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CLERGY

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

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



There will be a
LITURGICAL WELCOME

in St. John's Church,
on Friday, 7th June,
at 7.30 p.m.,

to the new Bishop of Tasmania
(The Right Rev. R. E. Davies)

The Bishop will preach on this
occasion.

The Service will be followed by a
welcome to the Bishop from the
Church in Launceston.

STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY

30th June

Parish Evensong at 3 p.m.

Preacher:

The Rev. J. E. MacKean,
Vicar of Carrick

Afternoon Tea to follow in the
Parish Hall.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

You will receive this Parish Messenger just on the eve of the Festival of Whitsunday. This is one of the major festivals of the Christian Year. Because of the public holidays associated with Christmas and Easter, they stand out in the mind of most people as almost the only festivals of the year. Important as we know these occasions are, yet there are commemorations of the Church's year which are important. Every celebration of a festival is of great significance for us as Christian men and women. We have at this time of the year, Ascension, Whitsunday and Trinity Sunday which in a sense conclude the first half of the year.

Before our Lord ascended into Heaven, He promised His disciples the gift of the Comforter or Holy Spirit, and they were to wait for the fulfilment of this promise, before they carried out His last command. The command which followed was that order which is the Church's constant concern, "Go into all the world . . ." About nine o'clock in the morning, ten days after Jesus ascended into Heaven, the disciples were gathered in the Upper Room and accompanied by the signs of wind and fire, the Holy Spirit came into the lives of Christ's followers. Fired with a spirit of courage and a desire to tell others of Christ's saving power, the apostles left the Upper Room and Peter preached to a vast crowd of people. As a result of that amazing sermon some three thousand people accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. This was the birthday of the Church.

Thus, this first Sunday in June is the birthday of the Church. A birthday is always a day to be remembered, there are few people who really do not want their birthday to be remembered at least by close friends or relatives. This is the birthday of Christ's Church and we are closely bonded to our Lord by virtue of our baptism. Let us be mindful of our duty to celebrate the birthday of His Church. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion on this first Sunday in June and this is the sacred feast in which we will celebrate the Festival. The services of course will be at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

As this coming Sunday is the first one in the month, the early service is a Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. I do hope that many of our young people will be present at this birthday celebration of our Lord's Church. Parents and witnesses can help by their example in being present at the Holy Communion.

My final thought in this letter is for those many people who have been unwell in the past few weeks. There is a lot of sickness at the present time and I hope where there is sickness that health will soon be restored.

God bless you all,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

JUNE CALENDAR

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| <p>June—</p> <p>2 WHITSUNDAY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>3 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.</p> <p>4 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.</p> <p>5 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.</p> <p>6 Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service for Christian Family Year. 7 p.m. Bible Study.</p> <p>7 Friday, 7.30 p.m. Liturgical Welcome to the Right Rev. R. E. Davies as Bishop of Tasmania.</p> <p>9 TRINITY SUNDAY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>11 Tuesday—St. Barnabas' Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.</p> <p>12 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union). 2.45 p.m. Musical Market (Kindergarten Hall). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.</p> <p>13 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study. 8 p.m. Guild at the home of Mrs. Dodery, 42 Ramsay St.</p> <p>15 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Social for Under-15's, Parish Hall.</p> | <p>16 TRINITY I. 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>19 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.</p> <p>20 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.</p> <p>23 TRINITY II. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins.—A.B.C. Broadcast. 5 p.m. Youth Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>24 Monday, Nativity of St. John Baptist. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.</p> <p>26 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.</p> <p>27 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. 7 p.m. Bible Study.</p> <p>30 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 3 p.m. Parish Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. MacKean, Vicar of Carrick. Afternoon Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> |
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ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School party, held in place of the annual picnic proved itself a great success. From comments received most of the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly and for this we must thank most sincerely the many parents who assisted in numerous ways. We still require several teachers for our School and if any parent or a more senior teenager feels that they can spare the time would they please contact the Rector or Assistant-Curate.

