can be glorified in your life and in the service we offer him in fellowship with each other.

Quite frankly, our response will need to be much greater than before if vitally necessary work is to be undertaken.

It is through God's goodness that we have resources from which we can share the costs of his work. Out of the goodness of our hearts we must act to provide all that is needed. This surely is a fundamental commitment which we all must make if we are sincerely to join in the ascription which follows the offertory prayer in the Second Order of Holy Communion (A.A.P.B. page 145) quoted above, viz. 'Blessed be God for ever.'

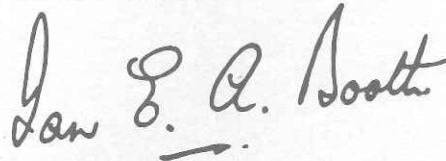
Michael Perry in his book 'Sharing in One Bread' writes, 'whenever we offer back to God the things he has first given us, he does things with them'. God, in fact, gives them back to 'us' and to the world through the life of his Church. In this way his Church is enabled to offer a ministry of preaching, teaching and pastoral care and buildings in and through which this ministry is maintained.

The extent to which God is glorified through St. John's will be determined by the response we make to him as we make a commitment of giving in the current Stewardship Programme.

I invite each one to attend the special service on Sunday, 22nd April at 10.00 a.m. when we will share more fully in giving ourselves to the Lord and then decide our financial commitment for the next two years.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

## A WORD FROM MAX EASTHER

To all parishioners,

Nearly two years ago we commenced our present programme, which was introduced to stimulate interest in our church and to increase church membership. The second object was to get the financial side of our church on a firmer basis by asking all St. John's people to consider their giving carefully and generously, and then to pledge themselves to try and give a weekly amount. A number of parishioners have since been maintaining their support towards the work of the church.

Over the last two years St. John's has lost quite a lot of its keen church members, some through death and some through transfer to other places or parishes. However, many new people have come to St. John's parish and to all such people an opportunity is now to be given to join the majority of church members who are regular supporters of the church with their money.

May I strongly commend the practice of using envelopes for the weekly offering as this ensures that we give strong and committed support to the ongoing needs of our parish. Also if, for any reason, a person is unable to attend church on a particular Sunday, his offering is not overlooked, for the expenses of the church as well as its own giving to Missions, etc. continue whether we are present or not.

Commitment cards will be available in the Parish Centre after the 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. services on 22nd April. For those parishioners who are not present or are unable to stay behind to complete their commitment card after either of these services, a Vestryman or committee member will call upon you to talk about what St. John's and the church are doing, to invite your interest in maintaining your part in the church's worship and activities and to ask that you, too, will pledge to give a regular amount as your contribution to church funds.

MAX EASTHER, Church Warden

## OUR NEEDS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Stipends, Salaries and Travelling .....	\$20,700
Repairs and Maintenance to Properties .....	9,100
General Running Expenses .....	13,500
Contribution to Diocese and Overseas	
Missions, etc. ....	11,500
Repayment of Commonwealth Bank Loan ..	5,000
<b>TOTAL NEEDS</b>	<b>\$59,800</b>

ESTIMATED INCOME	
Pledged Income .....	20,000
Offerings at Services .....	8,500
Endowment Interest .....	2,600
Car Park Rental .....	10,000
Motel Units .....	12,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,600</b>

Parishioners will see from the above figures that we need a substantial increase in our pledged giving during the next two years.

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

Members of the Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. R. Page for the first meeting in 1979. It took the form of a luncheon which was provided by members in honour of the President, Mrs. Holyman, on her birthday.

Twenty-six members attended and enjoyed a delicious luncheon, also the friendship of one another after our Christmas break. Mrs. Holyman welcomed a new member Mrs. M. Dobson.

The result from the Button Day Appeal was \$222.00. This has been forwarded to the hospital to assist in purchasing new equipment for the theatre.

Arrangements were completed for the Combined Auxiliaries 'Morning Tea' to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room, 'Tamarleigh', 43 Alanvale Road. Our members will provide the food for the morning tea and will also conduct a garden plant and flower stall.

Mrs. Holyman and Mrs. Palliser will be afternoon tea hostesses for the next meeting which will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 9th April, at 2.45 p.m.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on 17th April at 7.45 p.m. beginning with a service in the Chapel. Following the 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion service on Wednesday, 11th April, senior parishioners are invited to share morning tea in the Parish Centre. Anyone requiring transport please contact Mrs. Jan Easther on 947287.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

At the last meeting was generous in the extreme when \$100 was donated for the training of young men for the Ministry which is the Diocesan Guild Project for 1979, plus \$100 to Rick Cartledge and family. The depleted bank balance did not dampen the enthusiasm of members to use the money for these purposes. As there will not be a meeting in April, due to Easter, the next meeting will be on 10th May at 2.30 p.m. when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Freda Barwick, M.B.E., of Oatlands. The Annual Meeting will follow at 4.00 p.m. Please note time changes. Hostesses for afternoon tea: Mesdames Gee, Plumridge and Swinnerton.

### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Meeting times for both Juniors and Intermediates are from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Wednesday evenings for girls over the age of seven years. ALL ARE WELCOME. Our first project this year is a Lamington-a-thon. On Anzac Day, 25th April, a barbecue will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, Los Angelos Road, Dilston, from 12 noon until 3.30 p.m. This is to be a family affair and we look forward to seeing and meeting everyone. B.Y.O.

