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Assistant Curate: Rev. T. G. Cowell, Th.L. Phone 2 1510
Organist: Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. Phone 2 4988

Christmas Blessings

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

HENRY A. JERRIM,

RECTOR.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Gazing is a pastime in which many of us will indulge in the next week or so. We will gaze in the shop windows at the many articles on display and wonder if we will buy this or that for "so and so". Children will be gazing at all kinds of toys with a desire that they may be theirs. Our gaze will rest on Christmas cards which we are choosing and sending to friends everywhere. We will gaze at the Christmas cards which we receive and be lost in thought thinking about old friends, old places and old scenes.

Thanks to the movement in recent years which had for its aim, "Putting Christ back into Christmas", there is now more evidence of the real image of Christmas. There are various representations of the Nativity Scene to be seen in shop windows and on Christmas cards; some time may be spent in gazing at such basic pictures of the Christmas story.

This is the incident in which the vertical line from heaven cuts the horizontal line of earth. This is the spot where God became incarnate in the person of His Son and inaugurated a new era in the history of mankind. This is something of what should enter into the mind as we gaze at the Star of Bethlehem on the current postage stamp which has been issued to commemorate the Season of Christmas.

It is not a big step from gazing to the more profound state of worship and this ought to be true of our movement in the Christmas Season. We gaze at our cards and presents, we should move on to the realm of worship. The Christmas Festival is complete only in its meaning and observance when we offer worship to the Christ who was the Babe of Bethlehem. I look forward to expressing my greetings of a Holy and Happy Christmas to you at one of the Christmas services in your Parish Church.

May God bless you all this Christmas and in the New Year.

Yours, sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

Last year I appealed to our congregation to double their giving to the Remembrance Bowl Appeal and it was doubled. In 1961 we gave £82, in 1962 the amount was £157, can we give £300 this year?

Some of the projects which are listed for help are Freedom from Hunger schemes in Japan, Burma and Greece. Assistance to be given to Vellore Hospital in India, and a trained worker is to be made available for work amongst needy people in Italy. The Mouri Hospital in Tanganyika which is the concern of the Church of England will receive support together with the Wynberg-Allen School for Tibetan refugees in India. These are but a few of the projects which will be helped from Inter-Church Aid through the Remembrance Bowl.

"Nine per cent of the people in the world speak English; yet 94% of the Church's total membership come from the 9% of the world's population; and on that 94% is spent 96% of all the Church's resources."

The Bishop of Polynesia.

DONATIONS TO PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to this paper help to defray the printing, postage and distribution costs of the Parish messenger together with "The Church News". These are sent to all parishioners of St. John's Church. Donations may be given to the Church Wardens or one of the Clergy. The following donations are acknowledged: Miss E. Knight £1, Mrs. H. Targett 10/-, Mrs. M. Wakefield 10/-, Miss V. L. Andrews 10/-.

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

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital held their annual morning American Tea at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on Thursday, 21st November, it was a happy social function as well as a financial success. £100 was raised.

As a result of this effort, a commercial size toaster is to be given to the Hospital.

On Monday, 2nd December, members will be the guests of the President for a break-up Christmas party.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 9th March, 1964.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The final meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Easther, 13 Wyett St., on Thursday, 5th December, at 8 p.m. It will be our Christmas Party and members are asked to note the change of date.

The proceeds of the evening held recently for the Roland Boys' home amounted to £31/10/-. A letter has been received from the Secretary thanking us for a fine effort.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

The majority of our young people are at present engaged in examinations of some kind or another. This does make it difficult to plan functions which we can be sure will attract at least a few. However, we have made some attempt and the following programme may meet the needs.

On Monday night, the 9th December, we are having the final Young People's Dance for the year. Note, the evening, Monday. As this is the final such dance we are hoping it will receive your full support. Pass the word around to your friends and invite them to

come. Orchestra, of course, and supper to enjoy. Good floor, good music and good fun. Give it good support.

On the following Saturday, the 14th December at 7.30 p.m. we will have a Social Evening for the Under 15's. These are popular and again those in this age group will be asked to support the occasion. Beginning at 7.30 p.m. we finish at 10.00 p.m. after a good supper, games and musical items. Please invite your friends along.