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

The next meeting will be held at the Hospital on Monday, 3rd June, at 2.45 p.m.

At our last meeting it was decided to purchase a new gas stove (valued at about £100) and to bear the expense of repairing the old stove.

It was decided to have an old clothes sale on Wednesday, 28th August, and Parishioners are asked to begin putting aside articles they can spare. Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick is in charge of this project.

Two members, Mrs. W. J. Williams and Miss V. Andrews were welcomed back after severe illness.

A most interesting talk on civil defence was given by Mrs. J. W. Cohen, who has recently returned from Mount Macedon, where she attended a course of instruction.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for school children and young people up to about 17 will begin within the next few days. Announcements about this will appear in the weekly news slip distributed at services and any persons interested in being confirmed this year are asked to give their names to the Rector.

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: St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital £1/1/-; Misses Sutton 15/-. Thank you.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, June 13th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dodery, 42 Ramsay St. New members will be welcomed.

MOTHERS' UNION

The members of Mothers' Union will be holding their Annual Musical Market in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 12th June, at 2.45 p.m. Proceeds in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home.

A Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. on the 12th June and the next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th June at 2.45 p.m.

A Thanksgiving Service for Christian Family Year will be held at St. John's Church on Thursday, 6th June, at 2.30 p.m. (Will all Mothers' Union members kindly bring a "plate" for afternoon tea.) All members of organisations connected with the Church are invited to attend.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday, 26th June, at 8 p.m. This will commence with a Chapel Service and afterward at the Rectory. The speaker will be the Rector.

Any new members are assured of a warm welcome.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

Over the past few years one of the main activities of the St. John's Young People has been the once a month Communion Breakfast. However, in the past few months attendances at this function have dropped off considerably and have reached an all time low. Naturally attendance at the 8 a.m. Celebration has dropped at the same time and it seems appropriate at this time, Ascensiontide, Whitsuntide and Trinity that we should make a renewed effort in this regard.

The next Communion Breakfast will be held on the 16th June which is the first Sunday after Trinity Sunday. On that occasion we should like to see present all those recently confirmed at St. John's, and as a further move we are inviting all witnesses to attend the Service and stay for the Breakfast.

In regard to social activity there will be no Dance in June, but there will be a Social for the under-15's in our Parish. That will be on Saturday, June 15th at 7.30. The last such function was extremely enjoyable and it is anticipated that even more will be along for the next one. Games, a little dancing and a good supper. We hope to see you at the Communion Services over the next month or so and at the Communion Breakfast in particular.

Besh wishes for the second term at school.

TREVOR G. COWELL,
Assistant-Curate.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

June—
Morning—Messrs. A. Hollingsworth and J. Sheldrick.
Evening—Messrs. R. W. J. Hart and A. E. Ford.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

June—
9 Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
16 Mrs. F. J. Huston.
23 Misses Scott.
30 Miss V. Sadler.
July—
7 Mrs. C. H. Targett.

Chapel Altar

June—
9 Mrs. H. Atherton.
16 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
23 Mrs. G. Crawford.
30 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
July—
7 Mrs. L. D. Smith.

HOLY BAPTISM

John Robert Atherton, Catherine Anne Cripps, Jonathan Paul Summerhayes, Michael Richardson, Darren Ernest Courtney, Kathryn Ailsa Roberts, Shane Bernard Button, Shane Ian Crosswell, Andrea Jane Crosswell, Rodney Graeme Rigby, Julie Anne Butler.

MARRIAGES

Graeme Clyde Snooks and Patricia May Adams, Brian Catterall and Wendy Joy Chamberlain, James William Morgan and Patricia May Franklin, Robert Maxwell Bushby and Janice Mary Jory, Neville Robert Lockhart and Alice Shirley Aram, Murray Thomas Bennett and Vail Edith Wheatley, Kevin Charles Furley and Judith Shirley Green.

BURIALS

Ethel Maud Mary Ford, Thomas Fielder Brooks Mitchell, Annie Christina Waldron. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved.