

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, MAY, 1979

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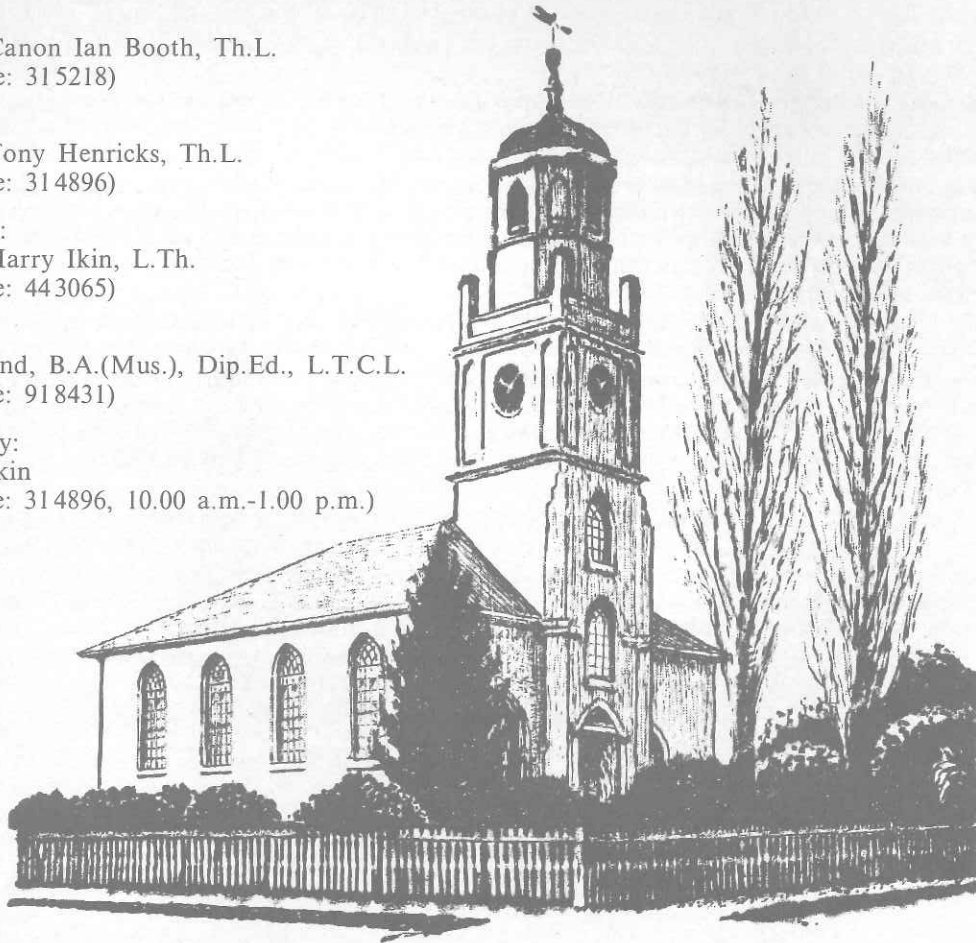
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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,

'He is risen!' With what power these words have rung out down through the centuries. They have been echoed by the lips of millions who have come to know the reality of the resurrection of Jesus in their own lives.

Do you know this reality in your life? Have you been able during the Easter just past to celebrate with deep joy the experience of being risen with Christ?

It is a fallacy of the sub-Christian attitudes of today that new life comes only when we die. The reality of the Good News which Jesus came to proclaim is that Jesus gives us new life, eternal life, now. With this new life comes the experience of new purpose and new power for living and it is life which continues beyond our physical death.

There is urgent need for many folk to find such new life. The shape of life has become a tangled mess for a great number of people. The pressures of materialism, the traumas of broken relationships, the relentless progress of technology with its 'future shock' potential and accompanying social maze, and of countless other things, have accentuated the breakdown of life. Jesus has given us a way, 'a new and living way' back to God. That way became open through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

We claim to believe this every time we repeat the Apostles' Creed at a baptism or at Morning and Evening Prayer when we say he was 'crucified, dead and buried . . . the third day he rose again from the dead'.

