

# PARISH MESSENGER

## THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR IS ANNOUNCED

The Churchwardens are delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend John Alexander Brook, B.A., Th.L., as Rector of this Parish.

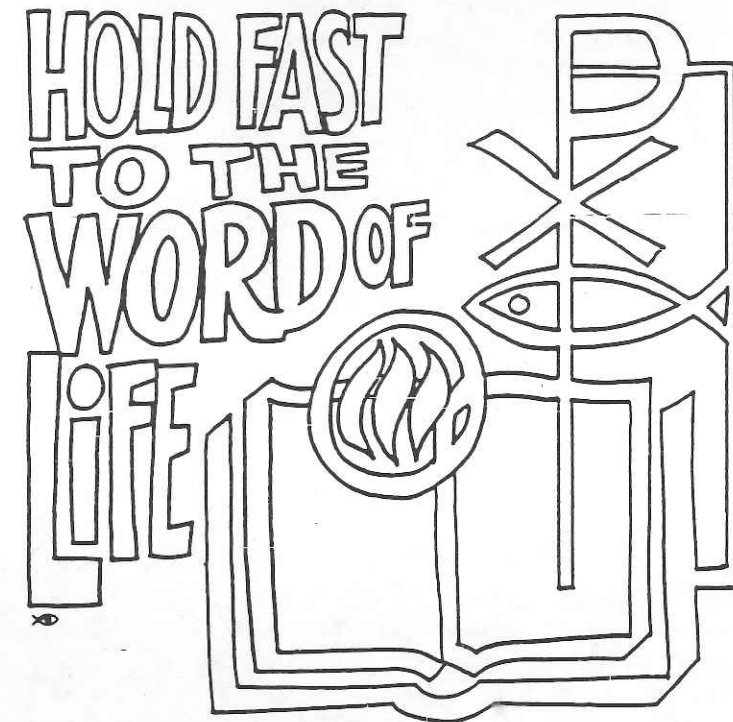
Mr. Brook is currently Rector of Saint Paul's, Castle Hill in the Diocese of Sydney, where he has had a notable ministry and is held in high esteem by many people, including his Bishop. During his five years at Castle Hill the congregation has increased from 120 to 700 and they have the largest branch of the Girls' Friendly Society in Australia, with 550 members.

The parish has three Curates, as well as the assistance of Bishop Clive Kerle, part-time, but Mr. Brook's great emphasis is on lay-involvement.

Mrs. Brook is a keen worker within the parish and they have two adult children.

Originally a Curate at Holy Trinity, Adelaide, Mr. Brook has had wide experience in Parish work as well as being a Church Missionary Society secretary. For over four years he was a CMS Missionary in Indonesia, from which he returned to become Rector of Hurstville, before going to Castle Hill.

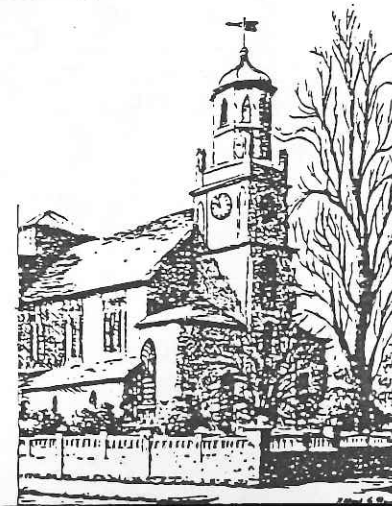
Mr. and Mrs. Brook will come to Saint John's on the 1st May, and parishioners are asked to pray for them as they announce their departure from their present Parish. Above all, we give thanks to Almighty God for leading us to a man of outstanding gifts and for the exciting prospect which lies before us.



Postal Address: 157 St. John Street, Launceston.7250  
Office Telephone: (003) 314896 (9am - 1pm.)

