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Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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DECEMBER, 1964

CLERGY

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

The Clergy, Churchwardens and Vestry
of St. John's Church
extend Christmas Greetings to all members
of the Parish
in this Sacred Season of the
Remembrance of Christ's Birth.

FACING THE FACTS

Here are some facts about the world we live in today. But behind every one of these facts you must see the faces of the people; faces of every race, colour and age; the faces of people handicapped in their efforts to lead full and useful lives, free from fear and want.

Between your mid-day and evening meals today 1,000 people will have died of starvation.

There are now more homeless and refugee people in the world than there are people in Australia.

Many Asian families must live for a year on less money than you spend on Christmas celebrations.

Christians comprise only 3 per cent of the population of Asia, where 54 per cent of the world's people live.

Australia has one doctor to every 1,000 persons; Pakistan has one for every 13,000; Vietnam one for every 61,000; Indonesia one for every 71,000.

Share in the Christmas Bowl of Remembrance

Sixteen per cent of the world's people have 60 per cent of the world's wealth.

Asia has 810 million people under 19 years of age. What does the future hold for them? Poverty, ignorance and early death? Or hope for peace and a just share in the world's resources? Or violent revolution to take it?

Needy people do not need our pity—they need our help so that they can live life with the dignity and freedom we take for granted.

God has blessed us with abundance. What is our responsibility as His stewards in a needy world?

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Christmas Cards are arriving every day in the mail and bringing greetings from friends and relatives, some of whom we have not seen for a long time. What a pleasant thing it is at this Festival time, to be remembered. Remembrance gives pleasure to young and old alike. The Remembrance Bowl Appeal which has come to be part of the Christmas Season is brought before us again for action and indeed it will be for years to come.

The Remembrance Bowl Appeal brings to our notice the urgent needs of our neighbours in Asia, Africa and other parts of the World. The world has been shocked by the accounts of the Congo atrocities, remember that not only have Europeans suffered, but many Congolese have shared in this suffering. Every country in Africa, India, Asia, Middle East or wherever we turn, cries out in need. Some important facts are listed on the front page of this Christmas "Messenger". Remember these facts, but more important, let us remember the people behind the facts.

I have been pleased to see the growth of our response to the Remembrance Bowl Appeal in recent years. Last year's response amounted to £250. The number of people who gave this sum was but a small proportion of our parochial numbers. A response by twice as many people could easily result in the parish being able to send £500 to aid the work of Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Services during 1965.

Please remember the opportunity which is given to us in the Christmas Season to give a present to the Christ whose birthday we celebrate, in our gift to the Remembrance Bowl Appeal. Literature and special envelopes are available at Church. But donations may be placed in an ordinary envelope, marked "Remembrance Bowl Appeal" and placed in the Offertory at a service or sent to the Rectory. In the New Year a cheque will be sent to the Tasmanian Secretary for Inter-church Aid.

In closing this letter, I would like to extend to you my very good wishes for a very Happy and Holy Christmas and prayers for God's blessing upon you and yours in 1965.

May God Bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."
Matthew, 25:40.

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.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY

December—

- 6 **Second Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Broadland House School Service. Preacher: The Rev. J. R. Brown. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 9 **Wednesday, 7 a.m.** Broadland House Old Girls' Corporate Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 **Thursday, 5 p.m.** City Mission Tea for Old Folk. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 13 **Third Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sunday School Festival Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 15 **Tuesday, 6 p.m.** Men's Fellowship Christmas Tea. Wives invited.
- 16 **Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.** Holy Communion.
- 17 **Thursday, 8 p.m.** Choir Practice.
- 20 **Fourth Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 11 a.m. Matins. Broadcast by the A.B.C. 7 p.m. Evensong and a Christmas Play.
- 21 **Monday, St. Thomas' Day, 7.30 a.m.** Holy Communion.
- 23 **Wednesday, 10.30 a.m.** Holy Communion.
- 24 **Thursday, 8 p.m.** The Festival Service of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.
- 25 **Christmas Day.** See special list.
- 26 **Saturday, St. Stephen's Day. 7.30 a.m.** Holy Communion.
- 27 **St. John's Day. 8 a.m.** Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong and Carols.
- 28 **Monday, Innocents' Day. 7.30 a.m.** Holy Communion.

During January all parish organisations will be in recess. The normal Sunday services will

be held at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., each Sunday.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The final meeting of St. John's Women's Guild for 1964 was held at the home of Mrs. Targett on 12th November. Members will meet at the Rectory on 3rd December for their Annual Christmas Party and each member will provide supper and a small gift of a value not exceeding 2/6 for the Christmas Tree.

At the Garden Party held in the Rectory Grounds in October the stall conducted by the Guild members was most successful. £21/16/- was raised which will go towards the "Curtains for the Hall" Fund.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th February, 1965, at the Rectory preceded by a Service in the Chapel.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Members of the Auxiliary will meet again on Monday, 8th February, at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove.

The result of the Morning Tea Party held on the 28th October was very gratifying. The sum of £120 has since been passed on to the Nurses' Home Fund.

Members will make and donate cakes and biscuits, also a small gift to each patient in St. Luke's Hospital at Christmas time.

