

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

JUNE 1992

!!!! A N D U N C I N G ! ! ! !

The CONSECRATION

of the

ASSISTANT BISHOP,

the Right Reverend Ronald Stone,

will take place at

St David's Cathedral, Hobart.

on Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm.

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The Northern Archdeaconry

OFFICIAL WELCOME

will be held at St John's on

Sunday 12th July 1992 at 7pm.

Everyone is urged to attend

this important occasion.

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"

MISS SYBIL BROWNRIGG

On 22nd May St John's parish family bid a loving farewell to our dear friend, Sybil. Few of us know the total magnitude of her life's work for God's purpose. We can only make a list of the things in which she was involved. Her life of love touched every member of 'her family', for that is indeed how we were to her.

The Brownrigg family has had a long association with St John's. Sybil's grandfather, the Reverend Marcus Blake Brownrigg became Rector in 1868 and served until 1887 and was the first resident in the Rectory. His many sons and daughters served St John's in many ways.

Sybil was born in 1913 when her parents lived in Arthur Street and she was baptised at St John's on 20th December that same year. Her mother died when Sybil was very young and her father, Harold, and her two aunts brought up the young girl to love the Lord. She completed her education at Broadland House and entered the commercial world of insurance. After working at General Accident Insurance Company for many years, Sybil became the first woman in Tasmania to hold the position as Manager.

Sybil was a pupil in our Sunday School, she then became a teacher for many years and eventually took over the position of Superintendent. Sybil was a long serving member of our choir, as were her father and two aunts.

Early in life Sybil was a member of the Trevallyn Bible Class when Trevallyn was part of St John's, she was also involved in the many activities at St John's Mission House, now Parkside in Canning Street. She was a member of the Gleaners' Union, the Medical Missionaries Guild and the more familiar Order of St Luke. In the 1970s Sybil became the first lady elected to the Vestry, serving for several years.

There are only a few activities in our parish in which Sybil did not have a role, even so she organised rosters of parishioners to staff a creche so that young mothers could be encouraged to join Mothers' Union and often was found minding the little ones herself. She organised many rosters, for instance, those who welcomed us to service each Sunday, minded our children during the 10am. service and who should pour the tea and coffee and wash up after the friendly gatherings on Sundays. Bible Study groups, Prayer Group, Prayer Chain Faith and Fellowship Groups all flourished under her influence. Sybil even had time to serve on the Meal on Wheels team.

Outside St John's, but not outside the church, Sybil was a founding member of the (Women's) World Day of Prayer in 1945 and was on the committee until two or three years ago. Her main role for some time was to organise the "Girls' Service" each year.

Sybil's work for the Church Missionary Society is known throughout Australia and in many places overseas. She was a member of several committees within the organisation and was chairman or president of many at local and state level. When she retired from business she took over the management of the C.M.S. Bookshop in Launceston in a voluntary capacity.

Sybil was always busy and it will take about twenty people to do all that she did. She loved her garden, music and people, but most of all she loved the Lord and served Him most faithfully.

BELL BAY SEAFARERS' MISSION

Following a visit to Men's Tea by the Reverend Robert Archer of Georgetown, St John's has agreed to participate in the Bell Bay Seafarers' Mission for a trial period of one week from 24th to 30th August 1992. Beginning with a fellowship meal on Monday 24th. This organisation seeks to minister to crews of foreign ships berthing at the Port of Launceston, and has use of a building at Bell Bay. Foreign language skills are not essential, and the ministry consists of friendship and support, as well as practical matters like currency exchange, for use of the telephone so that crew members may 'phone home. Please contact Basil Tkaczuk on 31 1155 by 1st August if you are interested in participating.

Basil Tkaczuk

MOTHER'S UNION

The next meeting will be at the Rectory on Wednesday 10th June at 1.30pm. Mrs Tiny Kennedy will be guiding members in the making of a banner with which to welcome M.U. visitors arriving at the airport on 4th October to attend the M.U. Pilgrimage to Cullenswood.

‘ ‘ ‘ 150th ANNIVERSARY ‘ ‘ ‘

Dear Parishioners,

1992 is an exciting year for Tasmanians as many institutions and organisations have had, or will have, an important anniversary or big celebration of some kind.

