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**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

The majority of you will already have seen in the Press the announcement of the appointment of the Rev. J. L. Goldsworthy, the assistant curate at St. John's Church, to be Rector of Cullenswood (St. Marys) on the East Coast. Mr. Goldsworthy will be leaving on September 17th, to reside at St. Marys. We would like to wish Mr. and Mrs. Goldsworthy every success and God's blessing in their new sphere of work. Mr. Goldsworthy's faithful ministry has been very much appreciated in our parish. The Sunday School will miss him as superintendent, and I am afraid that the position will not be able to be filled unless a volunteer with some experience is forthcoming.

The St. Marys' Rectory will be inhabited by young children for the first time for many years. This parish has been without a Rector for many months and they deserve to have the ministry of a young and able priest. May God bless the Parish of Cullenswood in this new phase of its life.

Elsewhere in the Parish Messenger there is a reference to the importance of Confirmation. I have been moved to stress the significance of this event in the light of recent experiences. In the past few months I have noticed the absence of many people, particularly the younger people, from the 8 a.m. services of Holy Communion. On account of this I wrote to almost 90 young people who were confirmed here during the past three years, reminding them of the importance of making their communion. I suggested that they all should make an effort to be present on the first Sunday in each month at the 8 a.m. service. Added to this was the invitation to parents and witnesses to be present with them. So far as I could see of about the 90 young people concerned, there were about 12 present at the service on the first Sunday in August.

I am most disturbed at this situation. I appeal to all who are concerned, the young people, parents and witnesses, to think about this condition. Parents and witnesses can help not only by advice, but by example. You who have been witnesses must be aware that this is part of the duty of witnesses, to help and encourage the newly confirmed to be regular at Holy Communion.

I hope and pray that we will soon see a great awakening in this regard. Next month our ranks will be reinforced with more confirmees. These too, we must encourage and welcome into the fellowship of the Church. We must all be present at the Table of the Lord's Supper.

As I close may I assure you who are sick or troubled that you are in our prayers in the Daily Services in the chapel each day.

May God Bless You All,

Yours Sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

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|----|--|----------|--|
| 2  | 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.  | 18       | Tuesday, 8 p.m. Scout Group Committee.   |
| 4  | Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 8 p.m. G.F.S. in Parish Hall.  | 19       | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  |
| 5  | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.   | 20       | Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.  |
| 6  | Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.  | 21       | Friday — St. Matthew's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.  |
| 9  | 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY AND SYNOD SUNDAY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 5 p.m. Youth Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.   | 22       | Saturday, 10 a.m. S.S. Teachers' Conference at St. Aidan's Parish Hall.  |
| 10 | Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Aux. for St. Luke's Hospital.   | 23       | 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins — Broadcast by the A.B.C. 7 p.m. Evensong to be attended by Confirmation candidates and parents. |
| 11 | Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting.  | 24       | Monday, 8 p.m. Picture Evening in aid of St. Luke's Hospital. 8 p.m. Annual Meeting of the B. & F.B.S.   |
| 12 | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union).   | 26       | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Young Wives' Group.   |
| 13 | Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Women's Guild — Spring Party in Parish Hall.  | 27       | Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union in the Kindergarten Hall. 7 p.m. Bible Study.   |
| 16 | 13th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Matins followed by Holy Communion. 2 p.m. Confirmation Class. 7 p.m. Evensong. Social Hour to follow in Parish Hall to farewell the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. Goldsworthy. | 28       | Friday, 7.30 p.m. Parish Life Conference at Beresford House.   |
|    |  | 30       | 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.  |
|    |  | October— |  |
|    |  | 3        | 8 p.m. Confirmation Service—The Bishop of Tasmania.  |

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY YEAR

The following Pastoral Message was sent out by the Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn to the people of his diocese, and has been re-published in the Mothers' Union journal, "Mia-Mia". The Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn is to be with us for St. John's Festival this year.

Dear Friends,

Without any doubt at all, the children who grow naturally in loyalty to God and come to worship Him regularly are those who have been led by their parents. They have not only been sent to Sunday School but they have been taken to public worship by their parents and have caught a sense of reverence for God and His goodness.

