

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT to the CHURCH NEWS, MARCH, 1979

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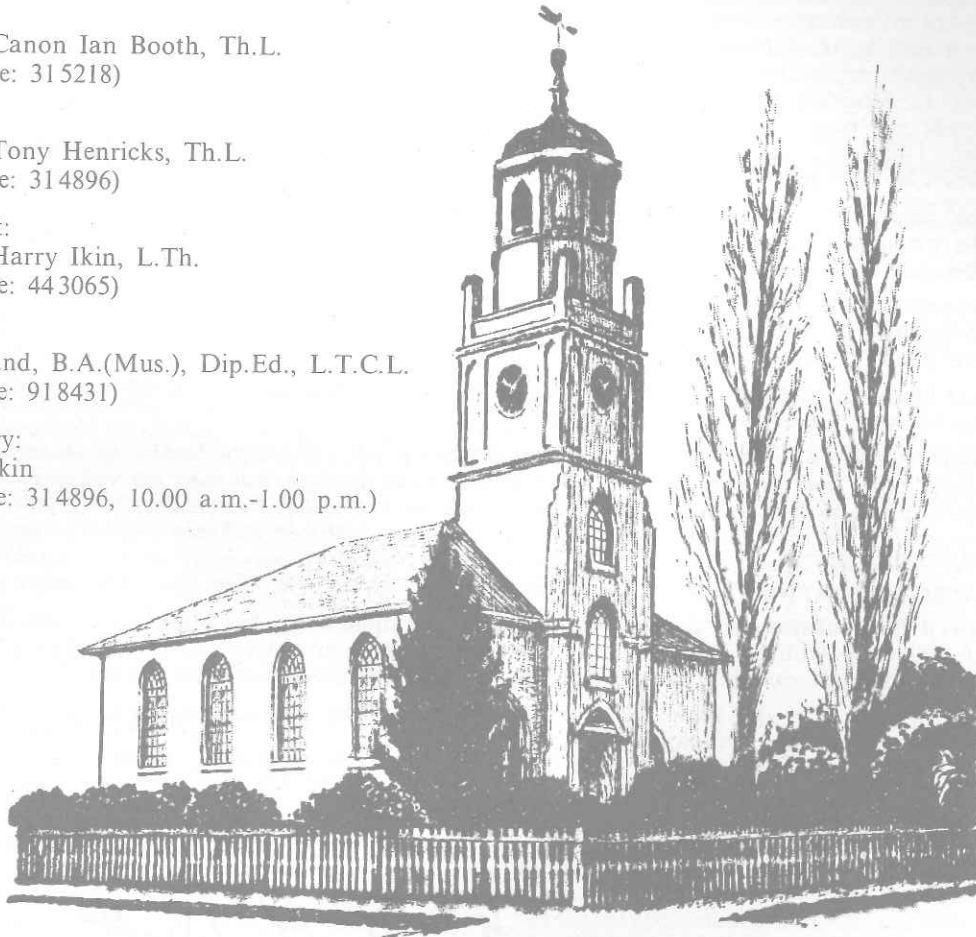
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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 (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.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

Maintaining the minimum programme for the Parish of St. John demands much money. Some areas of our work are seriously affected by the limited funds available. It would be tragic if the life of this parish had to remain a 'minimum programme' shackled by an inadequate income.

Because of my comparative silence in the matter I hope you will allow me this opportunity to ask you, as one of the Parish Family, to increase your giving to God through St. John's. It would be a waste of time for me to explain why this is needed because all of you are paying more for everyday items and, apart from some on fixed incomes, you are receiving much more in your pay envelope than you were a year or two ago. Personal giving to the parish has not kept pace, making it more difficult to finance what I have already called a 'minimum programme'. There are urgent needs challenging the clergy and Vestry to move forward into greater responsibilities in pastoral and evangelistic work which cannot be accepted.

The real point, I think, is not a matter of money but of commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God so loved the world that he gave himself. So complete was his love that he gave his life. As Christians we say we love him because he first loved us—such expression of love demands giving from us.

Next month we will all be asked to make a commitment to the finances of the parish for the next two years. We need a team of people to help with the asking and we need every one of you to be prepared to make a commitment which is very much more than previously.

