

# PARISH MESSENGER

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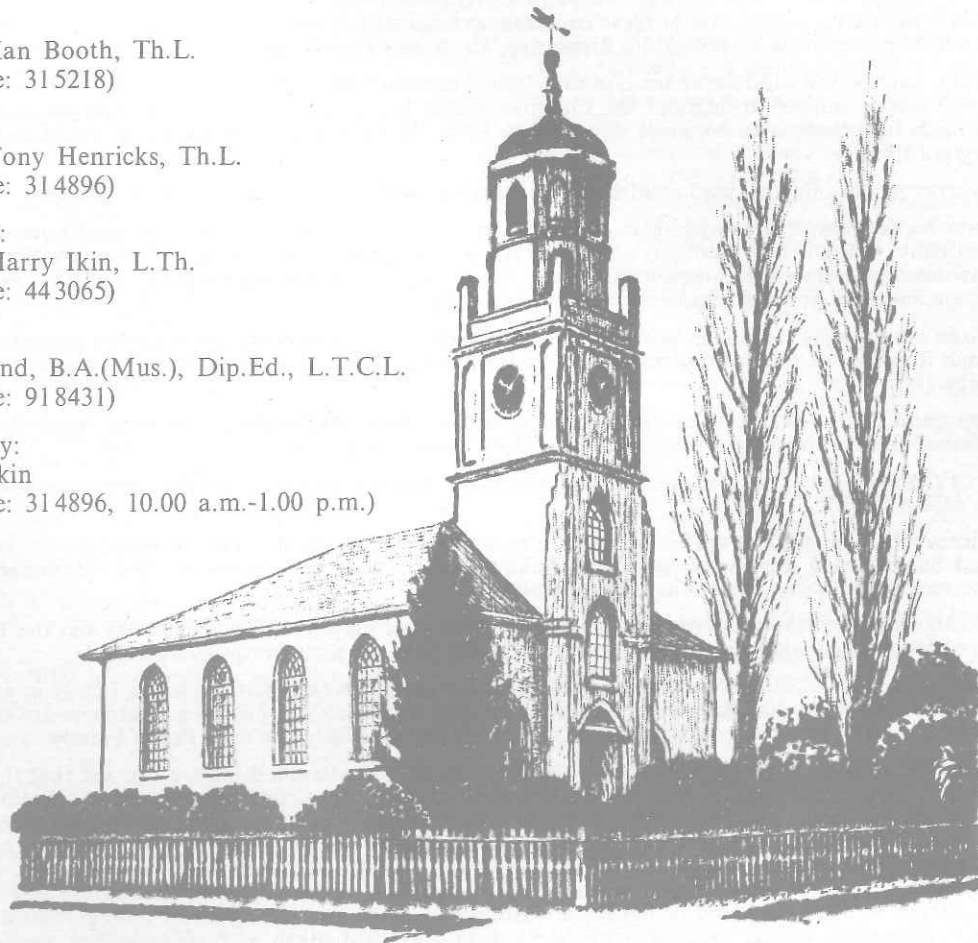
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## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

### 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,

This month I want to focus on our ministry with children.

Very soon in Hobart and Launceston (7th June) two Synod Conferences will be held to discuss Baptism and Admission to Holy Communion. Since, in our Anglican way, we baptize infants and later prepare our young people for Confirmation and Holy Communion, much of what is talked over at these conferences will concern our ministry with children. At the Launceston conference St. John's will be represented by Miss Sybil Brownrigg, Mr. Basil Tkaczuk, the Rev'd. Tony Henricks and myself.

Early in July, Launceston will receive for one day, John Westerhoff III, author of the book, "Will Our Children Have Faith?" This book has had a wide impact throughout the Christian world. It asks some serious questions about our Christian Education programmes. On 5th July there is to be a one day seminar led by Mr. Westerhoff. Perhaps you would care to attend? If so please let me know in good time.

A broad survey of our ministry with children at St. John's provides us with the following pattern:—

1. Parents request the baptism of their children. An interview by way of a visit to the home, a call at the Rectory or occasionally, when it is difficult to arrange either of these, a good chat on the telephone will precede the baptism. Our aim at these interviews is to prepare parents for the service and to challenge them to surround their child with their own faith, encouragement and example of active Christian life.
2. Children are brought to Sunday School when old enough to settle into the Kindergarten programme. Many will continue through Sunday School to Confirmation and a few beyond Confirmation. Some are not given this opportunity by their parents.
3. Young people at twelve years of age join the Confirmation Class for about five to six months instruction and are then Confirmed by the Bishop and admitted to the Holy Communion.
4. Girls' Friendly Society and Church of England Boys' Society provide a parallel opportunity of Christian nurture for some of the children.
5. Children with their parents are encouraged to be worshippers together in church especially at the Family Service on the second Sunday each month. Unconfirmed children are encouraged to come to the Communion rail with their families and to receive a blessing during the Administration.
6. A small group of mothers and pre-school children meet for a play group each Thursday and the Young Members Department of Mothers' Union has a small meeting in parallel with the play group once a month.
7. A number of other occasions are planned each year for the involvement of the whole family in a fellowship and growing experience within the Parish Family. Not only families with children but all parishioners are encouraged to be part of these occasions so that the young people of the parish can grow into the total Parish Family.