Youth breakfast on the 15th December after the 8.00 a.m. Service. The last was fairly well attended but quite a number who said they would come didn't turn up. This makes catering a little difficult, so if you say you are coming please do so. All those recently confirmed are especially asked to be present.

There it is. Something amongst those events should be of interest to you and we ask for your enthusiastic support. We realise how busy it is just now but we think a good number will be able to attend the different occasions. Don't neglect Holy Communion on the 25th December wherever you may be. Best wishes for the close of the year and the New Year.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

December—

- 1 Miss V. Sadler.
- 8 Mrs. C. H. Targett.
- 15 Mrs. M. M. Easther.
- 22 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
- 24 Flower Guild.
- 29 Miss M. Bennett.

January—

- 5 Mrs. L. R. Page.
- 12 Mrs. M. W. Fletcher.

Chapel Altar

December—

- 1 Mrs. R. A. Watson.
- 8 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
- 15 Mrs. G. Crawford.
- 22 Mrs. G. W. Thomson.
- 24 Flower Guild.
- 29 Mrs. H. Atherton.

January—

- 5 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
- 12 Mrs. L. D. Smith.

"THE MESSIAH"

Launceston Philharmonic Society
PATERSON ST. METHODIST CHURCH
6th December at 8 p.m.

Conductor: Mr. John Stephenson

Soloists:—

Robert Payne, Bass
Bruce Kekwick, Tenor
Harley Williams, Contralto
Valerie Pennefather, Soprano
Organist: Mr. John Nicholls

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER—

- 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 7 p.m.—Carol Service and the Reading of the Seven Lessons.

CHRISTMAS DAY—

- 6 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
- 11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 7.30 p.m.—Evensong and Carols.

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?

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER

December—

- 1 Morning: Messrs. T. P. White, T. B. Brooks, R. J. Young, F. Carnie.
Evening: Messrs. M. M. Easther, F. B. Stevens, R. White.
- 8 Morning: Messrs. V. J. Sheldrick, R. H. Watson, D. Sheldrick, J. McGowen.
Evening: Messrs. R. J. Roberts, J. Bonney, E. Jeanne, T. McClymont.
- 15 Morning: Messrs. A. E. Ford, S. L. Mitchell, A. Hollingsworth, D. Sutton.
Evening: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart, E. R. Duncan, T. Wing, F. Ikin.
- 22 Morning: Messrs. F. J. Jones, C. W. Calver, J. James.
Evening: Messrs. V. H. Good, A. J. Green, R. E. Williams, A. Focken.
- 29 Morning: Messrs. F. J. Jones, S. L. Mitchell, R. J. Young, F. Ikin.
Evening: Messrs. M. M. Easther, R. J. Roberts, D. Sutton, J. Bonney.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The month of December. It does not really seem to be twelve months since we had our last Sunday School Festival but apparently it is. The Festival this year will be similar to the last one in many ways. To be held at 10.30 on Sunday, the 15th December, the Festival will feature special music for the occasion, with the distribution of books to the children in the Senior Sunday School and Companionship group. This will be one of the big days of the year for the children and we are looking forward to outstanding support from the parents. For many children this is one day when they do really want to see their parents at church and we do hope that both parents of all children will attend.

For those parents whose children do not come to Sunday School we issue a special welcome to you to send them along next year. We commence in early February and we will be delighted to have your child along. Please give this matter some thought and let us know if you would like your child to come.

HOLY BAPTISM

Noel Gregory Forsyth, Brendan Geoffrey Johncock, Stephen Paul Titmus, Kristan Louise Groom; Tricia Ann Burgess, Timothy James Burgess, Glenn Edward Maynard, Janine Kay EtcHELL.

MARRIAGES

Trevor Cowell and Wendy Murgatroyd, John Maxwell Walters and June Marlene Chester, John William Coats Benham and Margaret Connor, Graham Ralph Basham and Betty Westlake, David Westwood Price and Doreen Florence Ives, Charles Henry Smith and Margaret Ruth Champion, Robert Percival McLean and Lorraine Kaye Burton.

BURIALS

Edward John Burley, Gwendoline Estelle Hesketh.

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