

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

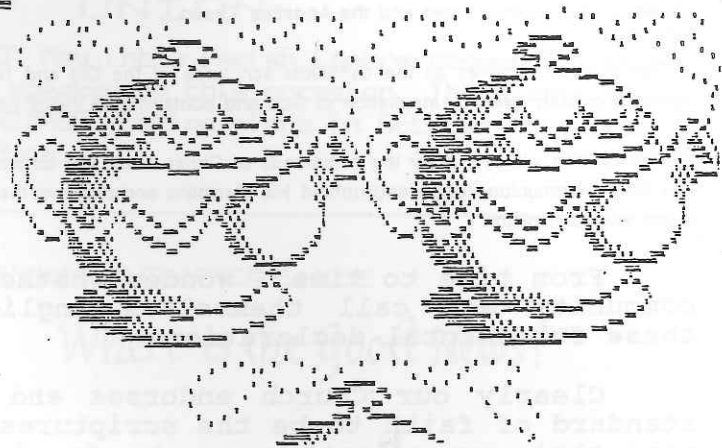
WEEKLY MEETINGS

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 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

MAY 1992



PARISH TEA

SUNDAY, 10TH MAY

IN THE

PARISH CENTRE

AT

5.00 P.M.

B.Y.O. A PLATE OF SANDWICHES
TO SHARE
SOUP, TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED

GUEST SPEAKER - ALF CHIPMAN
(CMS MISSIONARY - KENYA)

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"

SOME THOUGHTS

One of the helpful off shoots of the recent Special Session of Synod was an excursion through the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia. The Constitution is the legal document that shapes our denominational life as one branch of the Christian faith.

At the beginning of the Constitution there is a chapter entitled "Fundamental Declarations". The three sections in this chapter can never be altered. In effect they give the parameters for the doctrine and life of the Anglican Church here in Australia.

This important first chapter of the Constitution reads:-

1. The Anglican Church of Australia, being a part of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ, holds the Christian Faith as professed by the Church of Christ from primitive times and in particular as set forth in the creeds known as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed.
2. This Church receives all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testament as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.
3. This Church will ever obey the commands of Christ, teach His doctrine, administer His sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, follow and uphold His discipline and preserve the three orders of bishops, priests and deacons in the sacred ministry.

From time to time I wonder whether the many people in our community who call themselves Anglican could subscribe to these fundamental declarations.

Clearly our Church endorses and proclaims the rule and standard of faith to be the scriptures. In these scriptures we read that our salvation can be found IN CHRIST AND IN CHRIST ALONE.

Clearly our Church wishes to follow the commands of Christ. Accordingly we are to be an evangelical church, ever prepared to proclaim the good news to the whole world.

Our Church is also a traditional church. The wisdom of Christians from the earliest centuries, embodied in the Nicene and Apostles' Creed are foundational for our doctrine and teaching. We affirm faith in one God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our process of initiation, our worship life and our order of ministry unite us with the Church throughout the Christian era.

During the next few months as we wait for General Synod we will hear a lot about the Anglican Church in the media. The media's desire for drama and intrigue means that the reporting will be highly sensational. As these reports reach us we may well be disillusioned about our denomination and its purpose.

The Fundamental Declarations contain a great deal of wisdom. They unite us with other Christians in the work of the gospel and the extension of God's kingdom here among us. Christ is calling us to action. The Declarations are among the evidence of our willingness to respond.

In the coming weeks pray for the Anglican Church. Pray that its ministry and witness will proclaim the good news of God's love and salvation to all the world.

Yours in Christ,

Peter Stuart

APRIL REGISTER

BAPTISMS:

Elise Tang Ngai Sze
Jade Luke Stearnes
Joel Daniel Stearnes
Georgia Kate Wyllie
Anna Cabelin Sheppard

MARRIAGES:

Graeme Tilley & Denice Cassidy

BURIALS:

Grace Florence Miles-Sidoli
Arnold Henry Nutting

!!!! ADVANCE NOTICE!!!!

The CONSECRATION of the ASSISTANT BISHOP, the Right Reverend Ron Stone, will take place at St David's Cathedral, Hobart, on Thursday 11th June 1992 at 7.30pm.

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. Please put it in your diary now!

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of our group will be on 20th May in the Parish Centre commencing at 1.30pm. Mrs Phaik See Lee will be our guest speaker on this occasion. There will be a special Trade Table for the CULLENSWOOD PILGRIMAGE, taking place in October this year and Pilgrimage Pens will be available for \$2.00.

Anglican
Women's
Fellowship

Diocese of Tasmania

24th CONFERENCE

"Where is the Good News?"

SAINT BARNABAS' CHURCH
SCOTTSDALE

TUESDAY, 12th, and
WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY, 1992

GUEST SPEAKER:

MRS. ROBYN CLAYDON
THE LAUSANNE ASSOCIATE FOR
WOMEN IN WORLD EVANGELIZATION

PARTNERS IN MISSION CONSULTATION DAY

Sixty five parishioners who attended the Consultation Day considered six areas in the life and ministry of St. John's. These were - prayer, worship, teenage outreach, education, community care and chaplaincy. Discussion groups were formed to develop a strategy on these themes.

The facilitator for the day was the Rev'd. Alwyn Prescott, the former Director of the Department of Mission. Reports were presented by the Parish Action Group and the Partners who visited with us.

The Action Group will be meeting to collate the ideas arising from the groups. These will then be discussed by the clergy and the vestry. Stay tuned to this space for the next exciting episode (including the ministries YOU WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN !)

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes for Adults and Young People begin this month. 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 10th MAY 1992

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

14th JUNE 1992

Promptly at 10:30am. please

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

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The next monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Monday 11th May at 2:30pm. in the Parish Centre. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs J. Green and Mrs M. Gardner. After the lovely Morning Tea held in April, funds raised have been sent to Klomp Club, Spurr Wing Inc. and Roland Homes. For your enquiries please telephone our President, Mrs Dulcie Butler, 44 2827 or Secretary, Mrs Pat Murray, 44 4559.

BUSH CHURCH AID

It is BOX OPENING time for B.C.A. Please leave your boxes with a sidesman in church or at the Parish Office. Celia Hill, Box Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our April meeting we had a most interesting speaker, Miss Charlotte McPherson, from the U.S.A. who is at the moment a guest lecturer at W.E.C. College. Miss McPherson spoke about her 13 years working in Turkey.

The next Guild meeting will be our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday 21st May in the Parish Centre beginning at 2pm. All members are asked to consider how best they can serve God through the Guild. Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs M. Brain and Mrs M. Easter. Celia Hill Secretary

G. F. S. ~ TOWNSEND GROUP

Six members visited Miss Kiddle at Tamar Park, Legana. She was very well and pleased to see us all. The staff served us a lovely morning tea of hot home-made scones.

Our next meeting day will be Thursday 14th May in the Parish Centre at 12 o'clock, bring your own lunch, please. Celia Hill

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.

???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.