

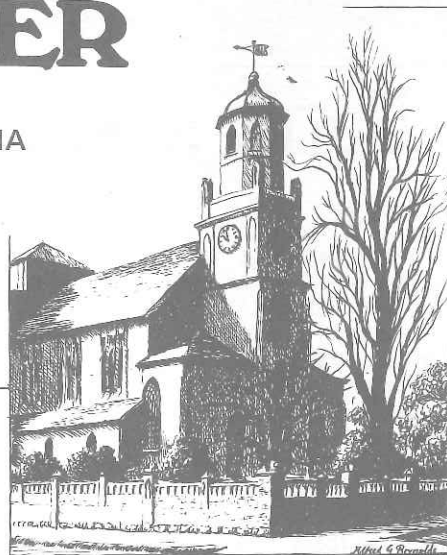
# PARISH MESSENGER

FOR

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

(ANGLICAN)

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## ANNOUNCING ! THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday 12th December, 1982  
at 10.00 a.m.

Guest Preacher : Archdeacon Hugh Girvan.  
Other past Rectors : The Rt. Rev. H. A. Jerrim.  
The Ven. I. E. A. Booth.

This service will mark completion of the major part of the Restoration Project and Dedication of Memorials and other additions to the Church. Plan NOW to be with us.

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday.  
Evening Prayer: 7 p.m. 1st 3rd and 5th Sunday.  
(Laying on of Hands — 7 p.m. 4th Sunday).

### WEEKDAYS

7.30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Holy Communion: 10.30 a.m. Wednesday.

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# Don't stand alone

Jill was sitting outside. She felt a few spots of rain and looked up. A large black cloud was looming.

She ran to the back door and called "Mum, it's going to rain. You'd better get the washing in."

Her mother hurried outside and together they unpegged the clean clothes off the line and bundled them inside.

"Thanks Jill," said Mum. "I'd be cross if these towels got wet again, they take so long to dry in this weather."

by Joan Kirk

"I'll fold them for you and put them in the bathroom," offered Jill.

As they sorted and folded together the rain suddenly increased and pelted down outside.

"We were just in time!" said Mum. Jill went to the window.

"Come and look Mum," she said "It's hailing!"

The two of them watched as the hail teemed down, piling up thick by the fence and bouncing off the car in the drive. Gradually it eased until there was a steady drumming of rain on the roof, and the hail melted and little rivulets ran into the gutters.

"I'm glad I'm not a raindrop," said Jill.



"Why?" asked Mum.

"Well, you'd only be one in such a crowd. And what could you do by yourself. You'd never be noticed."

"People aren't much different," said Mum. "There are vast numbers of us and most people prefer to belong to a crowd and not be singled out."

"I suppose so," said Jill, "I wonder sometimes if anything I do matters. The world is so big and there are so many problems. I mean, what difference will anything I do make?"

"Now wait a minute," said Mum. "If you were just one raindrop you could at least give warning of what was to come. And look at what all the raindrops do together. See how fresh and clean the plants look, and listen to the water running into the tank."

"If everyone does a little bit, there is a vast difference over all. And one person doesn't have to do it all, and solve all the problems."

Jesus said we are all members of one family, and each person does what he can the best he can. That's why it's important to belong to the Church. One person struggling alone can be easily discouraged and overlooked, but with everyone working together, the Church can be strong.

"You may not think what you are doing or saying is important, but remember, you are only part of a pattern. What you are and do and say does matter, to the world, to you and to God."

*Don't stand alone and be a drip. Join a group and make it shower.*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Guild members enjoyed a most interesting and informative talk by Mrs. Horth on her Mission work in India.

This was accompanied by slides, giving an insight to the needs and suffering on our Mission fields.

**NEXT MEETING :** Thursday 12th August at 7.45 p.m. Speaker and to demonstrate spinning - Mrs. Heggaton. **VISITORS INVITED.**

Supper Hostesses :- Mesdames Gatenby, Swinnerton and Plumridge.

Our Luncheon realised \$364.70

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## MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th August at 7.45 p.m. commencing with The Litany of the Five Objects of Mothers' Union from our service book. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Ida Horth who will speak on "Personal Prayer".

Members are reminded of Overseas Day on 12th August, at 1 p.m. in Parish Centre.

At our last meeting we discussed Mothers' Union outreach into the community.

Members will be visiting patients at St. Luke's and Queen Victoria Hospital. We will also visit the families of newly baptised children and families new to St. John's.

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## PARISH MESSENGER

The following parishioners are thanked for their donations. These help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with "Church News". Donations may be given to the clergy or Churchwardens.

- Mrs. J. Roach \$5.00 ; Mr. and Mrs. O. Connell \$5.00 ;
- Mrs. A. Pearce \$3.00 ; Mrs. S. McNulty \$2.00 ;
- Mr. L. A. O'Neil \$50.00 ; Miss A. W. Bullock \$2.00 ;
- Mr. and Mrs. B. Guy \$2.00 ; Mrs. H. Palliser \$5.00 ;
- Mrs. O. Chambers \$5.00 ; Miss D. Lockwood \$3.00 ;
- Mr. T. H. Smith \$10.00 ; Mr. A. E. Meek \$10.00.

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**THE CURATE WRITES**



My Dear Friends,

It certainly is an exciting time in St. John's as the restoration of the building continues and as we look forward to finding out God's plan for this church as it seeks to glorify Him.

My wife, Jan and our children, Bronwen and Catherine, join with me in thanking the parish for accepting us so lovingly, and for helping us settle into life here. We thank God for allowing us to share this time with you all.

Some of you may recall the prophet Haggai whom God used to encourage the people of Israel to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Together, the Holy Spirit and Haggai worked through the Jewish leaders to persuade the people of Israel to come and begin work on the house of the Lord Almighty. (Haggai 1:14).

