

PARISH

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, SEPTEMBER, 1979

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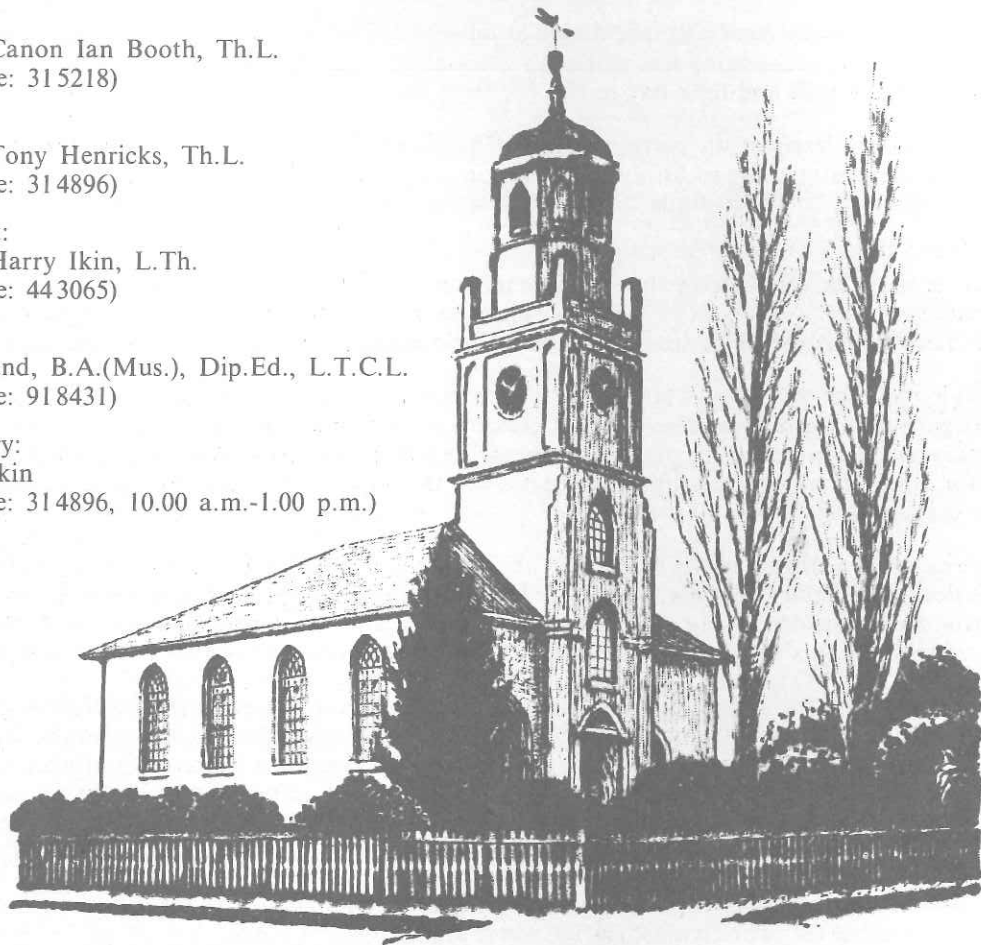
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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)

Daily Office: 8.00 a.m. Monday to Saturday (Holy Communion, Saints' Day).
Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Dear Parishioners,

It is not a bad thing to stand back and take a look at ourselves. That is if we do so in order to grow. In fact I would be very safe in saying that everyone reading this makes an assessment of themselves in relationship to their finances, their job (or lack of a job if unemployed) and their day to day life from time to time.

Have you taken a look lately at the pattern of your Christian life? It is so easy for us to look at everything else except spiritual things. Society's attitudes are so firmly set around us that we look through blinkers which cut off our vision of God and of all he has unfolded to us in Jesus. Spiritual things are not easily discerned when our lives are enclosed by a materialistic society.

