

PARISH MESSENGER

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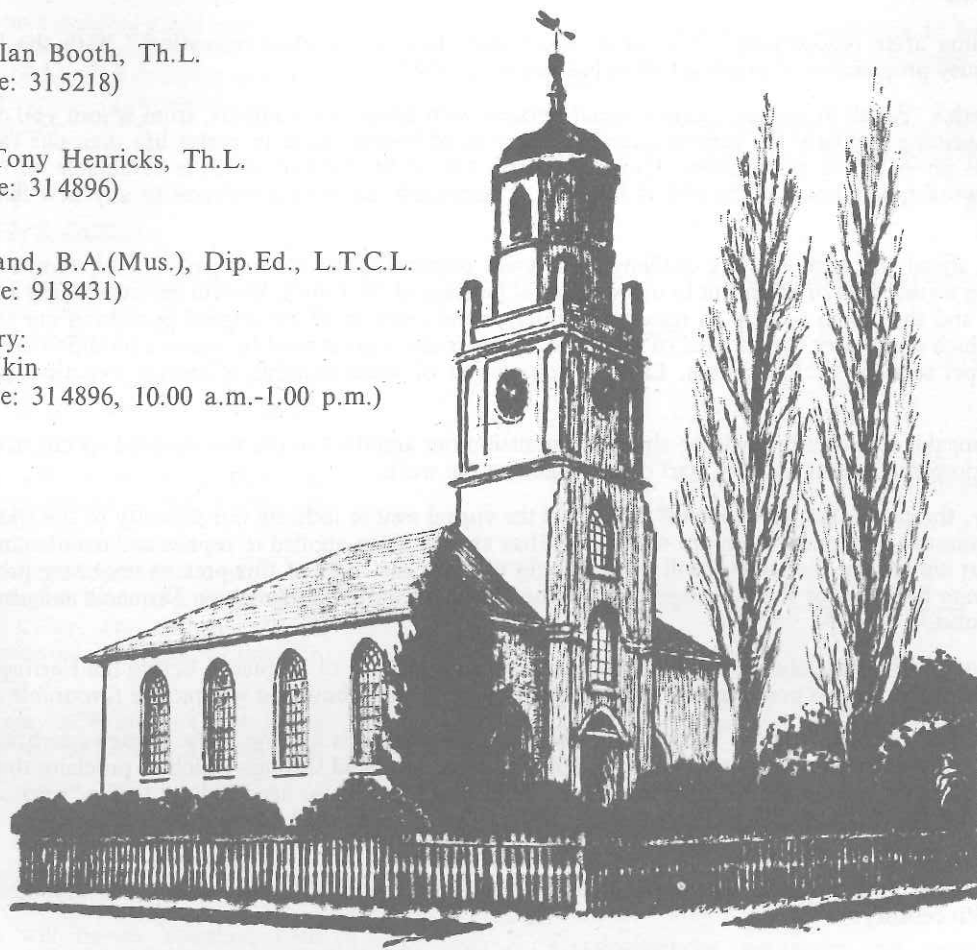
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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,

"Re-opening after renovations." Not quite! More like "Re-opening after recreation." With the long summer holidays behind us the busy programme of parish activities has begun for 1981.

Last month's "Parish Messenger" gave contact persons with telephone numbers, from whom you can obtain information about groups meeting regularly for various interests. There is, of course, more to parish life than our various organisations. A wider outline is given in our publication "Guide to Parish Life at St. John's" which is obtainable on request and which was distributed to worshippers towards the end of last year. I commend this little handbook to any new families settling into our parish family.

The year ahead will have exciting challenges and great responsibilities for our parish. This month heralds a major project which will bring a great deal of attention to our wonderful heritage at St. John's. We will be establishing an appeal to the citizens of Launceston and the North to help us restore the interior and exterior of the original portion of our church, the clock tower and vestries, which are in very urgent need of attention. There is also a great need to secure a modified completion of the central tower and chapel sections of the church. Lack of completion of these sections is causing extensive problems with weather intrusion.

As the appeal is supported we will be able to commission our architect to prepare detailed specifications from the drawings he has already prepared so that an early start can be made on the work.

Naturally, the parish family will need to support the appeal well to indicate our sincerity to the wider community. In fact a tremendous amount of support from our worshippers has already been applied to repairs and maintenance over recent years — so much so that we believe that others will want to help us meet the costs of this present necessary programme. St. John's is not only a private heritage for the congregation it is the "Mother Church" of Northern Tasmania and one of the heritage buildings of Launceston.

Because of this heritage the Vestry has also prepared a submission to be placed before the Heritage Commission for help with funding the work. At this point in time we can only hope that the submission will receive favourable consideration.

