

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, FEBRUARY 1980

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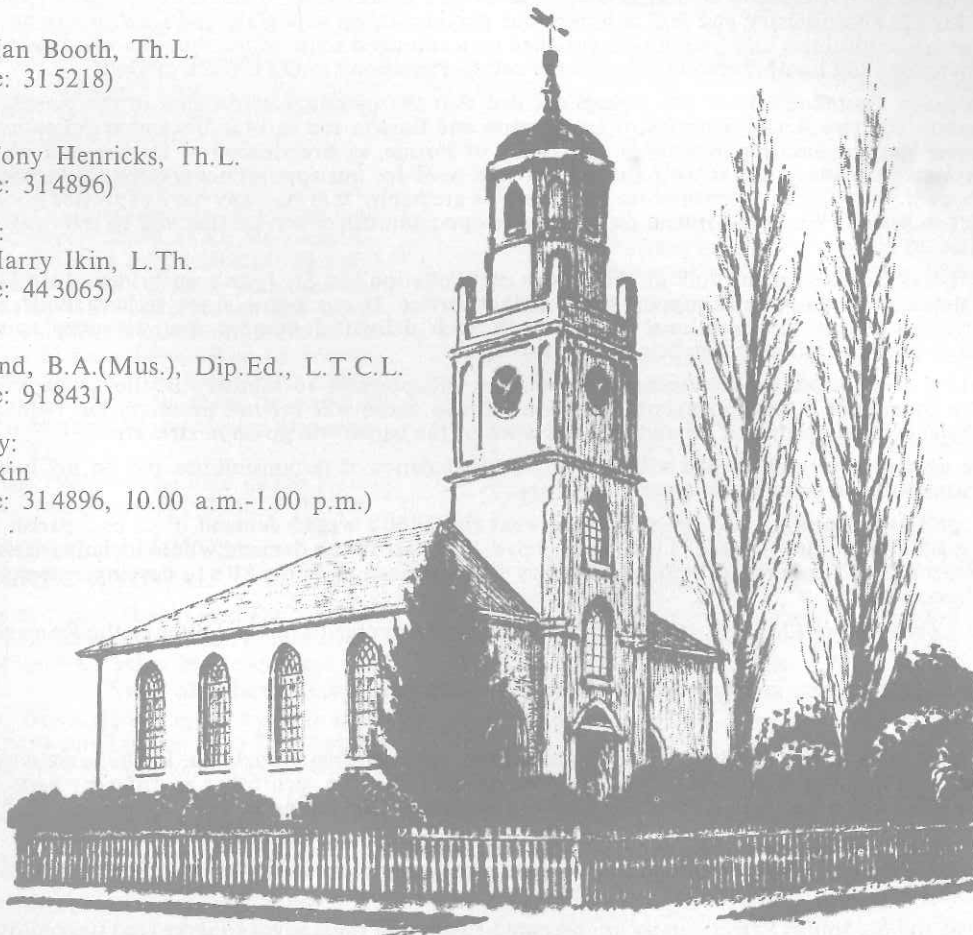
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third, and Fifth Sundays,
7.30 p.m. Fourth Sunday (Healing Service). **Family Service:** 10.00 a.m. Second Sunday.

Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. Fourth Sunday.

Evening Prayer: 7.30 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,

Many thanks for your expressions of love to my wife, the boys and myself at Christmas time. We had a busy but happy Christmas and have enjoyed a holiday on the mainland during three weeks of January.

The sudden death of Archdeacon George Costelloe came as a great shock to all of us. We have joined with the Diocese in giving thanks for his life and ministry and will continue our prayers for his wife Mary and son Christopher. The Archdeacon will be remembered for his helpfulness and friendliness enriched by a colourful sense of humour and unashamed political bias. He was a man of deep convictions and humble commitment to the call to Priesthood in the Church of God.

After Archdeacon Costelloe's death the Bishop decided that the oversight of parishes in the North, North West and West Coast should revert to the two Archdeaconries of Launceston and Darwin and early in December announced the appointment of the Reverend Canon Mervyn Stanton, Rector of the Parish of Burnie, as Archdeacon of Darwin and myself as Archdeacon of Launceston. Both Mervyn Stanton and myself are sad that the need for our appointments came through Archdeacon Costelloe's death as he had been a good friend to both of us. However, we are happy that so many have expressed goodwill and have assured us of their support in prayer. We look forward to the further opportunities of service that will be ours as we give ourselves to our new responsibilities.

What a joy it was to see so many folk at the service of "Collation" in St. John's on Friday, 14th December. I am deeply conscious of the surround of prayer and support given at that service. It was a special joy to have the Dean of Hobart, the Very Rev'd Harlin Butterley preach the occasional sermon with such delightful humour and yet deep spiritual challenge! Dean Butterley and I trained for the ministry together thirty years ago!

