

PARISH MESSENGER

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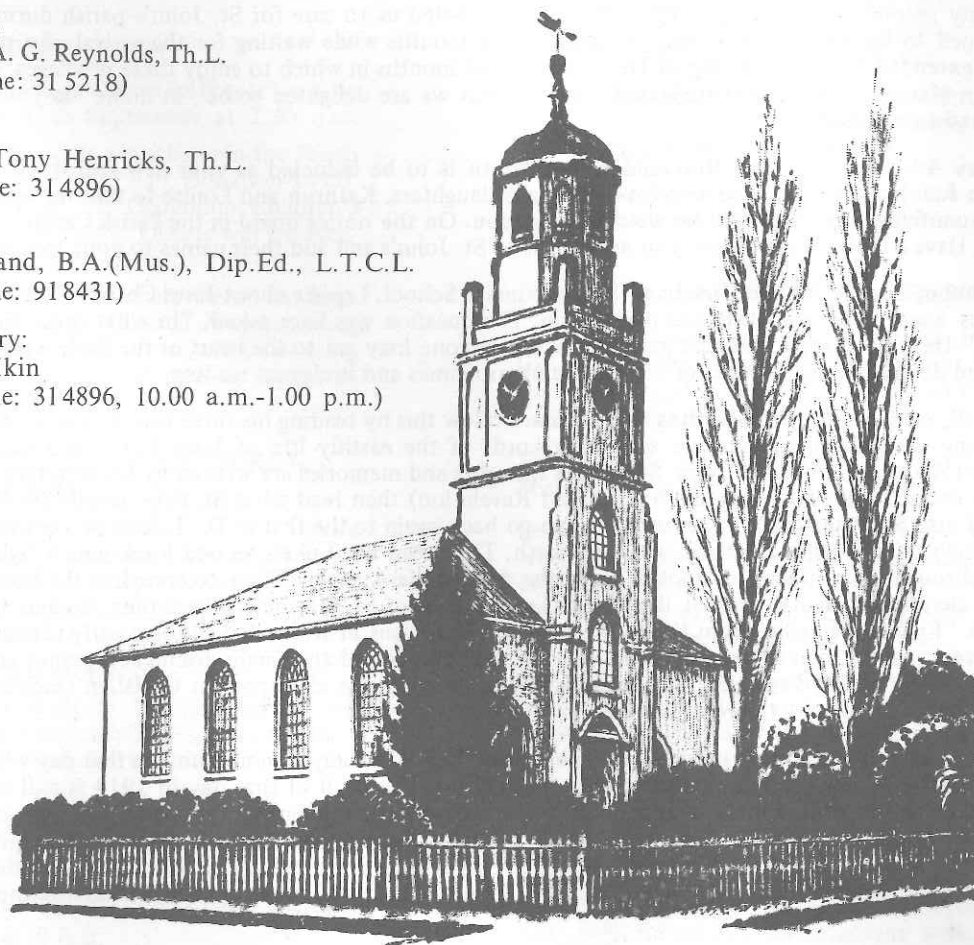
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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN – LAUNCESTON

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: 7.00 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 ACTING RECTOR WRITES:

My dear Parishioners,

This is my second pastoral letter. When the Bishop invited us to care for St. John's parish during the interregnum my wife and I hoped to be with you for two, or maybe, three months while waiting for the arrival of a new rector. This period has now been extended to the beginning of December – five months in which to enjoy these privileges. We love our own home "Groveleigh" in Margate – somewhat neglected just now, but we are delighted to be "at home" in your company for a longer time than we had anticipated.

On Friday 4th December, the Reverend Ernest Horth is to be inducted as your new rector. He will be arriving during that week with Ida, his wife and their two lovely teenage daughters, Kathryn and Louise to take up residence in this delightful rectory. I am confident that they will be welcomed by you. On the notice board in the Parish Centre there is a photograph of them together. Have a look at them when you next come to St. John's and add their names to your special prayer list.

