

PARISH MESSENGER

FOR
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA
(ANGLICAN)

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**PARISH DINNER FOR THE
CONFIRMEES
Sunday, 21st November at 5.30 p.m.
CONFIRMATION SERVICE
Sunday, 28th November at 10 a.m.**

Please encourage the Confirmees by sharing with them
on both occasions.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7.30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday.
Evening Prayer: 7.30 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.
(Laying on of Hands — 7.30 p.m. 4th Sunday).

WEEKDAYS

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

THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



Dear friends,

During October the scaffold came down from the front Tower and the beauty of the new sandstone type finish could be more readily appreciated. There are only a few tasks still to be completed and Stage One of the Restoration will be over, except for the extra funds necessary. I hope you will be with us for the Thanksgiving Service at 10 a.m. Sunday, 12th December, 1982.

The Confirmees value your prayer and love as they undertake preparation for their Confirmation on Sunday, 28th November. We are having a special Parish Dinner for them on Sunday, 21st November at 5.30 p.m. and I hope all parishioners will attend on both occasions. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important these occasions are to the Confirmees.

In a recent letter to me the Bishop has indicated his hope of Ordaining the Reverend Robert McKay to the Priesthood in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, on the Feast Day of Saint Thomas, 21st December, 1982. He has also indicated his hope of leaving Mr. McKay here at St. John's to serve his second year as Curate. Will you join me in upholding Mr. McKay in prayer as he makes preparation for his advancement to the Priesthood. Congratulations Bob!

Thank you for a very effective ministry given and I express expectation for the year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

PRAY FOR THE CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES

- Hazel Asmus
- Sandra Bethley
- Kamala Bonney
- Aileen Burns
- Collin Burns
- Andrew Cowell
- James Deavin
- Graeme Donaldson
- Jane Easther
- Richard Easther
- Jane Hadrill
- Richard Hill
- Timothy Hume
- Carolyn Jack
- Margaret Jack
- Fiona Johncock
- Maria Kotynia
- Samual Massey
- Bronwen McKay
- Amy Matthews
- Geraint Morris
- Kathryn Nelson
- Richard Nelson
- Angela Peel
- David Peel
- Craig Perkins
- Kylie Perkins
- Shane Perkins
- Judith Rainbird
- Colin Skeggs
- Anthony Watson
- Jan Wiltshire



THROUGH THE EYES
OF JESUS

If all men were looking at life through the eyes of Christ, thinking of it with His mind, the Kingdom of Heaven would come already. What is going to stimulate us to this is not even shame at our own shortcomings: it is going to be the steady practice of companionship with Jesus Christ. In your own prayers think of Him; in making your plans, either for tomorrow or for the future, think of Him. Everywhere be turning back to Him, and "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

William Temple (1881-1944)
In Christian Faith and Life.

ST. JOHN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

Three St. John's teams have entered in a tournament run by Central Baptist Church. All teams have been playing very well with a little help from a couple of experienced players from other churches. We are halfway through the tournament and our men's team is top of the ladder! Our two women's teams are in second and fourth positions (out of seven teams). Our Players have been helped by the cheering of a few enthusiastic supporters.

We hope to enter three or four teams in the Northern Baptist Basketball Association's winter roster beginning next March. Are you interested? We need more players (beginners very welcome), and also non-players to help run the club (there are plenty of positions available). We also hope you will support the fund-raising activities we hope to organise in the near future, to help us buy uniforms, balls etc.

Contact Neville or Pam Windsor on 44 8669.

MOTHERS' UNION

A very successful luncheon was held on Wednesday, 13th October from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Many attending went on to the Organ Recital in the Church. At the luncheon Mrs. Jan McKay sang, accompanied by Miss Gaylene Cohen.

GIFT OF ETCHING

The Reverend Alfred Reynolds has presented St. John's with his most recent etching of the church. It shows recent changes to the roof line over the dome (part of the restoration work).

The Rector has written to Mr. Reynolds thanking him on behalf of all parishioners.

ORGAN RECITAL

St. John's Organist, Mr. William Pierce gave his first Organ Recital in St. John's on Wednesday 13th October. An encouraging and receptive audience attended with positive media coverage.

A full and exciting music programme is planned for 1983 with special recitals during January. More details later.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The October meeting of the Men's Fellowship was deeply concerned at the growing problem of unemployment in our society. This was given even greater impact as one of those present had been recently re-trenched.

The Guest Speaker, Mr. Denis Alexander, was both informed and interesting as he told how people seeking employment lost motivation after four months of constant failure.

