

PARISH MESSENGER

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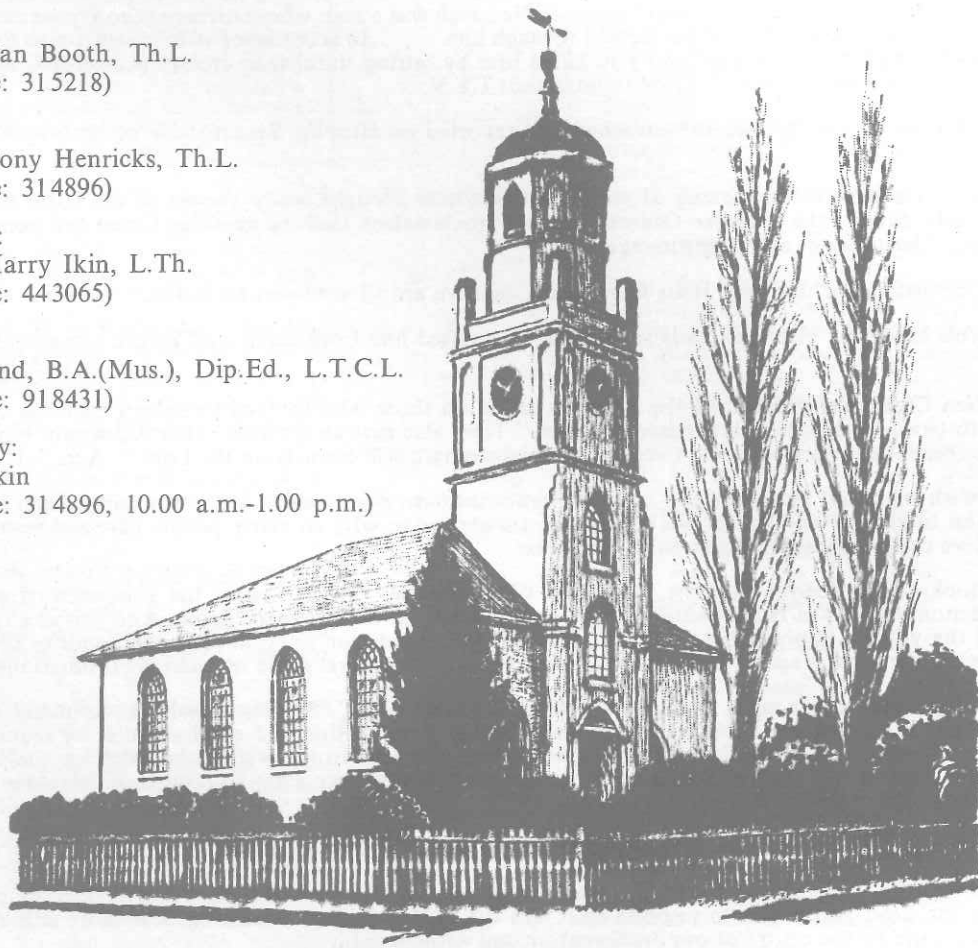
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third (Healing Service) and Fifth Sunday.
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,

"Listen to these words, fellow Israelites! Jesus of Nazareth was a man whose divine authority was clearly proven to you by all the miracles and wonders which God performed through him . . . In accordance with his own plan God had already decided that Jesus would be handed over to you; and you killed him by letting sinful men crucify him. But God raised him from death setting him free from its power." Acts 2:22-24 (contracted) T.E.V.

So declared Peter in the first sermon preached and reported on after the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In this sermon and in the preaching of the Apostles which brought many people to the point of commitment to Jesus Christ in those early days of the Christian Church the clear proclamation that the crucified Christ had been raised from death was the central theme. "Jesus lives" was their message.

"God has raised this very Jesus from death, and we are all witnesses to this fact." Acts 2:32 T.E.V.

"You killed the one who leads to life, but God raised him from death, and we are witnesses to this."
Acts 3:15 T.E.V.

As the Risen Christ was proclaimed the Apostles called on those who listened to make a response of repentance, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that he will forgive your sins." They also gave an assurance that this would enable God to enrich their lives, "If you do (repent and turn to God), times of spiritual strength will come from the Lord." Acts 3:19 T.E.V.

