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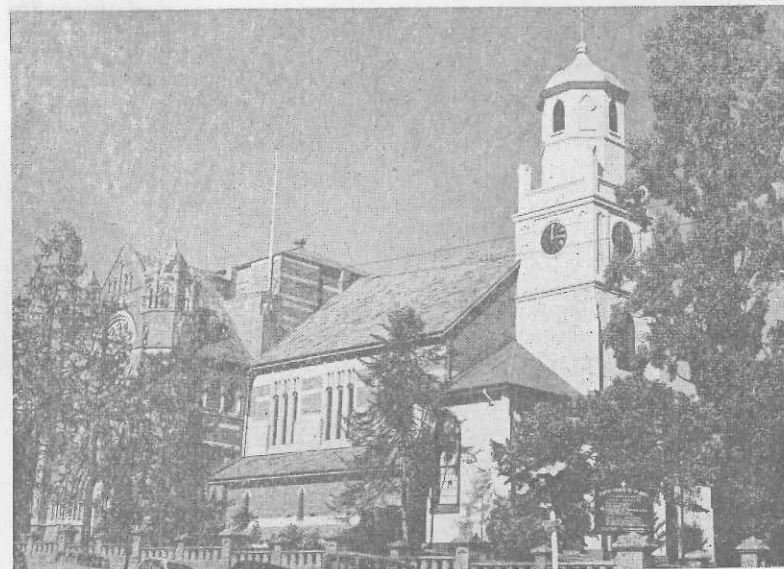
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

May was an important month in the life of the Church of England in Australia in general and for our own parish in particular. From the point of view of the whole church, the First General Synod of the Church of England in Australia under the new Constitution was held in Sydney. Our own Diocese was represented by the Bishop of Tasmania, Bishop Barrett, three clergy and four laymen. Much of the time of Synod was taken up with setting up the machinery for the future administration of the Church in Australia. The Archbishop of Sydney was elected as Primate of the Church. A good report of the proceedings appeared in "The Anglican." This is one of the occasions when I wish more people subscribed to and read this paper which publishes a lot of information about the Church in Australia as well as overseas. As a result of the adoption of the new Constitution the Church in Australia is now an autonomous body.

Our own parish is now passing through an important phase. The Parish Life Campaign was launched last Sunday, May 27th. During the month preparations were made in the training of thirty men as counsellors who are going to visit you. A team of ladies contacted most of our parishioners who were invited to the Parish Evensong and also provided Afternoon Tea after the service. The Rev. Wilfrid Holt, Vicar of St. Mark's, Camberwell, came over from Melbourne to be the visiting preacher for the Sunday. His messages were inspiring and helpful to all who heard him at one or more of the services. It was helpful to have such a large congregation for the Parish Evensong, and the gathering of so many of St. John's parishioners at one time for an act of worship was an indication of what could be a regular Sunday feature if we accepted our religious duties seriously.

As a result of this Parish Life Campaign we wish to build up the worshipping life of the Church and to provide more opportunities for fellowship with one another. CH...CH, these letters look meaningless like this, but if we add the two letters UR, the letters take on the form of a word, which means something. The parish church of St. John is going to be a live church only when UR (you are) in it; without you it may be as empty of meaning as the letters CH...CH.

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely, Henry A. Jerrim.

JUNE CALENDAR

- Friday, 8 p.m. Adult Confirmation Service. Bishop Barrett.
- 3 **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 3 p.m. Confirmation candidates to meet the Rector at the Church. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Tea at "The Embassy." 7.30 p.m. G.F.S. at the Rectory. 8 p.m. Meeting re Christian Family Year at C.M.S. House.
- 6 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A. 8 p.m. Dedication Service to launch Christian Family Year
- 7 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.
- 10 **WHITSUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 5 p.m. Youth Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 12 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.
- 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union Musical Market — All invited. 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 15 Friday, 7.45 p.m. Ruri-decanal Conference at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn.
- 17 **TRINITY SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Scout Group Committee. 8 p.m. Picture Evening at Mrs. V. C. Holyman's home in aid of St. Luke's Hospital.
- 20 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 **THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group Social Evening in Parish Hall. All invited.
- 28 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 29 Friday, St. Peter's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Young people who wish to be prepared for Confirmation are asked to meet the Rector on Sunday, 3rd June, in the Church at 3 p.m. Arrangements will then be made concerning the time for classes. Anyone who is not able to be present on Sunday is asked to contact the Rector.