For instance it is so easy to decide that we haven't time to worship, to be with the Family of God at the Holy Communion because we have so many other things we must do. Look at this with an open mind and it becomes clear where our priorities lie. Look at this with a desire to grow as a Christian and it becomes clear where our priorities must change.

A purposeful look at our priorities as far as worship is concerned will of necessity bring a change and I am sure that an extension of that purposeful look into other areas of concern for Christians will also call for changes in our thinking and living. Do you make any definite times to pray? Are you giving any time at all to Bible reading or study? What room do you leave for caring for others in a meaningful way? It is not a bad thing to stand still and look at ourselves in relation to each of these points and perhaps many others as well.

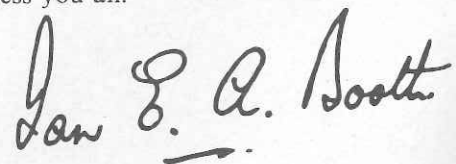
Lately I have detected a stirring in the hearts of many people with whom I have talked; a stirring which I hope will soon break through to decisive personal response. People are looking at the local and world communities in which we live and they can see a powerful decadence destroying the deeper values of life and this in the midst of wonderful advances in human knowledge and technology. It is obvious that these advances are not providing the answers to deeper human needs.

Strangely enough it is in the area of these advances and the rampant materialism generated by them that the vision of many Christians has been effectively diverted or blurred. The prosperity which has come to many countries and communities has led even Christian people into the pursuit of the 'good life'. They find it acceptable to sing a hymn such as 'All my hope on God is founded' and also to make a decision which says, 'I will miss out on worship or Holy Communion today because I have to...' I believe Christians are increasingly seeing the inconsistency of such decisions. Complete honesty sees a confusing of priorities and a seed which bears the fruit of decaying values.

Jesus said, 'Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy and robbers cannot break in and steal. For your heart will always be where your riches are'. (Matt. 6: 19-21 T.E.V.)

Take time to stand back and look at yourself, see clearly the priorities you have accepted for 'your heart will always be where your priorities are'.

God bless you all.



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the August meeting Mr. Ray Sangston from the A.B.C. was guest speaker, his subject being radio. During his talk and the question time that followed, members learned of the planning and programming for both radio and television. The time thus spent proved very interesting and informative, and appeared to be enjoyed by both speaker and audience. Two visitors, hopefully future members, were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

'Thank you' to all who responded to the appeal for Queen Victoria Hospital knitting.

Best wishes go with those who leave shortly for holidays abroad and on the mainland.

Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick from the Launceston Library will be guest speaker at the next meeting on the 13th September at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Gatenby and Page.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND**G.F.S. Australian Centenary Year**

G.F.S. has Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Townsend Groups. Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend commenced the Girls' Friendly Society in England in 1875 and it commenced in Australia in 1879. It is hoped to increase the number of Townsend members in Launceston during this our Centenary Year. Members must be 18 years and upwards. A State Rally will be held on Saturday, 29th September in Launceston and a service at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, 30th September in St. John's.

We expect 250 visiting leaders and members. Billets would be appreciated from parishioners for tea and bed on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. If you can help please advise the Parish Office (between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., telephone 314896).

Parishioners are reminded of the G.F.S. Townsend Fair to be held on Saturday, 27th October from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

One of the largest meetings of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 13th August, 1979, this being the 27th Annual Meeting.

All office bearers were unanimously re-elected—

Patroness: Mrs. I. Booth

President: Mrs. H. Holyman

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. M. Page and Mrs. L. Cornish

Secretary: Mrs. E. Palliser

Treasurer: Mrs. M. Easther

Committee: Mrs. G. Wherrett, Mrs. G. Atkinson, Miss M. Bennett.

Members will meet in the Parish Centre on Monday, 10th September at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. L. Cornish, Mrs. L. Ikin and Mrs. K. Swinnerton.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our September meeting will be a fund raising evening with proceeds going to the Clarendon Children's Home. Our guest speaker will be the Rev'd Athol Broadfield who will show slides on 'The Old Catholics in Europe'. Donation \$1.00. Supper, members, please. Please note this will be on Tuesday, 11th September at 7.45 p.m., the second Tuesday.

