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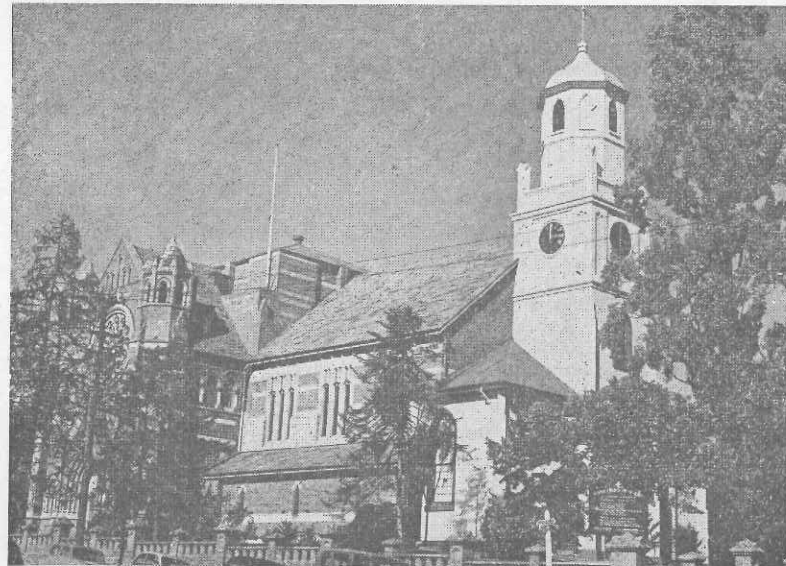
NOVEMBER, 1963

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,

The most important event during this month will be the Dedication Festival which will commence with a Garden Party in the Rectory Grounds on Saturday afternoon, 9th November. You are invited to attend this function and I hope that many of you will be able to accept this invitation. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find an acceptance slip which you can fill in and return. We had a most enjoyable time last year and I hope that it will be so this year. It is good for us all to meet as a church family in a social atmosphere from time to time. It provides us with an opportunity to talk to one another and to become better acquainted with other members of the congregation.

There will be special services on Sunday, 10th November, and the preacher at the morning service will be the Dean of Hobart (The Very Rev. E. M. Webber, B.D., A.K.C.). The Festival provides us with an opportunity to express our thanks to God for His goodness and blessings in the past year. It is an occasion of corporate worship when the whole parish can unite in worship; this should be an inspiration to all who participate. For some it can mark a new beginning in more regular attendance at Church.

During recent months we have lost a number of parishioners, either by death or removal to another city. To those families in the parish who have suffered bereavement, I would extend the sympathy of the Church and assure them of our prayers for God's comfort for them at this time. In our daily services in the chapel we offer regular prayers and make remembrance of all who mourn and are sorrowful. We pray for those who are sick and it is humbling to know that people are helped. Recently we were asked to pray for a person who was extremely ill (others were praying as well) and a week later we were pleased to know that this person was greatly improved.

I would make an urgent appeal to those who read this letter to do everything in their power to bring and to encourage some non-churchgoer into active church life and attendance. If you who read this are irregular in church attendance, why not come and occupy one of the empty seats in church? You will be most welcome. We will be glad to have your help in offering our worship to God. It was a wonderful experience to be one of nearly three hundred communicants on the morning of the First Communion of the newly confirmed on October 20th. This would appear to be one of the largest Communion services in St. John's for a long time. Is there any real reason why we should not have improved attendances at other services?

Let us fill up the spaces. Will you be one?

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

ST. JOHN'S DEDICATION FESTIVAL

9th and 10th NOVEMBER

Saturday, 9th November—3 p.m. Garden Party.

Sunday, 10th November—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Matins and the Clipping of the Church (Preacher: The Dean of Hobart). 7 p.m. Evensong (Preacher: The Rector).

