

# PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

## DIRECTORY

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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 AUXILLIARY  
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

## MARCH 1992

### St. John's Welfare Auxiliary

The President and Members

invite you to a

**MORNING TEA**

in the

Parish Centre

on

Wednesday, 8th April, 1992

from 10am to 12 Noon

Well stocked Stall

Bring your friends

Cost - \$3.00

### 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"

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WHAT I CAN REMEMBER.

I can remember going along to Sunday School in my school uniform. (If that happened today, children would go out on strike). However, after this first major hurdle in life I joined the ranks of the other children.

We used to celebrate our birthdays by blowing out candles that were placed in a wooden block. The piece of wood was painted red and had a yellow top and if anyone had tried to eat it they would have been in considerable trouble and be threatened with legal action.

My introduction to Sunday School education was via the "sand-tray". This was used by Mr Howe, my teacher, who used it extensively as a teaching aid. I had no idea that so much of the Old Testament was located in the desert; but in those days I was open to anything. It seemed that I learned most of my lessons and gained understanding of God's word through the "sand-tray".

Very methodically we were taught memory verses that were duplicated from a machine that reeked of fluid and each page seemed to be drenched in it. The words were blurred but we managed to learn and repeat them. The purple ink would indelibly write these verses on my mind. Each week we would recite them.

The pinnacle of success of our Sunday School was receiving the 'Sunday School Cup'. This huge cup was given to people who did not miss a Sunday. It was only when I was in sixth class that it dawned on me that I could possibly win this accolade if I put in the discipline. So that year; rain, hail or shine I was determined in my action.

I can remember sitting at the table with my Sunday School Superintendent and a girl, and suggesting that I did not think it was a good idea to sing songs because there was so few. (The main reason was that I did not want to seem an idiot in front of them.) After my faithfulness I shared the 'cup' with the girl for six months. I don't know what motivated her but I can say that my motives were not pure. Mr Thomas said we had a very good record for attending Sunday School and I agreed with him about all the effort I had put in.

In my middle years Mrs Bell was my teacher. She brought all her books in a cane basket. She walked at 100 m.p.h. (that was the speed then) and would attack people with her set of books. She would be one of the most ferocious evangelists I have ever met. She wore this hat that was like a crash helmet that gripped her head. I really thought it was cemented on. In her bag she kept a plastic sheet which she would hurl across the grass and once we sat on it we were her victims.

If we could stretch out our hands we could grab some nuts that had fallen from the tree, these were great to throw at each other when she was not looking. I can remember that we were always talking about the wars in the Old Testament which seemed to excite us all. David and Goliath was a favourite.

It was when I moved into the Senior Bible Class that I became aware of the New Testament. Each week Mr Sinclair used to write his lessons out and place them in a binder which he had. We knew how long he had by seeing when the paper stopped curling that would be the end of the lesson. I thought Mr Sinclair was a very clever man because he wrote so much of the Bible.

By this stage our classes had split into boys and girls. Mr Sinclair took us and Mrs Keane took the girls. The highlight of the year was when we had a party in Mr Sinclair's garage. This combined the classes and we took our records.

I did not know whether Mr Sinclair would understand my music. All I can remember of this night is that I waited around for a long time for something to happen, but we just stood looking at each other and ate chips, then we found a football and had a game at the back of the house. I had come to the end of my row and next year was fellowship.

Mr Howe, Mr Sinclair, Mrs Bell and Mr Thomas had a very large input in my life. I don't think people really realised how much. I wonder whether people prayed for them week by week as they taught me about God and the life I should live for him. They were faithful in their witness, sometimes a little hard to follow but I saw they always wanted to share Jesus with others.

This last year I have been able to observe the different aspects of youth work in this parish and see the impact of others on children. We need to pray that God will use these times to cultivate an understanding of Him through a relationship that will encourage the growth of faith and lives that live for Him.

Proverbs 3 : 1-2

"My Son, do not forget my teaching  
But let your heart keep my commandments.  
For length of days and years of life  
And peace they will add to you.

Bruce Geeves.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1992 at 6pm. in the Parish Centre. Gentlemen please add your name to the list in the Narthex or notify the Parish Office, 'phone 314896. Gentlemen new to the parish are very welcome to join us. Special Guest Speaker will be Mrs Lana Wall.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1992

Promptly at 10.30am.

M. Janssen, D. Plumridge, A. Neale,  
R. Mansfield, J. Roberts, J. Smith,  
L. Knowles, V. Murgatroyd,  
M. Willson.

### LET US GIVE THANKS

For the ladies who arrange the flowers,  
we give thanks  
For those who clean our church,  
we give thanks  
For creche, Sunday School and youth workers,  
we give thanks  
For prayer and fellowship groups,  
we give thanks  
For our Wardens and Vestry  
we give thanks  
For those who read the lessons  
we give thanks  
For our Organist and wonderful organ  
we give thanks  
For our dedicated Choir  
we give thanks  
For all who give their time  
In all forms of Christian service in our church  
we give thanks to God.

Barbara Ibbott.

### PARTNERS IN MISSION

We are seeking to be re-fashioned as an instrument for the growing work of Christ in the future.



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

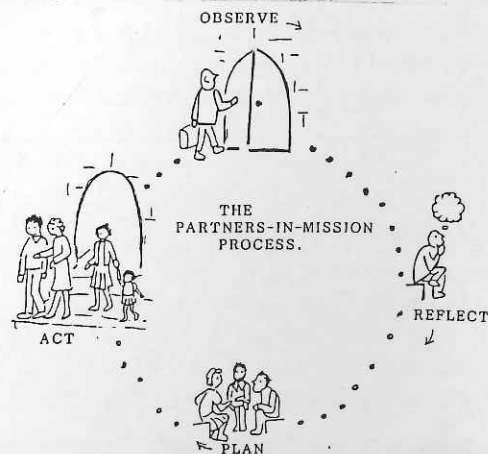
The service this year to celebrate the World Day of Prayer will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. at Christ Church Baptist, Frederick Street for Launceston City Central area.

The speaker will be Dr Jill Tabart and the theme "Living Wisely with Creation" has been prepared by the women of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. A light afternoon tea will be served; all parishioners are invited to attend.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Members are reminded that the Diocesan Service of Holy Communion will be held in St John's on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. The meeting and lunch will follow in the Parish Centre.

The Annual General Meeting will be our next monthly meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. All offices will be declared vacant and new officers elected.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (TAS) - WANTED - An Anglican Representative (not necessarily female) to join the World Day of Prayer State Committee. Each of the major denominations is entitled to two representatives on this committee. If you are interested, please contact Sue Cartledge on 432455.

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## ECUMENICAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

This service at St John's is planned for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. and will be the first of its kind in Launceston. It will seek to bring together the staff and students of the University of Tasmania at Launceston and the National Maritime College. Musically it will involve our own Organist and Choir with the University Choir and Wind Ensemble.

University officials and other staff members will be invited to robe for the occasion and invitations will be sent to local politicians, civic leaders and church leaders.

As St John's is host to this important service our congregation should be there in force. Please note the date and time and plan to attend. More information will be available in due course.

Philip Blake  
University Chaplain.

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## SCRIPTURE TEACHER HELPERS

St John's will be taking two more classes at West Launceston School this year and more people are required for this special outreach programme. The classes are held on Thursday mornings 9-10am. Helpers aid our teachers in many simple but important ways. Please contact Mrs Helen Fraser, 'ph. 34 1257 or The Reverend Peter Stuart 'ph. 31 4566 if YOU CAN SERVE THE LORD IN THIS MANNER.

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## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Plans are being made for classes for 1992 to begin shortly after Easter. There will be classes for both adults and young people and these will include a weekend camp during second term. If you are interested please contact the Rector, John Brook or the Assistant Peter Stuart at church on Sundays or through the Parish Office - phone 31 4896.

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## ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

Our monthly meetings will re-commence on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1992 in the Parish Centre. In April a Morning Tea will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am. to 12 Noon, cost \$3.00 - well-stocked stall.

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## TRANSPORT TO CHURCH

Are you in need of a lift to church on Sunday? The Pastoral Committee has a list of people willing to assist occasionally and regularly with transport to and from St John's. For help please ring the parish office during the week 31 4896. On the other hand you may like to offer yourself as a member of this transport team so please leave your name, 'phone number, the area in which you live and the services you attend most frequently at the Parish Office.

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## JANUARY REGISTER

### MARRIAGES:

Michael Hailey & Melissa Shea  
Darren Rockard & Ann Harvey  
Lawrence Conn & Karol Brown  
Christopher Wyl d & Tanya Carr  
Bradley Collins & Pamela Foley  
Robert DeCesare & Shelley Dale

### BURIALS:

Dorothy May Cassidy

### BAPTISMS:

Caitlin Maree Storay

