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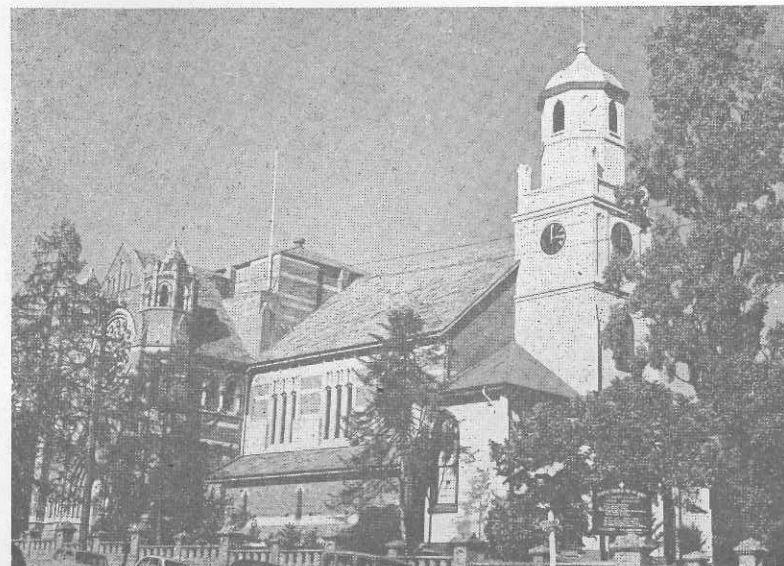
JULY, 1963

CLERGY

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

Assistant Curate: Rev. T. G. Cowell, Th.L.

Organist: Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.

**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

Have you filled in your Income Tax Return? This is July and one of the annual jobs which we have to do, whether we like it or not is to fill in our Income Tax Form. It is the month for returns of all kinds in business and in official departments. The Church does not escape this duty of giving an account of its affairs. On the last day of July we will hold the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** in the Kindergarten Hall at 7.45 p.m. Last year we had an excellent meeting which was preceded by a Parish Tea.

Pick up your diary this moment and write in the Parish Tea for Wednesday, 31st July at 6 p.m., and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to follow at 7.45 p.m. If you cannot be present with us for tea, do join us for the meeting. The Annual Reports and Statements will be presented and the election of officers for the coming year will take place. The churchwardens and vestrymen hope that all parishioners will make an effort to be present at these functions.

I would like to draw your attention to the notice re the Organ Recital which is to be held on Sunday afternoon, 21st July at 3 p.m. This will be Miss Dorothy Glover's first recital on our organ and our first recital for 1963. Mrs. Joan Farrar and Mrs. Marjorie Walker are going to assist at this recital. Do make this known amongst your friends.

Writing about music reminds me that we have an urgent need for additional choristers, especially men. In recent weeks we have lost the services of several members of the Choir who have left Launceston or have been transferred in the course of their occupations to other centres. St. John's has a good reputation for its music and choir work and we must preserve this name. Our Organist is willing to train any people who are willing to assist in the musical life of the Church. This is something which can be done to the glory of God.

During May we had a Parish Life Mission which was conducted by the Reverend John Collings assisted by the Reverend Ronald Fox. The appointment of Mr. Collings as Director of Christian Education in the Diocese of Newcastle, N.S.W., has just been announced. In the field of Christian Education in Tasmania, we are going to miss the able help which Mr. Collings has been able to give. Since the P.L.M., Mr. Fox has come North to be the Rector of Westbury. We would wish both these clergy every happiness and God's blessing in the new tasks which they have undertaken.

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

JULY CALENDAR

- July—
- 3 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 4 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 7 **4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.
- 9 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mother's Union). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 11 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Women's Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 13 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Social for under-fifteens.
- 14 **5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 17 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 18 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 21 **6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 3 p.m. Organ Recital. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 25 Thursday, St. James' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 27 Saturday, 8 p.m. Young People's Dance.
- 28 **7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins—Grammar Prep. School to attend. Preacher: The Rev. H. Pickup, M.A. 5 p.m. Youth Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 31 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Parish Tea. 7.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of Congregation.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

At the last Communion Breakfast besides having our fill of sausages cooked in gravy, we also had discussions on the youth work in the Parish. We were trying to decide exactly what forms of activity were proving the most popular and also any suggestions regarding additional work. The gathering broke up into groups and discussions were most profitable. It seems that most people liked the Dances and Socials which have been held over the past few months, and the breakfasts were popular too. For the future it was thought we could have hikes, games nights, camps, chess clubs and barbecues, and there was also apparently felt to be need for a lonely hearts club. About the last I am not so sure but the others are easier to arrange.

Keep the 27th July free. That night has been reserved for a Grand Dance in the Kindergarten Hall. A terrific orchestra will provide the music, there will be a delightful supper and cordials will be on sale. This is one of those rare nights you shouldn't miss out on for it will be a real highlight of the Parish's monthly activity. For those in a younger age bracket another Social will be held on Saturday, 13th July, starting at 7.30 and going through to 10 p.m. If you enjoyed the last Social this will be as good, and if you didn't enjoy the last one then you will this. All those under-15's in our Parish we welcome. will have a tremendous evening and the supper will be its usual delicious standard.

Youth Breakfast this month is on the 21st. It is very important that we should make our Communion at the very least once a month and what better Sunday than this when we can follow up the Spiritual Fellowship with Fellowship over food and conversation. You will be contacted about this date but please make a note of it now.

Youth Tea is on the 28th when our speaker will be the Rev. John Beaverstock, Rector of St. Paul's, Launceston. Newly arrived from England, he will relate some of the interesting and amusing incidents of his time spent there.

That's a very full programme. It provides for all and we hope to see all along at some of them.

With best wishes.

Trevor G. Cowell,
Assistant Curate

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: Mrs. J. Cunningham £1, Mrs. W. Verrall 10/-. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION

A Corporate Communion for members of Mothers' Union will be held in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 10th July, and the next meeting will be at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, 25th July.

Sixty pounds was raised from the Musical Market and we would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this function.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are at present re-organising our teaching methods in the Senior School and as a result many new ideas are being tried. Strip films will be used as much as possible in the future and this should prove most valuable as a teaching aid. Another two teachers in the Kindergarten and Senior School would be valued so if you feel able to help please let the Clergy know. And if your child is not coming to Sunday School bring him, or her along. We feel sure they will both enjoy and benefit from the time spent there. We also urge parents to come with their children to the Family Service each third Sunday in the month. These are specially designed for Family Worship and the children like parents to be present. Watch the press notices for announcements about these.

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

The June meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held at the Hospital. Matron Winwood spoke to us about preparedness in each ward for emergencies and showed us the pressure face masks which have recently been donated to the Hospital. We were then shown the improvements being made to the kitchen and the new gas stove which we have recently purchased.

Afternoon tea was served and the business meeting followed.

Mrs. K. F. Brown, Vice-President, was in charge of the meeting in the absence of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman.

The luncheon date has been moved from September to November.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 8th July, at the home of the President.

Please do not forget our used clothes sale in August.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The Evening Mothers' Union will meet on Wednesday, 24th July, at 8.00 p.m. This meeting will begin with a Chapel Service and then in the Kindergarten Room. Our Guest Speaker will be Mrs. I. Meads (National Trust Homes).

We extend a warm welcome to all Mothers' Union Members to join us for the evening.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 11th July at 8.00 p.m. It will be at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 16 Wyett St.

A TRIBUTE

On Friday evening, 28th June, Frederick Harold Cookman, one of St. John's most faithful laymen, passed away in the Launceston General Hospital. It appears that Mr. Cookman was involved in an accident on Wednesday evening and this was followed by a serious illness. Every member of St. John's Parish offers its very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cookman and her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Padman, at this time of sadness.

Mr. Cookman had been associated with St. John's Church for very many years, his first active connection being as a choir boy. He maintained his interest in music throughout his life and was an active member of the Launceston Male Choir up till the time of his death. Over the years he served St. John's in most offices that are open to a layman. He was a sidesman, vestryman and church warden; this latter position he occupied from 1950. In that same year, he was elected as Secretary to the Vestry and faithfully filled that office up until the time of his death. Mr. Cookman was a lay representative of this parish in the Synod of the Diocese of Tasmania for a number of years and represented this parish on the Patronage Council. In the past few months since his retirement from business, he spent much time on the business associated with the property of the Church. During his years at business, Mr. Cookman was a well respected business man, and he was a sincere member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Cookman will be sadly missed in both the worshipping and administrative life of the Church.

We thank God for his life and service and pray for God's blessing upon Mrs. Cookman and her daughter in the days to come.

- "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A

PARISH TEA

IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

ON WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY AT 6 P.M.

Minimum Donation 2/- per Adult

The Parish Tea will be followed by a film and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Please Tear off Here

We will be able to be present at the Parish Tea.

Number coming

Signed.....

R.S.V.P. by Monday, July 22nd.

The Rector, St. John's Rectory.

ORGAN RECITAL

St. John's Church

ON SUNDAY, 21st JULY AT 3 P.M.

Organist:

Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.
Mrs. Joan Farrar, Contralto
Mrs. Marjorie Walker, Viola

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

July—

Morning—Messrs. J. Sanderson and R. H. Watson.

Evening—Messrs. R. Dyer and M. M. Easter.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

July—

14 Mrs. M. M. Easter.

21 Mrs. R. H. Watson.

28 Miss M. Bennett.

August—

4 Mrs. L. R. Page.

Chapel Altar

July—

14 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.

21 Mrs. E. Grueber.

28 Mrs. W. McMahon.

August—

4 Mrs. H. Atherton.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sharon Elizabeth Boling, Christine Maree Breen, Kathleen Rhonda Sturzaker, Walter John Sturzaker, Shirley Ann Sturzaker, Andrew James Laird, Petra Lale Matil Kremerskothen, Leonie Lee Goldfinch, Robin Mervyn Grace, Nicholas Geoffrey Hiscock, Gregory James Nisbet, Debra Maree Nisbet, Kathie Elizabeth Rice, Joscelyn Fay Wallace, William Freeman, Gervase Richard Knowles.

MARRIAGES

Kelvin Stuart Amos and Beverley Jean O'sign, John Wayne Dunham and Maisie Jean Brown, Kevin Haas and Pauline Curtis, Colin Patrick McDougal and Janice Lynette Rigg.

BURIALS

Albert Victor Harrison, Gladys Muriel Wingrove, Gerald Hadley Cassidy, Desmond Vernon Eady, Sydney Claude Baker, Alice Susanne Watterson, James Henty Correll, Nancy Clare Davies, Arnold John Jacobs, Gervase Richard Knowles, Pauline Reeman, John Tasman Parramore, Frederick Harold Cookman. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved.