

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, DECEMBER, 1979

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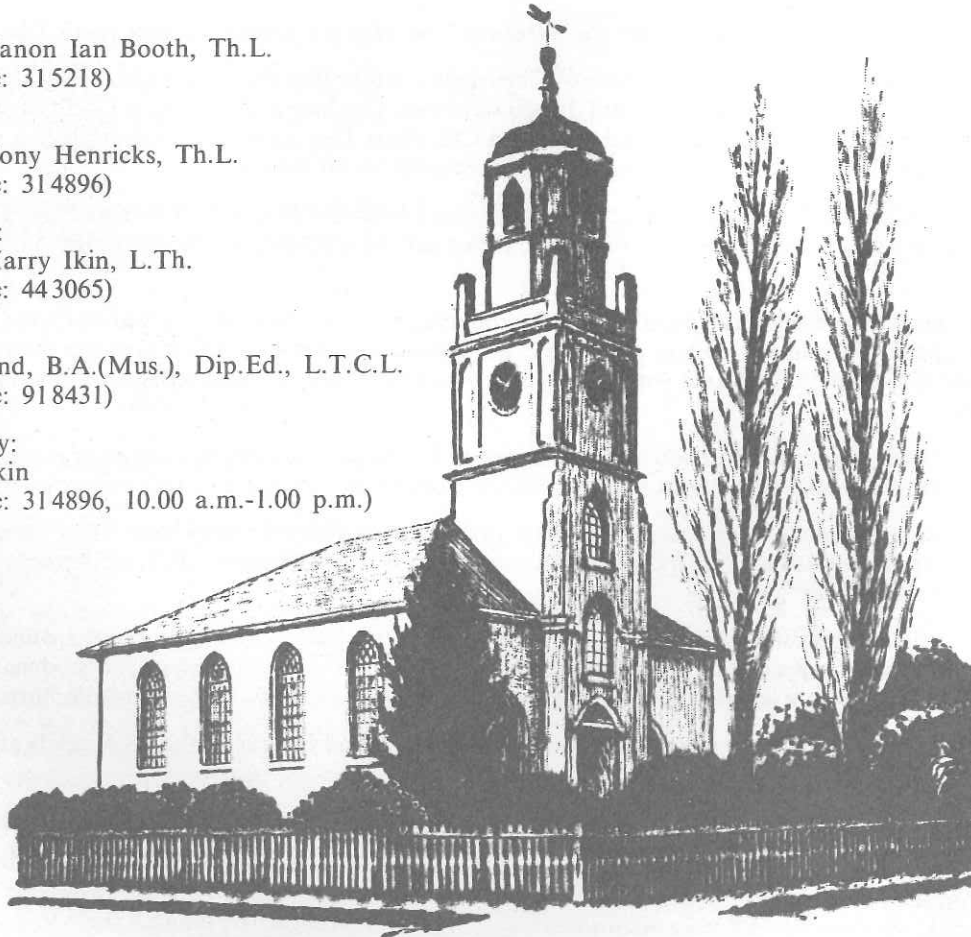
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons and Carols
	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY	6.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	7.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Carols

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." So runs the slogan for this year's Christmas Bowl.

Every year this most important appeal is made to Christians in order that they might share the Light which came into the world in Jesus with people in great need. The Light dispels darkness. Our love and sharing of God's caring will be expressed in many ways, one of which will be our sacrificial giving on Christmas Day as we once again place a worthwhile gift in the Christmas Bowl and invite everyone at our Christmas dinner table to do the same.

Special envelopes will be distributed to each worshipper on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. They will also be made available earlier for any who are going away at that time. Please ask the sidesmen, the Rector or the Assistant and we will make sure you get one!

At the November Vestry meeting a special appeal for the refugees of South East Asia was discussed. It was decided that in place of a special appeal I would call on you all to make a substantial increase in your Christmas Bowl giving to increase the resources of World Christian Action as it works with others to bring hope to those stricken with homelessness and fear and desperately hungry.

Elsewhere in Parish Messenger you will find an invitation for those interested in forming a group of parishioners with a view to helping a refugee family to settle in the Launceston community. Please give this prayerful consideration.

The babe Jesus was a refugee when Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with the young babe when warned of Herod's plans to kill him. He calls us to share this suffering by helping refugees today in their struggle to find resettlement and to feed, clothe and care for them in the meantime.

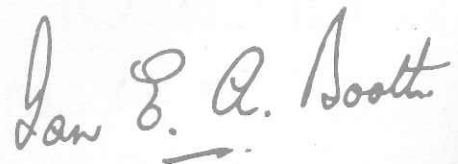
Please pray for the refugee situation and other issues centred in the needs of so many people around the world. Please give until it hurts and then make a special sacrifice over and above that. In this way we can share the burdens of others, a candle will be lit and we will have a Happy and Holy Christmas because we have come to understand the hurts of others.

I hope you will come and worship at St. John's on Christmas Day and share in all the joy of celebration. *"Joy to the World the Lord is come!"*

From the Rectory family, the Rev'd Tony Henricks, the Rev'd and Mrs. Harry Ikin, all the parish staff and officers, to you all with love, we offer our greetings for a meaningful happy Christmas and a challenging New Year.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

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

The November meeting of the Auxiliary was our last meeting for 1979 and was a very enjoyable afternoon with 26 members present.