I would like you to read and deeply reflect on the following passage from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 8 (T.E.V. translation):

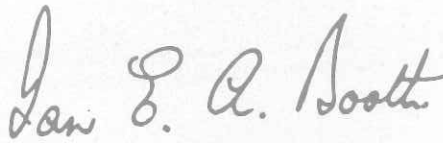
'Our brothers we want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches of Macedonia. They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are very poor. I can assure you that they gave as much as they could, and even more than they could. Of their own free will they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judaea. It was more than we could have hoped for! First they gave themselves to the Lord, and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well.'

There is a spiritual response to Jesus Christ which can unlock our unwillingness to give ourselves and our money to God and his Church. Such response will break through in a wonderful power of love and giving which will release all kinds of possibilities in our work for God in Launceston and beyond.

It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will speak powerfully to each one of us in preparation for our Stewardship Programme next month.

God Bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

NEWS FROM HELEN PLUMB AND THE CARTLEDGE FAMILY

Helen writes from the Tarcoola Hospital on the Trans-continental Railway where she has commenced her work with the Bush Church Aid Society—

'... thanks for asking for prayer support from the parish... it is really important as you well know. The Lord certainly does provide well for His servants. We had Doctors' Day yesterday and the R.I.C.E. (Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise) team came recently to Tarcoola and then on to Cook by train.'

Please make a commitment of prayer for Helen and perhaps ask for a B.C.A. box to help with her support.

Rick Cartledge writes:

'Thanks for the letter. It's good to hear from you because we miss you all very much. I know that we would all be homesick by now if we hadn't been thrown into the thick of it as soon as we arrived here... We are the only student family to live off campus but it is only 10 minutes walk from the college... All our furniture and belongings have arrived at last. It only took a month to get here... When we arrived everyone went out of their way to make us feel at home. The Principal, Mr. (Rev'd) Lance Johnston, took us home for tea (dinner) then equipped us with air beds, etc... and still continued to fuss over us until our gear arrived. After numerous interviews my course is finally set and it's a ripper. There will be five Th.Dip. subjects: O.T.2., N.T.2., Church Hist.1, Theology and Pastoral Care. Then there are courses under the heading "Additional Preparation for the Ministry". These include Ethics, Sociology, Communication, Prayer and Worship, Pastoral Studies and the Church in the Australian Context. There are special (short term) courses as well, i.e. Personal Development, Bereavement and the Dying Person, and activities such as choir and pastoral reflection. I will also be attached to a parish for four hours (for visiting) per week and Sundays... I have hardly mentioned Diane and the children, but Di will drop you a line soon so she will cover what I've missed.'

I would invite parishioners to undertake to give a minimum of \$1.00 per month for the two years Rick and family will be studying at St. John's College, Morpeth and will not be receiving any salary. Such a gift for this period will help them to get by financially and also help us to be aware of them in our prayers throughout this training period.

NEW ASSISTANT

Welcome to the Rev'd Tony Henricks, formerly Rector of Stanley, who has been appointed as Assistant Priest at St. John's as from 1st March, 1979.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Thirteen members of the Guild travelled to Deloraine for the Annual Conference held on 15th February and enjoyed the fellowship with members from other Northern Guilds, in particular the hospitality of the St. Mark's Deloraine group.

The Communion service, conducted by the Rev'd David Lewis with Archdeacon Costelloe as preacher, was meaningful and with Bishop and Mrs. Jerrim present too, the scene was set for an extension of St. John's Parish Family!

Plans are well under way for the Fashion Parade on Thursday, 22nd March (note change of date), when the usual fine standard will be maintained. As the money raised will be for church funds, the support of all will be appreciated. Tickets costing \$3.00 can be obtained from Guild members and the Parish Office.

The next meeting is on the 8th March. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Easter, Sheldrick and Thompson.

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

Members are reminded that the first meeting for the year will be held on Monday, 12th March at the home of Mrs. R. Page, 12 Spencer Street and will commence with luncheon at 12.30 p.m. Tentative plans have been made for the Combined Auxiliaries' Morning Tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room, 'Tamarleigh', 43 Alanvale Road on Wednesday, 28th March. More details after the meeting on the 12th.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Centre beginning at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March. Members are invited to participate in Lenten Bible Study at 7.15 p.m. in the Chapel.

The M.U. Diocesan Council meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 13th March commencing with morning tea at 10.30 a.m. and Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. (Lunch \$1.00.)

Simnel cake will be distributed on Mothering Sunday, 25th March at 8.00 and 10.00 a.m. services.

