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St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

No. 161

JULY, 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 RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Many activities at the moment are associated with our life as a parish. On the first Sunday in June we had a successful Parish Meeting after Evensong. As a result of the particular form of this meeting most parishioners who were present learned more about the life of the Church within the parish. Most groups were able to give some report of their activities and of any needs. Mr. L. Denham spoke on behalf of the Vestry and shared some of the problems which were confronting the Vestry with parishioners.

The last Sunday in June was observed as Stewardship Sunday and this marked the commencement of the final year of our Parish Life Campaign. The main service was Parish Evensong followed by Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall. These social gatherings provide us with opportunities of getting to know one another and to develop something of the spirit of fellowship. This is all part of the life of the Church, for the Church is in existence wherever people are gathered together in His Name.

At the end of this month we will be holding the Annual Meeting of the Parish and this will be preceded by a Parish Tea. Every parishioner of St. John's is invited to the Parish Tea and on Page 3 of this Parish Messenger, there is an invitation form of acceptance. Children will be welcome with their parents. We hope that you will stay for the Annual Meeting. So please make a note of this engagement. If you are unable to be present at the tea, do not hesitate to come along for the Annual Meeting at 7.45 p.m.

Whilst I am writing about coming events, may I remind you of the Royal School of Church Music Festival which will be held here on Saturday, 25th July, St. James' Day. The service will commence at 7 p.m. and choirs from other parish churches of Launceston will take part and we are hoping for at least two contingents from the North-West Coast. The Warden of Christ College (The Rev. Oliver Heyward) will be the preacher at the Festival Service. He will also preach on the following Sunday morning at the Annual Grammar School Prep. Service.

Before bringing this monthly letter to a close, I would like to express my sympathy with all who have been sick during the past month. There has been a tremendous amount of sickness, the influenza epidemic being the cause of much of the sickness. I have shared in the latter affliction and this letter is the first job I have done after a few days confined to the Rectory. I hope that any who are sick will soon feel very much better.

May God Bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

JULY CALENDAR

July—

- 5 **6th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins—A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong. Attended by members of the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division.
7 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
8 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
9 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
10 Friday, 4.30 p.m. Confirmation Class.
12 **7th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
13 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.
14 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
15 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
16 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
17 Friday, 4.30 p.m. Confirmation Class.
19 **8th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
21 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
22 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
23 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
24 Friday, 4.30 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8.15 p.m. Teenage Dance.
25 Saturday—**St. James' Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. R.S.C.M. Festival. Preacher: The Rev. O. S. Heyward, M.A. Warden of Christ College.

- 26 **9th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Annual Service for Grammar Prep. School. 7 p.m. Evensong.
29 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Parish Tea followed by the Annual Meeting.

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

The next meeting of the St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on Monday, 13th July, at 2.45 p.m. The Tea Hostesses will be Mrs. L. Palliser and Miss V. Andrews.

Our June meeting was held at the Hospital and members were guests of the Matron for Afternoon Tea.

Mr. Gordon Dell, representing the Board of the Hospital, spoke to the meeting of various plans in hand to improve amenities at the Hospital. He also thanked the Auxiliary for their generous support during past years.

A tentative date for a Picture Evening has been fixed for Tuesday, 8th September.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The Evening Mothers' Union will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, 21st July at 8 p.m. As usual it will commence with a service in the Chapel and then the meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall. The guest speakers will be Mrs. Eric Ridley and Mrs. R. Watson. Their subject will be entitled a "Tea-Towel Travelogue". This promises to be an interesting evening and members of both Mothers' Union Groups are invited and friends will be welcome.

BUSH CHURCH AID

Twice in the past eighteen months we have had a visit from the Rev. C. W. Rich who is the Organising Missioner for the B.C.A. The Society publishes a magazine called "The Real Australian" and the last issue has just arrived. The comments of the Organising Missioner make interesting reading and are as follows:—

"Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the Croajingolong Nursing Service and many will be sorry, in a sentimental way, to see it going from the pages of the Society Story.

"As I made the journey to Cann River to discuss the future of this work with the local committee my thoughts turned constantly to the trip made by the first O.M. 43 years ago. How times have changed since then. My own medium of transportation alone marked such a contrast. As a victim of the jet age I was able to cover the trip down and back in two days—his was a considerably longer and certainly more arduous task.