RECTOR ELECT: The Reverend John Brook.  
LOCUM TENENS: Archdeacon John Moroney, (315218)  
ASSISTANT: The Reverend Brian Curtis, (314566)  
ORGANIST: Mr. William Pierce, (311676)  
ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Miss Gaylene Cohen  
LAY READERS: Mr. Bruce Proverbs  
Mr. Lloyd Bath  
Mrs. Lana Wall  
Mr. Tony Walsh  
Mr. Glenn Clark

OFFICE SECRETARY: Miss Valerie Murgatroyd



PASTORAL LETTER:

The coming of a new Rector is always an exciting event in a Parish and it can mark the commencement of the fulfilment of many prayers and a long-held vision of progress and blessing. St. John's has been wonderfully blessed with a number of distinguished incumbents who have laid a wonderful foundation which is obvious to the casual visitor. This means that the Reverend John Brook will begin his ministry here with a particularly competent team, including some outstanding lay people. But of course the task must not be left to them alone, and every member of the Parish should be asking - "Lord, what will you have me do?". One famous missionary statesman said on one occasion, "Without God we cannot, without us God will not". And then, as an old saying has it, "Four things come not back - Time, The Sped Arrow, The Spoken Word, and The Neglected Opportunity". St. John's might well stand on the brink of one of the greatest eras in its already rich heritage, and it will be one in which every member can play a prayerful and active part, irrespective of age or strength.

The ministry of the Reverend Brian Mattingley, during December, was greatly appreciated and of course we are still indebted to the Reverend Brian Curtis for the additional load which he bears. We continue to pray for his complete recovery from his indisposition. Then too, we have appreciated the musical skills of Miss Gaylene Cohen during the well-earned vacation of Mr. William Pierce. We have been pleased to welcome Miss Val Murgatroyd as Administrative Assistant, in which task she has inherited a tradition of great efficiency.

May you all know rich blessing in the coming days.

JOHN MORONEY

LOCUM TENENS

MOTHERS UNION.

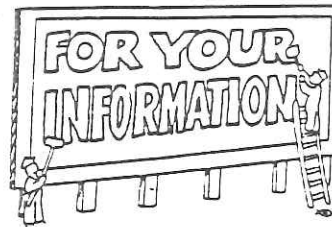
The first meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday, 17th February, at 7.45 p.m.

A warm invitation is extended to the many young mothers of the Parish to come and experience the friendship available to them from the members of Mothers Union.

SECRETARY: Mrs. A. Radford, Telephone: 317015

PARISH MESSENGER DONATIONS:

Mrs. P. Burns, \$5.00., Anon. \$10.00., Mrs. B. Whitney, \$10.00., Mrs. M. Gardner, \$10.00., Anon. \$10.00., Mrs. J. Roach, \$5.00., Mrs. E. Titmus, \$3.00., Mr. & Mrs. B. Phillips, \$5.00., Mrs. A. Carnie, \$20.00., Mrs. D.A. Green \$5.00., Miss E. Kiddle \$7.00., Mr. G. Clark, \$6.00., Mrs. R.H. Cox, \$5.00., Mrs. B. Phillips \$5.00., Mr. A.W.R. Thollar, \$20.00., Mrs. Jean Roach, \$5.00.,



WELCOMING CHILDREN TO HOLY COMMUNION

Education Conference at Christ College, Hobart. Closing date for registration - 7th February. Refer, Brian Horwood, Department of Mission, for more information.

ORGAN RECITAL - Mr. William Pierce,  
Wednesday, 4th February, 1-2 p.m.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 8th FEBRUARY, 1987

M. Willson, J. Stephenson, L. Philps, B. Easter, M. Perkins, V. Murgatroyd, G. Wheeldon, R. Whittle.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL: H. Burke, S. Perkins.

MENS' TEA - Tuesday, 10th. February - 6 p.m.

SPEAKER: The Mayor of Launceston, The Hon. Don Wing.

SUBJECT: 'A Christian's Responsibility in Politics'

Please sign list in Narthex, if attending. Cost \$5.00.

FAMILY DAY PICNIC

Myrtle Park, Sunday 22nd February, (Site No. 5)  
Open Air Holy Communion Service will commence at 10.30 a.m., (Please arrive in plenty of time to get 'settled' first. B.Y.O. lunch or barbeque picnic.