This transmission of Faith in God is a subtle and delicate process. It does not result from nagging. It is caught and not taught. It is caught only from parents who sacrifice time, energy and other activities in order to be present at the public worship of God. If parents take this seriously, children will take it seriously.

May we all make a special effort to grow in the spirit of God's love and to witness to our Faith in the regularity of our attendance at worship.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth, Canberra and Goulburn.

## A THEME FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILY YEAR

Lo, here hath been dawning another blue day. Think—wilt thou let it slip useless away? Out of eternity this new day was born, And into eternity at night will return. Think—wilt thou let it slip useless away.

## MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mother's Union will be held on Thursday, 27th September, at 2.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, when members will entertain the blind and less fortunate folk to a Musical Tea Party.

Corporate Communion will be held in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th September.

## ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The Annual Meeting was held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on 11th August.

The following officers were elected:—  
President: Mrs. V. C. Holyman.  
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames K. F. Brown and G. C. Dodery.  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. A. H. Roake.  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. J. Jones.  
Committee: Mrs. V. H. Good, Misses D. Lockwood and C. M. Bennett.

There was an almost full attendance and two visitors.

The Rector chaired the meeting. The Annual Report showed a year of various activities and the Rector thanked all members for their co-operation and help. The support of all St. John's parishioners would be appreciated in our next two efforts to raise money for our present project (mattresses).

A picture evening, musical items and auction of "odds and ends" will be held on Monday, 24th September, in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m. Gifts of "odds and ends" for sale will be appreciated.

An Old Clothes Sale will be held on Wednesday, 3rd October, in St. John's Hall. Donations to be in by 28th September, please contact Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick or leave parcels at the Rectory.

Next meeting to be held on 10th September at the President's Home.

## YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our next Young Wives' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th September, 8 p.m. There will be a service in the Chapel and then members will adjourn to the Rectory. We hope to have Mrs. Noel Dicker as our Guest Speaker. There will also be a Trading Table to aid some worthy cause. Prospective members can be assured of a very warm welcome.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, September 13th, at 8 p.m. It will take the form of a "Spring Party".

The sum of £12/3/6 has been passed for the Kelso Youth Centre. This amount was raised from a Trading Table.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thirty-three men of the parish were present at the last meeting of the Men's Fellowship and it is pleasing to see that the numbers are being maintained. The speaker at the last gathering was the Rev. J. E. McKean who gave an inspiring address on a Man's View of Religion.

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be held on the first Tuesday in September at "The Embassy" at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Brigadier J. G. McNeill, State President of the C.E.M.S. We are hopeful of having the Bishop of Singapore with us for the October meeting. All men of the parish are invited to come to these meetings and will receive a warm welcome. These are opportunities for all to get to know other St. John's men.

## CONFIRMATION

One of the important occasions in the year is that when the Bishop comes to administer the Rite of Confirmation. The importance of this occasion cannot be stressed too much, for this is the time when our young people publicly confess themselves as soldiers of Christ and full members of the Church. Too many people, including candidates and parents, take this solemn occasion too lightly, and soon forget its significance.

I am asking all parents and witnesses to attend the evening service on Sunday, 23rd September, as a service of preparation for Confirmation. Confirmation will be administered on Wednesday, 3rd October, at 8 p.m. The Bishop of the Diocese will take the service this year. Will all parishioners please keep this night free?

## YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, September 22nd, St. John's Parish Hall, 8 p.m. Youth Rally in form of a Barn Dance with barbecue supper. All young people of the parish are invited to attend. Bring a friend. Come and have a good night.

## ST. JOHN'S VESTRY

The first meeting of the Vestry for the new year of 1962/63 was held in the Rectory on Wednesday, August 8th. The following officers were elected:—

Secretary: Mr. F. C. Cookman.  
Recording Secretary: Mr. V. J. Sheldrick.  
Treasurer: Mr. V. H. Good.

