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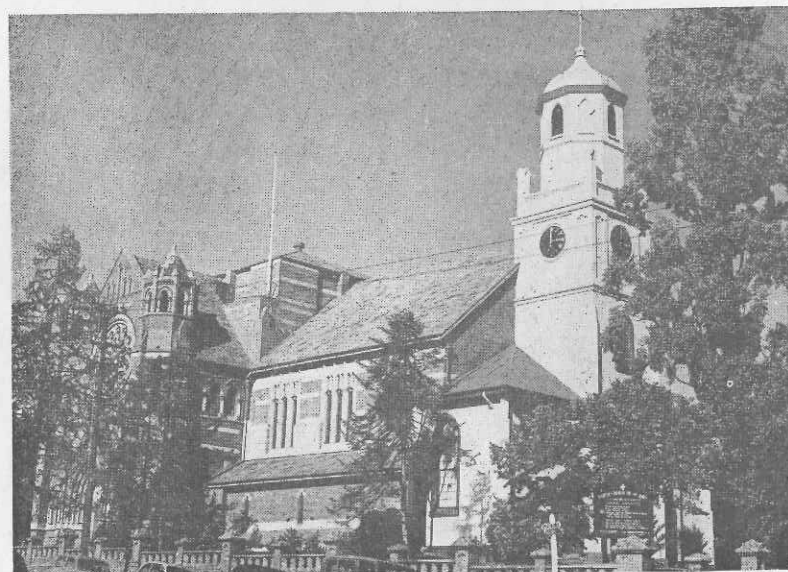
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CLERGYThe Rev. H. A. Jerrim, Th.L., C. F. Rector. Phone 2 3186
Rev. J. L. Goldsworthy, 8 Spencer Street, Launceston. Phone 2 3980.**KITAI TI KRISTIAN MRI KA ALLAH TAALA
SAMPI KERJA DUIT****THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

The words printed in bold type above are being used on posters in the Diocese of Borneo in current Stewardship campaigns. What do these words mean? They actually mean "We who Christian give to God. Prayer, Work, Money." By means of this Stewardship Campaign in the missionary Diocese of Borneo, strenuous efforts are being made by the Dayaks and other peoples involved in the life of the Church in North Borneo to make their Church (and our Church) more self-supporting and capable of more rapid expansion. It is interesting to note that some of the parishes in this missionary diocese have been more progressive than some of our Australian parishes, in this matter of Stewardship.

The next few weeks will be vital ones in the life of our parish as we are to embark on a Stewardship Campaign. As in Borneo, this means "Sampi, Kerja, Duit," it is going to have the same significance for us. I hope and pray that as a result of the Stewardship Campaign, we will be able to see a considerable advance in our parish life around St. John's Church. Our Parish Church is one which has had an outstanding history and tradition, but we cannot continue to exist on what was done in the past and the achievements of our predecessors. If we attempt to live on past capital (spiritual and financial), we will soon disintegrate. During the next two months we will lay the foundation upon which we will go forward in the next few years.

The Department of Promotion of our own Diocese is providing us with the necessary leadership in directing this Stewardship campaign. This will be a co-operative movement requiring the willing help of all parishioners. The first step in helping is to start praying for its success. This is essential, without this basis, the campaign will fail in its real purpose. This Stewardship programme is concerned not only to extend the influence of St. John's Church in our own parish and community, but to help the work of our Church in this Diocese and in places outside Australia.

It is anticipated that May 27, the last Sunday in May, will be observed as **Stewardship Sunday**. This will be an important day, please keep it free. We would like to see a gathering of St. John's parishioners which will surpass any such previous gathering. The special preacher on that Sunday will be the Reverend Wilfrid Holt, Vicar of St. Mark's Camberwell, in the Diocese of Melbourne. Mr. Holt until recently was Vicar of a progressive Balwyn parish and is now in charge of the above important Church in the Melbourne Diocese.

In closing, I would like to assure those families and parishioners who are in any trouble with sickness or worry of any kind at this time, that they are being upheld by the prayers of the Church daily.

