

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

AUGUST 1992

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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



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF TASMANIA

SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 1st August "SPIRITED TIMES"

A dramatic presentation of the story of the Diocese in performance, light and sound, directed by Susan Williams.

Saturday 22nd August THE SILVERDOME

11.30am. to 4.30pm.

A gathering of the Diocese to show, through active and static displays the many facets of its history, life today and hopes for the future. The day will culminate in a great Diocesan Eucharist to give thanks for the past 150 years and express our hopes for the future. The Primate of Australia will be the preacher.

Sunday 23rd August HOLY COMMUNION 10am.

We welcome a visiting preacher to a special service of thanksgiving.

Monday 24th August ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

St David's Cathedral, Hobart 8pm.

A Diocesan celebration to mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Nixon. The service will be attended by His Excellency the Governor, the Primate of Australia, bishops from throughout Australia and representatives of Tasmanian parishes.

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"

VESTRY... A PARISH COUNCIL

What does a vestry do? Occasionally there are complaints that vestry is a shadowy, secretive organisation with a very hidden agenda. It is our hope that this article will to some extent set the record straight.

Vestry at St. John's consists of three wardens, nine other vestry members (either gender!) and the rector. Six of the vestrymen and two of the wardens are elected at the Annual General Meeting from nominations by any parish elector, and the remainder are appointed by the rector. The assistant curate and chaplain to students frequently attend meetings in an advisory capacity, and the office secretary, Miss Val Murgatroyd takes the minutes and is often called upon to report on practical matters she has attended to.

The vestry is urged by the rector to be a prayerful body, and each meeting begins with an extended time of prayer, and a devotional.

Practical matters take up a good deal of the discussion at each meeting. Correspondence must be received, requests considered for use of church buildings, accounts are presented for payment, and financial statements inspected. The condition of church buildings and property is an ongoing concern, and decisions are often made for minor and major repairs and improvements.

The spiritual life of the parish is an important area of consideration, and reports such as those following on from the teaching day last September with Canon Lance Shilton, and the Parish Profile, Partners' Report and the report arising from the recent Consultation Day, are tabled at vestry.

Vestry does not hire or fire clergy or staff! A new rector at St. John's is appointed by a Patronage Council which consists of parish representatives (chosen for a three year term by Annual General Meeting vote), representatives of the archdeaconry, and the bishop. The names of assistant curates may be suggested to the rector by the bishop, the chaplaincy appointment is made by the rector with the approval of the bishop, and office and grounds staff and organist are appointed by the rector, usually with the assistance of the wardens. The rector will often use vestry as a "sounding board" in these and other matters which are rightly his preserve.

To keep the length of vestry meetings manageable, an executive consisting of the rector, the three wardens, the treasurer and the secretary, meets a fortnight before vestry. The executive is often empowered by vestry to act on various matters, and often makes recommendations to vestry on matters which required a little "homework".

Here are just a few of the major and minor issues dealt with by vestry in recent months:

A request was received from Independent Services Inc. for use of the parish centre weekly for the preparation of a midday meal by disabled people and volunteer helpers. We were not able to give them the day of their choice, but after negotiations, the program was able to go ahead on Tuesdays during school terms.

The lease on the Glebe Farm in Racecourse Crescent came up for renewal. With the assistance of Mr. Paul Phelps, tenders were called, and at the time of writing, those tenders are being considered. It is hoped the new lease will be completed by October, and that rental from this property, which had been only nominal, will climb to more realistic levels.

The draft budget to be presented at AGM has been discussed and considerably modified. Under the rector's guidance, vestry has been careful not to be "inward looking", but where possible, support for the wider church has been continued and even expanded.

Maintenance matters take up some time each meeting. Minor matters such as installation of new handrails near the main gates, repairs to mowers and printers, purchase of equipment, repairs and painting, difficult issues such as the repair or replacement of the corrugated asbestos fence near the rectory and the deterioration of the stonework on the northern facade, and the removal and replacement of the dying cedar tree, all take up time in discussion, and need following up by various vestry members in obtaining quotations.

Vestry is certainly no holiday! We seek your prayers and encouragement as we serve the Lord in the practical management of church property, and in the support of the spiritual and practical ministry of God's people at St. John's, under the leadership of the clergy.

Basil Tkaczuk, Secretary to the Vestry

G. F. S. TOWNSEND

Our next meeting will be in the Parish Centre on Thursday 13th August.

Please bring lunch to share.

Celia Hill.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our July meeting we were very pleased to have Mrs Phaik See Lee as our guest. She spoke about her Christian life and was most interesting; Thank you, Phaik See. We had a good attendance of members and 2 visitors.

Our next meeting will be in the Parish Centre on Thursday 20th August at 2pm. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs R. Crack and Mrs J. Connell.

