

PARISH OF

*St. George's*

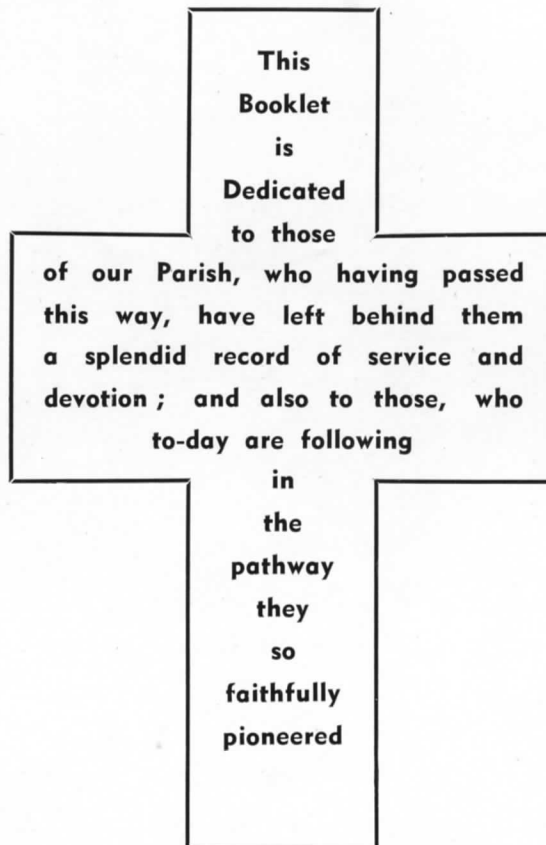
St. George's

*Invermay*

St. Barnabas'

" IF WE PULL TOGETHER WE SHALL HOLD TOGETHER "

## Dedication



John 4 : 38 "Others have laboured, and ye are entered into their labour".

# A Message

from

Our Rector

Dear Parishioners,

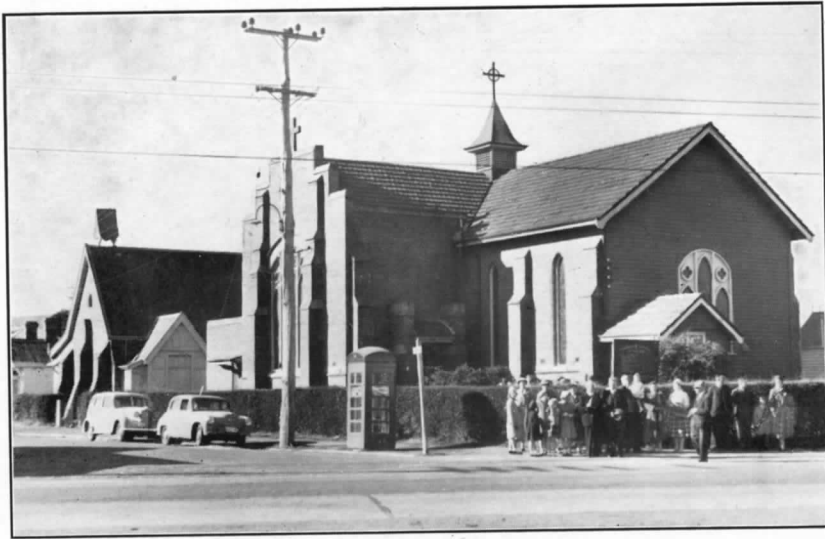
By the time this Booklet is placed into your hands the initial stages of our Every Member Canvass will have been completed, and many hours of faithful service given by many of you. Such a campaign as this has never before been envisaged in our Church. To achieve it successfully, as I firmly believe we shall, we need to all get right behind it and all pull our weight. In the past we have benefited largely by what has been done for us by our forebears. Now comes our opportunity to go further and build for the future and for those who follow in our footsteps. If we are all in it together the Canvass will unite us more closely as a Church and Christian Family. In his message, which you will read over the page, our Bishop suggests a very appropriate slogan for our campaign: "IF WE PULL TOGETHER WE SHALL HOLD TOGETHER."