MOTHERS' UNION

June is to be a busy month for the members of the Mothers' Union and all members are asked to keep the following dates in mind. A good attendance at all functions is requested and publicity for those which are open to other people as well.

Tuesday, 5th June. 8 p.m. Meeting in C.M.S. House concerning Christian Family Year. Chairman, the Assistant Bishop (Dr. W. R. Barrett).

Wednesday, 6th June, 8 p.m. Rededication Service in St. John's Church on the occasion of the launching of Christian Family Year.

Wednesday, 13th June, 10.30 a.m. Mothers' Union Corporate Communion in the Chapel. 8 p.m. Lecture in C.M.S. House on "Teaching the Catechism," Archdeacon L. N. Sutton.

Thursday, 14th June, 2.45 p.m. Musical Market in aid of the Clarendon Children's Homes.

Wednesday, 27th June, 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group Social Evening in the Parish Hall.

Thursday, 28th June, 2.45 p.m. Monthly meeting. The speaker will be Miss Gwen Hesketh, Girl Guide Commissioner, on Korea and Refugee work.

PRAYER FOR
PARISH LIFE CAMPAIGN

O Lord and heavenly Father, grant unto this parish and diocese all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare. May Thy blessing be upon the Parish Life Campaign, upon the Vestry, Counsellors and all who are assisting in this movement. Send down Thy blessing upon all who belong to this Parish so that each of us may be enabled to make a worthy offering of our time, skill and money to Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Morrah, 15 Merivale Street, on Thursday, June 14th at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Holyman, who will speak on topics of interest during her visit abroad.

YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Our next meeting night will be on Wednesday, 27th June, at 8 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. Invitations have been extended to all organisations within the Church to join us and we look forward to meeting them.

Our Young Wives members are requested to bring along a plate and there will be a special welcome to their husbands.

There will be a programme and the Rector will give an address on 'Christian Family Year'.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the afternoon as usual, on Monday, 11th June, at 2.45 p.m. The picture evening will be held on Tuesday, 19th June, at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman. The May meeting was held at the Hospital and included a talk by Matron Winwood on the training of Nurses and an inspection of the Hospital, a most interesting afternoon. The President welcomed a new member Mrs. D. G. Leonard.

It is a healthy sign to have new members coming in from time to time and a warm welcome will be extended to any who care to join us.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Two gatherings of the Men's Fellowship have been held this year and these have been most enjoyable functions. The first was addressed by the Rector and in May a most interesting talk was given by the District Medical Officer, Dr. K. Williams, on his work in South Africa. There will be another meeting on Tuesday, 5th June, at 6 p.m., at "The Embassy." The normal programme is to have dinner together and this is followed by a speaker and the meeting concludes between 7.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. This enables men to go home or on to another meeting, just as the case may be. We would like to see as many men of our parish at these gatherings in order that we can get to know one another and have fellowship together. A warm invitation is extended to you and if you are able to come please let the Rector know by Sunday so that catering arrangements can be made. Mr. Alan Wannan will be the speaker at the next meeting on "The Parish and its future programme." The cost of the dinner is 6/-.

SOME NOTES ON UNITY

Unity

What is Christian unity? In the ecumenical discussion between the churches, many answers have been given to this question. It has been difficult for the churches to make noticeable progress towards greater unity because different people have understood the word "unity" differently.

It was for this reason that the W.C.C.'s Faith and Order Commission began, and persevered with, the task of setting out in black and white a statement on which all members could agree.

At New Delhi the Section on Unity took this task a stage further. Here is one paragraph from its report. It is not complete in itself but needs to be studied as part of the total report. Yet as far as it goes, it can help us as we pray for a fuller realisation of Christian unity.

"We believe that the unity which is both God's will and His gift to His Church is being made visible as all in each place who are baptised into Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord and Saviour are brought by the Holy Spirit into one committed fellowship, holding the one apostolic faith, preaching the one Gospel, breaking the one bread, joining in common prayer, and having a corporate life reaching out in witness and service to all; and who at the same time are united with the whole Christian fellowship in all places and all ages in such wise that ministry and members are accepted by all, and that all can act and speak together as occasion requires for the tasks to which God calls his people."