Wave of Prayer will be held on Wednesday, 12th September, 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in the chapel.

Cents for Children of Armagh (\$2.00) to be handed in by the 8th September.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 9th September at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend, please ring Mrs. Cowell after 6.00 p.m. on 314158.

W. Cowell, L. Brain, H. Bourke, L. Poesiat, N. Dicker, K. Atkins, D. Plumridge, G. Swinnerton, M. Willson.

CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRYMEN AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1979/80

The following parishioners were elected and appointed at the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th July, 1979.

Churchwardens

Mr. M. Easther, Mr. D. Gill, Mr. J. Roberts.

Vestrymen

Mr. G. Swinnerton (Secretary), Mr. R. Cleary (Treasurer), Miss S. Brownrigg, Mr. T. B. Butler, Mr. F. Duffy, Mr. A. J. Green, Mr. H. Kerr, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. B. Tkaczuk.

At the Vestry Meeting held on the 8th August, 1979, the following sub-committees were formed.

Finance and Legal Committee

Mr. R. Cleary, Mr. A. J. Green, Mr. M. Easther, Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. T. B. Butler.

Property Committee

Mr. D. Gill, Mr. G. Swinnerton, Mr. F. Duffy, Mr. J. Stevenson, Mr. J. Smith, Mrs. O. Harris.

Education Committee

Miss S. Brownrigg, Mrs. Lyn Farrington, Mr. P. Farrington, Mrs. F. Duffy, Mr. T. Heggaton, Mr. M. Croft, Mr. B. Tkaczuk, The Assistant.

Pastoral Committee

Mrs. O. Harris, Mrs. Dulcie Butler, Mrs. J. Ryland, Mrs. B. Jagger, Mr. T. Walsh, Mr. H. Kerr.

Orford Committee

Mr. M. Easther, Mrs. M. Easther, Mr. T. B. Butler, Mr. B. Easther.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

2 TRINITY XII/22ND ORD. SUNDAY

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.40 a.m. Prayers for the Parish.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Dedication
of new stained glass window in chancel.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

3 Monday

O.S.L. Prayer Meeting in chapel.

4 Tuesday

10.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. Anglican Women's
Fellowship Executive Meeting.

5 Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8.00 p.m. Property Committee.

6 Thursday

7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

7 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

9 TRINITY XIII/23RD ORD. SUNDAY

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Choral).
Preacher: The Rev'd Ernest Gawili of
the Philippines Episcopal Church
followed by supper.

10 Monday

2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St.
Luke's Hospital.

11 Tuesday

6.00 p.m. Men's Tea.
7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. At both Men's
Tea and M. U. the Rev'd Athol Broad-
field will show slides and speak.

12 Wednesday

9.30-10.00 a.m. (also 2-2.30 p.m.)
Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer in
chapel.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.

13 Thursday

7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.

14 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

16 TRINITY XIV/24TH ORD. SUNDAY

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher:
Sister Jessica, Sisters of the Church.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

17 Monday

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

19 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.

20 Thursday

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

21 Friday

St. Matthew's Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

23 TRINITY XV/25TH ORD. SUNDAY

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
11.30 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing
Service).

25 Tuesday

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

26 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.

27 Thursday

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

28 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
7.45 p.m. Parish Family Night in Parish
Centre.

29 Saturday

St. Michael and All Angels' Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.00 a.m. Saturday to 2.30 p.m. Sunday,
G.F.S. State Rally for Australian
Centenary Year of G.F.S.

30 TRINITY XVI/26TH ORD. SUNDAY

7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
10.00 a.m. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion, G.F.S.
Australian Centenary Year Service.
11.30 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. Preacher: The
Rev'd Alan Friend, Warden of Christ
College.