With the added responsibilities now mine some changes of approach to ministry in the parish will be necessary. I have already made some changes in my commitments to various groups; more will become necessary but I am concerned that all vital areas of ministry be adequately provided for and that the work of the parish will go on in strength.

You can be assured that a sharp eye will be kept on the balance of responsibilities and on my health. Your prayers and sensitivity to the situation will make it easier for me to cope.

During the past few months I had been thinking what the 1980's would demand of us as a parish and of how we might begin to develop goals for the new decade. Little did I know that part of the demand would include sharing the Rector with the rest of the Archdeaconry of Launceston! Perhaps this very fact will lead us in the 80's to develop a stronger commitment to the ministry of all believers.

To this end I place the challenge at your feet in the words of Chapter 12 of the Letter to the Romans where St. Paul wrote in verse 1b:-

"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God dedicated to his service and pleasing to him."

and in verses 4 to 6a:-

"We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us."

(These quotes from the T.E.V. Good News Bible)

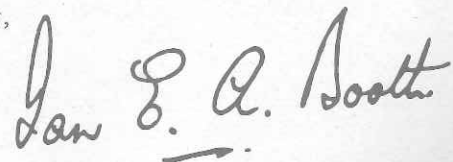
When we are willing to serve God unconditionally he gives more than sufficient gifts for that service and the strength or grace to use them.

How many of the St. John's Parish Family are prepared to commit themselves to serve God unconditionally into the 1980's and prove that the gifts and the grace will be given? When God calls he enables or, as a Roman Catholic teaching brother said to me recently, "The Lord broadens the back to carry the load."

Let us take this step of faith many outside the fellowship of the Church will come to a decision to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and in turn dedicate their lives to serving him.

A happy New Year and a fruitful New Decade to your all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

AN APPRECIATION FROM THE RECTOR

The Rector sincerely thanks all who have rung or sent messages of congratulations and prayerful support on his appointment as the Archdeacon of Launceston. The attendance of so many at the Collation on the 14th December was also gratefully acknowledged.

MOTHERS' UNION

The final meeting for 1979 was held on Tuesday 20th November when Karen Cocker spoke about her experiences with Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Our meetings will commence on Tuesday, 19th February beginning with the Office in the Chapel.

Members are reminded to pay their magazine subscription of \$3.00 to Miss D. Butler or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

On Thursday, 6th March, between 1.00 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. a Y.M.D. Group will meet in the Parish Centre. All young mothers and children are invited to attend. For further information ring Mrs. Sue Cartledge on 31 5789.

Dates for your diary – Diocesan Council at St. John's on Tuesday, 11th March and Lady Day, 25th March at St. Mark-on-the-Hill. Further details to come.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Diocesan Women's Guild Conference will be held on Thursday, 14th February, 1980 at St. Mark-on-the-Hill, commencing with morning tea at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a Service in the Church and then the Conference in the Parish Hall. After lunch the Guest Speaker will be the Rev'd Herbert Condon. Members of St. John's Women's Guild have been asked to provide afternoon tea so it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend and bring with them "a plate of afternoon tea", this to be served after closing prayers at 2.45 p.m.

Our first meeting for 1980 will be held in the Parish Centre at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 14th February.

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

Members are reminded that the Annual Button Day for St. Luke's will be held on Friday, 8th February 1980. Members who would care to assist please contact the Secretary on 31 6967.

St. Luke's Nurses' Graduation Ceremony will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday, 11th February at 8 p.m. Members are invited to attend if they so desire.

We will commence meetings for 1980 on Monday, 10th March at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

THE LATE ARCHDEACON A. G. COSTELLOE

A letter of thanks to all at St. John's from Mrs. Costelloe:-

"Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement and so many messages of sympathy. The loving support and comfort so freely given has meant so much to me and my family."

Mary Costelloe.

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.

Miss E. Kiddle \$5.00, Mrs. B. Phillips \$2.00, Mrs. W. Annear \$2.00, Miss J. Ingram \$10.00, Mrs. J. Robinson \$5.00, Mrs. A. T. Cox \$2.00, Mrs. A. Thollar \$10.00.

THANK YOU.

Y.M.D. FRIENDSHIP GROUP

It has been suggested that as part of St. John's pastoral outreach in the 1980's a group be formed catering for the needs of young wives and mothers within the parish. This is intended as an informal outreach and fellowship group to welcome other women into our

Parish Family. Although formed with the blessing of Mothers' Union, (Y.M.D. = Young Members' Department), there would be no pressure on anyone to join the existing Mothers' Union group.