He expressed the very clear need for people to use the unemployed for casual work. This would help them feel accepted and useful and also maintain their motivation for job seeking.

The agencies which will find workers to do casual work for you include C.E.S. and the Community Youth Support Scheme, Launceston 31 5122, Mowbray 26 3611 and Kings Meadows 44 8644

G.F.S. TOWNSEND

This year is the 80th Birthday of G.F.S. in Tasmania. A "Get-together" Social Evening will be held in St. John's Parish Centre on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.45 p.m.

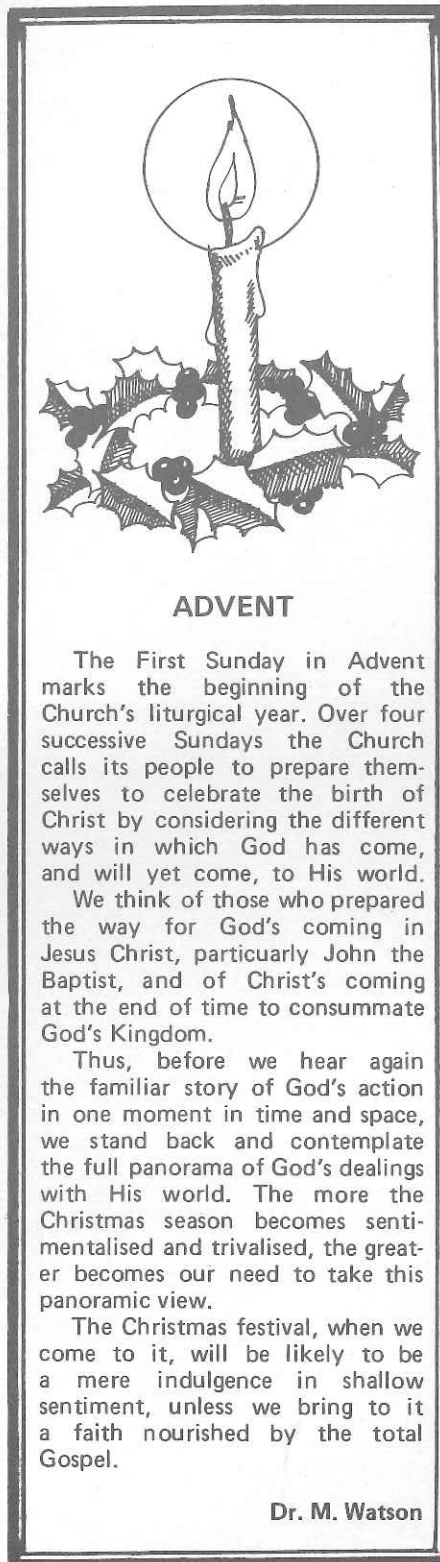
All present and former senior members from any district are asked to attend. Old time frocks may be worn. Please telephone 31 5270 or 26 2090.

Townsend members wish to thank sincerely all who helped or supported the G.F.S. Townsend Fair, particularly the three former members who managed the produce stall as in former years. We had a beautiful day; well stocked stalls, willing workers, lots of people, and a record result of \$656.00, as we go to print, for our G.F.S. Townsend Church Carpet Fund. Last year's fair totalled \$422.00

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

Members of the Auxiliary will hold their final meeting for 1982 in the Boardroom at St. Luke's on Monday 8th November commencing at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses : Mrs. Dicker, Mrs. Easter, Miss Barclay. Members will be given the opportunity of seeing improvements which have taken place in the last twelve months.

Our Morning Tea on 28th October will conclude functions for this year. Proceeds for "Barclay House".



ADVENT

The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. Over four successive Sundays the Church calls its people to prepare themselves to celebrate the birth of Christ by considering the different ways in which God has come, and will yet come, to His world.

We think of those who prepared the way for God's coming in Jesus Christ, particularly John the Baptist, and of Christ's coming at the end of time to consummate God's Kingdom.

Thus, before we hear again the familiar story of God's action in one moment in time and space, we stand back and contemplate the full panorama of God's dealings with His world. The more the Christmas season becomes sentimentalised and trivialised, the greater becomes our need to take this panoramic view.

The Christmas festival, when we come to it, will be likely to be a mere indulgence in shallow sentiment, unless we bring to it a faith nourished by the total Gospel.

Dr. M. Watson

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

The teaching of scripture is clearly in favour of the support of the family.

* Ephesians 5:21-

Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.