This Campaign, after all, is part of our growing process and has a two-fold nature. First and foremost it should bring to us **our need of the Church**. Secondly it should bring to all, the Church's need of us in its present work, its future development, its ministry amongst children, its challenge to youth, its Diocesan responsibilities, and its ministry to the aged, infirm, sick, and bereaved.

I trust that everyone of you will give this Campaign your wholehearted support in every respect. It requires of us an effort of PRAYER, FAITH, and SACRIFICE. Let us all determine that the month of June 1957, will be another landmark in the history of our Parish.

Your friend and Rector,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Rector mentioned in the text above. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial letter.



## St. George's Church Early History

For some two years prior to 1887 a Miss Whitefoord had got together a Sunday school class of 60 children. Steps were then taken to provide a building for use as Sunday school and church. A Mr. C. Kent gave the site which was valued at £60, and Mrs. George Fisher donated the sum of £400 for the erection of the building. The foundation stone was laid on the 23rd April, 1887. The builders were Messrs. J. & T. Gunn. A Mr. A. E. Luttrell was the architect and generously prepared the plan and acted as clerk of works as his donation towards the project. On the 7th August, 1887 on the application of the Rector of Holy Trinity Church (who was the Ven. Archdeacon Hales) an Episcopal Licence was granted by Bishop Sandford. The night the building was officially licenced about 70 people were present at Evensong. The total cost was £522/8/9, and it was opened free of debt—paid for by donations plus £12 which was laid on the foundation stone. The building is still in regular use as a Sunday school and Parish Hall.

### THE PRESENT CHURCH :

The foundation stone of the present St. George's Church was laid on 20th June, 1925 by Mrs. Charles Kent—widow of the late Charles Kent, who had donated the site. The offering at the ceremony amounted to over £313. The new Church was Dedicated on December 8th of the same year by the Bishop (Dr. R. S. Hay). About twenty Diocesan Clergy were present. The church building and furniture cost £3,880. We have passed through difficult periods, such as the great flood of 1929, the depression of the early thirties, and the 1939-45 world war. And although the present Church is 32 years old it has never been freed from debt. If our Every Member Canvass succeeds we intend to wipe off the old debt, and thereby redeem our endowment.

### NEWNHAM CHURCH :

The population of Launceston was increasing at such a rate that by 1842 it was obvious that another parish should be formed from St. John's. Consequently the Parish of Holy Trinity came into existence. In 1851 a further division of St. John's became necessary which resulted in the formation of the Parish of St. Paul's. THE MISSION DISTRICT OF NEWNHAM on the George Town Road, where a small church had been built the previous year, was put into the St. Paul's Parish. Thus there existed in the 1850-1870 period :

St. John's  
Trinity (and Invermay)  
St. Paul's and Newnham.

The site of the present St. Barnabas' Church, Newnham, was purchased from Mr. J. C. McMichael for £25. Builders were J. & T. Gunn at cost of £300, plus furniture for £60. Lectern and lamps were gifts from Holy Trinity. Bell (still in use) was presented by Mr. W. Thelwell. Opened by Rev. A. Barkway on 6th February, 1905.

A Message  
from  
Our  
Bishop



I gladly accede to the request for a Message as you begin your "Every Member Canvass".

We are living in difficult and disturbing days which affect us, our homes and our children.

For some time now many have been feeling a greater need for the help of God and the ministry of His Church. Here is a word of assurance from the Bible. "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear." Then follows a sentence to which all of us must give heed—"But your iniquities have separated you and your God."

Perhaps that means that God and His Church have in the past been left out of our reckoning. So this parish "check-up" could mean that many more Anglican families in St. George's parish will be brought into closer touch with God.

I hope and pray that you will find new inspiration and fellowship in the worship of the Church. "If we pull together we shall hold together" might be a good slogan to adopt.

Bishopscourt,  
HOBART.  
5th June, 1957.

*Geoffrey Tasmanna*

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MEMBERS OF ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR AND CONGREGATION



WE CONSIDER OUR BUILDINGS  
AND WHAT OF THE



TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS OF ST. BARNABAS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUR ACTIVITIES --



SOME OF THE TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS OF  
ST. GEORGE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

BUILDINGS INADEQUATE - - -

THE FUTURE ?



