

The challenge of the budget is that we will need to increase our giving as a living congregation now! Last year we were only able to meet the heavy demand for repairs because of the faith and commitment of those who have passed on - they provided in their wills. Our aim is that the present congregation should maintain the present ministry and service of our properties which have been left to us by earlier generations.

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FULL TIME CHAPLAIN TO ST. LUKE'S AND ST. VINCENT'S

After many years of faithful work by the staff of St. John's, these two Hospitals will now have the service of a full-time Anglican clergyman to care for the patients. At present we are just providing a 'caretaker' cover for these Hospitals since the decision was taken to remove them from our area of responsibility. The new Chaplain will take up his duties in mid September.

MINISTRY TO 'FRAIL AGED AND SHUT-INS'

Over the years many of St. John's regular worshippers have had to give up attending worship due to physical limitations. We still wish to continue to minister to them though they can no longer travel to us. If you know of any such folk please 'phone and give the details to Val in the church office or to the clergy. It is vital that we be kept up-to-date as the new Rector cannot possibly know all who are in need and our records, though efficient, are not infallible.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Annual Retreat will be held at St. Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart, from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th August, 1987. The retreat will be conducted by Reverend John Stewart of Melbourne. The cost will be \$42.00. For further details ring - Valery Proverbs, 447253. For bookings ring Betty Ellis, (002) 721616.

SYNOD

This year's Synod of Tasmania will be held at the Launceston Church Grammar School from Thursday evening, September 10th to Sunday 13th. Launceston parishioners are invited to offer accommodation to members of Synod on a Bed and Breakfast basis, as other meals are provided by Synod. If you can help, please fill in the form in the Narthex.

PARISH MESSENGER:

Mrs. P. Jordan, \$10, Mrs. J. Hebbink, \$10, Mrs. A. Storah, \$5, Mr & Mrs. L.C. Tutting, \$20, Miss M. Rapley, \$5, Mr. P. Hollick, \$10, Mrs. L. Palliser, \$10, Anonymous, \$5, Mrs. M. Carter, \$10, Mrs. J. Roach, \$5, Mr. & Mrs. B. Phillips, \$5, Mrs. Carpenter, \$10, Mrs. E. Smith, \$20, Anonymous, \$10.

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ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

PARISH MESSENGER



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Dear Family of St. John's,

Housekeeping and planning are part of family life and on Friday 3rd July, about seventy members of the Parish family sat down in the Parish Centre to make some decisions about the new year. This was our Annual Meeting and you can read elsewhere what some of those important decisions were.

For members of the St. John's family who could not be with us on that occasion, I would share briefly the five points of challenge that I passed on to the meeting.

We need a deeper committment to worship and the use of the Lord's day if the church is going to grow, not only in numbers but spiritual maturity.

We need a willingness to engage in corporate prayer together, planning and organizing without consulting God on principles and details is spiritual presumption.

We need to develop more effective bridges into the community: we talk to ourselves and not to the outside world. As a congregation we are inward looking.

We need clearcut evangelistic direction in our congregational life and parish organization. There are abundant meetings but what is their clear cut purpose or priority.

We have been blessed with abundant resources but they need to be utilized now ! There is a critical need for responsible stewardship in our use of money, time, talents all of which God has given us.

I hope you will take up these five points, check out your own committment to Christ in the light of these issues and respond accordingly; and you will enjoy the Blessing of Obedience.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN A. BROOK.

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MOTHERS UNION:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th August, at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre and will be a time of **discussion**.

Hostesses - Mesdames K. Sutton and L. Watson.

Overseas Day - Wednesday 12th August, 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

MENS' TEA:

Tuesday, 11th August, at 6.00 p.m.

Please put you name on the list in the Narthex, if you are attending: Cost - \$5.00

ANNUAL MEETING:

Churchwardens and Members of the Vestry appointed at the Annual General Meeting were as follows :-

Rector's Warden	Mr. J. Roberts
Peoples' Wardens	Mrs. J. Moxon, Mr. T. Butler
Vestry	Mr. D. Plumridge (Secretary)
	Mr. B. Proverbs (Treasurer)
	Mrs. W. Cowell, Mr. G. Clark,
	Mr. M. Easter, Mr. A.J. Green,
	Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mr. P. Rainbird,
	Mr. B. Tkaczuk.

The commissioning service was held on Sunday 19th July at the 10.00 a.m. Communion Service - we ask you to continue to pray for these folk as they seek to give leadership and guidance to our parish for the next year.

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Almost seventy members of St. John's congregation were present at the Annual Meeting last month for a warm hearted gathering when many important decisions were made regarding the life and growth of St. John's. The meeting adopted a budget carefully prepared by the treasurer and Vestry for a figure of \$156,000 for the coming year.

The budget provided for a pastoral staff of three from January, 1988 in order to maintain the present life of the congregation. There are significant increases in the amounts for work outside the parish, both for the Diocese and Missionary work. The budget also provided a significant amount for repairs and maintenance of the church buildings. A simple breakdown is as follows :-

	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>	
Offerings and Donations	\$ 75,100
Property Income	64,000
Income from Bequests	18,900
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	\$ 158,000
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Staff Salaries	\$ 81,650
Donations, Dioces & Missions	29,500
New Equipment	3,500
Repairs & Maintenance	17,000
Insurance, Rates, Light & Power	
Postages, Telephone	17,000
Education, Music, Printing	
Hospitality	7,350
Contingencies	2,000
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	\$ 158,000