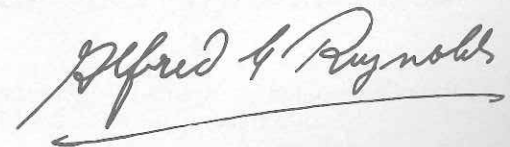
At that happy service for the Broadland House Primary School, I spoke about Jesus Christ as the Master Key by which all Holy Scriptures were to be unlocked and made plain. The question was later asked, "In what order should the books of the Bible be read?" Here is a simple and safe guide by which anyone may get to the heart of the Bible without becoming disheartened and bogged down in weary records of history, numbers, names and irrelevant reading.

First of all, read the Gospel according to St. John. Follow this by reading his three love letters, (epistles). Each of the four gospels beginning the New Testament are separate records of the earthly life of Jesus Christ and record the impressions of Matthew, Peter (Mark), Dr. Luke and John. St. Peter's thoughts and memories are written by his secretary Mark. So after reading all John wrote about Jesus (excluding the book called Revelation) then read what St. Peter recalled in the Gospel according to St. Mark. Read also St. Peter's letters, (epistles). Then go back again to the first of Dr. Luke's two books, the Gospel according to St. Luke which tells of what Jesus did while on earth. Then read Dr. Luke's second book which tells of what Jesus is continuing to do through his church. This book is called the Acts of the Apostles. Then, to complete the histories of the earthly life of Jesus, read the Jewish man's view of the life of Jesus – that of St. Matthew. There then remains those wonderful letters called in Greek "Epistles" starting from that written to the Christians in Rome. To all these early Christians the apostles wrote letters which were read at their meetings. They were copied and collected and finally found acceptance and are contained in our New Testament. Use the Old Testament as a reference book, but for the all-important Christian teaching keep to those books which are essentially Christian – the New Testament.

Music plays an important part in worship. One of the "red letter days" in my life was that day when I became a member of the choir of Holy Trinity Church, Harrow Green, in London. The thrill of that day in 1914 is still with me. We need more singers in our church life at St. John's. You may have been a choir member somewhere a long time ago and recall the days when you took a place in its discipline. Please accept the invitation and the challenge to serve yet again. It requires devotion which we are all required to make as followers of Christ Jesus. Remember what David said, "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of God than . . . anything else." If you have never been involved in choral work before you do not know what you have been missing.

Although we miss our own home in Margate we are happy to be fully involved with you in this most wonderful House of God in Launceston – St. John's.

Yours very sincerely,



ALFRED G. REYNOLDS
Acting Rector.

WOMEN'S GUILD

We look for the usual support at the morning tea and stall to be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 9th September, 10 a.m./noon, the charge being \$1.00.

At the next meeting on 10th September, Mrs. Hedley Joyce as guest speaker will tell of her travels to several countries with her husband, who was representing the P.L.A.

Supper hostesses: Mesdames Easther, Holyman and Palliser.

MOTHERS' UNION

St. John's Mothers' Union "Wave of Prayer" will be held in the chapel on 11th September at 2.30 p.m.

Mothers' Union are holding a luncheon in the Parish Centre on 21st October 12 noon/2 p.m. Donation \$4.00. Proceeds will be in aid of the Clarendon Children's Homes and Mothers' Union funds. Tickets will be available from members or the Parish Office.

The September meeting of Mothers' Union has been cancelled due to the Diocesan Council Meeting being held in Hobart on the same day, but we will be meeting on 22nd September in the Parish Centre at 2 p.m. to discuss arrangements for the luncheon.

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will hold their next meeting in the board room of the hospital on Monday, 14th September at 2.45 p.m. This will enable members to see alterations and improvements made to the hospital also to see the chapel.

Forthcoming functions proposed:—

Afternoon tea and stalls in the grounds of the hospital, assisted by other auxiliaries, on Thursday, 5th November. We would welcome gifts for the stalls.

Morning tea in the Parish Centre on Thursday, 3rd December.

ST. JOHN'S CRYPTIC CLUE TREASURE HUNT & B.B.Q.

St. John's Youth Group invite you to join them on Saturday, 26th September 1981 on a Cryptic Clue Treasure Hunt in your car. Bring your family or friends and have some fun, commencing at 2.30 p.m. in the car park behind St. John's Church.

