

PARISH MESSENGER

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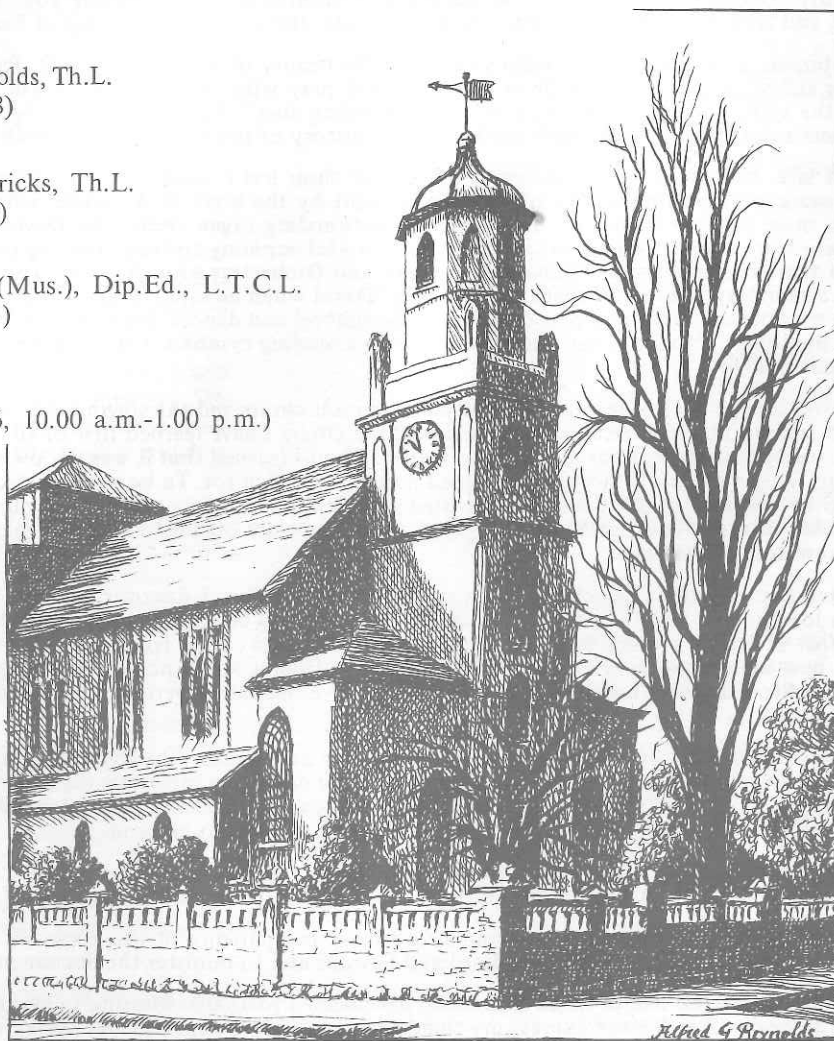
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8.00 a.m. Every Sunday; 10.00 a.m. First, Third and Fifth Sunday.
7.00 p.m. Fourth Sunday. **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 ACTING RECTOR WRITES:

My Dear Parishioners,

All good things must come to an end, as the saying goes, and therefore my time at St. John's Church must terminate. We are now rapidly coming to the close of a wonderful five months of service among you. This will as a consequence be my last general letter, and then from December 4th you will be under the care and leadership of Ernest Horth.

One characteristic of worship in St. John's has been the beauty of worship. When St. Paul wrote to the people of Corinth he linked praying and singing together in these words, "I will pray with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also." There has always been singing with Christian worship. "Hymns and psalms and spiritual songs" have marked all the history of the worshipping church.

We have, of late, had many special occasions when our choir has brought blessings to us by their concerted efforts. Then there was that remarkable uplifting service of worship brought by the boys of Armidale School with Mr. David Reeves as their leader. To add to these notable efforts we have had two outstanding organ recitals by David Reeves and our own Christopher Ryland. Then there were the instrumentalists who made a joyful euphony to God uplifting our thoughts heavenward. It is only a short while ago that the Launceston Philharmonic Choir and Orchestras brought to us a special sacred concert in the "Royal Occasion". What a summary is given by that "sweet singer" David when he said, "Praise God in his sanctuary . . . praise him with the sound of the trumpet . . . and harp, praise him with the timbrel and dances, praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals, praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." That's where we all come in.

It has been my happy lot to have been involved in church choirs and the singing of praises all my life. From this life long experience I have learned much. From such leaders in church choirs I have learned first of all that one must always attend every occasion without exception, except for an extreme reason. Then I learned that it was my own responsibility to be always ready on time and not to rely on others. Concentration on all points was called for. To be word perfect, pitch perfect, rhythm perfect — in other words to be absolute in our devotion. Devoted in worship and being absolute in our loyalty. We want more and more such people to come into our choir at St. John's. We have a first-class organist and choir master and call for new members to join in this most rewarding adventure.

Looking back over my life's association with parishes and churches I discover that this is to be the thirty-fifth time when I have learned to love people and then to be torn up by the roots and be transplanted somewhere else. The result is that we can look back on a host of happy memories as we think of dear friends we have treasured as we have gone from one responsibility to another. Each new church we have come to has meant new friends and a host of new affections. Especially has this been so since I retired from St. George's Church, Battery Point and have become a peripatetic parson moving about from one place to another.

At the end of this month we will be moving off and your new Rector, the Rev'd Ernest Horth will move in together with Ida, his wife and Kathryn and Louise, their two daughters. They will come into a goodly inheritance. I rejoice with them having had a foretaste of the delights of ministering in St. John's. I know that you will have a special regard for us for which we thank God. Our prayers will be with you as you enter a new phase of history in Launceston.

