

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

DIRECTORY

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7250

PARISH GROUPS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771

FAMILY SERVICE:
10am, 2nd Sunday
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:
Sunday 5.00pm 272374

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Thursday 4.30 - 5.30pm 31 1676

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY:
Wednesday 6.00pm 27 3883

PLAY CENTRE:
Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon 31 6173

CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY
Thursday 6.00pm 31 8996

ADULT CHOIR
Thursday 7.30pm 31 1676

JYFS YOUTH GROUP
Friday 7.30pm 31 2048

PARISH PRAYER GROUP:
Saturday 8.00am 31 1520

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: 31 4896
Several groups meet weekly at different times and places, so check your weekly Pew Bulletin.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MEALS ON WHEELS
2nd Sunday 11 am 31 4896

WELFARE AUXILIARY
2nd Monday 2.30pm 44 2827

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA:
2nd Tuesday 6.00pm 31 4566

MOTHERS' UNION
2nd Wednesday 1.00pm 44 7163

WOMEN'S GUILD
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484

GFS TOWNSEND
2nd Thursday 12 noon 26 1877

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

THURSDAY EVENING AT 7.30 P.M.

May 23rd	Introduction
June 13th	Christianity Explained
June 20th	Christianity Explained
June 27th	Christianity Explained
July 4th	Christianity Explained
July 11th	Christianity Explained
July 18th	Christianity Explained
July 25th	The Confirmation Book
August 1st	The Confirmation Book
August 8th	The Confirmation Book
August 15th	The Confirmation Book
August 22nd	The Confirmation Book
August 29th	The Confirmation Book
September 5th	The Confirmation Book
September 12th	The Confirmation Book
September 19th	The Confirmation Book
September 26th	The Confirmation Book
October 3rd	The Confirmation Book
October 10th	The Prayer Book
October 17th	Other things of interest
October 24th	Rehearsal and Social

October 27th CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Application forms are now available in the Narthex for those wishing to be confirmed this year. Please take one, fill it in and return it to the Parish Office.

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Dear friends of St. John's,

KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

This is a very significant time in the life of St. John's Church. It is a time of great challenge, the challenge of knowing God's direction for our church and also the challenge to believe God will supply the resources to complete the task.

David and Romayne Hayman left us on the 30th April, after just over three years of pioneering a new ministry to the students of the City. They will be greatly missed and extremely difficult to replace. It was a privilege to have David as a colleague and to see him exercising his many gifts in the task of sharing the gospel with the students. This work has been a milestone in the development of St. John's mission in the City.

We as a parish face a number of significant challenges to our faith and obedience at this point of our congregational life. There is the challenge to find the person of God to replace David at the University as Chaplain. Until that person is in place this work will virtually be at a standstill.

The Parish Council took the decision in April to participate in the Partners in Mission Programme of the Diocese. It was crucial in its timing, as we are without a Chaplain and I will be on long service leave from mid August to late October. This Programme will be a thorough look at our whole parish life to evaluate our effectiveness in "Mission". The challenge here will be to face up to the spiritual and practical realities of how effective we are in the task of corporate obedience to Jesus as Lord.

In a time of economic uncertainty we shall have to face up to the challenge of Stewardship. We cannot rely as we have done on the income from assets and investments. There will need to be a deeper commitment in direct giving on a weekly basis in order to support the living agents of the gospel. Staff costs are increasing and are accelerated in the year that staff changes take place. The stewardship challenge is not only one of money but of gifts. If the talents and gifts of the ordinary church member were fully utilised in voluntary service we could reduce staff costs, but more importantly we could expand our practical ministry and evangelistic work. The challenge of stewardship becomes one of time or priorities. Too many Christians are too busy in non productive activities for the Kingdom of God.

I have left to last the challenge of the right use and maintenance of our property. We love the building of St. John's and its great organ. We have to face the practical reality of possible expense to maintain these things in the light of the more important priority of evangelism and pastoral care of people.

This is certainly a very significant time in our life as a parish. Knowing the Will of God and Doing the Will of God can be two different things. It must be our clear aim that these issues will be ours. We must earnestly seek Christ's will and be prepared to obey it - the cost will be very high in many areas, but our God will not ask us to do something for which He has not already provided the resources. We need not only to obey but to trust Him.

John A. Hook

MOTHERS' UNION

Thank you to all who took part in our special Communion service in March, especially those who gave transport to our guests. There was a wonderful response, with eighty-two communicants present. The morning tea and fellowship afterwards were much appreciated.

Please note! Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th May 1991 at 1 pm. Mrs Sylvia Joscelyne will speak on her impressions of the Oberammergau Passion Play. All members welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

This most worth-while ministry outreach from St John's needs new volunteers now!! 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 love to hear from you so please ring the Parish Office 31 4896 and speak to Miss Valerie Murgatroyd.

SUNDAY 12th MAY

H. Bourke, J. Green/N. Pitt, A. Neale,
D. Plumridge, S. Perkins, R. Mansfield,
J. Smith, D. Sheldrick, L. Knowles,
V. Murgatroyd.

SUNDAY 9th JUNE

J. Ball, W. Donaldson, H. Griffiths,
M. Jansson, M. Perkins, P. Phelps,
J. Preese, J. Roberts, 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 !

THANK YOU!

We are grateful to those who have given donations to assist with the production and distribution of our Parish Messenger. This is a continuing expense and we would welcome further donations.

J. Roach, R. Cox, B. Phillips, T. Hume,
M. Maclaine, R. Lee, W. Tacey, J. Darlow,
J. Hebbink, J. Hughes and some anonymous
donations.

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

With last year's success this interesting and challenging fellowship programme is on again this year. All the old rules apply for 1991. Do join us.

Saturday 18th May DRY'S BLUFF -

A hard grade trip organised by the North-West Trekkers.

- Contact - Neil Walker, (004) 25 5392.

8th- 10th June CRADLE MOUNTAIN -

Accommodation in the Bunk House at the Cradle Mountain Camp Ground. Cost per night; adults \$15, children \$7.50. Bookings close on May 10th Deposit per person \$10.00, accommodation is limited so book early.

- Contacts - David Harvey, (003) 44 2768
Geoff Powell, (003) 27 3355

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

Our group has been meeting for several years at Unit 1 125 High Street each Thursday, 10 am.-11 am. starting with a cup of tea. New members would be very welcome.

Ruth Crack (Leader).

CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED

Does the message of Good Friday and Easter challenge your thinking? Are the children asking questions you have difficulty answering? Are you unsure of your faith? This short-term course can help us all. Contact Mrs Joan Brook or the Parish Office, 31 4896, if you would like to know more and participate.

G. F. S. TOWNSEND

The Rawlings products demonstration at our next meeting has been cancelled unfortunately but we will still meet as usual on Thursday 2nd May 1991 at 12 noon.

PRAY FOR -

...PARTNERS IN MISSION

...OUR PARISH

...OUR CLERGY FAMILIES

...A NEW CHAPLAIN TO TERTIARY STUDENTS

...EACH OTHER AND OURSELVES.

ELECTORAL ROLL

On 1st March 1991 all church Electoral Rolls become void under the provisions of the Parish Administration Ordinance 1986. This occurs every three years. All those wishing to vote at the Annual General Meeting, other special general meetings or hold office in the parish are required, under this Ordinance, to have their names recorded on the Parish Roll on or after 1st March 1991.

Notice is hereby given that the new Electoral Roll will close on Wednesday 29th May 1991, at the close of business hours that day (30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the parish).

David Morris
Secretary to the Vestry

A SPECIAL OFFER FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

It has been my concern for some time that parishioners who become unable to attend St John's because of infirmity, may lose contact with us. Folk moving into more convenient accommodation such as Retirement homes or with relatives, may have transport problems, or may be physically uncomfortable sitting through the length of a church service. We have some solutions to such difficulties and we are looking for the folk who need these solutions!

Mothers' Union is meeting some of these needs by organising transport to the special Holy Communion services. In addition, St John's is able to provide cassette recordings of services for use at home.

Perhaps there is someone you remember who used to attend St John's and who might now consider these offers.

If you would care to discuss this further, please contact me through the Parish Office.

Margaret Willson

WOMEN'S GUILD

A most successful morning tea with stall was held in April, our thanks to all. A three-course luncheon will be held on Teusday 18th June 1991 in the Parish Centre in aid of the New Housing Area Ministry. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 16th May 1991 at 2 pm. New members very welcome.

S. Lawrence, Secretary.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 1991 at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Guest Speaker will be Miss Jenny Gill. Afternoon tea hostesses will Mrs Page and Mrs Easter.

Thank you to one and all who made our Morning Tea last month so successful. Monies raised from this function will be forwarded for the Roland Homes projects.

ADVANCE NOTICE

ST JOHN'S PARISH
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
FRIDAY 28th JUNE
AT 7 pm.
IN THE PARISH
CENTRE.

If you would like to hear about parish management, please come. If you cannot come, please put in your apology.

APRIL REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Rebecca Elaine Jane Abraham
Sheree Kayla Abraham
Crystal Lee Abraham
Alice Georgina Tremayne
Karyssa Ashton Arendt
Nathan Leigh Griffiths
Tanita Kristie Lovett

MARRIAGES

Rodney Higgins & Caroline Styles
Mark Chugg & Tania Snooks

EDITORIAL NOTE

Parishioners are reminded that the deadline for the JUNE issue is Sunday 19th May 1991.

Please leave items for publication at the Parish Office BEFORE that date.

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