"In so many other ways the scene has changed too. By late 1920 the field staff consisted of only two clergymen—Rev. F. W. Harvey and Rev. R. Hawkins. As I made this journey our staff stood at a total figure of 60. Clergy number sixteen—twelve of whom are engaged in a pastoral ministry in six dioceses, covering in area one-third of the total area of our Continent, and four in administrative or public relations; twelve of the 60 staff the three hostels and the Old Folks' Home; 24 are engaged in the extensive and specialised work of the Flying Medical Service, two are working full time in the tuition of our young people through the Mail Bag Sunday School, and six are engaged in office administration in Sydney and Melbourne. Since my journey another four have joined the staff of the F.M.S., bringing us in total at the time of writing to 64.

"I cannot determine how many supporters existed with the first issue of this journal, but the third issue went to 600 people. This issue will see 16,000 copies printed. The first Annual Report of the O.M. to the Annual Meeting stated that a sum of £556 had been raised by the supporters. Our Annual Meeting this year will show the sum of £32,500 as coming directly from our supporters, and a Balance Sheet having an excess of Assets over Liabilities of £246,000.

"My purpose in writing like this is first of all to express gratitude to Almighty God who of His goodness has allowed the work to prosper and expand. Secondly, at a very practical level, a moment of reflection should let us see that many functions within the work have changed. My own position cannot be, no matter how one strives, as intimate in detail and personal relationships as may have once been the case. Thirdly, we must see that such growth has placed different stresses of responsibility on various members of staff and we must shape our efforts to see that the organisational structure of the task is able to cope with the situation. Here might I pause to say that this is the basic reason for the re-development of our Head Office structure which is being made evident by the restriction of the Gift Shop activities and the anticipated development of the property at 133 Bathurst Street. We are confident that we will by next year have the basis set for a far better administration.

"Fourthly and of paramount importance is the observation from all this regarding the future. As the Society has through the years matured and developed in line with the vision of those who commenced the work it is required of our day and generation that we each be filled with the same sense of vision and courage. We must never be content with our heritage, but rather with the same zeal, courage and foresight step out, in faith, to a greater work still. There is scope for expansion in most fields of the present Society endeavour. As a

National Society free to move as we are invited to meet a particular need, we can play a vital part in the development of our National Church and way of life. As an Evangelical Society, provided we interpret Evangelical thought and action as it pertains to its day and generation, we have much to give. As a Serving Society we can, in word and deed, accept the challenges as they arise to present the vitality of a Life in Christ to those with whom we come in contact.

"All of us who serve or support under the standard of the Society must so give of ourselves, our time and talents, without reserve to make us worthy of the heritage we have, and so, by our corporate efforts, glorify God amongst men."

— C. W. RICH

B.C.A. boxes should now be handed in to the Box Secretary, Miss Celia Pennicott, if anyone feels called to support this work, please ask for a box.

It is also time for C.M.S. boxes to be handed in for the quarterly opening. Mrs. B. Proverbs is the new Box Secretary for the C.M.S. boxes. We would express our grateful appreciation to Miss Margaret Morrah for carrying on this work in the past.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The following item concerning the Archbishop of Canterbury has just been released. The Archbishop (Dr. A. M. Ramsay) will visit Australia next March at the invitation of the Primate of the Church of England in Australia, The Most Reverend H. R. Gough, Archbishop of Sydney. Dr. Ramsay will be in Australia for three months visiting all States. It will be his first visit to Australia.

—A.C.C. Parish News Service.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship meets normally on the second Tuesday in each month at "The Embassy" for dinner at 6 p.m. We will welcome any men of the congregation to these gatherings which provide an opportunity for getting to know one another. On his way to our last meeting Mr. A. G. Grueber was knocked down by a car and spent a few days in Hospital; he is now well on the mend and we hope that he will soon be completely well. Mr. Arthur Hollingsworth continues to be an inmate at the L.G.H., we hope that he will soon be able to leave Hospital. Mr. Hollingsworth continues to take a great interest in St. John's.