SOME OF OUR C.E.F. MEMBERS

# Our Plan to Meet Our Needs

In order to obtain our Canvass objective of £15,000, it has been agreed that we will conduct between now and July 2nd, 1957—

**AN INTENSIVE**

**ORGANISED**

**INDIVIDUAL**

**FACE-TO-FACE**

**SOLICITATION**

**IN THE HOMES**

**FOR PLEDGES**

**GIVEN WEEKLY**

**OVER A**

**150 WEEK PERIOD**

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**COMMENCING ON 21st JULY, 1957**

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There's nothing complicated or high pressure about our financial plan. We need the sum of £15,000 in three years. We are simply asking that every member and friend of the Church set aside a generous and sacrificial portion of their income each week for a period of 150 weeks, so giving the Church a true priority amongst their commitments during that period of time.

Solicitations will be limited to members, prospective Church members, parents of Sunday School children and any other persons and families who consider themselves affiliated with our Church.

If your financial circumstances change, or if you should suffer any misfortune which would make the continuation of payments an undue hardship on you, your pledge may be decreased or discontinued simply by notifying the Church office. Of course, if your financial circumstances change for the better we hope you will want to increase your pledge. It is our hope to provide for the future generations in proportion to our giving ability.

Matthew 6:21—"Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

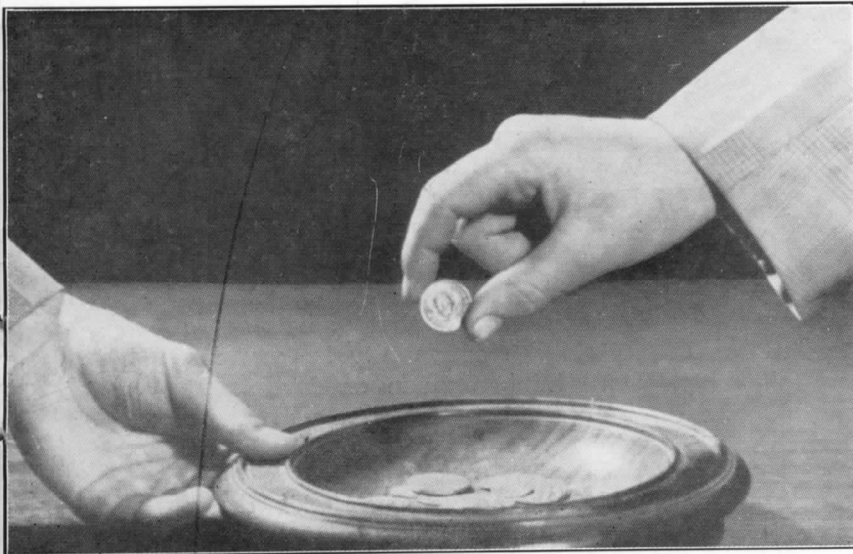
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## **WHAT ARE OUR NEEDS? (In round figures) FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS . . .**

	£
1. Provision of Sunday School Hall at St. Barnabas', Newnham .....	5,000
2. Liquidation of St. George's Church debt .....	1,600
3. Repairs and Renovations .....	1,000
4. New Organ (St. George's, £500 in hand) .....	1,500
5. Diocesan Assessment and Missions .....	1,000
6. Current Normal Expenditure .....	5,500
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Approximate Total (3 years) .....	£15,600



## Giving Can Be of Two Kinds



### **A TOKEN GIFT**

is one which is so small  
that it has only

### **A NEGATIVE IMPACT**

upon the giver.

### **A SACRIFICIAL GIFT**

is one which is large  
enough to have

### **A POSITIVE SPIRITUAL IMPACT**

upon the giver and  
cannot be paid at one time

Our Christian standard of giving begins with approximately £2 per week for each £1000 of annual income, this is equivalent to a tithe which is a Biblical principle as a guide for giving. Many with capital resources are able to give much more than this. Others with heavy domestic commitments will give less. It is not the AMOUNT of the pledge, but the measure of sacrifice proportionate to income that matters.