Grow together.

"In formal logic, a contradiction is the signal of a defeat; but in the evolution of real knowledge, it marks the first step in progress towards a victory. This is one great reason for the utmost toleration of variety of opinion. Once and forever, this duty of toleration has been summed up in the words. 'Let both grow together until the harvest.' The failure of Christians to act up to this precept, of the highest authority, is one of the curiosities of religious history."

—A. N. Whitehead, *Science and the Modern World*. (Mentor Books, edition, p. 186).

A precious extract.

Written in a Gestapo prison under Hitler on Whitsunday, 1943, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor who died at the hands of a hangman in 1945. His letters were smuggled out of prison and published after his death.

"Well, Whitsun is here, and we are still separated from one another. Yet it is in quite a special way a feast of fellowship. When I heard the church bells ringing this morning, I felt how I should have loved to go to church, but instead I followed St. John's example on the isle of Patmos, and held a nice little service of my own. I hardly felt lonely at all, for I was quite sure you were with me, and so were all the congregations with whom I have kept Whitsun in previous years. Every hour or so since yesterday morning I have been repeating to myself the words: 'Thou art a Spirit of joy,' and 'Grant us strength and power.' These words are a great comfort — from Paul Gerhardt's Whitsun hymn, which I love so much, and then the words: 'If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small,' from Proverbs 24; and 'God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and discipline,' from II Timothy 1. The strange story of the first Whitsunday with its miraculous gift of tongues, has once more provided a good deal of food for thought. At the tower of Babel all the tongues were confounded, and as a result men

could no longer understand one another as they all spoke different languages. This confusion is now brought to an end by the language of God, which is universal and intelligible and the only means of mutual understanding among men. And the Church is the place where the miracle happens."

From the *Friends Journal*, by a Quaker, 1956:

"Whatever interpretation we may give to the prophetic outpouring of the Spirit and the ecstatic speaking in tongues or strange languages, it seems certain that the Spirit descended upon laymen, ordinary men and women, who became channels for God's voice without much arguing about its nature or splitting hairs about doctrine . . .

Pentecost was the first ecumenical event. Young Christianity was 'in one place' and 'of one accord.' This is the reason the Christian Church values the celebration of Pentecost again at a time when it endeavours to recover this unity."

A PRAYER FOR UNITY

O God our Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace and concord, reconcile, we pray thee, thy servants separated one from another by dissension, and lead us back into a unity of love which may bear some likeness to thy sublime nature. And as thou art above all things, grant that we may be united in generosity of spirit; that by the bonds of love and ties of affection we may become spiritually one, as well within ourselves as with each other, through that peace of Thine which maketh all things peaceful in the grace, mercy and pity of thy beloved Son. Amen.

—Jacobite Liturgy of S. Dionysius.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

June—

3rd Mrs. C. H. Targett
10th Mrs. M. M. Easther.
17th Mrs. R. H. Watson.
24th Miss M. Bennett

July—

1st Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.
8th Mrs. L. R. Page

Chapel Altar

June—

3rd Mrs. G. Crawford.
10th Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
17th Mrs. L. D. Smith.
24th Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.

July—

1st Mrs. E. Greuber.
8th Mrs. W. McMahon.

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER

June—

Mornings: Messrs A. Hollingsworth and J. Sheldrick.
Evenings: Messrs. E. C. Ridley and A. E. Ford.

HOLY BAPTISM

Steven John Mace, Felicity Susan Gilbert, Christine Anne Mans, Michelle Elizabeth Denholm, Linda Moira Dudman, Stephen William Scott, Paul Robert Pinner, Mandy Lee O'Boyle

MARRIAGES

Ernest Gordon Raymond Schell and Kay Natalie Burgess; Arthur Charles Padersen and Sheila Florence Pearce; David Kingsley King and Patricia Anne Brown; James Tetlow and Christine Kay Hudson Jones.

AT REST

Albert Victor Derbyshire, Raymond H. A. Keeble, Mary A. Gillam, Landon C. Fairthorne. Selina Calver.

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