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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. Phone 2 1510.

Organist: Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. Phone 2 4988

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Now that January is over, 1964 is well established, life and work returns to normal. children are back at school and we now look forward to what has to be done in the coming months. Every year has great possibilities for each person and this applies in the life of the Church. I hope that 1964 will be characterised as a year of growth in the life of St. John's parish. This can happen with God's help and the co-operation of St. John's people.

The season of Lent commences very early this year, in fact Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, 12th February. This provides us with a time to seek God's help for the tasks of 1964, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to renew our spiritual lives. In the past eighteen months we have been involved in a Parish Life Campaign and it is almost a year since we had the Parish Life Mission as a part of the Parish Life Campaign. We need to develop a sense of 'mission', a consciousness that as members of the community of the Church we have a specific task in the larger community of the world around us. Are we going to grasp this opportunity in Lent?

This year is a critical year for the Diocese of Tasmania. Some three years ago the first Diocesan Project was held and after Easter the second Diocesan Project is to be launched. By means of the Project, during the past three years many aspects of the Church's finance in the Diocese have been stabilised. In this second project the Bishop is keen that we should learn to appreciate the total mission of the Church, so that the underlying theme will be "The Vocation of the Anglican Community". In preparation for this a large gathering of Church of England people is expected at a Rally to be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Friday, 7th February. Have you read the notice of this Rally on the front page of this Messenger? I do appeal to you to make a real effort to attend this meeting and make it the greatest gathering of members of the Church of England which has been held for a long time.

On Monday, 24th February, the Feast of St. Matthias, an Ordination Service, is to be held in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. Eight deacons are to be ordained to the priesthood and four young men are to be made deacons. The Reverend Trevor Cowell who has been assistant curate here for the past year is to be ordained priest at this service. I ask you to remember him in your prayers, together with the other young men who are to be ordained. An Ordination Service is always preceded by a retreat for the ordinands and on this occasion the Bishop has asked me to conduct the Retreat at Christ College. This is both a privilege and a great responsibility and I would ask you for your prayers in this regard as well.

In closing this letter, I would express to you my good wishes for 1964 and pray for God's blessing on each one of you.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

ANGLICAN RALLY

FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 8 P.M.

"THE VOCATION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION"

Speakers: The Bishop of Central Tanganyika (The Right Rev. Alfred Stanway)
The Rev. R. D. Tyson

Chairman: The Bishop of Tasmania (The Right Rev. R. E. Davies)

IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT AS MANY C. of E. PARISHIONERS
AS POSSIBLE BE PRESENT AT THIS RALLY.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February—

- 2 **SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School resumes. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 Vestry.
- 7 Friday, 8 p.m. Anglican Rally in the Parish Hall. Speakers: The Bishop of Central Tanganyika and the Rev. R. D. Tyson.
- 8 Saturday, 8.15 p.m. Young People's Dance.
- 9 **QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Bishop of Central Tanganyika. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship & Tea.
- 12 **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong and Meditation.
- 13 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. Guild Service in Chapel and meeting to follow at the Rectory.
- 14 Friday—Women's World Day of Prayer Services will be held at Paterson St. Methodist Church.
- 16 **1st SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 18 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting in Kindergarten Hall.
- 19 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 20 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 23 **2nd SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Broadcast by the A.B.C. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 Monday, St. Matthias' Day. 10.30 a.m. Ordination in St. David's Cathedral.
- 25 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 26 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 27 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.

March—

- 1 **3rd SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE

In recent weeks the Rector has had several inquiries about the availability of board and/or flats. In most cases the inquiry has been on behalf of young women. If any parishioner is interested in providing board of any kind for a young woman, would they please contact the Rector?

LENT 1964

The following fixtures will be held as part of the Lenten observance in the parish.

- There will be a special series of addresses at the 11 a.m. service each Sunday during Lent by visiting preachers on "The Vocation of the Anglican Communion".
- A Parish Meeting will be held each Tuesday evening to which all members of the parish are invited.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7.30 a.m. and at lunch time on Thursday at 1.10 p.m.

BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

The Parish of St. John's would like to express a welcome to Miss A. Holt, the new Headmistress of Broadland House School. St. John's and the School have been closely associated for many years. Miss Holt has already met quite a few parishioners and as time passes I hope that members of the congregation will introduce themselves to Miss Holt. We look forward to a continued happy association with the Headmistress and the School.

We would offer our congratulations to Miss M. L. Rooney on receiving the honour of the award of the M.B.E., and wish her many happy years of retirement.

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

Our first effort for 1964 will be Hospital button day on Friday, 21st February. Our collectors will be on duty at the intersection of Brisbane and George Streets, on the Bamboo Coffee Lounge Corner.

A stall will be held outside the National Bank on the morning of Friday, 21st February, and any help from Parishioners will be much appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to get some outside help and we should make the most of it.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, 9th March at 2.45 p.m. at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman. An open invitation is extended to any new parishioners to join our Auxiliary and they will be welcome to attend our first meeting.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER
Main Altar

February—

- 2 Miss V. Sadler.
9 Mrs. C. H. Targett.
Lenten Season—No Flowers needed.

Chapel Altar

February—

- 2 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
9 Mrs. G. Crawford.
Lenten Season—No Flowers needed.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

February—

- 2 Morning: Messrs. T. P. White, T. B. Brooks, R. J. Young, F. Carnie.
Evening: Messrs. M. M. Easther, F. B. Stevens, R. White, J. Sanderson.
- 9 Morning: Messrs. V. J. Sheldrick, R. H. Watson, D. Sheldrick, J. McGowen.
Evening: Messrs. R. J. Roberts, J. Bonney, E. Jeanne, T. McClymont.
- 16 Morning: Messrs. A. E. Ford, S. L. Mitchell, A. Hollingsworth, D. Sutton.
Evening: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart, E. R. Duncan, T. J. Wing, F. Ikin.
- 23 Morning: Messrs. F. J. Jones, E. C. Ridley, C. W. Calver, G. McGowen.
Evening: Messrs. V. H. Good, A. J. Green, R. E. Williams, A. Focken.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union, our first for the year, will be held on Wednesday, 26th February, at 8.00 p.m. There will be a Chapel Service to commence the evening, then members will adjourn to the Rectory for the Annual Meeting.

All members are urged to attend and we extend a warm welcome to any mothers who would like to come along.

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

The first meeting for the year of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 13th February. There will be a short service in the Chapel commencing at 7.45 p.m., afterwards adjourning to the Rectory. The guest speaker will be Miss Meysie Law who will show slides on her trip to Central Australia.

MOTHERS' UNION

The members of the Mothers' Union will hold their first meeting for 1964 in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m. on Thursday, 27th February.

C.E.C.W.

The Church of England Council of Women will hold their meetings in Launceston on the 10th and 11th of March. If there is any person willing to assist with accommodation, will they kindly contact Mrs. M. M. Easther, phone 23120.

CHOIR NOTES

During the month of January when the choir was on holiday, our services have been led by a group of singers who have made a great impression upon the congregation by their enthusiasm. We are pleased to know that several of them will be staying to join the choir on a more permanent basis when we resume in February. This will help to fill a few of the gaps caused by the departure of other people to various shores.

However, we do need at least four boys of about eight years of age to train for the boys' choir. This has been an excellent section in the past but now a few of the senior boys have stepped up into the adult ranks. They must be replaced as quickly as possible to continue the boys' section on the same lines as previously. If any parents feel that their own boy has singing ability or could be coached would they please contact the Choirmaster, Miss D. Glover at phone 24988, or the Rectory. This is very urgent and we ask you to help us if at all possible. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Once again the beginning of another year. We commence Sunday School on 2nd February at 9.45 a.m. On this day we will try to get all the children organised into their new classes for the year and to help us in this would all parents desiring to bring their children to Sunday School try to do so on that day. This will make it so much easier for us to sort the classes out. If you know of any parents with children of Sunday School age please try to get them to bring their children. We provide an excellent hour of religious teaching for them and in the past all the children have thoroughly enjoyed their mornings at St. John's.

