

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 391771
FAMILY SERVICE:
10am, 2nd Sunday
SUNDAY GROUP:
Sunday 6.00pm 272374
CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
Thursday 4.30 - 5.30pm 311676
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY:
Wednesday 6.00pm 273883
PLAY CENTRE:
Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon 316173
CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY:
Thursday 6.00pm 318996
ADULT CHOIR:
Thursday 7.30pm 311676
PARISH PRAYER GROUP:
Saturday 8.00am 311520
FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: 314896
Several groups meet weekly at different times and places, so check your weekly Pew Bulletin.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MEALS ON WHEELS
2nd Sunday 10.30am 314896
WELFARE AUXILIARY
2nd Monday 2.30pm 442827
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA:
2nd Tuesday 6.00pm 314566
MOTHERS' UNION
2nd Wednesday 1.30pm 447163
WOMEN'S GUILD
3rd Thursday 2.00pm 442827
GFS TOWNSEND
2nd Thursday 12 noon 261877

APRIL 1992



CONSULTATION DAY

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Parishoners 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"

Dear Friends of St John's,

Our Partners in Mission programme will come to a climax on Saturday 2nd May with a Consultation Day to be held in the Parish Centre. This can be a milestone or a tombstone in the life of St John's.

I would urge every member of the congregation to be present at the Consultation Day. You will need to make it a priority and accept a sacrifice for this to be a real consultation.

I hope you are as concerned as I am for the great number of people in our community, young and not so young, who do not have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our mission, the reason for St John's to be here, alive and well, is to bring Christ to the people.

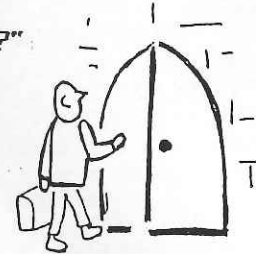
It is one thing to be concerned about the need, it is another matter to do something about it. There is plenty of talk about a 'Decade of Evangelism' but unless you and I are doing something about it ourselves it will be like a lead balloon.

I believe the Consultation will highlight both the strengths and weaknesses at St John's. We need to know both, if we are to be more effective. Our Partners have done a great deal of work to make this Day possible, along with the members of our Action Committee who prepared the Parish Profile last year.

My question to you is; "CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO BE INVOLVED?"
My prayer is that your answer will be; "YES!"

John A. Brock

OBSERVE



PARTNERS-IN-MISSION AT ST JOHN'S

Dear Friends,

Partners in Mission is a reflective and consultative process by which we seek to discover God's purpose for us, examine parish life and issues, encourage one another, overcome barriers, and plan for the future by setting realistic and achievable goals with particular reference to what the Parish sees as its 'Missionary' task.

The Parish Consultation Day is to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 2nd May commencing at 9am with prayer. The Parish Profile will be received along with the Partners Report. After lunch, 12noon-1pm. the discussion begins on where we are going what we are doing and how we are doing it.

It will be an exciting Day. We urge you to attend and take part. If you have questions about the programme please speak to either Helen Fraser, Christopher Ivey, David Plumridge or Judith Moxon. We have all been involved as Partners and Facilitators at other parishes and we have found the experience very rewarding.

See you on the Day, 2nd May, 9am.

Judith Moxon

Chairperson

Parish Action Group



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??THE VIEWING ON TELEVISION??

If you are unhappy with language, violence and obscenity on television why not telephone the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal on 008 33 7417 and lodge your complaint immediately. (This is a free call). Give details of the programme and the channel and the nature of your objection. It is a good idea to ask for a written acknowledgement. In this way you can have some say in the material that is presented for family viewing.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

A Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 8th April from 10am. to 12 Noon, cost \$3.00, with a well-stocked stall. Our next monthly meeting will be on 13th April in the Parish Centre.

MARCH REGISTER

MARRIAGES:

Neil Watson & Caroline Lack
Deane Caldwell & Lucinda Thyne
Bradley Collins & Pamela Foley
Ian Towell & Katherine Barwick
John Davey & Tracey Van Aalst
Paul Hosking & Debra Dickenson

BURIALS:

Margaret Record

BAPTISMS:

James McElwee
Lachlan Robert Baird
Cullum Dale Speers
Samantha Chilcott
Troy Snowball

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our Morning Tea to welcome the new year and new friends, held in the Rectory last month, our well-stocked stall raised \$114.18. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Brook for having our gathering in their home. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Maundy Thursday, 16th April in the Parish Centre at 2pm. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mesdames E. Chamberlain and J. Butler.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The 24th Annual Conference will be held at St Barnabas' Church, Scottsdale, on 12th and 13th May. Registration forms may be collected from the Narthex. Billet accommodation can be arranged in Scottsdale and Bridport by contacting Mrs J. Bremmer or Mrs M. Kerrison as indicated on the form. The Conference is open to all Anglican Women and offers a wonderful opportunity to meet ladies from other parishes.

