

PARISH MESSENGER

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston

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

NOVEMBER 1992

DIRECTORY

RECTOR:
Rev. John A. Brook 315218
ASSISTANT:
Rev. Peter Stuart 314566
UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN:
Rev. Dr. Phillip Blake 301663
ORGANIST:
Mr. William Pierce 311676
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:
Mr. Tony Clayton 391771
OFFICE SECRETARY:
Miss Valerie Murgatroyd
Office (9am to 4pm) 314896
Address: 157 St. John Street Launceston.
7250.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

The final Tea for this year will be a special

"LADIES NIGHT"

on Tuesday 10th November

at 6 for 6.30pm.

The cost for this sumptuous meal will be \$8.50;

book your place at table on the

list in the Narthex.

Guest speaker will be

The Reverend

JOHN BROOK.

FREE FAMILY CONCERT NIGHT

This will be held in the Parish Centre on
Friday 13th November at 7.30 pm.

Come along for a good evening's entertainment
with a light supper to follow.

This function is sponsored by the
WOMEN'S GUILD

Celia Hill (Secretary)

EDITORIAL NOTE

Parishioners 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 day. Thank you.

SUPPLEMENT TO 'CHURCH NEWS'

MINISTRY TO OVERSEAS VISITORS

Basically the ministry as a Cross-Cultural worker is working among the overseas people at the University and Tertiary colleges together with the Chaplain. The purpose of the ministry is to show the love of Christ to the overseas people that I come into contact with. As they are living in a foreign country that is very different from their own, often they need help in many areas especially when they first arrive, sometimes I would help them to look for accommodation; provide transport for them when they need to see a doctor or dentist or other functions; or just be a friend to listen and to help with their problems. And often through such friendship, the Lord has given me opportunity to share the gospel with them and invite them to Church.

Presently we have bible study or fellowship after morning tea on Sunday. Also I do personal follow up with some of the students. I am very thankful to the Church members for showing their love and warm hospitality to them and make them feel welcome. The English conversation lessons and friendship that the Church members provided is a great help and encouragement to the students. Once in a while I will try to organize some activities like outings; fellowship meals; cooking demonstrations etc., I thank the Rector, the staff and the Church for the support and the encouragement in this ministry.

Faithfully in Christ,

Phaik See

(PHAIK SEE YEE)

18th Oct. '92.



Extract from the Bishop's Presidential Address to Synod, 16th September 1992.

"The Reverend John Brook, Rector of St John's, Launceston, has submitted his resignation heralding his retirement on 10th February next year. Before coming to the Diocese in May 1987, John had served in the Diocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Sydney and had also had a time of service with the Church Missionary Society in Indonesia. John has given strong leadership in the Parish of St John's and has also given of his gifts and experience in the wider work of the Church through the Tasmanian committees of C.M.S., the Overseas Council, the Board of the Department of Mission, and the Diocesan Council. We thank him for his five and a half years of ministry in Tasmania and wish both John and Joan well as they retire in New South Wales."

MOTHERS' UNION

We had a very successful luncheon last month and raised \$394.50 for Clarendon Children's Home. Thank you to all who participated.

Members from all over the Diocese will gather on Wednesday 11th November at 1.30 pm. at St John's for our annual Mothers' Union Festival Day and our last St John's gathering for the year will be a luncheon on Wednesday 18th November at "Solomon's House" Evandale at 12.30 pm. For further information please ring 31 2796. A Happy Christmas to all.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

The last meeting for 1992 will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 9th November at 2.15 pm. and our afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs Doris Dicker and Mrs Viva Millen.

Thank you to all members and friends who made our Morning Tea on 14th October such a success. We raised in excess of \$450.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday 8th November
J. Green/H. Pitt, D. Hindrum,
D. Holmes, M. Jansson,
L. Knowles, M. McNair,
V. Murgatroyd, P. Phelps,
J. Stevenson, D. Sheldrick.

Sunday 13th December
J. Ball, W. Cowell, M. Wing,
H. Griffiths, R. Mansfield,
A. Neale, J. Preece,
J. Roberts, J. Smith,
B. Whitney/B. Seaton.

Sunday 10th January 1993
W. Donaldson, J. Green/H. Pitt, D. Hindrum, D. Holmes,
L. Knowles, M. McNair, P. Phelps, D. Plumridge,
J. Stevenson, M. Willson.

FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGES - Stephen James Barnard & Belinda Joan Kilby, Peter Charles Brooks & Leanne Gaye Simonds, Matthew Kelvin Semmens & Kerrie Ellen Spriggs, Philip John Whitehead & Helene Kaye Bourke, Brent Colin Curtis & Jocelyn Maree Boer.