When Ernest Horth preaches from your lovely pulpit he will not be preaching another Gospel but will be presenting the same Gospel of Grace — done up in another packet.

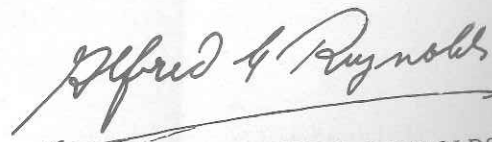
For all your loving care for us, for all your helpfulness and patience at this time, we thank God. It has been my prime priority and chief joy to preach Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour and to minister the Sacraments in simple sincerity.

Were I to start listing the names of all those who have been a particular blessing to me over these months I would need an extra edition of this paper, but I must express my thanks to the office staff, Joan and Lesley who have made rough places plain and easy to negotiate. Tony Henricks, our assistant priest, has been specially helpful in ministering to the sick and teaching in the schools. He has a twinkle all his own which has made life all the happier. In worship, study and fellowship he has been most helpful with his unique blend of deep spirituality and practical carefulness of detail.

My wife joins me in all these notes of appreciation and we trust that under God your life in St. John's will prosper under the guidance of your new Rector.

In His Service,

Yours very sincerely,



ALFRED G. REYNOLDS
Acting Rector.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At the meeting on 12th November, final arrangements will be made for end-of-year functions.

On Thursday, 26th November at 2 p.m. the Guild will again be entertaining important people of the parish, the senior members and as in other years transport will be provided where needed. Enquiries re transport: Mrs. Butler 442827 and Mrs. Harris 312796.

The Guild dinner will be at the Leather Bottel Inn, Perth on 10th December.

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

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday, 9th November at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mesdames Holyman, Easther and Gee. This is our last meeting for 1981. We will resume again in March 1982.

Plans were made for the Combined Stalls which will be held in the Hospital grounds on Thursday, 5th November, commencing at 12.30 p.m. Proceeds from this function will go towards a theatre trolley which is urgently needed.

Arrangements were also made for the Morning Tea being held in the Parish Centre on 3rd December (Thursday).

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting on Tuesday, 17th November will be the final meeting for 1981. There will be a service of Holy Communion in the chapel at 7.45 p.m. followed by the meeting in the Parish Centre. There will be a special "focus on prayer" for the women of Burma, some items and carol singing.

M.U. Festival will be held on Wednesday, 18th November at St. George's, Invermay, commencing at 2 p.m.

"Cents for the Women and Children of Armagh" to be in by November meeting (\$2.00). Members are also reminded that Mia-Mia subscriptions are now due.

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

The G.F.S. Townsend Annual Fair will be held on Saturday, 21st November in the Parish Centre from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (This is three weeks later this year). There will be the usual well stocked stalls and morning tea. The Work Stall will be showing many useful items suitable for Christmas gifts, reasonably priced. Please come and buy and help us to have another record Fair and so swell the amount in our Church Carpet Account. Donations of any kind gratefully received.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Boxholders are again reminded that November is box opening time. These can be left in the Parish Office or contact Celia Hill 'phone 261877 for collection.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 1981

The Confirmation Service this year has been set for Friday, 13th November, at 8 p.m. and will be taken by the Bishop Administrator, the Rt. Rev'd H. A. Jerrim. Supper will be served in the Parish Centre after the service.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend at this very special time.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 8th November at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 315798 (home).

J. McCabe, M. McMahon, D. Plumridge, G. Swinerton, I. Routley, T. White, A. Whittle, M. Wing, J. Moxon.

Organiser for the Roster still needed!

No one has yet come forward to relieve Lesley and Bill Donaldson of the responsibility of organising the roster. They have been doing this service for about five years and would like a rest after this length of time. Is there a volunteer who would take on this very worthwhile duty? If you can help, please contact the clergy or the Parish Office (between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.). Again our thanks are due to Lesley and Bill for accepting this responsibility for so long.

MEN'S TEA

The November Men's Tea will be a Ladies' Night. Tuesday, 10th November from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre. \$2.50 per head. Speaker: Miss Margaret Mack - "China Today". ALL WELCOME.



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

1 ORDINARY SUNDAY 31

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.
3.30 p.m. Triennial Service I.O.O.F. Conference.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

3 Tuesday All Saints' Day

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

4 Wednesday

9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Pastoral Committee (to arrange Christmas parish luncheon).
8.00 p.m. Property Committee.

5 Thursday

12.30 p.m. Combined Auxiliaries to St. Luke's Hospital, Stalls in hospital grounds.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.

6 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

8 ORDINARY SUNDAY 32

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. Confirmation Class.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

9 Monday

2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.

10 Tuesday

6.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m. Men's Tea (Ladies' Night - see notice).
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

11 Wednesday

9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.

12 Thursday

6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.

13 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
8.00 p.m. Confirmation Service followed by supper in the Parish Centre.

15 ORDINARY SUNDAY 33

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.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Deputation from Ted and Rosemary Newport, Central Africa).

16 Monday

2.00 p.m. State Committee - Bible Society.
7.30 p.m. Launceston Branch - Bible Society.

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.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.

19 Thursday

6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.

20 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

21 Saturday

10 a.m./noon G.F.S. Townsend Fair.

22 ORDINARY SUNDAY 34

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.

24 Tuesday

7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.

25 Wednesday

9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.

Thursday

2.00 p.m. Women's Guild Afternoon Tea for Senior Parishioners.
6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.

27 Friday

7.30 p.m. Youth Group.

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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. Broadland House School Service.
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

30 Monday

St. Andrew's Day
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.