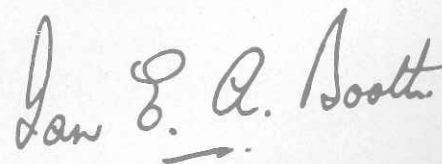
Space precludes a detailed discussion of our total programme. However, I think we can see that it is a combination of the traditional approach of the last century with an endeavour to graft-in some contemporary understandings of the child and the Church. Is this adequate? The conferences and seminars will help some of us to take a more detailed look at this aspect of ministry. I ask that all the Parish Family think and pray through some of the questions which must be raised as we consider the adequacy of what we do. I ask you to support our Parish Pastoral Committee and Sunday School in their planning for the future. Two books, published in recent times which will stimulate your thinking and praying are John Westerhoff's book mentioned above and one written by Ron Buckland of Scripture Union in Tasmania and published by Anzea, "Children and the King". Ron led the children's programme of our "Mission 150" at St. John's in 1975. Both of these books are available at the C.M.S. Bookshop, 92 St. John Street.

Whatever grows out of our closer look at these matters will need to be firmly planted in Scripture. At the same time modern researchers bring to us some insights which help in our understanding of our ministry with children and we should be aware of them.

Read Mark Chapter 10 verses 13 to 16 and hear again the words of the Lord Jesus, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." Ministry with children is an issue very much alive and a vital part of the task Jesus has commissioned us to do.

God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

From the Annual Meeting, the office bearers are the same as for the past year. President - Mrs. M. Easter, Treasurer - Mrs. J. Sheldrick, Secretary - Mrs. O. Harris.

The response to the luncheon held in April was tremendous and the sum of \$500.00 has been passed to the Vestry to assist with the cost of the new hymn books. Apart from the financial success, the luncheon was a happy social function appreciated and enjoyed by both guests and "girls" in the kitchen.

Miss Alison Carins, a newspaper journalist, will be guest speaker at the June meeting. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Fletcher, Palliser and Heathcote.

**ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKES HOSPITAL**

Members of the Auxiliary will meet in the Parish Centre for their next meeting on Monday, 9th June at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames A. Shephard, M. Gardner, B. Gee.

A cheque for the sum of \$350.00 has been forwarded to the Hospital. The total result from the most successful Morning Tea and Coffee was \$361.00 (this includes donations). Our sincere thanks to the friends of St. Luke's Hospital for their attendance and also to the members who made themselves available on this busy morning and for the wonderful array of food which they provided.

**G.F.S. TOWNSEND**

Members of G.F.S. Townsend invite parishioners and friends to a Beetle Evening in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 24th June at 7.45 p.m. Donation of \$1.00, proceeds for G.F.S. Townsend Church Carpet Fund.

Please come and enjoy some fun, warmth and supper!

**MOTHERS' UNION**

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 17th June at 7.45 p.m. There will be NO service in the chapel.

The Rev'd. Athol Broadfield will be showing his slides of overseas countries and there will be a charge of \$1.00 towards the annual amount of \$100.00 for Clarendon due at the end of the year. Supper will be provided.

**ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION LUNCHEON**

You are invited to a Luncheon in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 9th July from 12 noon to 2 p.m. This will be our effort to raise money for Rick and Di Cartledge and family, who are at Morpeth while Rick is studying for the ministry at St. John's College. There will be a charge of \$3.50 and tickets will be available at the Parish Office (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 1980**

Applications are open now for young people (12 years and over in November 1980) and adults who wish to prepare for Confirmation this year. Classes will commence early in second term. It is understood that all who apply will do all that is asked of them by way of preparation and will attend classes as their first priority during the time of preparation.

Obtain your application form from the Parish Office, the Rector or the Assistant Priest immediately. Applications close at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd June. The first function of those joining the classes will be a service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 29th June at which there will be a small "office of admission to Confirmation Preparation." This will be followed by a meeting in the Kindergarten Room of the Parish Centre for candidates, their parents or in the case of adults husbands or wives at which matters concerning the lessons and the Confirmation Service itself will be discussed.

