

# PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

## DIRECTORY

RECTOR:  
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## 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

### 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 1.30 pm 44 7163  
WOMEN'S BUILD-  
3rd Thursday 2 pm 44 2827  
GFS TOWNSEND  
2nd Thursday 12 noon 26 1877

## AUGUST 1991

## WELCOME

*The Revd Philip Blake  
and Mrs Blake.*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1991*

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## FAREWELL

*Rt Revd Mervyn Stanton  
and Mrs Stanton.*

*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1991*

*Evening Prayer at 7 pm.*

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*Please pray for these special people to strengthen and uphold them, one as he takes up a new path in his ministry in Launceston, another as he reflects on faithful service to our God, and the others as they continue to support their partners in the years to come.*

Dear Friends,

As I write these words we are surrounded by packing cases and paraphernalia. Moving from Sydney and crossing on the "Sea-Cat" is quite a traumatic experience and we shall appreciate your kindness in allowing us to slowly settle in. Having said that, we are excited to be here and living in our own home, in a rural setting.

Vera and I spent our formative years in London. Vera spent time in the office of the old 'China Inland Mission', and worked for a period with Dr Barnardo's Homes at Barkingside. I completed an apprenticeship as a colour etcher, before doing my National Service for two years in the Royal Air Force. After this I returned to my trade before entering Oak Hill Theological College, London in 1954. We were married in 1956, and I was ordained at Oxford in 1957 to serve in the Parish of St Paul, Slough. While we were at Slough Susan and Andrew were born. In 1960 we moved to Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, to the Parish of Uphill (a wonderful home for a Parish!) with charge of St Barnabas', Oldmixon which was a very new municipal housing area.

The year 1962 saw us move to the Parish of Branston, Burton-on-Trent in the Diocese of Lichfield. We were there until our move to Australia in 1969.

In 1969 we were considering a move, although not initially one of 15,000 miles. However God had an extended arm and the four of us arrived in June 1969 at the provisional Parish of Marsfield with Denistone East, later to become the Parish of Denistone East/Marsfield. There for the first three years I was not only in charge of a parish with two active duplicated centres, but Chaplain to the Macquarie University.

By 1976 we were again considering a move and a variation of ministry. Some kind of chaplaincy seemed to be a possibility, although what eventuated was not previously anticipated. In November 1978 I was appointed Chaplain to the Long Bay Complex of Prisons, a ministry which proved to be exciting in its own way. In 1981 I was appointed Senior Anglican Chaplain with the Department of Corrective Services and I continued in Prison Chaplaincy work in various parts of the Sydney area until 1984.

Meanwhile our children had grown up and Susan who had regularly visited overseas with a local choir, decided to do her nursing training in England and then married a local Ipswich (Suffolk) boy. We were able to be there for the wedding and I was able to officiate.

In 1984 I was appointed Director of Chaplains with the Anglican Home Mission Society in the Diocese of Sydney. This entailed supervising a staff of 21 full-time and 10 part-time chaplains in General Hospitals, Phyciatric Hospitals, Prisons Juvenile Centres and chaplaincies to Maoris and Turkish speaking people. Vera joined with me in caring for these male and female chaplains and the ministry in that area has proved to be satisfying and encouraging.

This brings us up-to-date for we have decided to move to Tasmania as a preparation for eventual retirement here. I look forward to ministering to the tertiary students, and we look forward to your continuing prayerful support and friendship at St John's.

With every prayerful good wish,

Philip and Vera Blake



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

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

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY

H. Bourke, W. Cowell, A. Neale,  
Plumridge, S. Perkins, J. Preece,  
J. Roberts, J. Smith, L. Knowles,  
M. Willson.

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

## ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The August meeting will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1991 at 2.30 pm. in the Parish Centre. Afternoon Tea hostesses will be Mrs V. Millen and Mrs G. Atkinson.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1991 at 2 pm. and our guest speaker will be Mr Gilbert Page from the Department of Missions in Hobart.

Our afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs J. Stevenson and Mrs D. Newman.

The Farewell for Bishop and Mrs Stanton has been arranged for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August following the Evening Service. Everyone has been asked to bring a plate of supper and all Guild members are asked to be available to help with supper.

## G. F. S. TOWNSEND

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1991, 12 noon to 2 pm. Please bring a nice lunch to share. Our special guests will be The Reverend Paul and Mrs Anna Wood.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1991 in the Parish Centre at 1.30 pm. Please note the change of time for this and all future meetings.

Our guest speaker will be Mr Gilbert Page of the Church Army.

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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September ROCH CLIMBING. Contact - Alasdair Rose (003) 31 7661

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September MT VICTORIA

A medium to easy trip. Contact - Andrew Madden (003) 99 3315.

# HELP!

## A PLEA FOR HELP

IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO COULD PLEASE SPARE THE TIME TO HELP WITH CLEANING THE CHURCH BRASS? We are now only three ladies who undertake this task and it is very time-consuming for three rather busy people. Whoever can help please ring Celia Hill - 26 1877.

## JULY REGISTER

### BURIALS

Alan Robert Jetson

### BAPTISMS

Matthew Allan Claridge

Luke Wallace Slater

" ELIJAH " - ALBERT HALL

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1991

at 8 pm.

\$15.00 & \$8.00



## YOUTH SYNOD

The 1991 Youth Synod and Conference was once again a time of learning and fellowship for all who participated. The three St John's delegates who attended were Stephen Shott, James Cartledge and Tanya Davidson. It was good to see their involvement in all aspects of the occasion such as serving, worship services, and also contributing thoughtful comments during the Synod debates.

It was interesting to meet other young people from the Diocese and as a result we have gained a deeper appreciation of our own parish life at St John's.

It was great to see Mrs Wendy Cowell, Mrs Judith Moxon and the Reverend Paul Wood waving the St John's flag, and Stephen Silversmith representing our CEBS branch.

We congratulate Christopher Ivey on his election as Youth Synod representative to the Diocesan Synod.

Our special thanks to St John's Vestry for their support. We look forward to January 1992 when the Diocese will host the National Anglican Youth Synod and we would value your prayers for this important occasion.

Yours in Christ,

Tanya Davidson

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### "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.

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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"

## R. S. C. M.

Our choir and some other members of St John's congregation attended the Annual Choral Festival of the Royal School of Church Music held at St John's Devonport on 20<sup>th</sup> July. After a chartered bus ride down the whole afternoon was taken up with intensive rehearsal then a service at 6.30 pm. The theme of worship was 'The City'. Dr Christopher Dearnley was the Festival leader and Mr William Pierce was the organist.

Members of several choirs from Launceston, Devonport, Wynyard, Burnie and other churches attended. This was a most spiritually enriching occasion with music and words from several centuries combining to present the City of God as a very holy and peaceful place full of spiritual beauty and spiritual strength.

At the conclusion of the service a few moments were reserved for thanksgiving for the life of Mr Don Holder, leading figure with the Royal School in Australia, who died recently. This was followed by a special presentation made to Mr Norman Townsend of the North-West Coast for his many years of service to the Royal School of Church Music.

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### "OUR CHURCH"

*We worship at our Church of St John,  
To enjoy the great things that go on;  
Where the music is fine  
And the preaching divine,  
While the fellowship is really  
'spot-on'.  
(Anon)*

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### 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.