

PARISH MESSENGER

SUPPLEMENT TO THE CHURCH NEWS, MAY 1981

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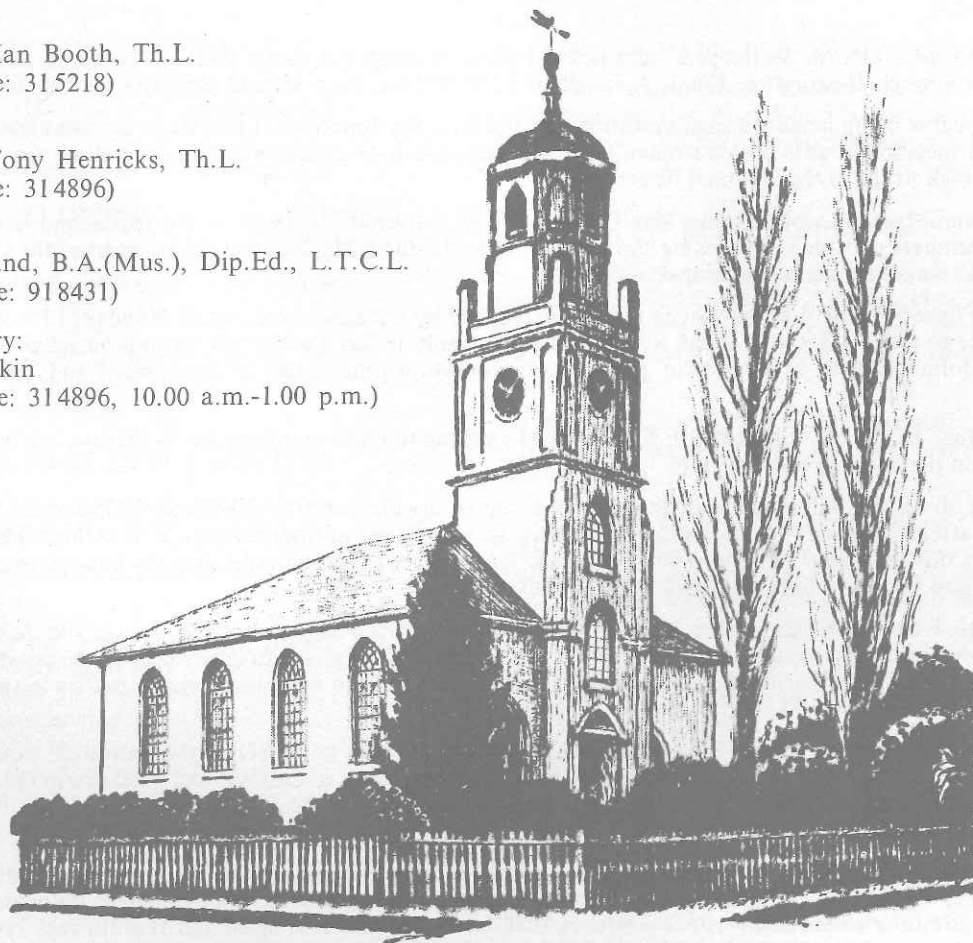
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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,

From previous "Parish Messengers" and more recently through the media you will be aware of the major public appeal for St. John's Church Restoration Fund. A target of \$250,000 has been set and already over half of this has been achieved.

The appeal is being made through visitation and not by open donations at this stage. By this means the needs can be fully explained and meaningful gifts decided upon. Gifts are extended over a three year period and are tax deductible as St. John's enjoys a very high listing in the National Estate.

Two committees are working. Mr. Max Cleaver, O.B.E. is overall Chairman of the appeal and heads the Leadership Gifts Committee members of which are seeking the major gifts to the fund. Mr. Neil Pitt is Chairman of the General Gifts Committee which is also at work visiting many prospective givers.

All who have been involved have been greatly encouraged by the announcement on Monday, 13th April that the Tasmanian Government is to make a \$50,000 grant to the appeal. Not only is this a major gift but it is an acknowledgment of the importance of St. John's Church as worthy of preservation for future generations of Tasmanians and our mainland and overseas visitors.

I trust that all the St. John's Parish Family will be willing to make sacrifices too so that we can be seen to be doing all we can to maintain the heritage which is ours.