The speaker at the July meeting will be Dr. John Morris who is a well-known physician of this City and Rector's Warden in the Parish of St. Aidan's, East Launceston. He will most likely speak on some aspects of Christian Healing. At the August meeting the address will be given by Mr. Frank Ellis, B.Sc., of the Queen Victoria Museum, Launceston.

Men, keep the second Tuesday evening free from 6 p.m.-7.30 p.m., and join us at Men's Fellowship.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Record, 59 Ann St., on Thursday, 9th July, at 8 p.m.

The speaker will be Mrs. Bushby, wife of Dr. R. Bushby, who will show slides and speak of their work as Medical Missionaries in India.

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union will meet on Thursday, 23rd July at 2.15 p.m. in the Chapel. The guest speaker will be Rev. A. W. Gilbertson of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

As a result of our Musical Market held recently in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home, the amount of £74/17/- was raised. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this Market such a success.

YOUTH NOTES AND NEWS

We had a very good weekend Camp. There were not as many there as we had planned to have but those present enjoyed themselves immensely. The weather until Monday was ideal and though there was no enthusiasm for the cold showers which are available it was very comfortable and warm for the weekend. Several young people brought along records and we had several periods of entertainment from a quite talented singing group. All of us were able to listen to the music. The films at night provided a good atmosphere for comfortable enjoyment and the meals provided by our cooks were all extremely well received and enjoyed. The general opinion of the weekend was that we should have more of them and that more should realise that the Church is far from a stuffy and narrow organisation but that we are very much a part of the world and especially a part of the youth of the world. The atmosphere of a camp week-end is excellent for those who want to get to know other young people and we are hopeful that on future camps the response will be good.

More immediately we are concerned with activities in July. There will be the Youth Breakfast on Sunday, 19th, following the 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. Last month the response was better than for some time and we urge all our young people to attend Communion on this Sunday and also the first Sunday in each month. From past Confirmations we should have at least 120 at the Breakfasts. Make it your job to contact someone else and bring them along.

Socially speaking a Dance will be held from 8.15 p.m. on Friday, 24th July. This is in response to many requests for a Dance Evening so if it's what you want come along and support it. These nights are only successful with your support and we ask that you make this evening well-known amongst your friends. Orchestra, good supper and a thoroughly enjoyable night — 4/-. But again we stress the Communion Service on the first and third Sundays. We have certain obligations to attend regularly and we should fulfil them. Let's have a real concerted effort in July.

DONATIONS TO THE 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 one of the Church Wardens. The following donations are acknowledged: Mrs. A. R. Hammond 10/-, Misses Sutton £1.

ANNUAL REPORT

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

During the year, our Auxiliary has held ten meetings with an average attendance of twelve. Two tea chests were packed and forwarded to Groote Eylandt and Roper River Missions, and a large parcel of afghan rugs and infants' vests were sent to Miss Dobson in Kenya. All have been gratefully acknowledged.

Our group has also given financial support to the "Mission to Lepers" which is inter-denominational, and we have a particular interest in "The Living Water Leprosy Centre" at Hombolo, in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, as this station is run in connection with the Aust. C.M.S.

This year we have suffered a severe loss in the passing of two of our most valued members, Miss J. Pennefather and Miss Gee.

Our thanks to our Treasurer, Mrs. West, and Assistant Secretary Mrs. Cookman, and to all our members, who have worked so conscientiously to ease the burdens and responsibilities of our missionaries.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

July—

- 5 Mrs. L. R. Page.
- 12 Mrs. R. J. Sheldrick.
- 19 Mrs. M. W. Fletcher.
- 26 Mrs. D. R. Campbell

Chapel Altar

July—

- 5 Mrs. R. Watson.
- 12 Mrs. E. Greuber.
- 19 Mrs. W. McMahon.
- 26 Mrs. Stokes.

PARISH RECORDS

HOLY BAPTISM

Brett Maxwell Longden.

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BURIALS

Helen Rowett Masterton, George Webster, Ruby Malvina Edith Plummer, Florence Ethel Healey, Debra Elizabeth McDougall.

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

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The Parish Tea will be followed by a film and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation at 7.45 p.m.

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

Number coming.....

Signed.....

Address.....

R.S.V.P. by Monday, 20th July.
The Rector, St. John's Rectory.