Tentative arrangements have been made for the Annual Button Day to be held in February, 1965.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER
Main Altar

December—

- 6 Mrs. M. Fletcher
13 Mrs. M. Campbell
20 Misses Scott
24 Flower Guild
27 Miss V. Sadler

January—

- 3 Mrs. Targett
10 Mrs. Easter
17 Mrs. Watson
24 Miss Bennett
31 Mrs. Page

February—

- 7 Mrs. Fletcher

Chapel Altar

December—

- 6 Mrs. G. Crawford
13 Mrs. G. W. Thompson
20 Mrs. H. A. Jerrim
24 Flower Guild
27 Mrs. Boyd

January—

- 3 Mrs. Smith
10 Mrs. Ray Watson
17 Mrs. Greuber
24 Mrs. McMahan
31 Mrs. Cowell

February—

- 7 Mrs. Crawford

KELSO YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT

Work has continued at the Centre over the past few weeks and has been concerned with painting the buildings and keeping the grounds in good order. At each of the working bees there has been a need for people with motor mowers to work cutting down ferns and gorse. This is hard work and heavy on equipment, but from the results we have obtained to date most worthwhile. Any person with a rotary mower who would be prepared to come to Kelso from time to time would they please give their name to the Rector or Mr. Cowell. The area to be cleared is very large and after it is cleared we need to plant hardy bushes and shrubs which would add to the already pleasant appearance. Therefore anyone who would like to donate any such bushes their gift would be very welcome. Unfortunately they are difficult to cultivate down there and any persons making donations would need to select shrubs which could survive.

WORKING BEE IN PARISH HALL

During January, whilst the Parish Halls are not in use it is intended to make some improvements to the middle hall which is used quite frequently and is at present in very poor condition. Work will be concerned mainly with painting the walls and working bees will be arranged to carry out this work. These will be starting during the first week of January in the evening and on Saturdays and any persons available to assist would be most welcome. Contact the Rector or Mr. Cowell for further details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School end-of-year activities are now being finalised. As mentioned in the last Parish Messenger the Sunday School Festival Service will be held on the 13th December at 10.30 a.m. when special music will be sung by the children and books will be distributed to them. Would all parents please make a note of that time and day and come along at 10.30 with your children for this most important service.

Sunday school resumes next year on the 7th February when we look forward to a good roll up. Look around during the holidays for children in your area who do not yet attend Sunday School and encourage them to come along next year with your own children.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

Don't forget the Social on Friday night, the 4th December, this Friday, at 7.30 p.m. Particularly for the Under 15's there will be games and music with the usual first rate supper. Apart from the Breakfast on the 20th December, this will be the last function for this year and we hope for a good attendance. Speaking of breakfast, the number attending the last one in November was quite amazing. Over 110 sat down to a Breakfast of mince on toast which was very delicious and provided some nourishment to support the conversation which was going pretty strong.

Several of those at the Breakfast stayed behind afterwards for a rehearsal of the Christmas Play and Pageant which Mr. Dicker is producing and which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. The cast is mainly young people and their enthusiasm and support is most heartening.

We look forward to seeing many of you in 1965.

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 clergy or Church Wardens. The following donations are acknowledged: Mrs. R. Wise 10/-, Miss D. Bonney 10/-, Mr. and Mrs. N. Dicker £1, Mrs. D. Leonard 10/-, Anon. £1.

A NEW NURSES' HOME

It has become increasingly apparent to the Board of St. Luke's Hospital that if we are to recruit and retain trained and student nurses of the calibre required to maintain our high standards, we must provide improved accommodation for them.

For this reason the Board has decided that it is imperative to modernise and extend the Nurses' Home, and this project, together with furnishings, is expected to cost approximately £33,000. The Board is pleased to announce that over the last few years we have received donations and benefactions which, together with other hospital funds, amounts to £18,000. This sum has been set aside for this extension leaving a balance of £15,000 still required.

Examination of our accounts will reveal that we cannot undertake the annual commitment for interest and sinking fund payment if the necessary finance is obtained by way of a loan.

Because we believe that many members of the public, will support us in our endeavours to maintain and extend the service of St. Luke's to the sick, we confidently appeal to you to give generously to enable the construction of this essential building to commence without delay.

All donations are deductible expenses for taxation purposes.

We commend this appeal to the attention of all Church people. Donations may be sent to the Secretary, St. Luke's Hospital, Lyttleton Street, Launceston.

G.F.S.

The G.F.S. Annual Fair was opened by Mrs. M. Parker on Saturday, 7th November. £72 was raised for our Church Carpet Fund and G.F.S. junior and senior members thank all who helped to make the Fair a pleasant and successful function.

We close this month and commence again the first Tuesday in March.

HOLY BAPTISM

Glenn Evan Rainsford, Richard Graeme Arden, Cindy Louise Shepherd, Robert Charles Perkins, Mary Ellen Luttrell, Violet June Dolbey, John Franio D'Alessandro, Todd Geoffrey Morcom, Andrew Charles Morcom.

MARRIAGES

Reginald Max Sheen and Ella Regina Hillier, Rodney Andrew Winston Tar and Elaine Mary Breen, Graeme John Clark and Vronda June Down, Peter John Marshall and Gladys Rose Flannigan.

BURIALS

Bertha Green, Hillery Laurence Cassidy, Alfred Ernest Boon, Melvie Beatrice Jones, Rita Amanda Morrisby.

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