

# PARISH MESSENGER

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

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## THE RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

August has been an eventful month. The restoration programme presented us with some big money worries and we had to learn repeatedly to have faith in the provision of our Lord. By the first week of September Stage One will be completed and hopefully the scaffold will be removed from the Tower. I hope you will be pleased with the result. There have been many complications encountered, especially on the old Tower. However, I'm reminded that very little has been done to the Tower since it was built because the Alexander North plan was to have it demolished and replaced. Thankfully that didn't happen but we've had to spend a lot more money on it than originally planned.

Broadland House School worshipped with us on two occasions. First, girls from the Primary School took an active part in their Annual Service. Second, the Old Girls' Association Thanksgiving Service was a memorable occasion. What is relevant to us all is the message from Psalm 127 -

"Unless the Lord builds the house:  
their labour is but lost that build it,  
Unless the Lord keeps the city:  
the watchmen watch in vain."

Many of us stretch our physical, mental and spiritual resources to the limit, sometimes at great cost. The Psalmist humbles us by reminding us that all our effort and striving is wasted unless the Lord is the builder, unless the Lord is the keeper.

August has seen commencement of classes for 32 Confirmation Candidates. Please pray for them. On Friday, 27th August the new Bible Society State Secretary was commissioned in St. John's for his task. On Sunday 29th the Archdeaconry of Launceston gathered at St. John's to welcome our new Bishop, Phillip Newell, his wife Merle and two of their boys. We offer them our love, encouragement and prayerful support. Ministry, at whatever level, must be a team effort. We must work together as "The Body of Christ" in love and unity, but we must also work together with the Lord so He is the builder and the keeper, the one who goes before us, the one who equips and strengthens us, the one who pours his life-giving Spirit into us.

Your friend and Rector

### SUNDAY SERVICES

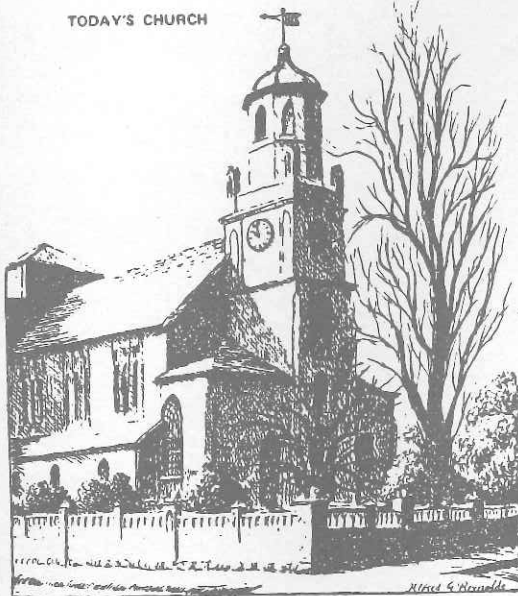
Holy Communion: 8 a.m. Every Sunday; 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday; 7 p.m. 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Family Service: 10 a.m. 2nd Sunday. Morning Prayer: 10 a.m. 4th Sunday.  
Evening Prayer: 7 p.m. 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday.  
(Laying on of Hands — 7 p.m. 4th Sunday).

### WEEKDAYS

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

# HELP IN THE RESTORATION OF ST JOHN'S!!!

TODAY'S CHURCH



**THE TOWER, THE DOME,  
THE CHAPEL, THE GALLERIES,  
THE STONEWORKS**

Are amongst the necessary parts of  
the church being restored for  
**POSTERITY!!!**

**YOUR SUPPORT IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED**

Donations \$2 and above are tax deductible

Send to: **St John's Restoration Appeal**  
157 St John Street  
LAUNCESTON 7250

**G.F.S. TOWNSEND ANNUAL FAIR**

23rd October - 10.am. - 12 noon.

Stalls: Cake, Produce, White Elephant, Books, Work Stall  
(Pillowslips a speciality),

Morning Tea — proceeds to G.F.S. Townsend Carpet Fund.

## My money helps



by Joan Kirk.

"Here's your pocket money, Jody," said Mum.

"Thanks, Mum," said Jody. She carefully put the money in her purse. Then she noticed the dollar notes Mum still held.

"What are you going to do with all that?" she asked.

"Don't worry," laughed Mum. "That has to last us a fortnight. This is my housekeeping money, to buy meat and fruit and toothpaste and soap and milk and bread and all the other things we need for two weeks. This much is for petrol for the two cars, and this goes towards the electricity bill and the water rates. I put this much away to pay for newspapers, and this money goes into our church envelope every week."

"Why do you put it away now?" asked Jody.

"If I don't it will be spent when I need it," said Mum. "Dad and I always put aside our church money first, to make sure God doesn't get what's left over."

"What is the church money used for?" asked Jody.

"All kinds of things. All the money the church gets is put together then divided up for various things. It helps to pay our minister. It helps pay for the electricity and water rates bill, the same as at our house. It repairs the church buildings, or builds new ones. It buys hymn books and paper for notice sheets, and pays the organist, and the cleaner. It's used to support missionaries overseas and people who need help in Australia."

Jody looked in her purse. She took out 20 cents.

"Can I put my money in the envelope? I would like to think my money helps."

"Yes, Jody," said Mum. "God is always pleased to accept our gifts."

OFFICE BEARERS 1982/83

Rector's Churchwarden

M. M. Easter

People's Churchwardens

Mr. R. J. Roberts (Treasurer)

Mr. D. S. Gill

Vestry

Mr. D. J. Plumridge (Parish Secretary)

Mr. C. R. Cleary

Mr. T. B. Butler

Mr. G. R. Swinnerton

Mr. A. J. Green

Mr. B. M. Easter

Rector's Appointments

Mr. W. H. Long

Mr. G. Clark

Mr. N. J. Windsor



LOVING

Tap, tap, I saw a pair of well polished leather shoes. Tap, tap, how upright and dignified this old man walking with the aid of two walking sticks.

He softly called his dear one, she did not hear. He pressed his warm face against her palid cheek. She wakened, love for him shone in her faded blue eyes, he whispered and held her gently close to himself.

Time to leave. Carefully he stood grasping his sticks. I heard him say, "Goodbye, my love, I will pray for you tonight."

He smiled tremulously at us, we waved him a mute goodbye. He strengthened us all by his faith, his loving. We prayed for him when his dear one passed from his sight, but never from his heart.

Ruby Saunders

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PARISH NOTES

□ Finishing touches to Stage One of the Restoration are now evident. The external work to the old Tower is now evident for all to see and we hope you like it.

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□ Mothers' Union members are about to commence a regular visitation programme to patients at the Queen Victoria and St. Luke's Hospitals.

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□ Mrs. Hiliary Piercy is grateful for the toys and materials given for use in the Creche which is in operation during services. She would be glad to hear from anyone willing to go on a roster system to staff it.

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□ The Church was packed for the Broadland House School Old Girls' Association Thanksgiving Service. Mrs. Betty Stevenson gave the Occasional Address, her daughter-in-law Janet prepared a beautiful display of flowers. Miss M. Hill and Miss L. Powell read the lessons and the school choir sang two anthems. During the service the "Westminster Gallery" was used by the congregation for the first time in many decades, the new spiral staircase having been installed on the Friday before.

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□ Bishop Newell, our new Bishop of Tasmania was welcomed to the Archdeaconry of Launceston in a special Service held in St. John's on Sunday, 29th August. Music for the occasion was an inspiration with combined choirs from a number of parishes in the Archdeaconry and brass instrumentalist providing a fanfare of music on a number of occasions during the Service.

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□ Churchwardens and Vestry were commissioned on Sunday, 15th August at the 10 a.m. Service.

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□ Broadland House School attended the 10 a.m. Service on Sunday, 8th August, when a special Service was held for the Primary section. The girls wrote the prayers and took an active part in the Service.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

The following parishioners are rostered for Sunday, 12th September at 11.15 a.m. If unable to attend please ring Lesley or Michael Perkins on 28 1358 (home).

M. Easter, B. Easter, M. Perkins, V. Murgatroyd, D. Gill, M. Willson, M. McMahon, G. Lillicoe, M. Frith, I. Mayne.

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# Reflections

## PERSON – NOT PERFORMANCE

The temperature was 33c and the bandsmen were feeling very weary after their travels. However, the show must go on and that night they were due to give a concert.

During the performance one of the players, an elderly man and a fine musician "fluffed" his opening notes in a solo part. He started the piece again – and again failed. Finally he looked up and said: "I'm sorry, Bandmaster, but I just can't do it."

Bandmaster Arthur Gullidge, well-known musician and composer of military band music, left the rostrum and went to the player.

"Don't worry about it," he urged. "You are worth more to this band as a Christian gentleman than a few wrong notes."

Do we sometimes rate performance higher than person?

Arthur Gullidge had his priorities right.

Dorothy O'Neill

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## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISM

- 25th July - Joanne Elizabeth Wakefield
- 15th August - Jamie Wayne Cooper
- 15th August - Angelique Chantelle Peck
- 15th August - Steane Ashley Ellings Walsh
- 29th August - Melanie Lee Warren

### MARRIAGE

- 7th August - Peter James LeFevre to Wendy Maree Murray-Williams
- 7th August - Warren Charles Fazackerley to Lynnette Bourke
- 21st August - Allan Dennis William Payne to Leanne Joy McGarry
- 21st August - Phillip Edward Rainbird to Judith Louise Gadsby

### DEATHS

- 19th July - Arthur Norman Lehmann
- 2nd August - Dorothy Florence Mogg
- 7th August - John Colin Nichol

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## MEMORIALS

If we proceed with Stage Two of the Restoration the following items would be available for parishioners to give as Memorials:-

- 1 Communion Table
- 1 Credence Table
- 1 Sanctuary Chair
- 3 sections of Communion Rail.

The frontal panels/doors for the new Gallery/Narthex will cost approximately \$3,000, e.g.

- 3 Memorials at \$1,000 each.
- 6 Memorials at \$500 each.

The new office will soon be available for the Rector and the furniture needed could be given as Memorials.

If interested, please speak with the Rector, or write him a letter if you are a long distance from Launceston.

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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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## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

The biggest disease to-day is not leprosy or cancer. It's the feeling of being uncared for, unwanted - of being deserted and alone. The greatest evil is the lack of love and charity, and an indifference towards one's neighbour who may be a victim of poverty or disease, or exploited and at the end of his life, left by the roadside.

Mother Teresa.

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## YOUTH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

At St. John's Church, 24th October at 2.30 p.m. Youth Orchestra, the Training Orchestra, and the St. Cecilia Junior Orchestra. soloists including Gaylene Cohen organist.

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