May God bless you,

Yours sincerely, Henry A. Jerrim

MAY CALENDAR

- 1 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. G.F.S. Annual Meeting.
- 2 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 3 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study; Beresford House Street Stall.
- 6 **HARVEST FESTIVAL.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m. Children's Service; 11 a.m. Matins (A.B.C. Broadcast); 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday, 8 p.m. Organ Recital.
- 8 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. S.S. Teachers.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union); 7.30 p.m. Vestry, Scout Street Stall (National Bank).
- 10 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study; 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 13 **SUNDAY. EASTER III.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Youth Tea; 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary, 6 p.m. Men's Tea.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Scout Group Committee.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.
- 19 Saturday, 6.45 p.m. R.S.C.M. Choir Festival.
- 20 **SUNDAY. EASTER IV.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, Preacher, The Rev. Hugh Girvan; 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 22 Tuesday, Women's Guild Conference at Westbury.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group.
- 24 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union; 7 p.m. Bible Study.
- 27 **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins; 7 p.m. Evensong, Preacher, The Rev. Wilfrid Holt.

PARISH LIFE CAMPAIGN

It is very nearly three years since our last Parish Canvass, at which most parishioners made financial pledges for a period of 3 years. Arrangements have already been made to conduct another Canvass during May and early June, but this will be different in a couple of respects from the previous one.

First, it will be on a rather wider basis than just to cater for the Church's financial needs. As its title suggests, the principle emphasis will be to encourage greater participation by all members of families in the life and activities of St. John's.

Second, it will be organised by the Tasmanian Diocese Department of Promotion, the Director of which has already conducted several successful Canvasses in the various Anglican Churches of Tasmania. Further announcements will be made very shortly, and it is confidently hoped that all members of St. John's will once again give their whole-hearted support to the Church.

ABOUT MONEY

By the Right Reverend Richard S. E. Emrich, Diocese of Michigan.

The Church sees behind the physical fact of money, something deeper — the toil, the effort, the loyalty, and the devotion of her people.

Those who object to hearing money mentioned in Church should read the gospels where our Lord mentions it many times.

He noticed the widow's mites, He told the story of a lost coin, He provided the tax for Caesar. In the Book of Acts we read that the early Christians sold their land and "brought their money, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

All through the Scriptures we find that the offering of money is considered a vital part of religious dedication.

A GIFT TO OUR GRACIOUS GOD

Money in itself is only a medium of exchange, but it represents the toil and sweat of men plus the natural gifts of our gracious God.

Thus understood, it can become a holy thing through which a man offers himself, for in the making of money we grow old and our lives are spent.

Through the magical medium of money we can consecrate our daily work to the glory of God. It is no accident that the offertory has a central place in every service.

Laymen now and then ask how they can use their talents for the Church. There are many ways, and I think we ought to explore more of them together. But here is one ready made. You know how to make money, and your gifts to the Church actually represent a vital part of your life given to the Lord.

CHOIR FESTIVAL

During May the Director of the Royal School of Church Music is to visit Tasmania. Dr. Gerald Knight will be paying his second visit to Tasmania as the Director and is regarded as a world authority on Church Music. He has already toured many parts of Australia and New Zealand in the course of his present overseas tour. Whilst in Launceston, Dr. Knight will conduct a Choir Festival at St. John's Church on Saturday, May 19, at 6.45 p.m. Choirs from our Launceston parishes and from the North West Coast will take part in the Festival and it will be an inspiring occasion. The Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, the Rev. Hugh Girvan, has kindly consented to be the special preacher on this occasion. Our own organist (Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O.), will play for the Festival.

Another event of importance in the musical life of our Church will be an Organ Recital. On the evening of May 7, a recital is to be given by a brilliant Italian organist, Sergio de Pieri. This organist has recently come out to an appointment in Melbourne and we are looking forward to this recital. This will be the first of the series for 1962.

The Choir under the leadership of Mr. O'Neill is giving a great lead in the worship of our services. If any one is interested in helping in the Choir would they please offer to the Organist-Choirmaster. There is a special need for additional men to help with the choral side of our services.

CONFIRMATION

The Rector will be commencing Confirmation Classes in the near future. A class for adults is to begin almost immediately. If there is any adult member of the Congregation who would like to be prepared for Confirmation, would you please hand in your name to the Rector. An Adult Confirmation Service will be held early in June.

The classes for school children and young people will commence in June. Intending candidates are asked to meet in the Chapel on Sunday, June 3, at 3 p.m. and to hand their names to the Rector or Curate in the meantime.

DAILY SERVICES

The Church's Offices of Matins and Evensong will be said daily in the Chapel at 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. There is an invitation to anyone to come and join in this act of worship and time of prayer for about twenty minutes. In some places the evening service is looked upon in the nature of "Going Home Prayers" after a busy and exhausting day.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, May 24, at 2.45 p.m. in the Chapel. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Walker.

Corporate Communion service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, May 9, at 10.30 a.m.

The annual Musical Market is being held in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, June 13, 1962 at 2.45 p.m.

