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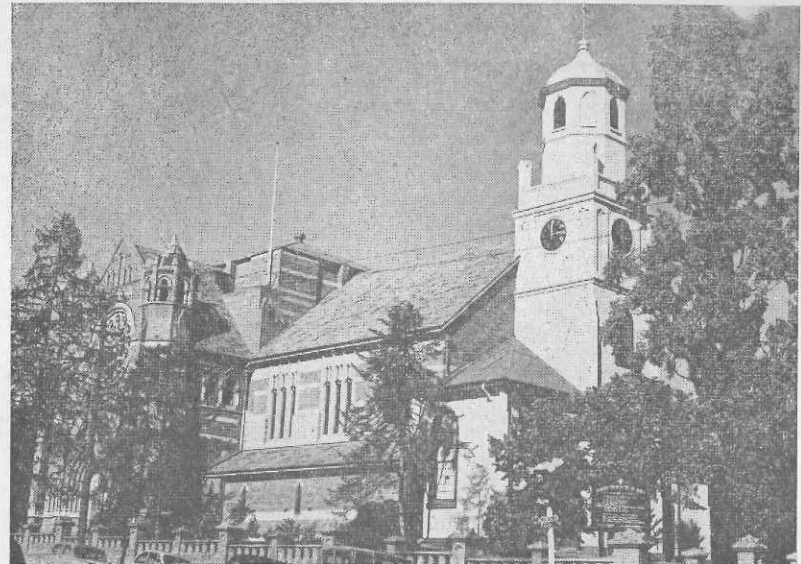
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CLERGY

The Rev. H. A. Jerrim, Th.L., C. F. Rector. Phone 2 3186

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Wishing you and yours a Holy and
Happy Christmas and God's Blessing
in the Coming Year

HENRY A. JERRIM,
RECTOR.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, 17th December:—

7 p.m., Carol Service of the Nine Lessons.

CHRISTMAS DAY:—

6 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer (Said); 11 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns); 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

In the first place I would like to thank you for the warm and friendly welcome which we received from so many of you on our arrival. Every effort has been made to make us feel at home here in St. John's. We appreciate all that the Vestry and other organisations did to prepare for our arrival. Mrs. Jerrim joins me in this expression of thanks.

The Service of Induction and Institution conducted by the Assistant Bishop (Dr. W. R. Barrett) on Tuesday, 31st October, was a most impressive one. The address given by my old Rector Bishop Blackwood, reminded us all of the great responsibilities of the rector and of the congregation in the life and mission of the Church. This service marks the beginning of a fresh era in the life of the parish. In the days that lie ahead, we must build on the foundations which have been laid. In this, we must work together. Our strength is in our unity.

Speaking of unity reminds me of an important conference being held at the present time. The Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches is meeting in New Delhi, India. This is a momentous occasion in the life of the Christian Church. The Roman Catholic Church has sent a team of observers to watch the proceedings of the Assembly. A large delegation has gone to India from the Church in Australia. This Assembly will have a tremendous influence on future church relationships.

As a result of the work of the Department of Inter-Church Aid which was created by the W.C.C., an immense work has been done in recent years among refugees. To aid this work the Remembrance Bowl Appeal at Christmas time was initiated. Once again this Appeal comes to us at a time of lavish spending, of receiving gifts, of food preparation, to remember those who are in extreme need. In spite of the achievements of World Refugee Year, 16 million people are still living without hope, homeless and unprovided for, from the Congo to Korea. I commend this Appeal to you.

This issue of the Parish Messenger is the Christmas number. In closing I would like to express to you all my hope that you have a Happy Christmas, remembering that this is the Birthday of the Saviour. The real happiness of Christmas is centred in remembering and observing it as a major Christian Festival.

May God bless you all,
Yours sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND AGED

The Rector will be pleased to arrange to administer Christmas Communion to any

sick or aged parishioner who is desirous of receiving the Sacrament. Would a relative or friend please contact the Rector?

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- December—
- 3 ADVENT SUNDAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 4 Monday. 8 p.m., Adult Confirmation, St. Mark on the Hill.
- 6 Wednesday. 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.15 p.m., Kindergarten Christmas Tree and Prize Giving in Parish Hall.
- 7 Thursday. 7 p.m., Bible Study; 8 p.m., Guild Christmas Meeting at the Rectory.
- 8 Friday. "The Messiah."
- 10 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, BIBLE SUNDAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Broadland House School Service, Broadcast A.B.C.; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 13 Wednesday. 7.15 a.m., Corporate Communion for Broadland House Old Girls; 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion—Mothers' Union Corporate Communion; 7.30 p.m., Vestry at the Rectory; 8 p.m., Young Wives' Christmas Party at the Rectory.
- 14 Thursday. 7 p.m., Bible Study.
- 17 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, followed by Communion Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Carol Service of Nine Lessons.
- 20 Wednesday. 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 21 Thursday. St. Thomas A. & M.; 7 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 24 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY. 6 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Matins; 11 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols.

- 26 Tuesday. St. Stephen's Day. 9 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 27 Wednesday. St. John, Patron Saint. 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 28 Thursday, Innocents' Day. 7 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 31 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 7 p.m., Evensong and Holy Communion.
- During January the parish organisations will be in recess. The Sunday services will be as usual at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., each Sunday.

CHOIR NOTES

Preparations are now in hand for the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols to be held on Sunday evening, 17th December. Now that the boys' section of the choir has become securely established, a feature of this year's Carol Service will be the items which they will contribute.

After Christmas, choir practices will discontinue until the seniors resume on Thursday, 1st February, and the boys on Saturday, 3rd February.