*PLEASE ACT NOW!*

**CAN YOU HELP?**

The Rector has received a letter from a lady living at Vincentian Village, East Sydney, N.S.W. She writes:- "I am hoping to arrange to come to Tasmania for six or seven weeks early next year (1981). I do not know anybody in Tasmania and I thought you may be able to put me in touch with one or two friendly and basically Christian people with whom I could correspond a few times during the coming months."

The name and address can be obtained from Mr. J. Ikin at the Parish Office.

**JOHN WESTERHOFF**

*Author of "Will Our Children Have Faith?"*

is coming to Launceston in JULY 1980 . . .

**Launceston Programme:** Saturday, 5th July.

Venue - Scotch-Oakburn College, 74 Elphin Rd.  
Morning Seminar 10 a.m./1 p.m. Cost \$5.00.  
Afternoon Seminar 2-5 p.m. Cost \$5.00.

(Each Seminar will have a different theme.  
Total cost for whole day, including lunch \$10.00.  
Cost for lunch if only one Seminar attended \$1.50)

**Important** - Please contact Parish Office with name, address and fee for the sessions you will be attending.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 8th June, 1980 at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

L. Bath, B. Donaldson, J. Fletcher, D. Gill, A. J. Green, L. Knowles, V. Murgatroyd, D. Newman, L. Nicholas, J. Stevenson, T. White.

**ST. JOHN'S MEN'S TEA**

Meets in Parish Centre monthly at 6 p.m. Catered tea - \$2.00. ALL MEN WELCOME.

Programme for June, July and August:-

Tuesday, 10th June:

Speaker - Mr. Ivan James (Manager, Repco Bearing Co.)  
Topic - "Being a Christian in Industry."

Tuesday, 8th July:

Speaker - Mr. Gordon Tyson (Family Law Courts).  
Topic - "How does our Christian faith overcome problems in marriage?"

Tuesday, 12th August:

Speaker - Mr. R. Farmer (Health Department).  
Topic - "The drug problem among children and teenagers."

(12th August will be a Ladies Night - Men bring your wives or girl friends).

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

of the Parish  
this year  
will be held on

**MONDAY, 28TH JULY, 1980**

Parish Tea: 6 p.m.  
\$1.50 adults,  
50 cents children.

Annual Meeting: 7.30 p.m.

## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 1 TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 Preacher at 8 and 10 a.m.  
 Rev'd Ernest Horth of  
 Bush Church Aid Society.  
 9.30 a.m. Prayers for the parish.  
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.  
 (Vestry meeting during afternoon –  
 time to be advised).
- 3 Tuesday** 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 4 Wednesday** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.30 p.m. Pastoral Committee.  
 8.00 p.m. Property Committee.
- 5 Thursday** 1 p.m./2.30 p.m. Y.M.D. Friendship  
 Group.  
 1 p.m./3 p.m. Play Group.  
 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 6 Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 7 Saturday** 10 a.m./3 p.m. Synod Conference on  
 Christian Initiation.
- 8 ORD. SUNDAY 10**  
 7.40 a.m. Prayers for the parish.  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
 11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.  
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 9 Monday** 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to  
 St. Luke's Hospital.
- 10 Tuesday** 6.00 p.m. Men's Tea.  
 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 11 Wednesday** **St. Barnabas' Day**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 12 Thursday** 1 p.m./3 p.m. Play Group.  
 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.  
 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 13 Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 15 ORD. SUNDAY 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. Holy Communion (Heal-  
 ing Service), Preacher:  
 Rev'd Adrian Hill of St.  
 George's.  
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 17 Tuesday** 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.  
 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 18 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.
- 19 Thursday** 1 p.m./3 p.m. Play Group.  
 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. (in Kindergarten  
 section).  
 7.30 p.m. Scripture Union (Leaders  
 of Youth Groups).  
 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 22 ORD. SUNDAY 12**  
 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. Launceston Church  
 Grammar School Found-  
 ers' Day Service. Preach-  
 er: The Bishop of Tas-  
 mania.  
 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion  
 (Healing Service).
- 24 Tuesday** **Nativity of St. John Baptist**  
 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend Beetle  
 Evening in Parish Centre.  
 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 25 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.
- 26 Thursday** 1 p.m./3 p.m. Play Group.  
 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.  
 7.45 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 27 Friday** 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 29 ORD. SUNDAY 13**  
 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  
 (Office of admission to  
 Confirmation Preparation  
 for Confirmation  
 Candidates).  
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.