Wednesday, 13th November—10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Elderly Parishioners invited. Morning Tea in Kindergarten to follow. Transport arranged.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- November—
- 1 Friday—All Saints' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 3 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 5 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
 - 6 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
 - 9 Saturday, 3 p.m. Garden Party.
 - 10 22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY — St. John's Festival. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Matins and Clipping the Church. Preacher: The Dean of Hobart. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 11 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.
 - 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea at "The Embassy".
 - 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
 - 14 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
 - 15 Friday, 8 p.m. General Meeting of Kelso Youth Centre Committee in the Waverley Church Hall. All interested are invited.
 - 16 Saturday. Working Bee at Kelso.
 - 17 23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 20 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Festival at St. George's, Invermay.
 - 23 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Under-fifteens Social Evening.
 - 24 SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Right Rev. James Wong, Bishop of Jesselton. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 27 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
 - 28 Thursday, 2 p.m. Mothers' Union Outing.
 - 30 Saturday, St. Andrew's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Wednesday, 27th November, at 8 p.m. The meeting will commence with a Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 8 o'clock and at this service there will be an admission of new members to the Mothers' Union. Following the service members and friends will adjourn to the Kindergarten Room for the remainder of the meeting. All Mothers' Union members are invited to come and joint in the evening, especially the members of the afternoon group.

This will be the last meeting for the year. The Christmas Party will be held on Monday evening, 2nd December, in the Kindergarten Hall.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

All members of the Choir were grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Arthur Jones who had been a most faithful member of the Choir for many years. Mr. Jones was regular in attendance at both services and choir practice and set a very high standard in this regard. He will be missed in the choir of the Church for a long time to come.

Recently members of the Choir assembled after morning service to make a presentation to Mr. Reg. Sutton who had retired from the Choir on account of ill health. Like Mr. Jones, Mr. Sutton had been a member of the Choir for many years and during that time had served as Secretary to the Choir. The Rector expressed the appreciation of the Church and members of the Choir to Mr. Sutton in making a presentation to him on behalf of St. John's Choir.

There is an urgent need for recruits for the men's side of the Choir, tenors and basses are required most urgently. The Choir Mis-

stress (Miss Glover) is anxious to hear from any one who is interested and willing to help; her phone No. is 24988, ring her now. Miss Glover is willing to have a special practice at a suitable time for any young men who are willing but unable to come on Thursday evening at the moment.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

B.C.A. Boxes may be left at the Church for the second opening for the year in November. If all holders pass their box in for opening it will enable us to send a nice cheque to the Society before the end of this year. If anyone wishes to take a box there are some available.

CELIA PENNICOTT,
Box Secretary,
Phone 2 2056

G.F.S.

On Saturday, 19th October, the G.F.S. held their Annual Fair in the Kindergarten Hall. The function was opened by Miss M. L. Rooney, Headmistress of Broadland House School. The proceeds of the Fair are in aid of the Carpet Fund which the G.F.S. has been responsible for over many years. The sum of £75 was raised at the Fair and this reflects great credit on Miss E. Kiddle and her helpers in the G.F.S., and other friends. Through the efforts of the G.F.S. over recent years the Church has been re-carpeted, but it has not been completely paid for by G.F.S., for that reason they are raising the balance of the money.

At Family Service on Sunday, 20th October, the Rector admitted 12 girls as members of the Junior G.F.S. They had been prepared by their Leader (Miss M. Morrah) and they looked smart in their new uniforms. The Junior G.F.S. meets on Monday evenings in the Kindergarten at 6 p.m. Any girls about the age of 9-12 years will be most welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

At an excellent Sunday School Teachers' Meeting held on 8th October, much discussion took place as to the type of end-of-year closing gathering for the school. Finally it was decided to follow the pattern set last year and to have a Family Service gathering on 15th December at 10.30 a.m. and this service to be the only morning service other than 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. The final details have not yet been arranged but the form will be similar to last year.

Numbers of children attending the school continues to rise, though slowly, and by next year we hope to add another 30 to our lists. The Teachers continue to show real enthusiasm in their work and the general atmosphere of the school is excellent. However, we must shortly face the problem of more teachers being needed and if anyone feels they can spare time for this task their services will be appreciated.

If your child is not attending Sunday School, we at St. John's will be pleased to welcome him or her and we hope you will bring your children to us.

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

At the October meeting it was reported that £57 had been raised from the Parish Hall Social Evening and by donations.

It was decided to donate £100 to help with painting work being done at the Hospital and also to provide some needed kitchen equipment.

It was reported that out of funds raised by the Kiosk, a refrigerator and two oxygen masks had been provided, as well as a donation towards the painting.

The American Morning Tea at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, will be held on Thursday, 21st November.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

What was probably the largest breakfast served in the Parish Hall for a long time was provided for about 200 people, adults and young people, on Sunday, 20th October. This was the occasion of the first Communion of the newly-confirmed and it was extremely pleasing to see the response to our appeals for attendance at the Service. The breakfast following gave the newly-confirmed an opportunity to see the Parish at work in their field and we are sure that they will continue to lend full support to our plans.