By now all of you will have heard that I have accepted appointment to the Parish of Evandale. My family and I will be moving soon after 30th June. For us it will be very close to seven years of ministry here at St. John's. I have been encouraged by you all during this time and I have been most conscious of the daily prayer support so many have given. Much has been achieved for which we give thanks to the One who is our Lord and Master.

Although I have been supported in every way in my dual roles as Rector of St. John's and Archdeacon of Launceston during the past seventeen months I have been aware of the difficulty of giving full attention to the responsibilities of both tasks. It will be more possible to harmonize two roles at Evandale and to have a few more opportunities to spend some time with Val and the boys.

I now ask of you two things. First, pray each day for those who will meet as the Patronage Council to nominate to the Bishop a new Rector for this parish that they may have wisdom in their discussions and guidance in their decision. Second, that you pray for my family and me as we take up our new responsibility at Evandale in July and for me in my continuing work as Archdeacon of Launceston.

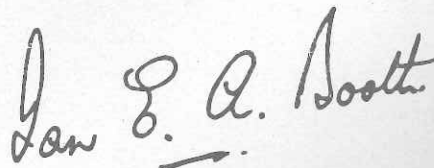
Easter Day has passed and during this month we will continue in its Light. The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead breaks through as a blazing light in the darkness. Like the Apostles in New Testament times we, as God's People in the 1980's, must continue to proclaim with confidence that Jesus died and rose again and that through faith in Jesus every person can experience new and abundant life. Light can break into their darkness and completely dispel it.

"Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia."

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,



IAN E. A. BOOTH, Rector.

WOMENS' GUILD

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m. prior to the Annual Meeting on the 14th May.

Members are invited to attend the Silver Jubilee Service of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, to be held at St. John's on Wednesday 20th May, 1.30 p.m.

Knitted baby vests for the Queen Victoria Hospital and the Indian missions were received from Mrs. Latta and we thank her for her regular contribution in this area of Guild service.

Supper hostesses for the next meeting: Mesdames Gee, Page & White.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 7.45 p.m. beginning with the Mothers' Union Office in the Chapel.

For details of the programme please look at the weekly church bulletin sheet prior to the meeting.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary will meet again in the Parish Centre on Monday May 11th at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mesdames M. McLaine, P. Richards and M. Gardiner.

A cheque for \$50.00 has been forwarded to the Hospital towards furniture for the Chapel. The Annual "Morning Tea" will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday May 13th commencing at 10.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. Two stalls, one for garden plants and cut flowers, etc. and the usual mixed stall, which over the years has built up a wonderful reputation for home-made cakes, loaves, also preserves. We do cordially invite our friends of St. Luke's both from town and country to come along. Be early so as not to be disappointed with your purchases.

Admission \$1.00.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday 10th May, 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 31 5798 (home).

W. Arendt, L. Brain, P. Dixon, S. Murray, D. Plumridge, J. Stevenson, T. White, M. Willson, M. Wing.

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY PLAYGROUP AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP

St. John's Family Playgroup meets in a relaxed friendly atmosphere in the Parish Centre from 1 - 3 p.m. every Thursday. There are no rules, no formal meetings, no office bearers and nothing to pay! There is wheel chair access, and handicapped children, their Mums, brothers and sisters as well as Dads are welcome too.

St. John's Friendship Group is sponsored by the Young Members Dept. of the Mothers' Union. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month, together with the Playgroup; there are no rules, formal meetings or office bearers and no fees. We do have fundraising functions for charities that seem appropriate to our caring as part of the Parish Family. Friendship Group starts and finishes with brief prayers, we have guest speakers and interesting demonstrations, or just friendly discussions on anything interesting that affects the family. This group is open to all young women, married or single, church-goers or not, with or without children.

If you would like to know more about the Family Playgroup or the Friendship Group please ring Sue Cartledge on 315789, or Ann Westerman on 314423.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

We invite parishioners and friends to a Beetle Evening in the Parish Centre on Tuesday May 26th at 7.45 p.m. Please come and enjoy a happy evening, closing with supper, donation \$1.00 for our Townsend Church Carpet Fund.

