

PARISH MESSENGER

FOR

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

(ANGLICAN)

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CONFIRMATION

10 a.m. Sunday 28th November
Applications available at the Church or Parish
Office.
Classes commence early August.

WELCOME

OUR NEW BISHOP

7 p.m. Service
Sunday 29th August

ANNUAL MEETING

8 p.m. Sunday 1st August

RESTORATION

Work is progressing rapidly. Scaffolding should be removed from inside the church by the end of July.

CHANGES

Once full details have been drawn up, donations for Memorials will be invited for items in the new Gallery/Narthex concept and changes to the Chancel Steps, plus furniture for an Office.
More details next issue.

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.

Refugees

Carol and Greg came home from school to find a number of boxes and cartons on their front porch.

"What are you doing, Mum?" asked Greg.

"I've been sorting some things for a refugee family that's moved in round the corner. Mrs. Gardner, from the Church, rang and asked if we could help out. Apparently they have very little furniture or anything."

by Joan Kirk

They loaded the things in the car and called on the family. At tea they told Dad about their visit.

"Who are they?" he asked.

"Their name is Tan," said Carol, "and they come from Cambodia. There is a Mum and a Dad and four children. Apparently they had two more, but they died when there wasn't enough food for them."

"That must have been terrible," said Greg, who could not imagine having nothing to eat when he was hungry.

"After they left their home when the soldiers came, they stayed with hundreds of others in a transit camp before they came here. There was food and shelter for them but there was nothing to do. It must have been boring," said Carol.

"Well, they are here now," said Mum, "but they don't speak English very well. I said I'd go round once a week and read their mail for them, and help with shopping, or going to the doctor if the children get sick."

"We can ask them round on the weekend to meet us," said Dad. "We can ask the other neighbours to come too."

"Why don't we ask them all to give one thing from their house - a cushion or a chair or a mixing bowl? If they all did that there would soon be more furniture. They've hardly got anything" said Carol.

"I'm going to look in my toy cupboard, and find some books to give them too," said Greg. "We seem to have so much stuff."

Mum and Dad looked at each other. "I'm sure the children would like that," said Mum. "They were very grateful when we called in. They said 'You are so kind. We were told the Australians would not be kind to us. Thank you for your very big kindness.'"

"Did they really think we'd be unkind?" said Dad. "We must be extra friendly then to make up for others they meet who may not be."

When refugees come to Australia many of them cannot speak English. They have no jobs, no homes, no friends. Some of them have no families. Can you imagine what that would be like?"

Do you know of any refugees in your neighbourhood? Ask Mum and Dad if your family can help. Ask your minister if your church can help.

Don't let them say "We were told Australians would not be kind to us."



MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 11th July, at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Lesley or Michael Perkins on 28 1358 (home).

D. Gill, R. Cleary, B. Easther, M. Perkins, J. Stevenson, M. Wing, W. Cowell, H. Bourke, M. Willson, A. J. Green

After Meals on Wheels there will be a barbecue luncheon at the home of John and Jan Stevenson, 12 Kootara Place, Trevallyn. All drivers very welcome to attend. Please bring your own food.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12th July at 2.45 p.m. and it will be the Annual Meeting. Tea hostess: Mrs. Holyman, Mrs. Dicker, Miss Bennett.



BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Mrs. Celia Hill, Box Secretary, wishes to thank all contributors for their generosity and to say that \$200 was forwarded to the Society. This has been very much appreciated.

THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



Dear friends,

While writing to Mr. Gerald Crispin, our theological student at Ridley College, Melbourne, I realised how much my life evolved around the St. John's Restoration Project. It is exciting to share what is happening but I was more than a little concerned when "bricks and mortar" were the main subject matter. My earnest prayer and hope is that the people-side of ministry is not suffering too much neglect while this restoration project takes its course.

The extra-ordinary meeting of parishioners held the last Sunday in May gave approval for the following:-

- (a) Construction of a new Gallery on the west wall of the Church, reopening of the old convict gallery doors.
- (b) Construction of a Narthex area under the new Gallery as long as both could be funded as part of the Restoration Appeal. National Trust written approval is awaited.
- (c) Alteration to the Chancel Steps area of the Church.
- (d) Vestry to investigate, and if funds are available, proceed with:-
 - (i) installation of new carpet throughout (not under the pews);
 - (ii) installation of additional underseat heating.