## How to Make a Pledge

In the careful and prayerful consideration of "How much shall we give?" we should think of several points, for the size of our pledges will depend upon :

1. **Our Christian Faith.**
2. Our interest in the Church programme.
3. Our recognition of the need.
4. Our concern for extended service.
5. Our financial ability.
6. Our methods of paying pledges.
7. Our **willingness to sacrifice.**
8. Our desire to encourage others to sacrifice.
9. Our willingness to trust God and believe His promise.
10. Our **faithfulness in prayer.**

One of the greatest experiences in the life of a Christian is that of helping to build a Church. To extend the services of his Church in the community is to widen his own horizons of Christian living and fellowship. Until he has made an investment in the building of a Church, he is more or less accepting the far-sighted charity of others every time he or his children use a Church.

Remember that the greatest effect of sacrificial pledging is upon the donor himself. The spiritual value of sacrifice has been known to men since Christianity began. There would be no Christians to-day if it were not for the great sacrifices of our early Christian leaders. **YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE REQUESTED TO BEGIN NOW GIVING SERIOUS PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE AMOUNT YOU WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTRIBUTE FOR YOUR CHURCH.**



SOME OF THE CANVASS COMMITTEE



## A Message from the Assistant Bishop

I am very pleased to learn that the Parish is to have an "Every Member Canvass".

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity", and I believe this period of unrest and anxiety is turning people's thoughts back to their need of God and His peace. The Canvass, by seeking out every one who claims allegiance to our beloved Church, will give them the privilege of playing a part in the great work which challenges the Church of God to-day.

Furthermore, it will give everyone the opportunity of sharing in the cost of that work, thus lightening the load on the faithful few who have been carrying the burden for so long.

In your plans you will, no doubt, look beyond the Parish to the wider needs of the Diocese and God's work abroad. And I am confident that your people will catch the vision of the things that ought to be done and make such a generous response that it will be the beginning of a new era of progress, both spiritual and material, for the Church.

May God bless you all in this undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

*W. R. Barrett*

Assistant Bishop.



GROUP OF ST. GEORGE'S KINDERGARTEN

## Our Ladies

FOR A LONG TIME we have left our womenfolk much of the Church's work. They have been the mainstay and we have come to depend upon them, and now we publicly acknowledge a debt we cannot repay.

SOME OF OUR CHURCHWOMEN have given sacrificially of their time in an effort to ensure a successful Campaign and we are hoping that all our womenfolk will indicate their interest in their Church when our menfolk call to discuss this financial programme.

ANY WOMAN who has seen the character building influence of the Church in the lives of her children will not need to be persuaded of the necessity of an adequate and virile Church in our midst.

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## Canvass Prayer

Preserve us, O Lord, from the meanness of spirit which is ready to reap and sow not ; to labour not, but to live on the toils of others.

Quicken in us, O Lord, the spirit of gratitude, of loyalty and of sacrifice, that we may seek in all things to please Thee.

Perfect in us, O Lord, that which is lacking of Thy gifts ; of faith, to increase it ; of hope, to establish it ; of love, to kindle it ; of service, to enlarge it ; that through them we may find perfect freedom and joy in Thy service.

Bless this our Stewardship Campaign and guide us in all our deliberations with Thy Wisdom and Grace that we may honour Thee in all our ways.—Amen.

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## The Canvass Committee

**General Chairman :**

Mr. T. D. ROOM

**Canvass Committee Chairman :**

Mr. R. C. ARCHER

**Initial Gifts Chairman :**

Mr. M. A. P. MATTINGLEY

**Arrangements Chairman & Treasurer :**

Mr. E. G. MURRAY-WILLIAMS

**Teams Chairman :**

Mr. A. TAYLOR

**Hostess Chairwoman :**

Mrs. L. N. STACKHOUSE

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Mr. S. R. ROBINSON

**Vice-Chairwoman :**

Mrs. ELLEN ARCHER

**Rector :**

Rev. J. E. ATKINS