

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, JUNE 1981

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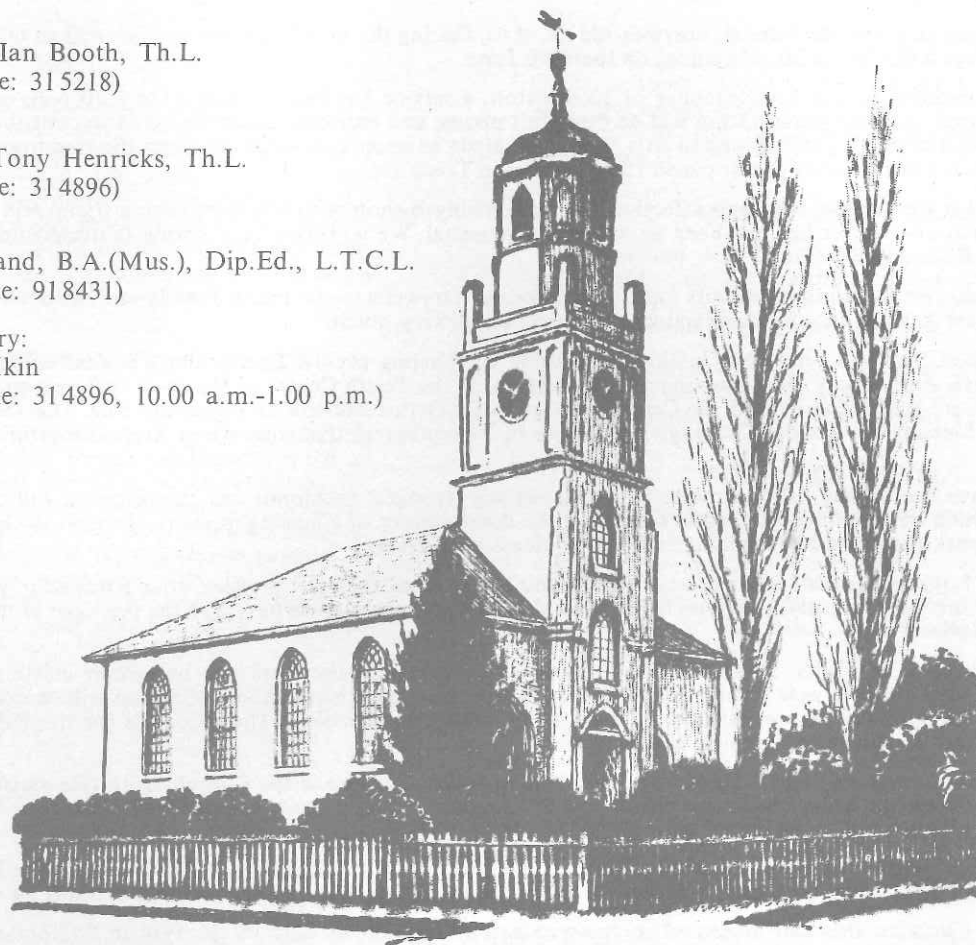
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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,

The month of June will have its sorrows for all of us. During the month we will say farewell to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Dr. R. E. Davies on the eve of his retirement on the 30th June.

For the parishes of the Archdeaconry of Launceston, a service has been arranged for 7.00 p.m. on Sunday, 14th June in St. John's Church. A token presentation will be made but people and parishes have been asked to contribute to one presentation from the whole diocese. Contributions to this should be made as soon as possible through the treasurer of the Vestry who will forward the total contributions of our parish to the Diocesan Treasurer.

As a parish we express our deep affection for our retiring Bishop who has been such a friend and Father-in-God to all of us. His guidance and leadership has been so warm and personal. We will have very strong thanksgivings for the episcopate of Robert, Ninth Bishop of Tasmania.

At the end of the month my family and I will make our farewells to the Parish Family and move to the Parish of Evandale. After seven years it is not easy to move and we will miss you all very much.