Also we look forward to the State visit of Australian G.F.S. Chairman, Miss Franklin, to Launceston on May 19th.

On Saturday, May 23rd there will be a G.F.S. State Rally in Launceston and on Sunday May 24th, all will assemble with Banners, for the 10 a.m. Service in St. John's Church. Miss Franklin will be with us for the two days.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Once again it is the B.C.A. Box opening time, and boxes may be left at the Parish Office, with the Clergy or phone Celia Hill 261877, the box secretary, for collection of box.

From the November box opening a very pleasing amount of \$120.51 was forwarded to the Rev'd E. Horth, Victorian Secretary of B.C.A. for which he thanks us on behalf of the Society.

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP

The men of St. John's Parish Family meet on the second Tuesday of each month for a catered meal costing \$2.50 followed by a guest speaker and an opportunity for questions. There is no membership or obligation. All men are welcome to fellowship with each other from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The next Men's Tea is on Tuesday 12th May.

Our Guest Speaker is the Rev'd Fr. Jim Smith (Chaplain of the Royal Hobart Hospital and Risdonvale Gaol), his topic "My Ministry as Gaol and Hospital Chaplain", also he will give a short report on the recent conference of the Australian and Welfare Chaplains Association held in Adelaide.

See you there!

CALENDAR FOR MAY

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| 1 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. | 17 EASTER 4 | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| 1/3 | | Family Weekend at C.Y.C. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| 3 EASTER 2 | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. | | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. | | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion (Healing Service). |
| | 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 (Rotary Service). |
| | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. | | 19 Tuesday | 7.45 p.m. | Mothers' Union. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Evening Prayer. | | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. |
| 5 Tuesday | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. | 20 Wednesday | 9 a.m./3.30 p.m. | A.C.W. Annual Meeting. |
| 6 Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. | | 9.15 a.m. | Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion. | | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | 6.00 p.m. | G.F.S. | | 6.00 p.m. | G.F.S. |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Pastoral Committee. | 21 Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. | Playgroup. |
| | 8.00 p.m. | Property Committee. | | 6.00 p.m. | C.E.B.S. |
| 7 Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. | Playgroup. | | 7.30 p.m. | Choir Practice. |
| | 1 p.m./2.30 p.m. | Y.M.D. Friendship Group. | 22 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. |
| | 6 p.m. | C.E.B.S. | 23 Saturday | 1.00 p.m. | G.F.S. Rally (See notices). |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Choir Practice. | 24 EASTER 5 | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| 8 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| 10 EASTER 3 | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. | | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. | | 10.00 a.m. | Sunday School. |
| | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. | | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion (G.F.S. Service). |
| | 10.00 a.m. | Family Service. | | 7.00 p.m. | Holy Communion (Healing Service). |
| | 11.15 a.m. | Meals on Wheels. | 26 Tuesday | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Evening Prayer. | | 7.45 p.m. | G.F.S. Townsend (Beetle Evening). |
| 11 Monday | 2.45 p.m. | St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital. | 27 Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. |
| 12 Tuesday | 6.00 p.m. | Men's Tea, Speaker: The Rev'd Jim Smith, Chaplain to Risdon Jail. | | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | 8.00 p.m. | Parish Fellowship. | | 6.00 p.m. | G.F.S. |
| 13 Wednesday | 9.15 a.m. | Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House. | 28 Thursday | ASCENSION DAY | |
| | 10.30 a.m./12.30 p.m. | St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital Morning Coffee. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion. | | 1 p.m./3 p.m. | Playgroup. |
| | 6.00 p.m. | G.F.S. | | 6.00 p.m. | C.E.B.S. |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Vestry. | | 7.30 p.m. | Choir Practice. |
| 14 Thursday | 1 p.m./3 p.m. | Playgroup. | 29 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. |
| | 6.00 p.m. | C.E.B.S. | 31 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION | 7.40 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Choir Practice. | | 8.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | 7.45 p.m. | Women's Guild, Annual Meeting, commencing with Holy Communion. | | 9.30 a.m. | Prayers for the parish. |
| 15 Friday | 7.30 p.m. | Youth Group. | | 10.00 a.m. | Sunday School. |
| | | | | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion. |
| | | | | 7.00 p.m. | Evening Prayer. |