A Y.M.D. Friendship group can be described as –
 "togetherness, fellowship, fun, shares activities, loving concern for one another;
 a place to be away from family burdens for a while, to be refreshed and relaxed;
 a place to make contact with the Church, where any woman may come, regardless of age or religion;
 a place for Christian women to gather and meet, and a place for those who have drifted from, or perhaps never known the Christian faith;
 an opportunity to awaken in all mothers a sense of responsibility in the Christian training of their children;
 an open door, reaching out to those who are lonely, or caught in the mesh of today's social problems;
 a time to share confusions, frustrations, problems, hopes and joys;
 a place just to enjoy a time out, or a doorway into becoming involved in the life of the Church;
 a place for each of us to share and grow."

What happens at a Y.M.D. Friendship Group?

The Friendship groups are very flexible and are organised according to members' needs and desires. A typical meeting could go like this –

- Brief opening prayers
- Discussion on topic arranged by group leader
- or Guest Speaker
- or Demonstration of some activity, e.g. craftwork, hobby, etc.
- or Individual contribution arranged by members etc.
- Tea and coffee and time for a chat—very important;
- Brief closing prayers.

The keynote throughout is flexibility and informality, and the group will be geared to the needs and wishes expressed by members.

It is envisaged that the group would meet on the first Thursday of each month from 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. In this way we would be 'borrowing' the Play Group as a creche for our children and also be finished in time for collecting older children from school. However, if most people prefer an evening meeting, this could be arranged.

The first meeting of the Y.M.D. Friendship Group will be held at the Parish Centre on Thursday, 6th March, from 1.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Joan Ikin at the Parish Office, phone 31 4896, or Mrs. Sue Cartledge, phone 31 5789.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 10th February at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Duty Driver, Mrs. Wendy Cowell on 31 4158.

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| H. Bourke | T. White |
| R. Cleary | S. Walker |
| M. Easterly | D. Newman |
| I. Routley | D. Sutton |
| L. Poesiat | W. Cowell (Duty Driver) |

LAWN MOWING ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY

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

	Church ground including lawn near Parish Centre	Rectory lawn
February 4-10	D. Palmer	J. Moxon
February 11-17	D. Plumridge	C. Ryland
February 18-24	C.E.B.S.	K. Booth
February 25-March 2	J. Moxon	G.F.S.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 2 Saturday **Purification of the Virgin Mary**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 3 **4TH ORD. SUNDAY**
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. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 4 Monday 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer meeting.
- 6 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Education Committee.
8.00 p.m. Property Committee.
- 7 Thursday 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 8 Friday 8.00 p.m. Induction at St. Aidan's.
- 10 **5TH ORD. SUNDAY**
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.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 11 Monday 8.00 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Nurses' Graduation.
- 12 Tuesday 12 noon Pastoral Committee.
6.00 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 13 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m. Play Group.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 15 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 17 **6TH ORD. SUNDAY**
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. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 18 Monday 8.00 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting.
- 19 Tuesday 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 20 Wednesday **Ash 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.
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 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.
- 22 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 24 **SUNDAY LENT 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. Sunday School.
10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Healing Service).
- 26 Tuesday **St. Matthias' Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 27 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.
- 28 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.
- 29 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

✓ **WOMEN'S GUILD**
2nd Thursday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 14th February.
Mrs. O. Harris, Tel. 31 2796

✓ **MOTHERS' UNION**
3rd Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 19th February.
Mrs. Jan Easter, Tel. 94 7287

✓ **ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S**
2nd Monday, 2.45 p.m.
Commences 10th March.
Mrs. H. Palliser, Tel. 31 6967

✓ **G.F.S. TOWNSEND GROUP**
4th Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 26th March.
Miss E. Kiddle, 70 Arthur Street.

✓ **YOUNG MEMBERS' DEPARTMENT FRIENDSHIP GROUP**
1st Thursday, 1.00 p.m./2.30 p.m.
Commences 6th March.
Mrs. Sue Cartledge, Tel. 31 5789

✓ **MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP**
2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Commences 12th February.
Rev'd T. Henricks, Tel. 31 4896

✓ **PLAY GROUP**
Every Thursday, 1.00 p.m./3.00 p.m.
Mrs. L. Farrington, Tel. 44 7602

✓ **G.F.S.**
Every Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Commences 20th February.
Mrs. J. Moxon, Tel. 31 7209

✓ **C.E.B.S.**
Every Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commences 21st February.
Mr. Glenn Clark, Tel. 31 8996

✓ **YOUTH GROUP**
Every Friday, 7.30 p.m.
Commences 15th February.
Mr. B. Tkaczuk, Tel. 31 1155

✓ **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Every Sunday, 10 a.m.
Commences 24th February.
Miss S. Brownrigg, Tel. 31 1520

JUNIOR CHOIR
Practice every Wednesday, 4.00 p.m.
Commences 20th February.
Mr. C. Ryland, Tel. 91 8431

CHOIR
Practice every Thursday, 7.45 p.m.
Commences 7th February.
Mr. C. Ryland, Tel. 91 8431

✓ **MEALS ON WHEELS**
2nd Sunday, 11.15 a.m.
Mr. Bill Donaldson, Tel. 31 5798.