In August it will be the turn of all Anglicans to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Tasmania. The parish of St John's has played a vital role in the life of the Diocese and now we can all be a part of this great event of fellowship and thanksgiving by being present at the 'Silverdome' on 22nd August, by making a Parish Banner for St John's and by setting up a display at the 'Silverdome' depicting St John's Church and parish its past, its present and hopes for the future. This parish was the first formed away from Hobart Town in 1819 and originally covered the northern half of the island colony of Van Diemen's Land.

Now is the time to become motivated, the event will only be a success if every parish, including St John's, takes part. This is our opportunity to tell others in the Diocese about our church and parish and the work done in our community through St John's in the past and present. This will be a time of great sharing of ideas and fellowship and for new growth in our Anglican community.

The 'Silverdome' event will be centred around a massed service of Holy Communion. There will be a parade of banners, one from each parish, and displays presenting Anglican life in all its facets.

Space will be provided for our display and there will be a high security display area for any "treasures" that are brought for display.

Some tressles and tables will be available at the 'Silverdome' and some partitioning for hanging. St John's ought to be able to provide its own tables at least.

Somewhere in our display should be the map of our parish geographical boundary and a large photograph of today's church. A few facts which could be usefully displayed would be; when the parish was formed, when buildings erected, first clergymen, etc. Pictures old and new, drawings, diagrams and models are just a few things you can use to demonstrate the growth of our church and parish over the many years. We also have large floor plans which show the development of the church building itself.

St John's needs a group of willing people, men and women, boys and girls, young and old to plan and assemble our display.

I am not able to take on the task on my own as I have been asked to co-ordinate all the displays for the Diocese into one and I can see a great deal of organising and encouraging of many other parish groups ahead of me.

Members from St John's already involved in planning the event in various ways are the Rector, David and Melanie Morris, Liz Prall, Chris Ivey and Glenn Clark.

Volunteers are required from the parish now to make the banner and set up the display. Space at the 'Silverdome' will be portioned out among the parishes according to their display needs. The more people that help, the better the display.

We all know there are many talents for this sort of activity among our parishioners, we have seen them in action before. We would like to know who will do the display for St John's as soon as possible and work well in progress by 28th July. As it is many years older than the Diocese, St John's should be prominent in the display part of this important celebration of thanksgiving.

Waiting to hear from a willing group soon.

Jenny Gill

150th Anniversary. Display Co-Ordinator.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm. on Monday 15th June 1992. All members please attend and bring a friend. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs Nolan and Mrs Godfrey.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our A.G.M. last month Mrs D. Harris was elected President; Mrs C. Hill, Secretary and Miss B. Parramore, Treasurer. Next meeting is on Thursday 18th June in the Centre, Hostesses will be Mrs W. Whitmore and Miss H. Thorn.

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).

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 1992

J. Ball, H. Griffiths, J. Preece,
D. Sheldrick, B. Whitney/B. Seaton.
R. Mansfield, V. Murgatroyd,
P. Phelps, M. Willson, M. Wing.

SUNDAY 12th July 1992

Promptly at 10.30am. please

W. Cowell, W. Donaldson, D. Hindrum,
J. Green/H. Pitt, D. & E. Holmes,
M. McNair, A. Neale, J. Smith
J. Stevenson, L. Knowles.

!! ATTENTION PARISH GROUPS !! ANNUAL REPORT

It is now time to prepare your reports and Financial Statements for the parish Annual Meeting. Please submit them to the Parish Office in the next couple of weeks. The Annual Report takes a good deal of time to prepare and your prompt co-operation would be greatly appreciated

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CAN, TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARISH. Everyone is urged to become members of regular system of giving. It ensures that St John's has a consistent weekly income simply because your giving is consistent. The envelopes are dated so you can keep track of your offering and if you are absent one Sunday, just put it in the next week.

Approximately ~~25~~ of our average Sunday offering of \$2,400 comes through this method. We believe that if all parishioners used this system our average income would be significantly boosted.

If you do not have a set of envelopes and would like one, please leave your name and address with the sidesmen in church or at the Parish Office.

MAY REGISTER

BAPTISMS: Shauna Petty, Mirko Velic, Ryan North, Olivia Sturzaker, Johnathan Sturzaker

MARRIAGES: Darren Ferrall & Kelly Sulzberger

BURIALS: Casey Lorraine Kathleen Triffett, Auriel Louise Smith, Sybil Mary Brownrigg

DONATIONS TO PARISH MESSENGER

We would like to thank Mr Cleary, Mrs Denholm, Mrs Carter and Mrs Grueber for their most generous donations in the last few months towards the cost of production and distribution of St John's Parish Messenger.