

PARISH MESSENGER

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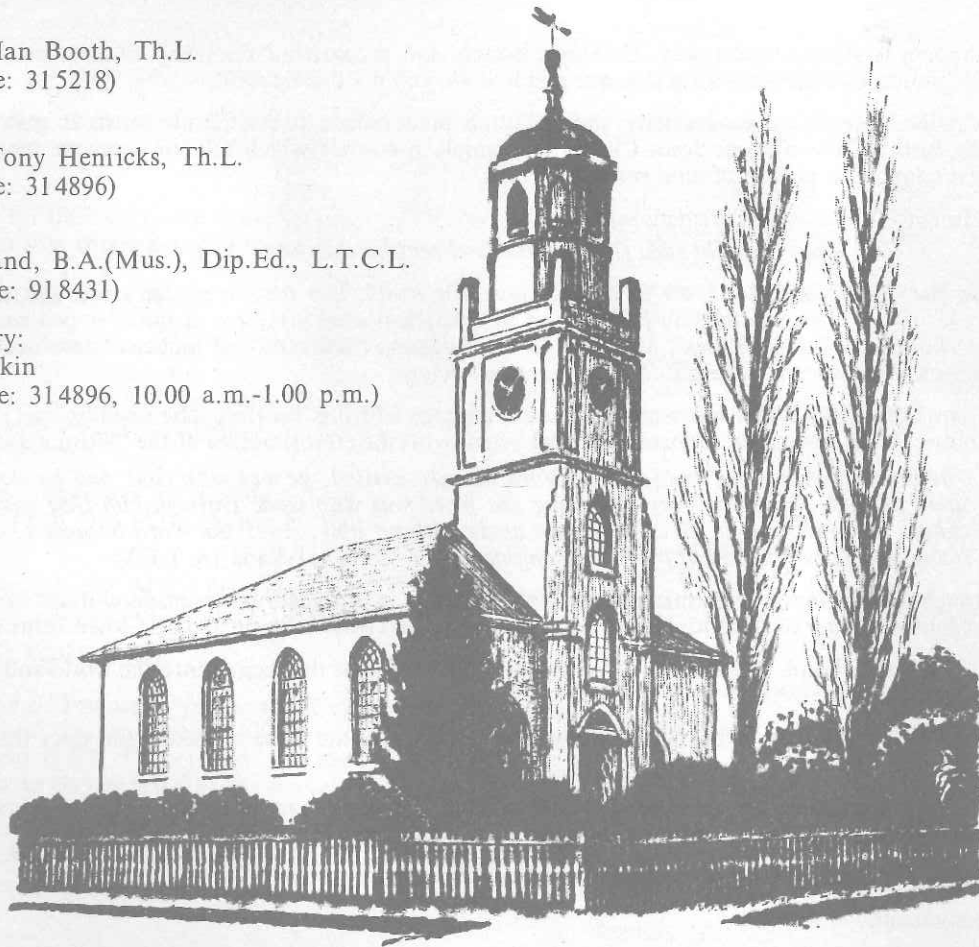
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	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,

Christmas shopping is already under way. Holiday planning and preparation for many of us is well advanced. What of the meaning of our celebration on December 25th is in our minds as we join the frantic rush?

In this industrialised age where productivity and pollution predominate it is difficult for us to gain a calm, clear vision of Bethlehem and the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The simple narratives which tell the story we tend to treat as fairy tales when in fact they announce the most profound event in history.

St. Paul in writing to the Galatian Christians said,

"when the right time finally came God sent his own Son." Gal. 4:4 T.E.V.

So God chose the "right time" for Jesus to be born into this world. The story is no fairy tale but the telling of what God has done for people of all times, whether they have lived in unsophisticated primitive or undeveloped societies or whether they live in what Alvin Tofler in "Future Shock" described as the "organized upheaval" of modern "developed" society where there are "radical changes of environment" accelerated by speed-up of change.

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ has a meaning and a message which is timeless. The opening part of the Gospel according to St. John which forms what we call the Christmas Gospel begins with the eternal nature of the "Word made flesh" (Jesus).

"Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God, and he was the same as God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him the Word became a human being, and full of grace and truth lived among us." John 1:1-3 and 14. T.E.V.

Because "through him all things were made" and "not one thing in all creation was made without him" all the possibility of the modern industrialised society of the 20th Century was present when creation began and also when Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

He came to US when he came to earth. He "was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all mankind" of which you and I are part.

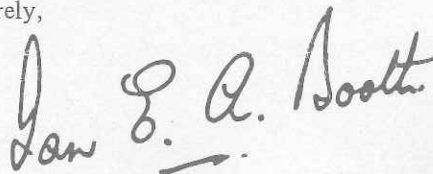
Pause a moment every day so that through the ceaseless activity and the noise of society the story that is ever new will break into your life and set you free.

May the full joy of Christmas be yours as you plan to join the parish family in the times of worship being prepared for Christmas 1980. May the same joy be carried into our worship and work for God in 1981.