We need two or three new teachers for senior and kindergarten departments. If any parent or adult feels inclined to assist in this way would they please contact the rector or his assistant.

In the companionship division Mr. Donald Marsden will be leaving to further his studies at the University and Mr. Graham McGowen has stepped in to offer his services in assisting this group, which again will be led by Miss S. Brownrigg.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

The season of Lent commences very early this year. The first day of the season, Ash Wednesday, falls on 12th February, and we try to avoid all social activities at the parish level from then until after Easter Day. This is to help us in our devotions in remembrance of the Forty Days of Fasting our Lord spent in the wilderness and to prepare us for the Passiontide and Easter Commemorations.

Therefore we have arranged only one social event. This is to be a Dance and will be held on Saturday, 8th February, at 8.15 p.m. Schools will have just commenced and this will be a delightful way of 'celebrating' the fact. We hope that many will attend and enjoy the orchestra, the dancing, the supper and the newly polished floor which was redone during

January. Quite a few of those who attended our gatherings last year will be off to Uni. later in the month so this will be the chance to see them socially before they do this. 8th Feb. 8.15 p.m. Four shillings.

We will still have the Communion Breakfasts in Lent. The first will follow the 8.00 a.m. service on Sunday, 16th February, and you will be contacted at school sometime the previous week. We do ask that you attend and especially if you indicate you will be coming. Usual stylish 'brekky' at 2/-.

Further Youth News will be published in the April Parish Messenger.

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. West 10/-, Anonymous 10/-, Mrs. D. G. Leonard 10/-, Miss J. M. Beck £1, Mrs. W. Monkhouse 10/-, Mrs. L. Grecian £1, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. H. Mason £1, Mr. A. Thollar £2.

B.C.A. BOXES

At the end-of-year opening of the B.C.A. boxes we were able to send a cheque for £5/10/-, and a letter of sincere thanks together with receipt has been received in reply. We thank those whose support enables us to help this work amongst the peoples in the outback regions of Australia.

HOLY BAPTISM

Gary John Woodland, Kaye Maree Coleman, Paul Charles Pritchard, David James Lynch, Vicki Louise Berwick, Kim Michelle Berwick, Dianne Louise Reid, Sharon Kathleen Butterworth, Gaylene Rae McCarron, Michael Alan Jones, David Clark Scott, Darrell Andrew Clark, Judith Anne Allen, Helen Ruth Tarr, Sonya Louise Anderson, Darrell Henry Allen, Norman Wayne Allen, Peter John Allen, Graham Ernest Archibald Allen, Dawn Mary Green, Patricia Dawn Edwards, Vivienne Sue Farquar, Louise Annette Mace, Elise Lette, Thomas William Holyman, Glen Stewart Gilmore, Sue-Ellen Lewis, Ann Maree Harvey, Meghan Louise Dann, Christine Maree Dyson, Libby Maree Ellis, John August Scott Nielson.

MARRIAGES

Bruce Needham Woodland and Merilyn Muirhead Westlake, Michael Thomas Drew Finlay and Elizabeth Anne Skeet, Peter Lindsay Chugg and Dianne May McLean, William John Tiffin and Kay Elizabeth Davis, Paul Robert Park and Bernice Jean Lucas, Terence John Shepherd and Christine Ann Medley, Dennis John Fraser and Wendy May Taylor, Ronald Brian Geard and Julie Gaye Senior, Alan Edward Dennis and Eryleen Wendy Goodyer, Steven George Hanson and Betty Merle Phillips, Raymond John Bishop and Betty Jean Monson, Graham John Ingles and Dorothy Jill Shepherd, Brian Lloyd Lincoln and Gail Bartlett, Desmond Lyle Street and Margaret Eleanor Goss, Ronald James Adams and Angela Carril Harrison, Douglas Whyman and Susanne Joyce Champ, John Robert Dixon and Margaret Ann McGrath.

BURIALS

Andrew Frederick Leslie Smith, Ernest John Pitchford, Ralph Edward Harris, Bertie Tulloch Sadler, Edith Jane Harley.

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