The preaching of the Apostles and early followers of Jesus was centred in this amazing fact which they have experienced. Although Jesus had taught them that he would rise from the dead, initially they were slow to believe and understand that he had, in fact, done so but as he appeared to them on a number of occasions they came to know he was alive. As the Holy Spirit gave them power to speak out they freely proclaimed that the one who had been crucified was alive again and that new life was open for all to receive.

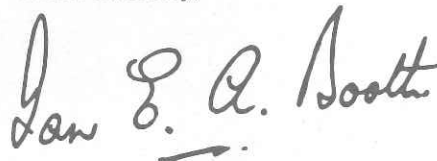
In all true Christian worship and preaching today the same truth is declared.

We pray following the baptism of an infant 'May he die to sin, walk in newness of life, and be united with Christ in his resurrection.' (A.A.P.B. page 524, para. 16.) At the Holy Communion the President says 'Father, with this bread and this cup . . . we proclaim . . . his mighty resurrection' (page 147, para. 20), and at the administration the words 'The body of Christ/The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.' (Page 149, para. 23.)

How significant as an Eastertide reflection are the words of Jesus as recorded by St. John. 'I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.' John 14:6.

May these words be on our lips and in our lives as we give ourselves to the service of our risen Lord.
God Bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Fashion Parade held in March was a most successful function, socially as well as financially, and we are appreciative of the support given. As a result, a cheque for \$400 was handed to the Rector towards the St. John's Church Restoration Fund. Special thanks go to the group of husbands who so willingly assisted before and after the parade.

We invite the ladies of the Parish to come to the next meeting on Thursday, 10th May at 2.30 p.m., when Mrs. Freda Barwick, M.B.E. will be guest speaker. Following afternoon tea, the Annual Meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. Hostesses: Mesdames Butler, Plumridge and Swinerton.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on 15th May in the Parish Centre following the service in the chapel at 7.45 p.m. We will have a special missionary speaker.

The Central President of Mothers' Union, Mrs. Nugee, will be at St. John's Parish Centre on 26th June, 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Tea will be served.

A morning coffee and stall will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 3rd May to raise money for travel expenses for Mrs. Booth to attend the Mothers' Union World Conference in Brisbane in July.

A luncheon will be held at the home of Mrs. Shirley Brooks, 20 Risely Street, to raise funds for the A.C.W. Travel Fund on Tuesday, 1st May, 12.30 p.m. R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Brooks on 444173.

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

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital members will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 14th May at 2.45 p.m.

Owing to the increase in our membership it was decided that three members would now act as hostesses each month; Mesdames Page, Atkinson and Butler for this month. Thirty members attended last month's meeting.

We were delighted that so many people accepted our invitation to attend the Combined Auxiliaries Morning Tea held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Room, 'Tamarleigh', last month. Our grateful thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Room for the use of their gracious old home and gardens for this function, also to Mr. and Mrs. Keetley for their valuable assistance.

We were pleased to welcome so many friends of St. Luke's Hospital and especially those visitors who came from Cressy, Longford, Evandale and White Hills. The result from the morning tea was \$560, which was a record.

On Mothering Sunday, Mesdames Holyman and Palliser visited St. Luke's with flowers for all patients. Surplus flowers were taken to the Fred French Masonic Nursing Home.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

From July to December, 1978 an amount of \$150 has been sent through the Diocese to the B.C.A. office in Melbourne. This has been from the opening of B.C.A. boxes and it is a really fine effort.

Two boxes were handed in to the Parish Office with no names appearing on the label which seals the box. Mrs. Celia Hill would very much like to acknowledge these amounts from the donors and also to solve the mystery of the 'nameless boxes'.

May is box opening month so please pass some in for opening and we can send off another cheque before the close of this financial year.

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 of Church Wardens.

Anon. \$6.00, G. McEnnulty \$1.00, Mrs. Roach \$2.00, W. J. S. Fuller \$5.00, Mrs. C. Latta \$2.00, Mrs. V. Denholm \$5.00, Mrs. A. M. Gardner \$5.00, Mrs. Roake \$2.00, T. and P. Burns \$5.00, Mrs. A. Newton \$10.00, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Palliser \$5.00.