Entry forms may be picked up on the table in the church or from the Rev'd Tony Henricks, 39 Elizabeth Street, Launceston, phone 314896.

Entry form closing date: Sunday, 20th September, 1981.

MEN'S TEA FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Tea meet monthly on the second Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 6 p.m. Catered Tea.

This month's speaker: Mr. Tony Walsh.

Topic: "Christian Radio in New Zealand and Launceston."

Mr. Walsh is a member of a committee which is working to establish a Christian F.M. Radio Station for Launceston. Recently he attended a conference on Christian Radio in Christchurch, New Zealand.

During the meal our background music will be a sample programme from the Hobart Christian Radio Station.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 13th September, at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Bill Donaldson on 315798 (home).

W. Arendt, W. Cowell, M. Easther, D. Newman, A. J. Green, S. Murray, L. Phelps, M. McMahon, M. Willson, W. Donaldson.

If you are able to join this volunteer team, please ring and let us know. New members are urgently needed.

LAUNCESTON CITY MISSION

As St. John's representative with the Launceston City Mission, Mr. Jim Sanderson has asked that we print the Superintendent's report for July on the many problems facing the Mission.

"If strikes were never thought of, the finances of this Mission would be in a much healthier state.

Perhaps you might argue with this statement but it is true. These past strikes, Post Office, transport workers etc., have caused a serious drain upon our finances in that we have provided many more families with food and various items than ever before.

We have in the past helped many families whose husbands have been on strike, but they never thought, after the strike was over, of giving a donation to the Mission. This kind of selfishness, not feeling the need to help those who have helped you, is one of society's basic problems.

One problem which is causing much concern is the dishonesty of many of those we help. In most cases we deal with there is a genuine need for concern in that these folk find themselves in situations which demand an immediate solution.

Firstly, there are those who never have enough money, because the pension pays very little, and the need for food, clothing, other basic necessities and Hydro bills to be paid is always on the increase. Most people feel ashamed to have to come to the Mission for help—hence deception is just a cover up.

Secondly, those who, through being in this situation, turn to smoking to steady their nerves. This money could well be used to buy the necessities of life (they could spend up to \$20 per week on cigarettes).

Thirdly, there are those whose husbands gamble and leave the family destitute, so Mum, knowing that we are a Christian Mission with Christian principles, has to deceive us to obtain the help needed.

This welfare situation demands all our ATTENTION THROUGH PRAYER AND LOVING COMPASSION AND CONCERN to meet all these tragic situations."

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 2 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Pastoral Committee, in Assistant's Cottage.
8.00 p.m. Property Committee.
8.00 p.m. "A Pictorial Adventure" by the Rev'd A. G. Reynolds, an exhibition of paintings, etchings and slides of some of his earlier work.
- 3 Thursday 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 4 Friday/
Saturday Special Synod for Election of Bishop (Launceston Grammar School).
- 6 **ORDINARY SUNDAY 23**
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.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 8 Tuesday 6.00 p.m. Men's Tea.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 9 Wednesday 10 a.m./noon Women's Guild Morning Tea and Stall.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 11 Friday 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union "Wave of Prayer" in chapel.
- 13 **ORDINARY SUNDAY 24**
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. Morning Prayer, Guest preacher: Sister Jessica of the Community of the Sisters of the Church.
11.15 a.m. Meals on Wheels.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 14 Monday 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital (in boardroom of Hospital).
- 15 Tuesday 8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 16 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion, C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
- 17 Thursday 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 20 **ORDINARY SUNDAY 25**
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.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 21 Monday **St. Matthew's Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Tuesday 2.00 p.m. Mothers' Union meeting (to discuss luncheon).
7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Townsend.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 23 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.
- 24 Thursday 6.00 p.m. C.E.B.S.
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 26 Saturday 2.30 p.m. St. John's Cryptic Clue Treasure Hunt & B.B.Q. (see notices).
- 27 **ORDINARY SUNDAY 26**
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.
11.15 a.m. Confirmation Class.
7.00 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 Tuesday **St. Michael & All Angels' Day**
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m. Parish Fellowship.
- 30 Wednesday 9.15 a.m. Bible Discussion C.M.S. House.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.00 p.m. G.F.S.