### YOUNG MOTHERS' GROUP

Please note that this Group has gone into recess for the present time.

### PALM SUNDAY—HOLY WEEK—GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

#### PALM SUNDAY, 8/4/79

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Family Service  
(Palm Crosses)  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### HOLY WEEK

Monday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
Wednesday 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
Thursday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

#### GOOD FRIDAY, 13/4/79

8.00 a.m. Passion Liturgy  
10.00 a.m. Family Service  
Noon-3.00 p.m. THREE HOURS  
DEVOTION (The Rev'd Alex Stone,  
Chaplain, Launceston Church  
Grammar School)  
7.00 p.m. Music of the Passion and  
Readings

#### EASTER DAY, 15/4/79

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

### MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 8th April at 11.15 a.m.

If unable to attend, please phone Mr. W. Donaldson on 315798 (home).

L. Bath, M. Easther, M. Clare, S. Murray, L. Nicholas, D. Plumridge, I. Routley, D. Sheldrick, D. Sutton, T. White, R. P. Rowe.

### ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

#### Eleventh Annual Diocesan Conference

at  
The Church of St. John, Devonport  
Tuesday-Thursday, 15th-17th May, 1979  
Theme: 'Ain't it grand to be a Christian'  
Speaker: The Rev'd Robert Legg  
(Further information from Parish Office)

### THE REV'D JOHN STOTT

The Rev'd John Stott, world-renowned Bible Teacher and Preacher, Rector Emeritus of All Soul's, Langham Place, London, will be visiting St. John's again on Monday, 30th April. He will address a public meeting in our church at 8.00 p.m. YOU MUST COME TO HEAR HIM. Invite others to come with you!

### C.M.S. BOOKSHOP

An event of interest to St. John's people took place on 6th March when the shop was re-opened after being completely remodelled as a memorial to the late Eleanor Murray and Rene Eberhard. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Janet Stevenson and the dedication ceremony was taken by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Dr. R. E. Davies. (See longer account in Church News.)

The shop now has a larger display area and modern shelving. Many may not have known the extent of 'supportive' lines (cards, wrapping, gift items, stationery, etc.) carried because there was not opportunity to make a good display; but we all need these things and it is well worth a climb to the first floor of C.M.S. House to see the range offering.

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

## 1 LENT V—PASSION SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

2 Monday

7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting  
in Chapel

3 Tuesday

10.30 a.m.-3.30 p.m. Australian Church  
Women, Annual Meeting (morning  
tea—10.00 a.m.)  
12.00 noon Pastoral Committee  
7.15 p.m. Lenten Prayer and Bible Study  
in Chapel

4 Wednesday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice  
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.  
7.30 p.m. Education Committee  
8.00 p.m. Property Committee

5 Thursday

6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice  
8.00 p.m. Bishop Casper Uka, Assistant  
Bishop of Central Melanesia, at  
St. George's, Invermay

6 Friday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. Youth Group

7 Saturday

2.30 p.m. Regional Youth Synodsmen  
Meeting, the Rev'd Lou Daniels

## 8 PALM SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, distribution  
of Palm Crosses at 8.00 a.m. and  
10.00 a.m. services  
10.00 a.m. Palm Sunday Family Service  
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Choral)

9 Monday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to  
St. Luke's Hospital

10 Tuesday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.00 p.m. Men's Tea  
7.15 p.m. Final Lenten Prayer and Bible  
Study in Chapel

11 Wednesday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by  
morning tea in the Parish Centre  
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice  
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.  
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion  
8.00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

12 Thursday,

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.15 a.m. Broadland House Holy  
Communion  
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
7.30 p.m. Commemoration of the  
Institution of the Lord's Supper,  
followed by Choir Practice

## 13 GOOD FRIDAY

8.00 a.m. Passion Liturgy  
10.00 a.m. Family Service  
Noon-3.00 p.m. **THREE HOURS  
DEVOTION** (The Rev'd Alex Stone,  
Chaplin, Launceston Church  
Grammar School  
7.00 p.m. Music of the Passion and  
Readings

## 15 EASTER DAY

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

16 Monday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

17 Tuesday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union

18 Wednesday

9.15 a.m. Bible Study, C.M.S. House  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice  
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.

19 Thursday

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

20 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group

22 EASTER I, ST. JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP  
SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Preacher:  
The Rev'd D. C. LEWIS  
Rector of St. Mark's, Deloraine.  
(followed by morning tea in the  
Parish Centre)  
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing  
Service)

23 Monday

8.00 p.m. Chapter Meeting O.S.L.  
(transferred from 16th)

24 Tuesday

7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Annual  
Meeting

## 25 Wednesday, ST MARK'S DAY

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. Civic Anzac Service at  
Centotaph  
12 noon-3.00 p.m. G.F.S. Barbecue, Los  
Angelos Road

26 Thursday

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

27 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group

## 29 EASTER II

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Preacher:  
The Rev'd Alec Ralston at 8.00 a.m.  
and 10.00 a.m. services  
10.00 a.m. Sunday School  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

30 Monday

8.00 p.m. Public Meeting at St. John's  
Church to be addressed by the Rev'd  
John Stott of All Soul's Church,  
Langham Place, London

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 27th May—Family Day 'Carnaroo', Paper  
Beach.

Friday, 6th July—Family Night, Parish Centre.

Friday, 28th September—Family Night, Parish Centre.

Friday, 30th November—Family Barbecue.