During the holiday period, we should be grateful to have help from any members of the congregation who feel they can assist us in the choir stalls. If you can help in this way, kindly contact the organist as soon as possible.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet on Thursday, 7th December at the Rectory for their annual Christmas Party. They will then go into recess until February when the meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 16 Wyett St. The Guild is providing food for a table for the Old Folks' Tea which is being held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, 14th December.

MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday, 23rd November, approximately 120 attended the Mothers' Union Festival which was held at St. John's.

The Service in the Church was conducted by our Rector, Rev. H. A. Jerrim and the address was given by Deaconess P. Spry.

In the Hall members joined together in fellowship. A musical programme was given by Mrs. Jean Kide, Mrs. Margaret Stevens and Miss Eileen Abra.

Our first meeting in the New Year will be held on Thursday, 22nd February, 1962 and Corporate Communion on Wednesday, 14th March.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on Monday, 13th November. We were pleased to welcome our new Rector, the Rev. H. A. Jerrim, who opened the meeting with prayer. It was good to see the Misses Sutton back again, and a new member, Mrs. A. E. Rawson, was welcomed.

Three more mattresses have been purchased and handed over to the Hospital. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. C. Dodery, 42 Ramsay St., on Monday, 12th March, 1962.

Dorothy G. Roake,
Hon. Secretary.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our next Young Wives' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th December, at 8 p.m.

This will commence with a service in the Chapel followed by a social evening in the Rectory to which each member has decided to invite a friend. There will be a prize for the best spray or bouquet brought to the meeting and made entirely from vegetables.

Members are also asked to bring along a Christmas present to be sent along to the Clarendon Children's Home.

Prospective new members will be given a very warm welcome.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

On Sunday, 19th November, the Victorian Secretary of B.C.A. preached at Evensong at St. John's. Mr. Stockdale showed to us something of the great work being done by the Church of England in the outback through the Bush Church Aid Society. Mr. Stockdale also presented the challenge of the needs of the Society in terms of money and manpower if the work is to continue and expand.

Members of St. John's can help to meet this challenge by regular prayer for the Society and by taking one of the Bark Hut boxes as a means of systematic giving to the work. Present box holders are reminded that the next quarterly opening is due in December. Enquiries will be welcomed by Miss Celia Pennicott, 85 Balfour St., phone 2 2056.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of Sunday School for this year will be 17th December. We reopen on Sunday, 4th February, 1962.

We would like to express our gratitude to all who have helped to staff the Sunday School this year. But it is necessary to sound a warning that unless more adult church members come forward to build up our teaching strength, we will be in difficulties next year. Please do not think that we intend thrusting inexperienced people immediately into the responsibility of teaching a class. We are in a position to train prospective teachers and lead them gradually to the point where they can handle a class. It is not a question of "Can you teach," but "Are you willing to learn to teach."

There has been some confusion concerning the Prize-giving and the Sunday School Festival. In these days, the joyful Festival of the Nativity of our Lord has become for many the burdensome Christmas rush. It was agreed by all the teachers of the Senior school that it was foolish to add to the rush

by concentrating the Festival, Prize-giving and the Picnic in the pre-Christmas period.

As a result, these three functions have been transferred to the early part of the New Year when we are all fresh and there is more time available. The Prize-giving and the Festival will be combined in a grand Festival Family Service at a date to be announced.

The Kindergarten will hold its Christmas Tree and Prize-giving on Wednesday, 6th December at 7.15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

C.Y.F. will end its normal round of meetings on 17th December. Meetings for December are:—
Saturday, 2nd December, Social.
Sunday, 10th December, Youth Tea at 5 p.m.
Sunday, 17th December, Youth Communion and Breakfast, 8 a.m. Fellowship Hall Hour, 6.15 p.m.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, 8th December,
at 8 p.m.

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Soloists: Robert Payne, Bass
Bruce Kekwick, Tenor,
Dorothy Forward, Contralto,
Joyce Barnard, Soprano.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

December:—
Mornings—Messrs. R. Young and J. Sheldrick.
Evenings—Messrs. R. J. Hoyle and J. Roberts.
January:—
Mornings—Messrs. A. Hollingsworth and F. Carnie.
Evenings—Messrs. F. J. Jones and T. McClymont.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar
December:—
3 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
10 Miss M. Bennett.
17 Mrs. L. J. Sheldrick.
24 Flower Guild.
31 Mrs. F. J. Huston.
January, 1962:—
7 Mrs. F. J. Jones.
14 Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
21 Misses Scott.
28 Miss V. Sadler.
February:—
4 Mrs. C. H. Targett,
Chapel

December:—
3 Mrs. W. McMahan.
10 Mrs. H. Atherton.
17 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
24 Flower Guild.
31 Mrs. G. Crawford.
January, 1962:—
7 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
14 Mrs. L. D. Smith.
21 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
28 Mrs. E. Grueber.
February:—
4 Mrs. W. McMahan.

HOLY BAPTISM

Ian James Burrows, Peter Malcolm Cleaver, Christopher Mark Cleaver, Katrina Marie Duhig, Scott Thurlow Duhig, Kevin Francis Barrett, Richard Hudson Jones.

MARRIAGES

Hans Horst Kremerskothen and Marsha Lynette Lowery; Bruce Clive Furley and Janice Mariea Easter; Peter Brian Viney and Gwenneth Margaret Bassett; Barry Ernest French and Jennifer Gail Heath; Lawrence George Preece and Sandra Marlene Maynard; William Maxwell Saunders and Elsie May McNear.

AT REST

Robert William Newell.
Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.