Easter is with us again. Nineteen and one-half centuries have passed since Jesus was raised from the dead. In our strong mental inclination to analyse and confer we try to find answers as to why so many people have not responded to the Gospel of Christ and ways we can encourage and gain such a response.

I have a book on my shelves with the title "Why Churches Die" (Hollis Green) the Foreword of which opens with these words, "Many denominations in North America have ceased growing. Some are declining. And this at a time when less than half the citizens and the youth are practising Christians. Though the population is expanding, thousands of congregations are smaller now than they were a few years ago." Whilst there are exceptions, the general scene in Australia is much the same.

An interesting statement is made in Chapter One of the same book, "Sunday worship is definitely associated with Christ's Resurrection. Christ sanctified the first day of the week by His Resurrection and emphasised it by making another appearance to his disciples on Sunday (John 20:26). The Holy Spirit was also sent to the waiting believers on the first day of the week." A little later the author says, "Modern man's transformation of Sunday into a day of leisure and pleasure has taken the "Sunday punch" out of the work of the Church."

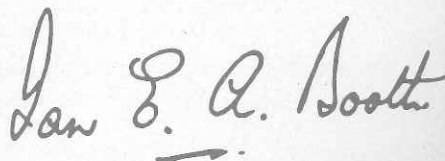
I think we could say that it has taken the "Resurrection punch" out of our Christian witness.

The preaching of the Apostles "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). As we have seen the proclamation that Jesus was raised from the dead and a call to respond to it was the centre of their preaching. Therefore it is reasonable and right to believe that such should be the centre of our proclamation and witness today.

As a first step for us those who belong to our Parish Family, should make their own clear response to the Risen Christ. Perhaps for many, this will mean that our Sunday will need to become a day of worship and witness that will lead us into a week of partnership and participation with Christ in our daily work and in our homes. We will then be able to take a second step more effectively and that step will be to proclaim that Jesus died and rose again and challenge people to respond.

It will be more effective because we have proved it through our own experience and can honestly say, "We know it is true because we are witnesses of it."

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th April following the Office in the Chapel. The Speaker will be Sister Terry who will talk about the new treatment of burns.

Senior parishioners are invited to attend Holy Communion during Holy Week on Wednesday, 2nd April. Morning Tea will be served afterwards in the Parish Centre. Please ring Mrs. A. Radford on 31 7015 if transport is required.

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON DRIVE

has been planned by Mothers' Union for the 27th April, leaving the church at 2 p.m. for Westbury Green. Afternoon tea, a visit to the White House (adults \$1.20, children 60 cents) and a visit to the Westbury and Hagley Churches. Any interested parishioners are welcome to join in and extra cars for transport would be most appreciated.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The same pleasing attendance was maintained for the March meeting with Mrs. Mary Senior being welcomed as a new member and Mrs. Peck from Scone, New South Wales, as a visitor.

Tickets for the luncheon on Wednesday, 23rd April are obtainable from Guild members or the Parish Office.

Mr. Les Hodge as Guest Speaker provided all with the incentive and courage to prune trees and shrubs the way we would like them to grow and advice on the correct tools to use.

Mrs. Marjorie Handley will be Guest Speaker at the next meeting on the 10th April. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Brain, Ford and White.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital commenced their meetings for 1980 on Monday 10th March. It was pleasing to see so many members present.

Our Annual Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday, 30th April, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Members were sorry that Mrs. L. Cornish has been a patient in St. Luke's. We do wish her a speedy recovery and trust that she will soon be with us again.

Mrs. Holyman welcomed a new member, Mrs. D. Scott from Hagley. It is nice to see our membership moving into the country areas.

On Sunday, 16th March (Mothering Sunday) our members made posies for the patients in hospital. Mesdames Holyman and Palliser visited each patient and gave the posies to them on behalf of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's. These give such joy and pleasure to patients especially our folk in Barclay House.

Silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Rule.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 14th April at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Wherrett, Mrs. Coombe and Miss Barclay.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 13th April at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Mr. Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

- H. Atkins, M. Booth, N. Dicker, M. Easther, J. Fletcher, A. J. Green, L. Knowles, S. Murray, D. Newman, J. Roberts, A. Whittle.

THE AUSTRALIAN HYMN BOOK

The Australian Hymn Book will be introduced at St. John's over the Easter weekend.