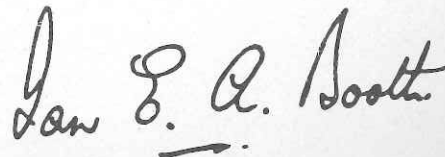
In all this we will endeavour to keep a right balance. The Church is a living body. Stonework, bricks and mortar are able to provide a worthy place in which to worship "in spirit and in truth" and through which to proclaim the "Good News" as well as an architectural heritage. As we look to our beautiful building we will also need to look to the "spiritual house" of which we are "builders together with God". The foundation of this "spiritual house" God himself has laid and it is "Jesus Christ our Lord".

I conclude by quoting the first verse of an anonymous latin hymn of the 7th or 8th century translated by John Mason Neale in the 19th century:—

"Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone."

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will commence the new year on Monday, 9th March at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing members after our long break. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. H. Holyman and Mrs. E. Palliser.

WOMEN'S GUILD

As the first money-raising function for this year, a beetle evening will be held on Thursday, 26th March at 8 p.m., the charge being \$1.00.

We ask that you keep this date in mind, encourage others to come along with you and join in the fun.

The next meeting will be on 12th March at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Peel, Thompson and Swinnerton.

An invitation is extended to interested parishioners to attend this meeting at 8.15 p.m. as the guest speaker will be Mrs. T. Clezy, who with her doctor husband, spent three months last year working in Thailand.

The Annual Conference of Women's Guilds in the Northern Archdeaconry will be held at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, on 30th April.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th March, beginning with a service of Holy Communion in the chapel at 7.45 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting.

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Council Meeting will be held at St. John's on Tuesday, 10th March, beginning with a service at 10 a.m. Lunch will be \$1.00. The Bishop will be present.

The new Y.M.D. President for Tasmania, Mrs. Celia Hooker, will speak to Young Mothers' Groups after lunch in the choir vestry.

A reminder to all members to bring \$2.00 for the children of the Diocese of Armagh to the Council Meeting on that day.

On 25th March, the Lady Day Service will be at St. George's Invermay, beginning with a service in the church at 2 p.m.

LAWN MOWING ROSTER

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| March 7 | - | G.F.S. |
| 14 | - | Tkaczuk (Youth Group) |
| 21 | - | C.E.B.S. |
| 28 | - | Smith |

If you cannot fulfill the roster, please phone Mr. John Smith on 92 7201 (business hours) or 44 7062 (after hours).

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 8th March, 1981, at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

H. Bourke, M. Clare, L. Knowles, D. Plumridge, J. Roberts, I. Routley, D. Sheldrick, M. Wing, B. Sinclair.

LAUNCESTON BRANCH OF BIBLE SOCIETY

A FAMILY TEA has been arranged for Saturday, 14th March, 1981 at St. John's Parish Centre, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The programme will include a feature film, fellowship and singing. Bring your own tea to SHARE. Tea and coffee will be provided and soft drinks for the children. SEE YOU THERE!

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

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| 1 | ORD. SUNDAY 8 | 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. 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 15 | LENT II (Cont'd.) | 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (John Batman Commemoration Service). 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan Ewer, Prior of St. Michael's House, Crafers, S.A. |
| 3 | Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship. 8.15 p.m. Organ Recital (Mr. Martin Haselböck). | 17 | Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. Mothers' Union Annual Meeting (commences with Holy Communion). 7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship. |
| 4 | ASH WEDNESDAY | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. 7.15 p.m. Lenten Studies in chapel. 8.00 p.m. Pastoral Committee. 8.00 p.m. Property Committee. | 18 | Wednesday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. 7.15 p.m. Lenten Studies in chapel. |
| 5 | Thursday | 1 p.m./2.30 p.m. Y.M.D. Friendship Group. 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup. 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. | 19 | Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup. 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 6 | Friday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. | 20 | Friday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. |
| 8 | 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. Family Service. 11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels. 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. | 22 | LENT 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). |
| 9 | Monday | 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. | 23 | Monday | 8.00 p.m. Organ Recital by Mr. Christopher Ryland (for Heritage Week). |
| 10 | Tuesday | 10 a.m./4.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Diocesan Council Meeting (commences with Holy Communion). 6.00 p.m. Men's Tea. 7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship. | 24 | Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend. 7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship. |
| 11 | Wednesday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. 7.15 p.m. Lenten Studies in chapel. 8.00 p.m. Vestry. | 25 | Wednesday | Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6.00 p.m. G.F.S. 7.15 p.m. Lenten Studies in chapel. |
| 12 | Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup. 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild. | 26 | Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. Playgroup. 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S. 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice. 8.00 p.m. Beetle Evening (Women's Guild). |
| 13 | Friday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. | 27 | Friday | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Group. |
| 14 | Saturday | 6 p.m./9 p.m. Bible Society Family Evening. | 29 | LENT 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. Sunday School. 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer. |
| 15 | LENT II | 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. | 31 | Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. Parish Fellowship. |