Each member received a lovely posy of flowers made and given by Mrs. Holyman.

On behalf of the members, Mrs. Palliser made a presentation and a posy of flowers to Mrs. Holyman. Mesdames Nolan, Shephard and Coombe provided a delicious afternoon tea.

The result from the morning coffee (which included several donations) has enabled us to send a cheque for \$500.00 to the Hospital. Our sincere thanks to all members also to the friends of St. Luke's from both town and country for helping to make this function such a success.

Mrs. H. D. Palliser was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Management of the Hospital, the position held for a number of years by Mrs. H. Holyman.

Wishing each and all a Holy Christmas and Happy New Year.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Miss Margaret Record at very short notice came as guest speaker to the November meeting, a gesture very much appreciated.

Miss Record shared part of her tour abroad with slides, which were extremely interesting. We look forward to hearing more from her in the New Year.

Members extend to all 'the Compliments of the Season'.

Thank you God for Christmas Day,
For food and fun and all things gay,
But thank you most for the Boy whose bed,
was a heap of hay in a cattle shed.

(Bishop of Southwark, England)

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

Members of G.F.S. Townsend wish to thank all who helped in any way in making their Annual Fair a success. Fair sales and donations amounted to \$285.17. With \$42.00 from a Beetle Evening in support of the Fair, we have banked \$327.17 for our Church Carpet Fund. This is a very pleasing result and a record.

KINDERGARTEN AND SUB-PRIMARY

We invite Parents and Friends to the Christmas Evening to be held on Thursday, 6th December at 7.15 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Please come with the children.

REFUGEES NEED FRIENDS

Parishioners interested in assessing the possibility of our parish sponsoring a refugee family by finding housing, providing initial household and personal needs and helping to find employment and generally assisting the family to settle are invited by the St. John's Vestry and Pastoral Sub-committee to leave their names with Mrs. Ikin at the Parish Office (10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.) 31 4896 as soon as possible.

The Government will provide cost of travel to Australia and back-up social welfare services.

**LAWN MOWING ROSTER FOR
DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

The following are rostered for the months listed above. If you cannot fulfil the roster, please phone Mr. John Smith on 44 7062 after 6.00 p.m.

	Church ground including lawn near Parish Centre	Rectory lawn
December		
3- 9	G.F.S.	M. Booth
10-16	D. Palmer	M. Booth
17-23	J. Stevenson	M. Booth
24-30	J. Moxon	M. Booth
31- 6	C. Ryland	M. Booth
January		
7-13	M. Bird	J. Smith
14-20	L. Farrington	D. Plumridge
21-27	K. Booth	C.E.B.S.
28- 3	A. Yacoub	W. Donaldson
February		
4-10	D. Palmer	J. Moxon
11-17	D. Plumridge	C. Ryland
18-24	C.E.B.S.	K. Booth
25- 2	J. Moxon	G.F.S.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following Parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 9th December and 13th January at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Mr. Donaldson on 31 5798.

December	January
K. Atkins	L. Brain
H. Bourke	L. Bath
M. Clare	W. Cowell
R. Cleary	W. Donaldson
M. Easther	L. Nicholas
D. Gill	B. Proverb
A. J. Green	B. Sinclair
D. Plumridge	G. Swinnerton
A. Whittle	V. Murgatroyd
	M. Willson

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

2 ADVENT I

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

3 Monday

8.00 p.m. O.S.L. Christmas Gathering in Parish Centre, following prayer in chapel.

4 Tuesday

8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

5 Wednesday

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.

6 Thursday

1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.15 p.m. Kindergarten/Sub-Primary Christmas Evening.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

7 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
8.00 p.m. Handel's 'Messiah' in St. John's, Launceston Philharmonic Society.

9 ADVENT II

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Broadland House Service.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Choral).

11 Tuesday

12 noon Pastoral Committee.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

12 Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S. Break-up Concert.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.

13 Thursday

1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
6.00 p.m./8.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. Break-up.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

14 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

16 ADVENT III

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Final Family Service for 1979.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

18 Tuesday

8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

19 Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.

20 Thursday

1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

21 Friday

St. Thomas' Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

23 ADVENT IV

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing Service).

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 p.m. **Nine Lessons and Carols.**
11.30 p.m. **Midnight Communion.**

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

6.30 a.m. **Holy Communion.**
8.00 a.m. **Holy Communion.**
10.00 a.m. **Holy Communion.**
7.30 p.m. **Evening Prayer and Carols.**

26 Wednesday

St. Stephen's Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

27 Thursday

St. John's Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

28 Friday

Innocents' Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

31 Monday

11.30 p.m. **Watchnight Service (Holy Communion).**

There will be no week day services at 8.00 a.m. after Friday, 28th December; these will resume in February. During January there will be Holy Communion Services every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. on Friday, 25th January (Conversion of St. Paul). Sunday Services will be at the usual times. Sunday School resumes 24th February, 1980. (6th January, The Epiphany, is a Sunday.)