Val and the boys join me in wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

ANOTHER SPECIAL WORD FROM THE RECTOR —

I commend the booklet "Guide to Parish Life" produced by the Pastoral Committee with the guidance of Mr. Tony Walsh. It is distributed in the first instance to all worshippers and will then become a guide to new members of the Parish Family. The information card when returned will provide simple but helpful particulars. I hope you will all respond to it warmly.

I.E.B.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the last well-attended meeting it was proposed and resolved that \$100.00 be sent to Mr. Rick Cartledge and family.

The Guild will again be entertaining very important people, the senior members of the Parish Family, and the date to remember is Wednesday, 10th December at 2 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Anyone who needs transport can 'phone Mrs. Easther 31 5750 or Mrs. Harris 31 2796 as cars will be available. We expect this to be a happy and enjoyable function for both guests and members.

For the annual dinner, to be held at Burwood on Thursday, 11th December, we are asked to be there at 7.30 p.m.

We thank everyone for their support during the year and extend the compliments of the season to one and all.

MOTHERS' UNION

Thanks are due to all members for their support during the year. The efforts during the year for the Clarendon Homes were successful and the recent Morning Coffee and Stall raised \$65.21, enabling us to forward our usual \$100.00 cheque.

Meetings will begin next year on Tuesday, 17th February, commencing with the M.U. Office in the chapel at 7.45 p.m.

Reminder! Subscriptions to M.U. magazine for 1981, \$3.00, are now due and payable to Miss D. Butler.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

The members of G.F.S. Townsend wish to thank all who helped in any way with the recent fair. \$300.00 was banked in our Townsend G.F.S. Carpet Fund for the church. As carpet is now so very expensive, this is a very pleasing result.

KINDERGARTEN AND SUB-PRIMARY CHRISTMAS EVENING

The Christmas Evening will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 4th December at 7.15 p.m.

We invite you to come with the children and enjoy a happy evening.

THE REV'D H. D. IKIN

The Parish Family records, with thanksgiving, the helpful ministry of the Rev'd Harry Ikin in the years of his retirement. His warm friendly presence will be sadly missed. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Mrs Lyn Ikin.

CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY

Archdeacon Colin Sheumack of Bendigo with a committee is needing individuals and families in our parish to help in daily experimental use of material being developed for the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Australia. It is hoped that the experiments will lead to helpful results in the search for suitable contemporary aids to spirituality.

The material will be available in mid-December and will be for use during February and March 1981 by family groups and individuals prepared to help.

Volunteers please contact the Rector (31 5218).

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 14th December, 1980 and 11th January, 1981 at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

December

H. Bourke
W. Cowell
M. Easther
A. J. Green
J. McCabe
L. Phelps
D. Plumridge
J. Roberts
D. Sheldrick

January

W. Arendt
L. Brain
M. Clare
P. Dixon
W. Donaldson
J. Fletcher
D. Newman
V. Murgatroyd
G. Swinnerton
M. Willson

LAWN MOWING ROSTER FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY

December

6	Booth
13	Stevenson
20	Smith
27	Yacoub

January

3	Knowles
10	Donaldson
17	Lord
24	Bird
31	Plumridge

February

7	Ryland
14	Palmer
21	Farrington
28	Booth

If you cannot fulfil the roster, please phone Mr. John Smith on 94 7201 (business hours) or 44 7062 (after hours).

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- 2 Tuesday **St. Andrew's Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 3 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S.,
House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S. Break-up.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
- 4 Thursday 1 p.m./2 p.m. Y.M.D. Friendship
Group.
1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.15 p.m. Kindergarten & Sub-Primary
Christmas Evening.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 5 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- ADVENT 11** 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. **BROADLAND HOUSE
SERVICE.**
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 9 Tuesday 7.30 p.m. C.E.B.S.: parents meeting
with Mr. L. Daniels re
camp (in Kindergarten).
7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 10 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
1.30 p.m./4 p.m. Women's Guild
Afternoon for Senior
Parishioners.
7.00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (assemble at
St. John's for tour of prop-
erty).
- 11 Thursday 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. Break-up barbecue
— Trevallyn Dam.
7.30 p.m. Women's Guild Dinner at
Burwood.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 12 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 13 Saturday 8.00 a.m. onwards Working Bee at
Beresford House.
7.30 p.m. A Christmas Celebration,
T.C.A.E., Newnham (Christ-
ian Television Association
of Tasmania).
- 14 **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. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Choral).
- 15 Monday 8.00 p.m. Launceston Christian F.M.
Radio Station meeting in
Parish Centre.
- 16 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 17 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 18 Thursday 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 19 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 21 **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. Final Family Service for
1980.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 23 Tuesday **St. Thomas' Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
10.30 a.m. **Holy Communion.**
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 Friday **St. Stephen's Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Saturday **St. John's Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 **CHRISTMAS 1**
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. Morning Prayer.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing
Service).
- 30 Tuesday **Innocents' Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 Wednesday 11.30 p.m. **Watchnight Service**
(Holy Communion).

There will be no week day services at 8 a.m. after Tuesday, 30th December — these will resume in February. During January there will be Holy Communion Services every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., and at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 6th January (Epiphany) and Tuesday, 27th January (St. Paul's Day). Sunday Services will be at the usual times. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, 22nd February, 1981.