

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

Join us in worship any Sunday 8am - 10am - 7pm Wednesday 10.30am

PARISH DIRECTORY

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- WEEKLY MEETINGS -

SUNDAY SCHOOL-
10 am, 1st, 3rd,
4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP- 31 4896
Several groups meet weekly
at different times and places,
check your weekly Pew Bulletin.
CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY-
Thursday 6 pm 31 8996
CHILDREN'S CHOIR-
Thursday 4.45 - 5.30 pm 31 1676
CHOIR PRACTICE-
Thursday 7.30 pm 31 1676
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY-
Wednesday 6 pm 27 3883
PARISH PRAYER GROUP-
Saturday 8 am 31 1520
THURSDAY PLAY CENTRE-
10.30 am - 12 noon 31 6173
'THE GROUP'-
Sunday 5 pm 27 2374

- MONTHLY MEETINGS -

WELFARE AUXILIARY-
2nd Monday 2.30 pm 44 2827
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA-
2nd Tuesday 6 pm 31 4566
MOTHERS' UNION:
2nd Wednesday 1.30 pm 44 7163
WOMEN'S GUILD-
3rd Thursday 2 pm 27 2484
SFS TOWNSEND-
4th Tuesday 9.45 am 31 5277

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!! ANNOUNCING !!

As a result of elections held at St John's Annual General Meeting, the following people hold office in our parish for the next twelve months:

CHURCHWARDENS -

Mr John Roberts (Rector's Warden)
Mr Terence Butler (People's Warden)
Mrs Judith Moxon (People's Warden)

VESTRY - People's representatives

Mrs Janet Stevenson
Miss Margaret Willson
Mr David Pluaridge
Mr Basil Tkaczuk
Mr Christopher Ivey
Mr Paul Phelps
- Rector's nominations
Mr Bob Cleary
Mr Tony Clayton
Mr Craig Owens

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES -

Mr John Roberts
Mrs Judith Moxon
Mr David Pluaridge

PATRONAGE COUNCIL -

Dr R. Smith
Mr D. Pluaridge
Mr P. Phelps
(Reserves - Mr D. Morris
Mrs J. Stevenson
Mrs L. Wall)

Please pray for these people who will undertake the Lord's special work in this our parish of St John's Church, Launceston.

Dear Friends,

You will have noticed in the Pew Sheet during the past few weeks references to *Partners in Mission*. As convenor of the Parish Action Group, I have been asked to give you some information about the programme.



PARTNERS IN MISSION PRAYER

Grant us, O God, the vision of your Kingdom
and new life through your Spirit
in our parish and in the Diocese.
Awaken our consciences
and strengthen our wills,
illuminate our minds
with the light of your truth
and set our hearts on fire with your love.
Bless the Partners in Mission programme
that it will bind us together as one
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Mission is not just sending missionaries overseas,

*Mission is proclaiming the Gospel,
living out the Gospel and
relating the Gospel to
society as a whole.*

It is the responsibility of every individual, every parish and every diocese; and it matters not where we live, we all belong to the Body of Christ.

The *Partners in Mission* programme will encourage us to look again at ourselves, to be more effective and to plan for the future.

The Parish Action Group is writing a profile of life at St John's as we see it - our strengths, weaknesses, things to be improved and plans for action. *Partners* from other parishes will visit St John's to attend services, meet with the Rector, churchwardens, vestry, parishioners and our organisations. In short they will become part of our Parish Family. *Partners from St John's are now in training and will be sent to another parish.*

The *Partners* will assess the life of the parish; strengths, weaknesses, aspects to improve, plans for action and issues identified by parishioners. Their report will be presented to the parish at a *Consultation Day* at which the aim

will be to examine parish life and issues so that realistic, achievable and measurable plans can be made for the future work. Particular reference will be placed on what we see as our 'Missionary' task.

Please pray for the *Partners in Mission* programme and the members of the Parish Action Group - Helen Fraser, Christopher Ivey and David Plumridge - as we prepare the parish profile, train to be *Facilitators and Partners*, and organise the *Consultation Day*.

JUDITH MOXON

"AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN WORSHIP"

In HEBREWS chapter 10, verse 25 we read; "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching."

Sometimes however, through sickness and other circumstances we are unable to worship in church every Sunday. If you find yourself in this position or know of others who are, why not worship with us in spirit with a copy of our Sunday Services on audio tape in your own home.

To acquire a tape please contact a member of the recording team after a service, or the Parish Office during the week - 'phone 31 4896; 9am. to 3pm. and tapes will be made available for your use.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This special ministry outreach from St John's needs new volunteers. We would like to expand our present parish team who give about three hours on the second Sunday each month. Your commitment would be required once every two months. Please give your most serious thought and prayer to this matter; we would like to hear from you, so please ring the Parish Office 31 4896 and speak to Miss Valerie Murgatroyd.

SUNDAY 14th JULY

H. Bourke, W. Cowell, J. Green/N. Pitt,
A. Neale, D. Pluaridge, S. Perkins,
J. Saith, D. Sheldrick, M. Wing,
M. Willson.

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST

J. Ball, W. Donaldson, H. Griffiths,
M. Jansson, M. Perkins, P. Phelps,
R. Mansfield, V. Murgatroyd,
J. Stevenson, M. Wing

! DO NOT FORGET TO SUPPLY YOUR OWN
SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND TO THIS
IMPORTANT MINISTRY, SOME-ONE MAY RECEIVE
THEIR LUNCH AT TEA-TIME IF YOU FORGET !

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting on Wednesday 10th July 1991 will be held in the Parish Centre at 1.30 pm. Please note the change of time for this and all future meetings.

These clues for welcoming new members were taken from the Mothers' Union magazine 'Mi a Mi'.

1. Appoint Welcomers at church services.
2. Create friendship links with existing members.
3. Make sure you have a "people trap" after services; tea and coffee.
4. Introduce them to others.
5. Introduce them to the Rector.
6. Create opportunities for social interaction between them and other members; morning coffees etc.
7. Develop a small group or home group structure.
8. Mobilise people into ministry; discover their gifts and release them.

BOOTTEE DUTY continues each week. Thank you to all who knit these little foot-warmers, they are greatly appreciated by the new mothers and babies.

Many old friends and acquaintances were present at our Special Communion service on 26th June.

G. F. S. TOWNSEND

On 13th June a few members were joined by our Diocesan Chairman, Miss Anne Richardson of Lilydale, and visited Miss Kiddle at Springslade, Legana, for her 90+ birthday. We all enjoyed our time at the home and were given morning tea by the staff.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th July 1991.

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

This interesting and challenging Fellowship programme is on again this year. All the old rules apply for 1991. Do join us.

Saturday 27th July SLIDE & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT - Newstead Baptist Church Hall. Bring prints or slides to share or just come for the Fellowship. Supper to follow, please bring a plate. Contact - Janet Harvey, (003) 44 2768.

Saturday 17th August MT ROLAND / MT VAN DYKE? / INNES FALLS? - This is medium to hard grade. Contact - George Prall, (003) 44 5075.

UNIVERSITY

CHAPLAIN

On 1st August 1991 the Reverend Phillip C. Blake M.A., will take up the appointment of Anglican Chaplain to tertiary institutions in Launceston. The Reverend and Mrs Blake will live on the West Tamar and he will become a full-time member of St John's staff from that date. Phillip and Vera will arrive at the end of July and your prayers for them will be of great value.

JUNE REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Claire Victoria Wyton
Daniel Jack Morrison

MARRIAGES

Darren Woodward &
Katrina Griffith

BURIALS

Verdi Sargent
Jason Ayers
Edna Titmus
Kevin Saith

WARREN AND DI FUREY

Our Friends From Perth W.A. are preparing themselves to serve the Lord in Guinea Bissau, West Africa. God called them for missionary service, through their home church, the Perth International Christian Centre. Both graduated from the M.T.C. Tasmania. Their next step will be language study in Portugal at the Coimbra University for which they leave Australia in September, 1991. Warren and Di are aiming to work amongst the Fulani people, which is a W.E.C. targeted Unreached People group.

The Fula people. Population: 180,000 in Guinea Bissau, 20% of the population centred on Bafata, 900,000 in Senegal and 70,000 in Gambia.

Language: Fula Forro with five dialects in Guinea Bissau. Literacy: Unknown. Bible Translation: No Scripture, no translation in progress.

Religion: Islamized with a small Roman Catholic minority, from Portuguese colonial influence. There are very few believers. Missionary Activity: Several W.E.C. missionaries have worked in the Bafata area and since 1985 a Balanta congregation has evolved. Several Fula converts live in close villages, but there is no worker specifically for the Fula people.

Warren and Di need your prayers. They need wisdom in the use of their time in Perth. They need guidance in all they do before they reach West Africa.

The Fula people need your prayers also as they come to know Christ in Guinea Bissau.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 18th July 1991 at 2 pm. and our guest speaker will be Miss Margaret Willson.

Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs L. Piesse and Mrs L. Burn.

Members with knitted squares are asked to bring them to the July meeting in readiness to have them made up into rugs. One lovely rug completed recently was handed in at our June meeting.

MINISTRY TODAY

"...clericalism lingers, for it appeals not only to clergy but to some lay persons as well. It is a tempting attitude for laity who want to be passive, either because they find security in having an omniscient oracle or because they do not want to accept the responsibilities of Christian life implied by their baptism. A living body requires the living participation of all its members. So too does the body of Christ.

Ministry is the activity of the entire body of Christ. Each person has a special ministry, shaped to fit the given reality of that person's life. Ministry is not the enactment of a predetermined pattern of action. An individual or a parish or a diocese may be called upon to minister in unexpected ways, since ministry is always a response to a unique situation.

Ministry is a way in which individuals or communities respond to the persons or situations in which they find themselves, in obedience to the command proclaimed in the liturgy: to love others as Christ loved them. Ministry is not to another person at another time. It is here and now. It is not what we would do if we had greater resources or if the situation were somehow different. Ministry is what is done with existing resources in existing circumstances in obedience to Christ the Lord. If the person who crosses our path is hungry and our response is 'I would feed you if I had more bread' then we have failed to minister in the name of Christ."

(From "Liturgy For Living" by C.P. Price and L. Bell)
published by The Seabury Press, New York, U.S.A.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

A small group of ladies meet each Thursday at the home of Mrs Ruth Crack, 125 High Street.

We commence with a cup of tea at 10 am. and usually finish our discussion about 11 am. Any new members would be made very welcome.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Parishioners are reminded that the deadline for the AUGUST issue is Sunday 21st July 1991. Please leave items for publication at the Parish Office BEFORE that date. Thank you.