After only one month's work, Haggai realised that the people were becoming disillusioned with the project. It seemed to them like nothing was really happening . . . Sometimes the people of St. John's feel that nothing positive is happening. The scaffolding remains, the tower is grey and unattractive, the dust and dirt seem endless, but we all know (as did those Israelites) that all this is a sign that something is being built. Haggai's words echo across the centuries to us as we look at our building -"Be strong all people of the land and work, for I am with you says the Lord Almighty." (Haggai 2:4)

But why did God want the temple built ? Because he intended to shake the nations and fill His temple with glory. (Haggai 2:7)

Why does He want our church building to be a fine, strong and beautiful building ? I believe he intends to shake this city and draw to Himself many who at the moment are wavering on the edge of making a real commitment to Jesus. We are preparing a building but Jesus Christ is preparing the heart of His people and will fill the building with His glory. The day will soon be here when the people of Launceston look at a building but will see the glory of a living Christ in the people who worship and fellowship in that building.

May God's Peace and Joy be with you all.

Robert (Bob) McKay.

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**\*Archdeacon Girvan writes . . . .**

I am now out of hospital and well on the way to normal health. The enforced time off has given me time to read and write.

Shirley sends her love. We look forward to seeing the restored St. John's.

Yours,  
Hugh

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**\*A Previous Organist Writes . . . .**

"You are certainly in the midst of an exciting project, which, if it does largely involve bricks and mortar it must surely challenge your folk the more enthusiastically to seek after the unseen things of the Spirit, for which the beautiful church building (and the organ !) exist.

My regards please . . . .  
and all good wishes."

Lindsay O'Neill

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**BRIEF NOTES**

**Heating :** Vestry was asked by an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners on 30th May to consider installation of under-pew heating. When investigating total costs of present building development Vestry did not feel it could proceed with the project as funds were not available for the \$15,000 cost quoted for installing 54 heaters.

**Carpet :** The Annual Meeting on Sunday 1st August will have to decide on whether to proceed with laying of new carpet at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Provision of necessary funds is a big question and extent of carpet coverage is another.

**Memorials :** Once costs are available parishioners will be informed and invited to contribute to the following items as memorials.

- 1 Holy Communion Table
- 1 Credence Table
- 1 Sanctuary Chair
- 3 different sections of Communion Rail
- 3 different frontal panels to the new Narthex/Gallery
- Furniture for the Rector's proposed new office in one of the Tower rooms.

(Hopefully, costs will be available for the next issue. Already \$200 has been promised for one Memorial).

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 8th August at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Lesley or Michael Perkins on 28 1358 (home).

- L. Phelps, J. Moxon, I. Routley, D. Sheldrick, J McCabe, M. McMahon, R. Cleary, J. Stevenson, L. Brain, W. Donaldson.

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A new German secretary in the Faith and Order office of the World Council of Churches was puzzled about the proper English titles for church dignatories. The director explained about "Your Grace" and "Your Holiness" and Reverend, Very Reverend, Right Reverend, Most Reverend and so on. After some pondering on these distinctions she inquired : "Would it not be easier to call all clergy alike, "Almost Reverend?"

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**Stop & Listen**

Between the black and white experiences of daily living are innumerable tones of light and shade;

times when we go ahead with no great sense of purpose or fulfilment, and no burning vision to lead us on.

It is then we discover what it means to simply allow Jesus to live in us and accomplish his purpose. "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act." (Ps. 37:5).

Ann Siddall

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**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**Meeting Weekly:**

- Home Bible Study – 7.30 p.m. Monday.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study, C.M.S. House – 9.15 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Rectory – 8 p.m.
- G.F.S. – 6 p.m. Wednesday.
- "Know your Bible" series for women in Rectory – 10.15 a.m. Thursday.
- C.E.B.S. – 6 p.m. Thursday.
- Choir – 7.30 p.m.
- Youth Group – 7.30 p.m. Friday.

**Meeting Monthly:**

- 2nd Monday – St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital 2.45 p.m.
- 2nd Tuesday – Men's Tea 6.00 p.m.
- 2nd Thursday – Women's Guild 7.45 p.m.
- 3rd Tuesday – Mother's Union 7.45 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday – G.F.S. Townsend 7.45 p.m.

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**- FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS -**

**BAPTISM**

- 4th July - Nathan Craig Jetson
- 11th July - Stuart Campbell Edwards
- 18th July - Kelly-Anne West
- 25th July - Nicole Louise Shepherd

**MARRIAGES**

- 10th July - Wayne Raymond Gilbert to Melissa Stolp
- 24th July - Leslie Christopher Daley to Jacqueline Louise Smith

**DEATHS**

- 23th June - James Laurence Sutton
- 8th July - Arthur Charles Hookway

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The visitor to church listening quizzically to the minister announcing that they would sing metrical psalms.

"This church is more up to date than I thought," he joked on the way out. "The singing has gone to the metric system already."

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

Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will next meet again on Monday August 9th at 2.45 p.m.

**AFTERNOON TEA HOSTESS** :- Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Coombe, and Miss Barclay.

A cheque for \$450.00 has been forwarded to the hospital, the result from the Morning Tea held recently. This included donations from our generous friends of St. Lukes. Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make the function so successful.

Barclay House is our project for this year. Money will be spent on new bedspreads and other comforts for the long term patients there.

Each member brought along a pretty gift-wrapped parcel and these will be left with the sister in charge of Barclay House (Sister Tanner) who will see that each patient receives a parcel, on their birthday, from the Auxiliary.

The Annual Meeting was most successful ; our thanks to Rev'd. McKay for chairing the meeting, also to Mrs. J. Green, who is our new Treasurer.

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**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH**

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Martin Luther King

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