The Annual meeting was held on Thursday, April 26, in the Parish Hall, following the usual service in the Chapel. The report of the year's work was presented by the secretary Mrs. M. Easter. This indicated a variety of interests and activities in which the Mothers' Union participates. It included a report on preparations for the beginning of Christian Family Year.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Last month the Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild was held and the following officers were elected:—

Patron, Mrs. H. A. Jerrim.

President, Mrs. R. H. Watson.

Vice Presidents, Mesdames M. Easter and T. White.

Secretary, Mrs. I. Limb. Assistant Secretary, Mrs. R. Hoyle.

Treasurer, Miss B. Stevens.

Executive, Mesdames Morrah, Summers and Targett.

A very satisfactory year's work has been achieved by the Guild in supplying refreshments for the Old Folks' Tea, the Clergy Seminar and the C.E.C.W. meetings. Knitted garments have been sent to the Clarendon Children's Home at Kingston. A trading table at each meeting has been a source of income for the Kelso Youth Centre. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett St., on May 10. Mrs. R. W. Watson will show slides of Switzerland.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY.

The next meeting of the St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will be held at the Hospital, on Monday, May 14, at 2.45 p.m. The Matron will address the meeting and will show members over parts of the hospital.

We need fourteen more mattresses to complete our project of providing new ones for the Hospital and Nurses' Home. We are hoping to be able to purchase that number this year.

Eighteen members attended our April meeting and £4 was taken for Afternoon Tea and the Stall.

BERESFORD HOUSE STALL

The Committee of Beresford House are holding a Street Stall in Brisbane St., on Thursday, May 3. Donations of cakes, produce etc., will be gratefully received at the Stall.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The next meeting of Young Wives will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 8 p.m. There will be a service in the Chapel and afterwards members will meet at the Rectory.

Mr. T. Boarder of "Quality Foods Butchery" will be our guest speaker and will demonstrate cutting up joints of meat.

We have extended an invitation to members of St. John's Ladies Guild to join us on this evening.

It would give us much pleasure to welcome any prospective new members, so do come along and join us.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

May—
6th Mrs. F. J. Huston.
13th Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
20th Misses Scott.
27th Miss V. Sadler.

June—
3rd Mrs. C. H. Targett.

Chapel Altar

May—
6th Mrs. E. Greuber.
13th Mrs. W. McMahon.
20th Mrs. H. Atherton.
27th Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

June—
3rd Mrs. G. Crawford.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

May—
Mornings—Messrs F. Crow and C. W. Calver.
Evenings—Messrs R. W. J. Hart and R. J. Hoyle.

HOLY BAPTISM

Joanne Margaret Stafford, Lisa Jayne Turner, Terri Lee Wenn, Sandra Maree McCarthy, Judith Robyn Goldsworthy, Christine Mary Parker, Gail Maree Sidebottom, David Geoffrey Sidebottom.

MARRIAGES

Brian Edwin Ayers and Nola Merle McKercher; Kevin John French and Helen Stevenson; Thomas Henry Lloyd and Felicity Ann Chesshire; Anthony Vavasour Hort Huxnam and Marlene Winsome Sparks; Graham Denman and Beatrice Maud Tunks.

AT REST

Florence Fanny Richardson, Herbert Benjamin Page, Effie Elizabeth McNamara, Lavinia Pearl Lynch, Frances Arndell Annear, Mabel Ponsonby. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.

AN EASTER MESSAGE
"RISEN WITH CHRIST"

The Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., the Right Reverend Arthur Lichtenberger, has written an Easter Message to the Church.

"At Christmas the encouraging word of the Gospel is that the Saviour has come into the world; the glorious news of Easter is that He is here to stay," he writes.

"If that sounds strange to you, think a moment. Those who put Jesus to death thought they were getting rid of Him in this world. It did not matter to them if He lived on elsewhere; they wanted to put an end to His power and influence here.

"He is not a figure out of the past whose teachings still inspire us; He is the Risen Lord who enables us to overcome sin and death and to triumph with Him.

"This is the source of our Easter joy. The word of Easter is this:

"There is a way to find meaning in the scattered details of our lives.

"There is a way through fear to faith.
"There is a way to use suffering and sorrow for good.

"There is a way to learn that despite the appalling waste of human life, nothing born of love, nothing good, is ever wasted.

"There is a way to die daily to sin.
"There is a way to 'so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.'

"That way is to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, to worship Him, obey Him and serve Him as Lord and Saviour.

"When we choose that way and enter it, then are we risen with Christ."