Anglican Women's Fellowship day at St Mark's, Deloraine on Thursday 29th August - R.S.V.P. by 18th August. Celia Hill [Secretary]

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The next monthly meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday 10th August at the different time of 2.15pm. please note. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs G. Atkinson and Mrs M. Philpott.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

\$180 was sent to Melbourne on behalf of our box members at the end of the financial year. Thank you to one and all for your generous support. Celia Hill [Box Secretary]

KLOMP CLUB

It is on again in the September school holidays and we are up to programme number 20. What a wonderful achievement for children's ministry; CONGRATULATIONS!

There cannot be another Klomp Club without your continuing support and Glenn Clark and his helpers will always value your prayers. He would also like your old comics, scrap material squares, long bamboo skewers pens and pencils. It appears the club will be all at sea this time as Glenn is looking for a DINGHY or two that will be used in the parish centre for the children. Any offers ????? Phone Glenn on 31 8996.

MEN'S TEA

The subject for consideration at our next gathering on Tuesday 11th August at 6pm. in the Parish Centre will be "INSTITUTIONALISATION". The speaker will be the Reverend Dr Philip Blake.

A special welcome is given to those who have a particular interest in institutions and the effect they have on those who have to be in them.

COMMUNITY CARE

The original list of parishioners who offered their talents for the Community Care Project needs to be revised. This is because the circumstances, talents and availability of many of the volunteers have changed since the list was originally compiled.

A reminder to those who know, and an explanation to those who don't - Community Care Volunteers help folk who require a hand from time to time in cases of illness/accident, "advancing years", or simply because someone (me!) is unable to change a tap-washer.

We believe that Christ came to us as a servant, and so as followers of Christ we are committed to serve others. It is the responsibility of all parishioners to watch out for situations where assistance is required, and to either attend to it, or tell Community Care so that help can be organised. It has been heartening to discover just how much is being quietly done in this regard, outside the Community Care Project.

From experience over the last few years, a pattern of more increasingly observed needs has emerged, and these are the ones listed. However, there are others, and if your particular line of expertise is not mentioned please add it in the space provided. The list will be published in the Pew Sheet in the near future and I would appreciate it if you would complete it and return it to the Parish Office. Remember, this is a revision of the original list, and you need to make a new commitment even if you were numbered among the originals.

Miss Margaret Willson (Convenor).

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL READERS

Due to the latest increase in postage rates and projected re-organisation of postal services offered to the community, it has become necessary for St John's to cease posting the CHURCH NEWS and PARISH MESSENGER to parishioners as in recent years.

From August your church papers will be available in the Narthex on the first Sunday each month, and you are asked to offer your help with deliveries to those who cannot attend church that day. Please let the Rector or the Parish office know if you can help in this way.

The Editor.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 9th August 1992

J. Ball, H. Griffiths, M. Janissen,
D. Sheldrick, D. Plumridge, J. Preece,
R. Mansfield, V. Murgatroyd,
J. Roberts, M. Willson.

SUNDAY 13th September 1992

Promptly at 10.30am. please

W. Cowell, P. Phelps, D. Hindrum,
J. Green/H. Pitt, D. & E. Holmes,
M. McNair, B. Whitney/B. Seaton,
J. Stevenson, L. Knowles.

JULY REGISTER

BAPTISMS- Philip James Broad, Matthew Edward Donald Connelley, Kristy May Ford.

MARRIAGES- Sydney Collins and Simone Watson.

BURIALS- Edward Smith, Allan Viney, Reginald Gardiner.

MEMORIAL SERVICES- Clyde Smith, Geraldine Archer.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

The Annual Choral Festival will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 19th September at St John's. Starting at 2pm., the Chairman, Mr William Pierce will lead participants through *Festival Book Two*. Afternoon tea and a buffet style dinner will be included in the registration fee (which has yet to be set). A Service of Worship will conclude the singing for the day. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Festival is being held in conjunction with St John's Floral Festival.

St Mathias' Church, Windermere, has been made available to the R.S.C.M. on Sunday 25th October for a Picnic & Sing. While enjoying the Spring weather (if it has arrived) Mr Craig Johnston will use the afternoon to explore new publications and new music of the School with those present. Bring your picnic lunch to St Mathias' soon after 1pm.

The National R.S.C.M. Summer School for January 1995 will be held in Launceston and will be directed by Dr Christopher Dearnley, Director of Music, Trinity College, University of Melbourne. Craig Johnston [Secretary]

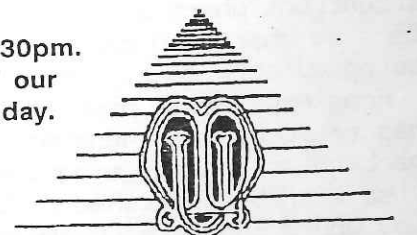
MOTHERS' UNION

Overseas Day will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 11th August at 1.30pm. Because of this there will be no general meeting this month. We all extend our congratulations to Mrs Jessie Nicholls who has just celebrated her 90th birthday.

Busses to the service.
\$5.00 members
\$20.00 non-members
(lunch included)

Name and money must be in by 1st. August.

**THANKSGIVING
EUCHARIST**
at
**CHRIST CHURCH
CULLINSWOOD ESTATE,
ST MARYS**
at 11.00 a.m.



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AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY

Monday 5th October