Lady Day will be celebrated on Thursday, 29th March in St. John's Parish Centre. A service of Holy Communion will precede this at 11.30 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. Speaker: The Rev'd Adrian Hill of St. George's Invermay, at 2.00 p.m.

Following the 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion service on Wednesday, 11th April, Mothers' Union invites senior parishioners to morning tea in the Parish Centre. Anyone requiring transport please ring Mrs. J. Easter on 947287.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

Our present 'Planned Giving Programme', which was undertaken in 1977, is approaching its conclusion. The Vestry has decided that St. John's will continue with a similar programme with the intention of improving and developing our parish finances.

This programme will be a challenge to us all to prove the reality of our faith, both to ourselves and our fellow Christians.

Most people—and perhaps you are included—have giving habits and attitudes to giving which were established many years ago. In the light of improved or higher income, and a greater awareness of the need of a Christian to give, the amount you regularly set aside for the Church may require re-thinking.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 11th March at 11.15 a.m.

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

M. Booth H. Bourke N. Dicker P. Dixon W. Donaldson
D. Gill G. Lillico L. Poesiat J. Roberts R. P. Rowe

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with the 'Church News'. Donations may be given to the Clergy or Church wardens.

Anon. \$10.00, Anon. \$10.00, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Page \$5.00, Mrs. W. Annear \$2.00, Mrs. B. Phillips \$2.00, Archdeacon Hugh Girvan \$5.00, Mrs. G. Lillico \$5.00, Mr. A. Thollar \$5.00, 'H.H.' \$2.00, Mrs. Radford Snr. \$1.00, Miss E. Kiddle \$3.00, Mr. and Mrs. B. Proverbs \$10.00, Miss Josie Ingram \$10.00.

THANK YOU

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

As already announced, a picnic for Sunday School scholars and their families has been arranged for Saturday, 10th March at Myrtle Park.

Because this is a Sunday School Picnic (as distinct from a Parish Family Day) children will be able to come even if their parents cannot, but we hope very many parents will find it possible to join in what we hope will be a very happy outing.

As indicated on the form given to the children, we meet at Myrtle Park at 11.30 a.m. and leave at approximately 3.30 p.m. If transport is required please show this on the form and return promptly. (THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.)

All are asked to bring a cut lunch. Icecreams, cordials, tea and coffee are being provided.

Races and organised games will be a feature and we have arranged to have the use of the park pavilion.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1 Thursday
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 2 Friday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 4 LENT I
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 5 Monday
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 6 Tuesday
12.00 noon Pastoral Committee
1.30 p.m. Young Mothers' Group
7.15 p.m. Lenten Prayer and Bible Study in Chapel
- 7 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
- 8 Thursday
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild
- 9 Friday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 10 Saturday
Sunday School Picnic, begins 11.30 a.m. at Myrtle Park
- 11 LENT II
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 12 Monday
12.30 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary—
Luncheon followed by meeting at
Mrs. Page's home, 12 Spencer Street
- 13 Tuesday
11.00 a.m./4.00 p.m. Mother's Union
Diocesan Council Meeting,
commencing with Holy Communion
(Morning Tea 10.30 a.m.)
1.30 p.m. Young Mothers' Group
6.00 p.m. Men's Tea
7.15 p.m. Lenten Prayer and Bible Study
in Chapel
- 14 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. Vestry
- 15 Thursday
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 16 Friday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Youth Group Weekend Camp, Bridport—
Friday/Sunday, departing St. John's
6.30 p.m. on 16th
- 18 LENT III
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion, Guest
speaker from Gideons International
at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 19 Monday
8.00 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting
- 20 Tuesday
1.30 p.m. Young Mothers' Group
7.15 p.m. Lenten Prayer and Bible Study
in Chapel
8.00 p.m. Mothers' Union Annual Meeting
- 21 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.
- 22 Thursday
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. (venue to be advised)
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
8.00 p.m. Women's Guild Mannequin
Parade
- 23 Friday
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 24 Saturday
11.00 a.m./5.00 p.m. G.F.S. Diocesan
Meeting
- 25 MOTHERING SUNDAY
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Blessing and distribution of Simnel
cake at 8.00 and 10.00 a.m. services
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing
Service)
- 27 Tuesday
1.30 p.m. Young Mothers' Group
7.15 p.m. Lenten Prayer and Bible Study
in Chapel
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend
- 28 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.
- 29 Thursday
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion preceding
Mothers' Union Lady Day Festival
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 30 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.