There was a considerable amount of routine business discussed. A further report on the proposed relighting of the Church was discussed and it is hoped that it will be possible to make a decision on this matter in the near future. Consideration was given to procuring a plan for the future development of the parish.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In recent weeks some of the pupils in the Sunday School have been busy preparing for the Annual Bible Eisteddfod. We appreciate all the work which Miss K. Kingsmill did in preparing the children and thank her together with those who assisted her. The children who participated did well. The choir which was trained by Miss Elizabeth Massey sang very nicely.

The Sunday School teachers and pupils regret that Mr. Goldsworthy is to leave this month. All who have been associated with the Sunday School appreciate the splendid leadership which Mr. Goldsworthy as Superintendent has shown in this work. We wish him every blessing in the work at St. Marys.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger assist in the cost of printing and distribution to all members of the Parish, together with the Diocesan paper, the Church News. Donations may be given to one of the clergy or to one of the churchwardens.

The following donations are acknowledged: Miss D. Fowler 10/-, Messdames W. H. Verrall 10/-, M. L. Brain £1, K. E. J. Robinson 10/-, Hudson 10/6, Higgs 2/-, Hammond 10/-, Miss E. Sutton 10/- and the St. John Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital £1.

Thank you.

## FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

## Main Altar

September—  
2nd, Miss M. Bennett.  
9th, Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.  
16th, Mrs. L. R. Page.  
23rd, Mrs. D. R. Campbell.  
30th, Misses Scott.  
October—  
7th, Miss V. Sadler.

## Chapel Altar

September—  
2nd, Mrs. W. McMahon.  
9th, Mrs. H. Atherton.  
16th, Mrs. F. J. Stokes.  
23rd, Mrs. G. Crawford.  
30th, Mrs. D. V. Boyd.  
October—  
7th, Mrs. L. D. Smith.

## Sidemen's Roster

September—  
Morning, Messrs. C. W. Calver and T. Brooks.  
Evening, Messrs. R. H. Watson and J. Bonney.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Robert Bruce Wadley, Jan Denise Trudgian, Toni Gaye Parkinson, Alan Stewart Goodall, Peter Robert Kelly, Natasha Annette Brady, Jasmin Yvette Smith, Susan Elizabeth Hart, Lynnmaree Margaret Simmons, Andrew Bernard Jones, Carolyn Jane Fitch.

## MARRIAGES

Tony John Dyson and Patricia Lorraine Fawcner, Malcolm John Pratt and Patricia Joan Richardson, Charles Edward Down and Lesley Ann Kay, Barry Noel Murray and Glenda Yvonne Newton, Anthony William Davis and Margaret Ann Buckney.

## AT REST

Alice Winifred Smith, Martha Elizabeth Crow, John Courabira Atherton, Muriel Constance Ransom, Eric Arthur Weedon Green.

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

## 7,000 PEOPLE STARVE TO DEATH EVERY HOUR

Starvation causes the deaths of about 7,000 people an hour, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Sydney, Professor J. R. A. McMillan, told Sydney Rotary Club on July 24.

Professor McMillan, who is chairman of the N.S.W. Committee of the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, added that if the Australian population died at the same rate it would be wiped out in nine weeks.

He said that only about one-third of the world's population was well fed. The other two-thirds was either undernourished or suffered outright hunger.

"The situation will become more difficult because of the population explosion," he said.

"The present world population is 3,000 million. By the end of the century it will be 6,000 million."

"The increase is twice as fast in underdeveloped countries than in developed ones."

Professor McMillan said that production of more food in developed countries would not solve the hunger problem because not enough could be produced by those countries alone.

In addition, there would be insufficient transport and the underdeveloped countries could not pay for the food.

"However, food production can be increased enormously in the underdeveloped countries themselves and this is the solution of the problem in the immediate future," he said.

He said that Australia would assist the Freedom From Hunger Campaign by sponsoring a large number of food production projects, mainly in South-East Asian countries.

Professor McMillan added that apart from humanitarian grounds there were practical reasons why Australians should support the campaign.

"The marketing of our primary products is becoming more difficult, and this may worsen if Britain joins the Common Market.

"We must find other markets and the obvious place is South-East Asia.

"But to do this, the standard of living in those countries must be raised, and a first necessity is for their people to increase their own food production."

(The Anglican)