Initial indications are that the underseat heating would prove too high a cost because additional electricity supply would have to be connected. Carpeting is under investigation and a full report should be ready for the July meeting of Vestry.

It is true we are spending a lot of money on "things" but I personally believe it would be bad stewardship not to get these things sorted out now. We have inherited this building and now have a responsibility entrusted to us not only for its maintenance and upkeep but also its right use. I am hopeful we can get the "bricks and mortar" side of this responsibility completed in a twelve month span so we can be free to use our energy and vision in worship, witness and people-ministry under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Your friend and Rector,

TAKE TIME

Take time:
To think. It is the source of power.
To play. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
To read. It is the fountain of wisdom.
To pray. It is the greatest power on earth.
To love and be loved. It is a God-given privilege.
To be friendly. It is the road to happiness.

—PARISH NOTES—
WOMEN'S GUILD

Parishioners please note a Luncheon and Stall will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday, 14th July. Please bring friends.

At the last meeting we enjoyed one of our members Mrs. K. Sutton speaking to us of her recent holiday in Sydney and her reminiscences of past associations there. Mrs. Sutton presided at the first meeting of St. John's Women's Guild in April 1955.

Next meeting Thursday, 8th July — Speaker Mrs. Horth. Supper Hostesses Mesdames K. Sutton, M. White and B. Dyer.

MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting on 20th July will commence with a Service in the Centre at 7.45 p.m. Our meeting will take the form of a discussion on the 2nd and 3rd objectives of Mothers' Union.

ST. JOHN'S RESTORATION APPEAL

The target is \$250,000
Promises received to date come to \$237,000. Unfortunately some of these promises cannot now be fulfilled.
Can you help us meet the target.
Donation of \$2 or more are Tax Deductable.

—CONFIRMATION—

Both adults and young people interested in being confirmed in 1982 should hand their application forms to the Rector as soon as possible, and no later than the end of July. If you have any doubts talk with the Rector about them.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Prayers for the Women of Burma - 5th July, Monday 1.30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Citadel, Elizabeth Street.
Fellowship Day Services - St. John's at 2 p.m. "Co-workers in Christ for Renewal". All ladies welcome. Trade table. Afternoon tea St. John's ladies, please.

THINK ABOUT IT

Do you say the Lord's Prayer too often? It's a splendid prayer to be sure yet often in church services and at other times too, I feel that we gabble through the words in a very unthinking way. What do you think? Recently - in times of private prayer - when saying the Lord's Prayer I've been saying to myself "Now slow down ... think of each word ... each phrase ... let the full meaning come through." So, it's a thought I pass on to you, that we all might try to "rediscover" the Lord's Prayer; to drag it out from its familiarity and really think it through as we pray it through.

Rev. Roy Arnold
in "The Sign."

Stop & Listen

The advertisements suggest that "feeling good" is a most desirable state of being.

Yet good feelings often have more to do with the state of our ego than an acceptance of the Father's grace.

Feeling any way, we are still His much-loved children.

Ann Siddall

PRAY AND GIVE THANKS



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.

HELP THE MISSION HELP OTHERS

SUNDAY, 25th JULY COLLECTION OF OLD CLOTHES FOR CITY MISSION

David Downing will be in attendance at all 3 services that Sunday to take delivery.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

- 30th May - Bronwyn Louise Hardacre
- 6th June - Katherine Elizabeth Hudson
- 6th June - Renée Lee Hodskiss
- 6th June - Aleesha Louise Holden
- 6th June - Jessica Peta Robbins
- 6th June - Lucinda Jane Robbins

MARRIAGES

- 5th June - Brian Flint Chandler to Sally Anne Layton

DEATHS

- 2nd June - Frank William Burns

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

"Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion, is to take off our shoes. For the place we are approaching is holy. Else we find ourselves treading on men's dreams. More serious still we may forget that God was there before our arrival."

John V. Taylor.