

PARISH MESSENGER

MOTHERS UNION:

The next meeting will be held in the Rectory on Tuesday, 16th June, at 7.45 p.m.

Guest Speaker - Mrs. Anne Brehaut, and her subject will be 'A recent journey to Popondetta in New Guinea'.

Reminder - Subscriptions are now due.

Supper Hostesses:- Mesdames B. Blizzard, B. Watson.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

The 32nd Annual Meeting of St. John's Women's Guild was chaired by the Rector, Reverend J. Brook and the following office bearers were elected.

PRESIDENT - Mrs. Janet Stevenson,

SECRETARY - Mrs. Win Jephcott

TREASURER - Mrs. Muriel Brain

The next meeting will be held on June, 18th.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses - Mesdames B. Dyer and V. Whitmore.

ST. JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY:

Following the final meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, the group will be known as St. John's Welfare Auxiliary. The first meeting will be held on Monday, 10th August, at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Centre and thereafter monthly. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

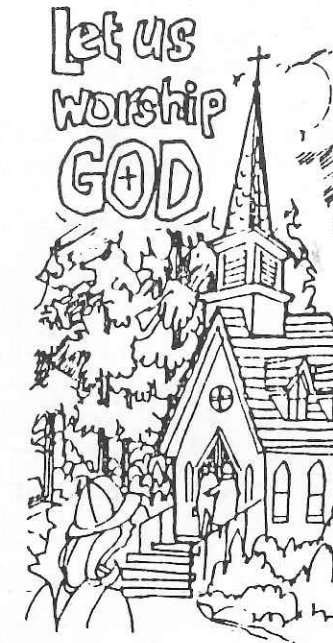
Office Bearers - PRESIDENT - Mrs. Dulcie Butler, Tel: 442827

SECRETARY - Mrs. Norma Smith, Tel: 314507

TREASURER - Miss Betty Parramore, Tel: 3159

G.F.S. TOWNSEND - CARPET FUND:

We wish to thank all who supported the progressive Table Games Afternoon and mixed Stalls recently. With further sales added, \$300.30, was raised for our Townsend Church Carpet Fund.



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Dear Family of St. John's,

PRIORITIES THAT PROVED RIGHT.

What are the things that matter most in the life of our Church family? Obviously the things that matter most will be the things that God blesses with His results. The last verses of Acts. Chapter 2, verses 42 to 47 give us a picture of the priorities of the early church and these verses also contain the results and encouragements that God gives to His church when its priorities are right.

There are four basic priorities which we need to have in place in our life at St. John's.

THE PRIORITY OF WORSHIP: The Lord's Day needs to be taken seriously; it is a day for worship, when we assemble to give God his "worship", in our lives. Our real estimation of His 'worth' is evidence in our attendance at and participation in worship. Once a week we assemble to give ourselves wholly over to Him to permeate our minds, emotions and wills through His spirit.

THE PRIORITY OF TEACHING: The early Christians not only "devoted themselves" to worship, but also to the Apostles teaching. They made time as a priority to learn more of God's word and His will for their lives. There was a spiritual hunger and thirst for knowledge of God. What He wanted was seen as vital and important for daily living. The church suffers from ignorance. People do not know what they believe about fundamental issues and we need to learn more if the church is to be effective. The Sunday service covers basics, but you can learn more by daily Bible study and joining a Faith and Fellowship group. I have² found the people who grow are the people who know and they are usually in our small weekly groups.

The third priority in this passage from Acts is the PRIORITY OF PRAYER: The poorest attended gatherings at St. John's are the Prayer Meetings! It is not peculiar to St. John's, as there are very few Anglican Christians who have a priority about corporate prayer. We would be saved from untold numbers of mistakes, we would know clearer guidance and experience real spiritual power if we only prayed together more. Pray with us on the way to work Monday to Friday, at 8.00 a.m. or Saturday at 8.00 a.m. If St. John's is going to grow and experience the blessing of God then there will need to be a new sense of priority when it comes to prayer.

SERVING OTHERS AND SHARING TALENTS AND RESOURCES - was the other priority for the early church. People provided for each others needs. Could you possibly imagine them not being available to teach Scripture in the Schools or Sunday Schools. not visiting their neighbours in need or tithing their material wealth to provide for God's family. They pooled their talents and wealth for the welfare of others. This was radical stuff, but these earlier believers found something that many church members today do not realize.

We read the summary of the experience that followed it was, "praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people - And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved!". The people found fellowship, not be seeking it for itself or for themselves, but as a result of exercising God given priorities in their church life. Secondly, they grew in number daily as the Lord added to their number those who were finding faith.

If you, as a member of the congregation, get your priority right, and if I do the same, then we can expect a new experience of fellowship and St. John's will grow. Read Acts 2:42-47, again and take it to heart.

Yours in Christ,

JOHN A. BROOK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Centre, on Friday, 3rd July, at 7.30 p.m.

DON'T WASTE YOUR CAR:

Don't come with an empty car to worship - be a good steward, fill it up - if you can't find others in need of transport contact - Miss Sybil Brownrigg, our transport co-ordinator, (Telephone:311520) and she will put you in touch with those who need transport.

PARISH MESSENGER:

Mrs. J. Oliver \$10, Anonymous, \$6, Mrs. J. Crombie \$5, Mrs. K. Sutton \$5, Mrs. J. Nichols \$5, Mrs. J. Godfrey \$5, Miss J. Ingram \$10, Mrs. J. Roach \$5, Owna Chambers \$5, Mrs. M. Forsyth \$5, Mrs. L. Curtis \$10, Mr. & Mrs. C. Dyer \$6, Mrs. V. Thomson \$10, Mrs. J. Tyson \$2, A. Meek, \$20, Miss A. Bullock \$2.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER - SUNDAY 14TH JUNE.

LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL: W. Cowell, H. Bourke, A.J. Green/H.Pitt, G. Wheelton, W. Baxter, R. Kidd, W. Donaldson, D. Sheldrick.

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL: J. Roberts, M. Perkins.