The guest speaker will be Mrs Robyn Claydon from the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, for many years Deputy Headmistress of Abbotsleigh Anglican School, Sydney and has been active on the Parish Visiting team at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. Robyn has travelled extensively in Eastern Europe, visiting as far away as Russia. If you have further enquiries about the Conference please 'phone Miss Betty Parramore, 44 9618.

ECUMENICAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

The service at St John's last Sunday evening was a great success as an act of worship and thanksgiving and must surely be the first of many more such services reaching out into our community. Staff and students of the University of Tasmania at Launceston and the National Maritime College joined our own congregation to give thanks and praise to God.

It was a service in which everyone shared through Prayer and Praise. Musically, it was wonderful too and involved the whole congregation lead by our Organist and Choir together with the University Choir and Wind Ensemble. University officials and other staff members robed for the occasion and took part in the service. Local politicians, civic leaders and other church leaders were also present.

Give for
God's
Work!

LENTEN ENVELOPES - During Lent we have an extra opportunity to give to God's work over and above our weekly commitment. Special Lenten Envelopes are provided today and if you would like to support Dr. Robin and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, mark your envelope, "Share the Care" - CMS - Smith. The Church Missionary Society provides the living allowances for the Smiths and your Lenten gifts can go to cover that support.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes for Adults and Young People will begin in May. Adults will meet from 7.30pm. to 9.30pm. on Thursdays and Young People will meet from 4.30pm. to 6.00pm. Wednesday evenings. For further information please contact the Revd Peter Stuart, the Rector or the Parish Office 'phone 31 4896.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 12th APRIL 1992

J. Ball, W. Cowell, J. Green/H. Pitt,
H. Griffiths, J. Preece, P. Phelps,
V. Murgatroyd, D. Sheldrick, M. Wing,
B. Whitney/B. Seaton.

SUNDAY 10th MAY 1992

Promptly at 10.30am. please

W. Donaldson, D. Hindrum,
D. & E. Holmes, M. Jansson,
M. McNair, A. Neale, J. Smith
D. Plumridge, J. Roberts, L. Knowles

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

An invitation is extended to ladies of the Parish who may be interested in joining our Auxiliary. We are a small circle of friends who meet monthly, have lovely afternoon teas and twice yearly morning teas. We raise funds for worthwhile causes. For your enquiries please telephone our President, Mrs Dulcie Butler, 44 2827 or Secretary, Mrs Pat Murray, 44 4559.

PASTORAL COMMITTEE — Notes from the Minutes

Some of the many aspects of the workings of the Committee could be listed as follows;

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| .1 OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC/BARBEQUE | .9 CHURCH SIGN |
| .2 CONSULTATION DAY [Partners in Mission] | .10 BAPTISMAL PARTIES |
| .3 TEACHING SEMINAR | .11 KLOMP CLUB |
| .4 MISSION TO SEAMEN | .12 PRAYER CHAINS |
| .5 INFORMATION PACK | .13 CASSETTE MINISTRY |
| .6 PEW SHEET | .14 MINISTRY TO YOUNG, AGED & ISOLATED |
| .7 PARISH DOOR KNOCK | .15 TRANSPORT ROSTER |
| .8 LETTER BOX DROP | .16 HOSPITALITY |

In all these areas the Committee will be working throughout the year. It needs your help through prayers and actions; ask a Committee member how you can assist. The Committee consists of - Mr Basil Tkaczuk, Miss Sybil Brownrigg, Mrs Wendy Cowell, Mrs Ann McKercher, Mr Richard Mansfield, Mr Mark Clemens and Mr Chris Ivey.

MOTHERS' UNION

At the Annual General Meeting held last month all retiring office bearers were re-elected. The Simnal cake distributed on Mothering Sunday was made by our members. The next meeting is on 8th April at 1.30pm. in the Parish Centre and Mrs Joan Brook will be our guest speaker.

The first Special service of Holy Communion for 1992 will be on Wednesday 15th April at 10.30am. with morning tea following the service. Transport can be arranged by ringing Mrs Easter 31 5750. Do bring your friends to this service and help others with transport.

GOOD FRIDAY

Tetel estai, it is finished!
God's Great work is ended.
Christ, his heavenly form diminished,
Was in man descended.

Tetel estai, sin is vanquished!
See him hang rejected.
Lord of might, his body languished:
Sacrifice perfected.

Tetel estai, deathly parting?
Source of life forever.
Man's true peace with God is starting:
Gift beyond all measure.

Tetel estai, Christ obeying:
Bread and wine partaking.
God's one sacrifice portraying:
Sin and death forsaking.

Tetel estai, all completed!
Tell the greatest story:
Christ in heavenly places seated:
Lamb of God in glory.

Philip Black

["Tetel estai" - Greek for 'It is finished']