For the month of November, with examinations bearing down upon us it is not so easy to arrange functions and get the support needed and expected. However, there will be a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, the 17th, and again we urge a full attendance by those in the group concerned. To have 200 each month is perhaps a little much to expect, but we should be able to have over 100.

Social activity for the month will be highlighted on the 23rd, when the Under-15's will gather in the Hall for a Social. Same excellent evening with a supper to match the entertainment. Youth Tea on the 24th November, when again we urge those new members to attend. This will be another opportunity for them to become acquainted with our work.

For December please keep the 9th free for a Dance. Monday night, 9th December, a Young People's Dance, 8.15 p.m.

With those activities going we should be able to find something suited to our needs and your attendance is now all we need. Best of luck with the Exams, both Schools Board and Matric., and I hope you all pass.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Record, 59 Ann St., on Thursday, 14th November, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. F. Dowse. All ladies of the parish are invited.

MOTHERS' UNION

On Wednesday, 20th November, the Mothers' Union Festival will be held at St. George's, Invermay, at 2.30 p.m. All members are welcome.

Corporate Communion will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 13th November, at 10.30 a.m.

On Thursday, 28th November, members of the Mothers' Union are going for a "Mystery Outing". Will all members please meet in the Car Park at the back of the Church by 2 p.m. sharp. The Executive will be hostesses for afternoon tea.

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. Hinds 10/-, Mr. C. W. Calver 10/-, Mrs. R. Wise 10/-, Miss A. Barrett £1, Mr. G. Dell 10/-, Mrs. D. A. Farrar £1.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL

We will be pleased to be present at the Garden Party at the Rectory, on Saturday, 9th November, at 3 p.m.

ADDRESS.....

SIGNED.....

No. in Party..... Children welcome.

Reply to the Rector by 5/11/63.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

- November—
- 3 Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.
 - 10 Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
 - 17 Mrs. Huston.
 - 24 Misses Scott.
- December—
- 1 Miss V. Sadler.

Chapel Altar

- November—
- 3 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
 - 10 Mrs. L. D. Smith.
 - 17 Mrs. E. Grueber.
 - 24 Mrs. W. McMahon.
- December—
- 1 Mrs. R. Watson.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

The newly-organised roster is proving quite workable and is printed once again for the assistance of those concerned. However, if any person who has been rostered for a particular service or a particular Sunday knows that this arrangement will generally not be convenient would he please contact the Rector immediately. It may be that some of those rostered find difficulty in being present on their rostered occasion and the Rector would be pleased to make any adjustments to suit their needs. If for any reason a Sidesman cannot be present on a Sunday through sickness or other infirmity would he please contact Mr. M. M. Easther, Mr. F. J. Jones, or Mr. J. Sanderson.

- November—
- 3 Morning: Messrs. T. P. White, T. B. Brooks, R. J. Young, F. Carnie.
Evening: Messrs. M. M. Easther, F. B. Stevens, R. White, R. Dyer.
 - 10 Morning: Messrs. V. J. Sheldrick, R. H. Watson, D. Sheldrick.
Evening: Messrs. R. J. Roberts, J. Bonney, E. Jeanne, T. McClymont.
 - 17 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.
 - 24 Morning: Messrs. F. J. Jones, C. W. Calver, J. James.
Evening: Messrs. V. H. Good, A. J. Green, R. E. Williams, A. Fookan.

HOLY BAPTISM

Rodney David Bowkett, Andrea Leigh Scott, Paul Andrew McKendrick, Timothy William Glen McKendrick, Lynette Caroline Dyer, Tracie Lea Wainwright.

MARRIAGES

Kelvin John Blazely and Margaret Elaine Davey, John Donnithorne Price and Carol Margaret Rush, Graeme John Rice and Heather Valerie Aylett, Kenneth Roy Leerson and Beryl Ann Shipton, Terence John Austin and Elizabeth Mary Napier.

BURIALS

Francis Wiseman, Florence Green, Charles Percy Masterton, Edith Maude Ferrall, Olive Maude Eastburn, Beryl Allingham Jerrim, Alfred Henry Krushka, Fannie Mary Grant, Arthur William Jones.