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ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER

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(SUPPLEMENT TO CHURCH NEWS)

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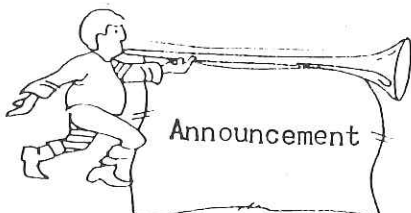
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BROADLAND OLD GIRLS' SERVICE AND BREAKFAST - 7 am Holy Communion
 Service on Tuesday, 10th December, followed by breakfast in the
 Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The following are rostered for Sunday, 8th December 1985 and Sunday, January 12th 1986. If you find that you cannot do your rostered day, please contact Lesley and Michael Perkins on 28 1358.

DECEMBER

A. Green, H. Pitt, L. Perkins, B. Donaldson, A. Whittle, V. Murgatroyd, W. Cowell, M. Beckett, M. Wing.

QVH. M. Willson, M. Brain.

JANUARY

J. Watts, M. Easter, B. Donaldson, J. Moxon, W. Cowell, R. Cleary, D. Plumridge, J. Roberts.

QVH. S. Murray, H. Bourke.

WOMEN'S GUILD

There was a good attendance at the November meeting, it being the final meeting for this year. We will resume our meetings in February, 1986. It has been decided that we hold meetings on the third Thursday in the month at 2 pm. Afternoon tea hostesses for February - Mesdames R. Crack, D. Newman and M. Peck.

Reminder: Christmas Dinner, December 12th, 7 pm at Rafferty's, names to be submitted to Mrs. Brain.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union raised \$150.00 at the Family Concert held recently and this will be forwarded to the Clarendon Children's Home. Grateful thanks are expressed to all who participated or attended.

Every blessing for Christmas and the New Year to members and all parishioners.

URGENT NEEDS.....

- * LAWN-MOWING ROSTER - Volunteers are required to form a roster. Please contact Judith Moxon on 27 3883 (home) if you can help.
- * SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS - Please contact Jan Syme (31 4896 (office) 34 1234 (home).)
- * SIDESMEN (male or female) - Please contact Terence Butler on 44 2827 (home).

We invite you to join

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Sunday, 15th December, 1985

10am Holy Communion

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Preacher: The Rt. Rev'd P.K. Newell

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Parishioners attending are asked to contribute towards the Luncheon by bringing a plate of sandwiches.

The Women's Guild will be supplying platters of chicken and cold meats, salads, as well as fruit salad and cream.

To assist with catering, please fill in and return the form below by 8th December.



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160TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

NAME.....NO. ATTENDING.....

Signature.....

My dear friends,

THE
RECTOR'S
LETTER



This has been a most eventful year in which we celebrate 160 years of worship and ministry based on St. John's Church building. From the historic building an army of people have spread out into the fabric of life and activity of Launceston to be witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we look ahead with confidence because our Lord has shown Himself to be our sufficiency and strength.

On Sunday 15th December at the 10am Service we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for the blessings received in years past and to dedicate ourselves afresh for the Lord's service in the years ahead. As a person associated with St. John's, I hope you will plan to join us on this great occasion. Preacher at the Service will be the Right Reverend Phillip Newell, Bishop of Tasmania, and the Governor, Sir James Plimsoil will also be in attendance. Following the Service and a brief morning tea break, we will re-enter the Church for the play "Christmas in the Market Place", which is being staged by parishioners and friends of St. John's. A luncheon will then follow in the Parish Centre. Please come and join in the celebrations with us.

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- * The Parish Consultation set Objectives which have helped give us new vision and direction.
- * Increased participation of lay people is evident -
 - formation of Faith and Fellowship groups;
 - teamwork undertaken by the "Good News Down the Street" participants;
 - increased lay responsibility in leadership areas, including Parish Camp, Vestry sub-committees, Confirmation preparation, Lay Readers and Ministry Team;
 - formation of the Family Service working or planning groups;
 - the growing number of people who do tasks without public recognition yet without whom we would be in trouble;
 - obvious increase in the number of young people involved including young marrieds and their children;
 - the growing commitment by musicians to the "Sounds of Praise" and Family Service ministries.
- * Commencement of KLOMP CLUB (Kids Love Our Mission Program) and the involvement of approximately thirty parishioners in running various aspects of the program.
- * Acceptance of the need to wear name tags.
- * Purchase of over ten hand-wind cassette players for use in Christian outreach ministries in East Africa.
- * We became a "Contact" Parish to give prayer and financial support to help keep the Jones' family in Mt. Magnet with the Bush Church Aid Society.
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- * A positive Annual General Meeting.

Although the list is far from complete it gives some indication of why we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for the caring love our Heavenly Father has shown toward us. The 160th Anniversary Service will give opportunity to lift up our hearts in praise and worship, the Nine Lessons and Carols Service, plus the Christmas Services will all be an opportunity for inspiration and encouragement. We look ahead with prayerful expectancy, and I hope you will want to be a part of the team which shares this joyful experience and looks with excitement to the future.

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We want you to be encouraged that St. John's is a living, loving, caring body of people, seeking to grow in the Lord and be more useable to Him and each other as a result. Come and join us, we want you to share this excitement and peace with us.

Every joy and blessing this Christmastime, and in the New Year ahead, as together we respond to Jesus who said "Come to Me" and "Abide in Me".

Your friend and Rector,

ERNEST E. HORTH

- ANNOUNCEMENT -

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