Our time at St. John's has been marked with some very happy events. I particularly remember our year of celebration in 1975, our 150th Anniversary. The opening and dedication of the Parish Centre in March of that year made a significant change in the style of our parish family and the Centre with its Parish Office has now an important role. The "Mission 150" was a time of significant blessing as was the Thanksgiving Service in November of that year when Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane was our special guest.

There have been many other important events but my strongest memories and thanksgiving will be for the strengthening of worship, which has so obviously taken place and the development of a healing ministry through the Healing Services and the way folk now seek prayer and counselling in times of illness or distress.

Val, the boys and myself want to say "thank you" to you all for your prayers, your fellowship, your many acts of kindness — in fact for your love in Christ which you have shared with us whilst we have had the privilege of ministering to the Parish Family of St. John.

As I look back over what I have written it becomes obvious that there are two important matters for your prayers. The first is for the election of a new bishop for our Diocese; for those who, as members of Synod will exercise their responsibilities in this matter and for the one eventually elected, as he makes his decision. The second is for the Patronage Council of this Parish, that it may be guided in seeking a new Rector.

Standing still only stagnates. This is not only true of water, but also of the Church. Both this parish and the Diocese must not stand still, there are great challenges ahead and the Anglican Family must accept them courageously and enthusiastically, honouring the past but not being bound by it.

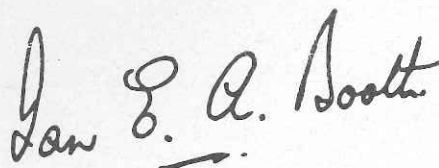
I am reminded of what the Lord said to Moses as the Children of Israel waited on the shores of the Red Sea with the Army of Egypt in hot pursuit. The Lord said to Moses, '... tell the people of Israel to go forward.' Exodus 14 verse 15.

For the Christian this can be stated in the words of the athlete as used by St. Paul in Philippians 3; verses 13 and 14, "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Let each one of us take up the challenge of the future with the same confidence of faith.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th June, beginning with the Office in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m.

Three members will be showing slides and a donation of \$1 will be asked for Clarendon. Members please bring supper. Everyone welcome to attend the meeting.

WOMENS' GUILD

Office Bearers for the coming year are:-

- President - Mrs. D. Butler
- Secretary - Mrs. O. Harris
- Treasurer - Mrs. L. Plumridge

Congratulations to Mrs. Easter on being appointed Diocesan Guild President. Ladies of the Parish are invited to join the Guild and experience the warmth in fellowship of the group who raise money and distribute it generously. A date for diaries - A Luncheon in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 8th July, 12 noon - 2 p.m. for Guild Funds, tickets at \$4.00 will be available from members. Next meeting 11th June, supper hostesses Mesdames Heathcote, Reid and Newman.

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

Would all members please note the next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 15th at 2.45 p.m. (not the usual afternoon which would be 8th June). Afternoon Tea hostesses Mesdames G. Wheritt, J. Coombe, Miss M. Barclay. We would like to thank all our friends at St. John's for their generous support of the 'Morning Tea'. We would also like to thank the members for their wonderful effort and their work so joyfully done. It was a great pleasure to be associated with each member.

The takings were approximately \$360.00 with donations still coming in. We were saddened by the passing of Miss Vera Andrews a loved member for many years. Also Mrs. R. R. Taylor from "Valleyfield", Epping Forest - both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were wonderful supporters to our Auxiliary. We extend our sympathy to their relatives and friends.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday July 13th at 2.45 p.m.

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Gerald Crispin will be guest speaker at our next meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th June, at 6 p.m. Mr. Crispin's topic "My European Wanderings" should be very interesting and enlightening. All men and friends from outside the parish are most welcome. Cost of catered tea is \$2.50.

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.