* Ephesians 5:22-

Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

* Ephesians 5:25-

Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the Church and gave his life for it.

* Ephesians 6:1-

Children . . . obey your parents.

* Ephesians 6:4-

Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry.

In our current society the people of God need to do their utmost to maintain supportive caring family life. Sometimes this is difficult, sometimes family groups do break-up but the Bible clearly teaches how the structure can work. God will encourage and empower families who seek his help. Families who pray as a group find a source of power not experienced by others. Husbands and wives ought to learn to pray together if they really seek the Lord's help.

(In November "The City Mission")

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild cordially invite our Senior Parishioners to afternoon tea and entertainment on Thursday, 25th November at 2 p.m. Those requiring transport please contact the Secretary on 27 2484 or the President 44 2827.

Our Film Evening in September realised the sum of approximately \$112.00. Our thanks to Mr. Jack Beech of Ansett and projectionist, Mr. Michael Brain. Next meeting of Women's Guild will be held on the 11th November at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses : Mesdames Brain, Fletcher, Thompson.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 14th November at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Lesley or Michael Perkins on 28 1358 (home).

- J. McCabe, M. McMahon,
- M. Willson, I. Routley, T. White,
- A. Whittle, J. Roberts, J. Moxon,
- S. Murray, R. Cleary.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help us to defray the cost of printing, postage and distribution together with "Church News". Any contribution towards this cost would be very much appreciated. Donations may be given to the churchwardens or sent to the Parish Office.

Miss J. A. Hughes \$3.00; Mrs. Roach \$5.00; Mrs. D. A. Green \$5.00; T & P Burns \$10.00; Anon \$5.00; Miss Fisher \$5.00; Mrs. H. Palliser \$5.00; Mrs. J. Hebbink \$10.00; Mrs. G. Watson \$5.00; Miss D. Glover \$5.00; Miss J. Ingram \$10.00; Miss D. Davis \$6.00; Mr. & Mrs. E. Horth Snr. \$5.00; Mrs. J. Duncanson \$5.00; Mrs. P. Murray \$10.00; Mrs. N. Olding 50 cents; Mrs. I. Crombie \$2.00; Dr. Yacoub \$10.00; Anon \$2.00; Mrs. R. H. Cox \$3.00; Anon \$10.00.

THANK YOU

RESTORATION NEWS

* At a recent Antique Auction Sale at Windmill Hill, the Crouch family provided refreshments and as a result, forwarded \$150 toward the Restoration Fund.

* Berger Paints have contributed \$500 worth of paint.

* The Architect, Mr. T. Tandy, has donated the new window in the centre apex of the dome and sandstone work to one of the front steps.

MANY THANKS

* Quotations have been accepted for mosaic tiles in the front porch and on the front steps. These will be of the non-slip type.

* Reminder - 10 a.m. Sunday, 12th December, Thanksgiving Service.

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. Thursday.
• 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.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

Man will wrangle for Religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but-live for it.

C. G. Colton

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

6th October - Alice Rachael Hill

MARRIAGES

- 16th October - Robert Arthur Alexander Burbury to Tanya Salier Bessant
16th October - Russell John Hibbs to Annette Gay Thwaites
23rd October - Steven Vernon Curran to Kathryn Louise Lewis
23rd October - Neville John Coulson to Karolyn Mary Ratcliffe
30th October - Andrew John Moir to Karen Louise Talbot

DEATHS

- 22nd September - Dulcie Mavis Harris
28th September - Olive May Merlton
2nd October - Carolie Hilda Bentley
5th October - Ida Gwendolyne Rainbird
8th October - Pieter Verbaan
18th October - Pauline Lily Read

Reflections

ALL THINGS PRAISE

Judith walked into the church hall carrying a tiny dog who had been taken to Sunday school.

"We're doing Creation" she explained demurely.

I looked at Zucchi, muted in shades of brown, with shining eyes and tip-tilted nose.

"As an example of creation, he's pretty good," I agreed.

She smiled lovingly. "Even his whiskers match!" she assured me.

Beauty, harmony and humour - in a small dog - and in all his "creatures great and small."

Have you thought that wherever you look God's glory can be seen?

Perhaps you are limited in your "viewing". You may be in hospital, or in prison, or in the depths of despair. Keep looking - you'll see him and his glory - in a lady bird, or butterfly; in a distant tree or in the glory of the night sky. Whatever you may think or feel, God is never far away. You will see him most clearly in the face of Jesus Christ.

Dorothy O'Neil.