THANK YOU.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 13th May at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend, please phone Mr. W. Donaldson on 315798 (home).

W. Arendt, K. Atkins, R. Cleary, A. J. Green, B. Proverbs, B. Sinclair, J. Stevenson, G. Swinerton, A. Whittle, P. Rowe.

SCRIPTURE UNION CHRISTIAN OPTION PROGRAMMES

Below is a list of schools in the Northern Region where Scripture Union are involved in Christian Option programmes, which complement any other Christian involvement in secondary schools. The programme is commended to you for your interest and prayers. Scripture Union has received a Schools Commission Innovations Grant to develop the Christian Option programme and it is hoped to appoint a person under this grant soon and he or she will probably work in more depth in a few Northern high schools during Term 2. Meanwhile, the team conducting week-long programmes continues to be supported, as in the past, by donations from individual Christians and from churches in Tasmania.

Programmes Term 1

Deloraine High—12th, 18th-20th April.

Riverside High—23rd-27th April.

George Town High—30th April-4th May.

Kings Meadows High—14th-18th May.

Prospect High—21st-25th May.

Christian Option Camp—advertised in schools where S.U. operate programmes, 28th May-1st June.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ELEVENTH DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

This will be held at the Church of St. John, Devonport, from Tuesday, 15th to Thursday, 17th May. Theme: 'Ain't it grand to be a Christian'. Speaker: The Rev'd Robert Legg. Billets can be arranged. Applications to Mrs. Pat Dodd, 37 Tasma Street, Devonport, telephone 242561, supplying your address and telephone number where possible when billets are requested, before 8th May.

BILLY GRAHAM LANDLINES

At Alanvale College, Newnham, on 6th May at 2.30 p.m., 9th May at 7.15 p.m., 12th May at 7.15 p.m., 16th May at 7.15 p.m., 19th May at 7.15 p.m.

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Many thanks to all who have made commitments to the Parish Stewardship Programme for the next two years. At the time of printing no final details are available. Details in next issue.

MAX EASTHER

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- 1 Tuesday
St. Philip and St. James' Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
12 noon Pastoral Committee
12.30 p.m. A.C.W. luncheon for Travel Fund, 20 Risely Street
- 2 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
- 3 Thursday
10.00 a.m.-noon Mothers' Union morning tea (for travel expenses to M.U. World Conference in Brisbane)
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 4 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- Friday to Sunday
G.F.S. Intermediates' Camp, Bridport
- 6 **EASTER III**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7 Monday
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in Chapel
- 8 Tuesday
6.00 p.m. Men's Tea
- 9 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. Vestry
- 10 Thursday
2.30 p.m. Women's Guild, Guest Speaker: Mrs. Freda Barwick, M.B.E. Annual Meeting will follow afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 11 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 12 Saturday
8.00 p.m. C.M.S. Fellowship, in Parish Centre
Speaker: Miss Shirley Bonnitcha, Pakistan
- 13 **EASTER IV**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service, Speaker at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m., Miss Shirley Bonnitcha
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels
7.00 p.m. Rotary Service (Evening Prayer), followed by supper in Parish Centre
- 14 Monday
2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital
- 15 Tuesday
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union
- Tuesday to Thursday
A.W.F. 11th Annual Diocesan Conference, St. John's Church, Devonport
- 16 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.
- 17 Thursday
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 18 Friday
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 20 **EASTER V**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Sunday School
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 21 Monday
8.00 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting
- 22 Tuesday
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend
- 23 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.
- 24 Thursday
Ascension Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice
- 25 Friday
7.15 p.m. City Mission Annual Meeting followed by Public Meeting in Town Hall
7.30 p.m. Youth Group
- 27 **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
No Sunday School (school holidays)
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. John's
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Parish Family Day, 'Carnacoo', Paper Beach, Preacher: The Rev'd W. Warburton, Department of Mission
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing Service)
- 30 Wednesday
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 31 Thursday
12 noon-2.00 p.m. Mothers' Union luncheon in the Parish Centre
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice