

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

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PARISH GROUPS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771
FAMILY SERVICE:
10am, 2nd Sunday
SUNDAY GROUP:
Sunday 6.00pm 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
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 10.30am 31 4896
WELFARE AUXILIARY
2nd Monday 2.30pm 44 2827
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA:
2nd Tuesday 6.00pm 31 4566
MOTHERS' UNION
2nd Wednesday 1.30pm 44 7163
WOMEN'S GUILD
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 44 2827
GFS TOWNSEND
2nd Thursday 12 noon 26 1877

OCTOBER 1991

St. John's Mothers' Union
Launceston

Invite you and your friends
to a Luncheon on
Wednesday 23rd October
at 12 Noon

GUEST SPEAKER
Canon Lance Shilton

Admission - \$6

FUNDS TO AID
CLARENDON CHILDREN'S HOME.

R.S.V.P.

MRS. M. EASTHER - 315750

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Parishioners are reminded that the deadline for ALL ISSUES is the THIRD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH. Please leave items for publication at the Parish Office BEFORE that date. Thank you.

SUPPLEMENT TO "CHURCH NEWS"

My Dear Friends,

My wife and I are very grateful for the warm welcome you have given us at St John's Church. It is a privilege for us to share in the ministry which you have to the people in Launceston.

This historic church has faithfully proclaimed the Gospel to many generations. Its pastoral concern and its evangelistic outreach have set an example of dedicated service by prayerful people.

Of course, we know that the church is more than a building, more than the clergy and even under them any one local gathering of believers. The Church is the Body of Christ of which all true believers in Him are members, irrespective of race, colour or nationality.

Our belief in the Sovereignty of God means that we never need be surprised how and where God works. He can overrule through the recent dramatic events in the Soviet with the overthrow of Communism. Christians in the former Soviet Union still need our prayers. Their witness over 70 years in the face of severe persecution and continued discrimination has been magnificent. Sooner or later in other parts of the world the false, bankrupt philosophy of atheistic Communism must give way to the truth as revealed in Christ and expressed through democratic principles. Our God is the God of history who will eventually bring about the consummation of all things at the return of Christ.

However, the hedonistic materialism so rampant in Australia, in some respects is like the atheistic materialism in Communist dominated countries. In both cases God is either denied or ignored.

Christ has given to all Christians the commission to go into all the world and proclaim the good news of forgiveness and new life. As well as missionary endeavours in other countries it means faithful witness here in Launceston. It means continually looking for opportunities to testify by words and actions to the saving grace of Christ.

When the Apostle John wrote down the vision from the Risen Lord to the seven churches of Asia Minor in the 1st Century A.D., as recounted in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3, there were both condemnations and criticisms. My series of addresses on how relevant these words are to the church today will be continued throughout October.

We continue to pray for God's blessing upon John and Joan Brook that they may be personally refreshed on their long-service leave and spiritually strengthened for the Lord's service in the future.

Your prayers for the Diocesan Synod held from 10th to 13th October would be appreciated. Some important matters will be discussed affecting the Diocese and the parishes.

With many thanks for your caring fellowship in the Gospel.
Sincerely yours in Christ



Lance R. Shilton

Lance R. Shilton
Acting Rector.

Gathering for Canon Shilton
L-R Stuart Cameron, Tony
Clayton, Canon Shilton, Tan
Davidson, & Patricia Roberts

FIVE POINTS ON PRAYER -

from an address given at St John's Church by Lance Shilton.

Let me bring you five principles to follow for effective prayer. I am not suggesting these as the ingredients in a recipe for successful prayer, nor do I want to emphasize a methodological or a mechanistic computerised approach to prayer but I trust that they will be of some practical help.

.1 Pray regularly, not spasmodically. If you are too busy to pray you are busier than you ought to be. Have set times for prayer.

.2 Pray spontaneously, not irrationally. Constantly be in an attitude of prayer. True prayer may be beyond our reasoning or comprehension, but it is never irrational.

.3 Pray honestly, not manipulatively. Honesty means no manipulation, such as 'if you do this for me, Lord, I'll do that for you.'

.4 Pray believably, not platitudinously. Pious platitudes are sometimes used as a cover up for real prayer. Nothing lies outside the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

.5 Pray thankfully, not miserably. St Paul said; 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your request to God'.

On the Cross, Jesus Christ both prayed to the Heavenly Father and answered the prayers of the repentant sinner.

INSPIRING SINGING

St Andrew's Cathedral Choir from Sydney received an enthusiastic welcome from the congregation when they visited St John's to sing Choral Evensong on 18th September.

Many remarked on the inspiring music which was well reported in The Examiner; *"The boys and men of the choir were more than musicians of professional expertise - they were Christians whose singing expressed their personal devotion to God."*

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The next monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 14th October 1991 at 2.30pm.

Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs Jean Green and Mrs Margaret Philpot.

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for this year's confirmation candidates and include this special prayer.

*"Defend your servants Lord
With all your heavenly grace;
Your ever present help afford,
And guide us all our days.*

*Defend your servants Lord
And guard us with your peace:
On us your Holy Spirit poured,
Our daily trust increase.*

*Defend your servants Lord,
So when our journey's through,
We may obtain your great reward:
Your kingdom share with you."*

Philip C. Blake.

The candidates are;

MICHAEL BROWN, KATHRYN COOPER, KELLY MOORE, HELEN GRIFFITHS, MARIE GRIFFITHS, SUSAN VALLIS, ROBERT JACKSON, ELEANOR CAMERON, IRENE CLARKE-WALKER, BETTY ELKERTON, STEPHEN EAST, CLAIRE WALDRON, HAMILTON WAKEFIELD, MATTHEW BRAIN, MYLES MUMFORD, STUART CAMERON, LINDA McCREA.

ST JOHN'S CHOIR JUNIOR MEMBERS attend Choral Evensong at St Matthew's, New Norfolk.

Five young people accompanied by Mr Bill Pierce attended the R.S.C.M. Choral Festival held at St Matthews, New Norfolk on Saturday 14th September. They represented St John's Launceston among the fifty participants from six centres in the south.



It was a most enjoyable day, with many old favourite hymns sung and psalms presented in this act of worship with the theme of Spring and God's goodness to the earth. The anthem 'THOU VISITEST THE EARTH' was an arrangement for three parts by Derek Holman of music by Maurice Greene (1695-1755).

Our choir members acquitted themselves very well being the only junior members present. Amy Hamilton was selected to be cross-bearer for the Festival. This is the first time in recent years that a northern choir has attended in the south. We are very grateful to Mrs Heiffer for transport arrangements.

NOVEMBER IS BOX OPENING MONTH

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

promptly at 10.30am.
J. Ball, W. Donaldson, J. Green/H. Pitt,
H. Griffiths, D. Hindrum, P. Phelps,
J. Stevenson, D. Sheldrick,
V. Murgatroyd, M. Wing.

WOMEN'S GUILD

\$500 was recently sent from our Guild to the New Areas Ministry, the Diocesan Project. Our next fund-raising effort will be a Garage Sale, Morning Tea and Cake Stall on Saturday 16th September at 10 am. in the Parish Centre. All donations of suitable goods accepted. Come and join us on the day. Celia Hill

MOTHERS' UNION

At the October meeting on Wednesday 9th to be held in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm. final arrangements will be made for the LUNCHEON on 23rd. This is the annual fund-raising effort for the Clarendon Children's Home and we hope many will come to enjoy the meal, the fellowship and our special guest speaker. The special service of Holy Communion for special people last month was as usual, very successful. The morning tea served after the service was well received.

Klomp Club 17 →
Working with pegs
L-R Kate Galloway, Philip
White & Mi scha Tunevitsch.

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

This interesting and challenging fellowship programme is on again.

Saturday 19th October MT PILLINGER

A medium to hard grade trip. Contact - Gary Fitzallen (003) 31 1863 or Geoff Powell (003) 27 3355.

saturday 16th November - Lake Myrtle & Mt Rogoona A medium to hard grade event.

Contact - Gary Fitzallen (003) 31 1863
Geoff Powell (003) 27 3355

SEPTEMBER REGISTER

BURIALS

Wilhemina Crombie
Fraser Carnie
Osborn Wroughton

MARRIAGES

David Copeland & Vicki Symons



TO THE EDITOR.

What a delight it was to attend Choral Evensong led by the choir of St Andrew's Cathedral on September 18th. Many thanks to all those involved in the organization. No one in the large, appreciative congregation could fail to be spiritually uplifted by such a joyful service of worship.

However, we don't have to wait at St John's for this type of exciting service to be brought to us. Within the congregation of St John's we have many musically gifted worshippers who choose not to use their gifts to the glory of God. It is very difficult for our small, dedicated choir to present high standard music all the time unless given proper support and encouragement from all the congregation.

There was an inference in the report of the Sunday Activities Committee that joyful services only arise from the use of "contemporary" music because only this can stir the mind and heart. The visit of St Andrew's Choir showed that this is not true.

Joyful services arise from wholehearted participation by all members of the congregation with those members with particular gifts using these at the highest level in the worship of God.

Let us all give thanks to God for the gifts he has given us and share these gifts with others to his glory.

The Psalmist