BAPTISMS - Stephen Wayne Diprose, Lai-oi ('Betty') Lo, Bianca Maree Clarke, Bradley James Young, Mitchel Hank Van Noord, Lurissa Lorraine Batchelor.

FUNERALS - Jessie Isobel Nichols, Jean Lillian Trull, Janet Mildred Wright, Pat Shackles, Eva Letitia Campton, Jamie Leigh Franklin, Doris Eileen Findlay, Robert Francis Barrett, Sandra Hodgeson, John David Rodman.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW RECTOR FOR ST JOHN'S

Lord, you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant to your church in this parish a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people, that your name may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC

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. All vocal church musicians welcome. Enquiries to our Choirmaster, Mr Bill Pierce 31 1676 or Mr Graig Johnson, Secretary, 26 1622

TOWNSEND FELLOWSHIP

The final meeting for this year will be held on Thursday 12th November in the Parish Centre beginning at 12 noon. Bring lunch to share for our break-up.

Celia Hill

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Your B.C.A. boxes may be handed in for opening this month. Please leave them with a sidesman in church on Sunday or hand in to the Parish Office on week-days.

Celia Hill (Secretary 26 1877)

WOMEN'S GUILD

From the Floral Festival the Guild has been able to pass on cheques for \$800 to Roland Children's Homes at Sheffield and \$250 to Clarendon Children's Homes at Kingston. This has been a wonderful effort.

The Australian Board of Missions Day is to be held at St Barnabas' Church at the junction of Alanvale and Georgetown Roads, Newnham, on Wednesday 4th November will start with a welcome "cuppa" at 11 am. followed by Holy Communion will at 11:30 am. The cost for the soup and sandwich lunch will be \$3.50. Speakers will be Mr GILBERT PAGE - Department of Missions - and Mrs ANNE BREHAUT - delegate to A.B.M. in Sydney.

Celia Hill, Secretary

POSITIONS VACANT

A Co-ordinator is required to establish a team of volunteers for dusting of stonework and polishing of the church woodwork. We encourage any members of our congregation (male or female, age no barrier) to take up this challenge. For further details, please contact the Parish Office.

THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

On Sunday October 25th three people were baptised and confirmed, seven people were confirmed, three people renewed their baptismal promises and five people were received into the Anglican Church at the 7pm Service. The confirming Bishop, was the Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, Bishop Stone.

Preaching on the gospel about the tax-collector and the pharisee the Bishop commented on the good qualities of the pharisee in their giving 10% of their income and their willingness to fast. He said, "we Anglicans could well do likewise". He went on say that the problem with the Pharisee was his contempt of others.

Please continue to pray for Michelle, Amand, Anthony, Debra, Eleanor, Mark, Betty, Stuart, Meredith, Michelle, Riccardo, Alan, Beatrice, Graham, Mieke, Richard, Anna-Mieke and Stuart.

COMMUNICATION

The Diocesan newspaper "Church News" is published and distributed every month. The purpose of "Church News" is to remind us that there is more to the Anglican Church in Tasmania than our parish. Each month news and pictures from around Tasmania and Australia are gathered and put together by a small group currently headed by Archdeacon Ian Booth.

The parish provides "Church News" free of charge, all you have to do is collect it on the first Sunday of the month.

SYNOD

In "Church News" over the next two months there will be reports on Synod. The Synod was much more harmonious than in previous years and there was a genuine desire for a unity of purpose under Christ. Synod clearly struggled with a number of difficult issues and your parish clergy and representatives appreciated your prayers.

The Rev'd. Peter Stuart is still recovering from a bout of verbal dyslexia in which he commented upon "nine funerals in four days". He meant to say "four funerals in nine days".

STAFF MOVEMENTS:

John and Joan Brook will leave the parish on 10th December to take annual leave and their outstanding long service leave, prior to their retirement on 10th February, 1993. Their last Sunday will be 6th December.

The Reverend Tony Croft will arrive on 14th December to take up duties as full-time locum tenens in the parish, his wife Barbara, will arrive after Christmas and they will be living in the Rectory. The parish will have a full staff during the vacancy period.

Mr. William Pierce completed his ten-year appointment as Organist in June this year, this time has been extended to the end of December, after which he takes his annual leave. Mr. Pierce has kindly consented to act as our temporary organist from 17th January until such time a new appointment is made. Once the new Rector is appointed the position of Organist will be advertised, as the negotiations for this appointment are the Rector's responsibility.

Miss Gaylene Cohen, our Assistant Organist will be going overseas in January to further her studies as a church Organist and will sit for examinations in England. Gaylene plans to return on the 10th March, 1993.

The other pastoral and evangelistic staff will take their annual leave periods from December through to February as normal and will continue into 1993 with their own special ministries.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 25th December to Wednesday, 13th January, 1993, inclusive.