This change has been necessitated by two related facts:-

1. Due to deterioration our present supply of hymn books has declined alarmingly and our congregations are growing.
2. The present book (Book of Common Praise) is going out of production so there is no purpose in adding a few new ones to the present stock.

The introduction of the Australian Hymn Book will cost approximately \$1500. It is a large amount but not high when related to the rising cost of all books and not beyond us if everyone makes a generous donation towards it.

Please hand your donation to the Clergy or Churchwardens or place in a plain envelope clearly earmarked "Hymn Books" and place in offertory. Donations may also be posted or handed in to Mrs. J. Ikin in the Parish Office.

CORRECT MODES OF ADDRESS

Since the Rector was appointed Archdeacon of Launceston many parishioners have asked "What is the correct mode of address?" Here is the answer not only to that question but also to a wider range of appointments in the Church:-

Title:	When Speaking:	When Writing:
The Bishop	My Lord Bishop	The Right Reverend (Name and degrees) Bishop of (Place) (Address)
The Dean of a Cathedral	Mr. Dean	The Very Reverend (Name and degrees) Dean of (Place) (Address)
An Archdeacon	Venerable Sir or Mr. Archdeacon	The Venerable (Name and degrees) Archdeacon of (Place) (Address)
A Canon	Canon or Canon (Surname)	The Reverend Canon (Name and degrees) (Address)
Your Parish Priest	Rector (When speaking of your Parish Priest always use his Christian name or initials: e.g. The Reverend John Smith not Reverend Smith.)	The Reverend (Name and degrees) St. John's Rectory/Vicarage (Address)

When your Parish Priest is a Canon or an Archdeacon, he may be addressed as Canon or Archdeacon respectively or Rector, but not 'The Reverend'.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER FOR APRIL

If unable to fulfil roster, please phone Mr. John Smith on 44 7062 after 6 p.m.

	Church ground including lawn near Parish Centre	Rectory lawn
April 7-13	L. Farrington	G.F.S.
14-20	C.E.B.S.	D. Plumridge
21-27	J. Stevenson	K. Booth
28- 4 (May)	W. Donaldson	J. Smith

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 Churchwardens.

- Mr. M.H. Maclaine \$2.00; Mrs. C. Latta \$2.00; "C.J." \$5.00; Anon \$2.00; Mr. & Mrs. T. Childs \$10.00; "H.H." \$5.00; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Long \$10.00; Mrs. I. Crombie \$2.00; Mrs. C.M. Carter \$4.00; Mrs. S. Murray \$10.00; Mrs. D. Roake \$2.00; Mrs. A. Roach \$5.00.

THANK YOU.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- 1 Tuesday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 2 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 Mothers' Union Morning Tea in Parish Centre.
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion with final Study.
8.00 p.m. Property Committee.
8.00 p.m. Pastoral Committee.
- 3 Thursday **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Broadland House Maundy Service (Holy Communion).
1.00 p.m./2.30 p.m. Y.M.D. Friendship Group.
1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
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.
- 4 **GOOD FRIDAY**
8.00 a.m. Passion Liturgy.
10.00 a.m. Family Service.
Noon - 3 p.m. **THREE HOURS DEVOTION.**
7.00 p.m. Music of the Passion and Readings.
- 6 **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.
- 7 Monday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
(Men's Tea cancelled).
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 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 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 13 **EASTER 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. Family Service.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 14 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 15 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 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 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 19 Saturday 10.00 a.m./4.00 p.m. Bible Society State Conference.

- 20 **EASTER II**
7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
No Sunday School.
FAMILY DAY AT MYRTLE PARK,
Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m.
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.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 23 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
12 noon/2.00 p.m. Women's Guild Luncheon.
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
- 24 Thursday 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Unemployment Seminar
D.B.C.E. (Rev'd Lou Daniels).
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday **ST. MARK'S DAY (Anzac Day)**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 **EASTER 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. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing Service).
- 29 Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 30 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m./12.30 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital Morning Tea.
4.00 p.m. Junior Choir Practice.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.

EASTER SERVICES

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 4-4-80

- 8.00 a.m. Passion Liturgy.
- 10.00 a.m. Family Service.
- Noon-3 p.m. **THREE HOURS DEVOTION.**
- 7.00 p.m. Music of the Passion and Readings.

EASTER DAY 6-4-80

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