Mrs. E. Palliser \$10.00, Mrs. J. Roach \$5.00, Mrs. J. Godfrey \$2.00, Mrs. J. Nichols \$2.00, Anon \$2.00, Mrs. K. Robinson \$6.00, Miss D. Davis \$5.00.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday 12th June, 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

H. Bourke, R. Cleary, N. Dicker, P. Dickson, V. Murgatroyd, D. Sheldrick, B. Sinclair, J. Stevenson, M. Willson.



ST. JOHN'S RESTORATION FUND APPEAL

You will have seen through the media that public response has been very encouraging. The Fund has reached over \$160,000.00.

A new phase is to be undertaken this month. St. John's parishioners are to be contacted personally to encourage their contributions.

It is anticipated that further public response plus the considered responses of parishioners will swell the Fund to its target before 30th June.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

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| 2 Tuesday | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. | 18 Thursday | 1 p.m./2.30 p.m. | Y.M.D. Friendship Group. |
| 3 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m.
7.30 p.m.
8.00 p.m. | Holy Communion.
Pastoral Committee.
Property Committee. | | 1 p.m./3 p.m.
6.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. | Playgroup.
C.E.B.S.
Choir Practice. |
| 4 Thursday | 1 p.m./2.30 p.m.
1 p.m./3 p.m.
7.30 p.m. | Y.M.D. Friendship Group.
Playgroup.
Choir Practice. | 19 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. |
| 5 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. | 21 Sunday | TRINITY 1
7.40 a.m.
8.00 a.m.
9.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m. | Prayers for the parish.
Holy Communion.
Prayers for the parish.
Grammar Founders Day Service.
Sunday School.
Evening Prayer. (St. John Ambulance) |
| 7 Sunday | WHITSUNDAY
7.40 a.m.
8.00 a.m.
9.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.
7.00 p.m. | Prayers for the parish.
Holy Communion.
Prayers for the parish.
Holy Communion.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Evening Prayer. | 23 Tuesday | 7.45 p.m.
8.00 p.m. | G.F.S. Townsend.
Parish Fellowship. |
| 9 Tuesday | 6.00 p.m.
8.00 p.m. | Men's Tea: Speaker, Mr. Gerald Crispin, 'My European Wanderings'.
Parish Fellowship. | 24 Wednesday | NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
8.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m. | Holy Communion.
Holy Communion.
G.F.S. |
| 10 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m.
7.30 p.m. | Holy Communion.
Vestry. | 25 Thursday | 12.30 p.m.
1 p.m./3 p.m.
6.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. | Care & Share Lunch with Rector and Mrs. Booth.
Playgroup.
C.E.B.S.
Choir Practice. |
| 11 Thursday | ST. BARNABAS' DAY
8.00 a.m.
1 p.m./3 p.m.
7.30 p.m.
7.45 p.m. | Holy Communion.
Playgroup.
Choir Practice.
Women's Guild. | 26 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Playgroup. |
| 12 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. | 28 Sunday | TRINITY 2
7.40 a.m.
8.00 a.m.
9.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
7.00 p.m. | Prayers for the parish.
Holy Communion.
Prayers for the parish.
Sunday School.
Holy Communion, followed by farewell for Archdeacon and Mrs. Booth.
Holy Communion (Healing Service). |
| 14 Sunday | TRINITY SUNDAY
7.40 a.m.
8.00 a.m.
9.30 a.m.
10.00 a.m.
11.15 a.m.
7.00 p.m. | Prayers for the parish.
Holy Communion.
Prayers for the parish.
Morning Prayer.
Meals on Wheels.
Evening Prayer: Archdeaconry Farewell to Bishop. | 15 Monday | 2.45 p.m. | St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. |
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8.00 p.m. | Mothers' Union.
Parish Fellowship. |
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Parish Fellowship. | 17 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. | Holy Communion.
G.F.S.
Mission and Evangelism Seminar (Morris) |
| 17 Wednesday | 10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.
7.30 p.m. | Holy Communion.
G.F.S.
Mission and Evangelism Seminar (Morris) | 29 Monday | ST. PETER'S DAY
8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | | 30 Tuesday | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. |