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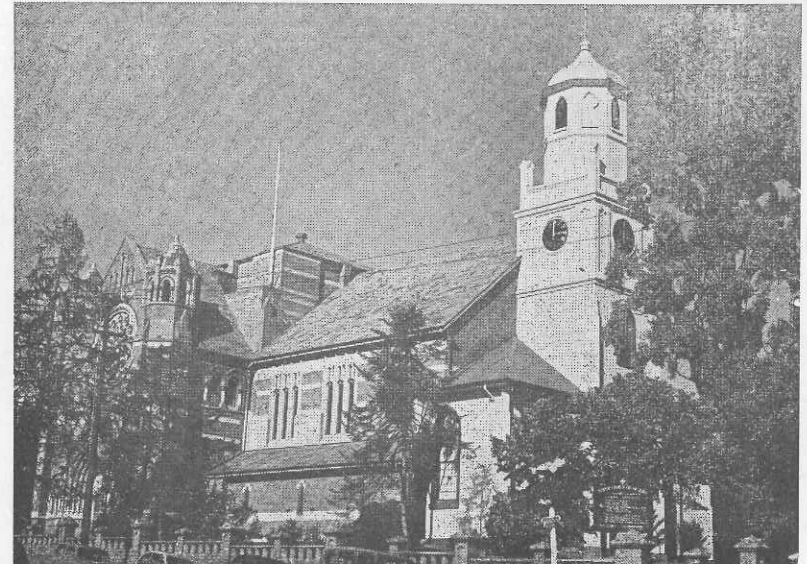
MARCH, 1964

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,

I was pleased to see so many of you at the Anglican Rally in February. It was a joy to see St. John's Hall full and to be able to hear the Bishop of Central Tanganyika, our own Bishop, the Archdeacon of Hobart and the Rev. Des Tyson. Our concept of the Anglican Communion was lifted beyond the boundaries of Launceston and Tasmania. This Rally begins a movement in our midst which will gradually awaken more Anglicans to their responsibilities as members of the Church.

A copy of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter which was read in Church on Quinquagesima Sunday is enclosed with this Parish Messenger and Church News. The Bishops of our Church in Australia are calling all Anglicans to make an act of spiritual renewal during this Season of Lent. The Bishop emphasises this call in his Pastoral Letter and advises us of the importance and place of Bible Study in this regard. Our parish response to this call is the Parish Meeting which is being held each Tuesday evening during Lent in the Parish Hall. Bible Study constitutes an important part of the programme for the Parish Meeting.

Would you please give some consideration to the implications of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter?

In this issue of the Parish Messenger is printed a form of self-examination for the members of the congregation. The Archbishop of Perth has prepared three sets of such questions, one for the use of the Clergy, one for Church Wardens and Vestrymen, and this one for members of the congregation. These are designed to help in the movement for an act of spiritual renewal throughout the Church in Australia during Lent. Would you please keep this form of self-examination, use it, and use it again on later occasions?

I hope that as a result of this programme of self-examination, we will be able to put into effect some of the things we have been omitting to do, both as individuals and as a parish. e.g., Are we constantly on the lookout for newcomers and lonely people to give them a welcome to the parish and a greeting when they come to church? Is your Church seriously considering its relation to other churches in the neighbourhood and the damage done to Christ's cause by our disunity?

"The Church that lives to itself will die by itself."

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

MARCH CALENDAR

March—

- 1 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Rev. K. C. Nancarrow. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 2 Monday, Working Bee at Kelso.
- 3 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting. G.F.S. attend Parish Meeting.
- 4 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 5 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 8 **MOTHERING SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Rev. T. Cowell. 7 p.m. Evensong. Social Hour after Church with Cutting of Simnel Cake.
- 9 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 10 Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion for C.E.C.W. 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 11 Wednesday, 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion for C.E.C.W.
- 12 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 15 **PASSION SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Rev. J. Beaverstock. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 17 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 18 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. L.C.C. Annual Meeting at Margaret St. Church of Christ.
- 19 Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 22 **PALM SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Palm Sunday Service and Procession. 11 a.m. Matins—Broadcast. 7 p.m. A Palm Sunday Service of Readings and Music. Holy Week Services—See special list.
- 26 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY,** 8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion. 10.30 a.m. Matins. 12 Noon-3 p.m. The Three Hours' Service. 7.30 p.m. Combined Service organised by the Launceston Council of Churches.
- 29 **EASTER DAY,** 7 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Children's Service. 10.45 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 1964

March—

- 22 **PALM SUNDAY.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Palm Sunday Family Service at which Sunday School will make their Lenten Offerings. 11 a.m. Matins—A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong. Monday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Tuesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Parish Meeting. Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. Devotional Service attended by Evening Mothers' Union. Thursday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Holy Communion.

- 27 **GOOD FRIDAY,** 8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion. 10.30 a.m. Matins. 12 noon-3 p.m. The Three Hours' Service. 7.30 p.m. Service organised by the Launceston Branch of the Tasmanian Council of Churches.
- 29 **EASTER DAY.** 7 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Children's Service. 10.45 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

The Rector will be glad to arrange to administer Holy Communion to any sick or aged pensioner.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We teach almost 80 children in the Senior School.

We have a wonderful team of teachers for them and we like to teach them some hymns and songs

BUT WE DO NOT HAVE A PIANIST. CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact the Rector or his assistant. The matter is rather urgent.

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.

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 one of the clergy or the Church Wardens. The following donations are acknowledged: Miss J. Johnston 10/-, Mrs. A. B. Maynard 10/-.

LAUNCESTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Annual Meeting of the Launceston Branch, Tasmanian Council of Churches, will be held on Wednesday, 18th March, at the Margaret Street Methodist Church. The meeting will be addressed by Archdeacon L. N. Sutton and the Rev. A. Norman Kemp, who were Tasmanian Delegates to the recent Conference and Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches. This is the Australian body associated with the World Council of Churches and the work of the Launceston Branch is of tremendous importance especially in these days of discussions towards unity in various parts of the Christian world. We urge all parishioners to keep this time free to enable them to attend and to hear from the speakers something of the discussions and ideas arising from that Conference in Melbourne.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on the 25th March commencing at 7.45 p.m. with a Devotional Service in the Chapel to which other members of the congregation are invited. As this is the Wednesday in Holy Week we hope that all of our members will make a special effort to join us particularly in the Service and that they can also be with us at our meeting in the Rectory following the Service.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 12th March at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. H. Watson, 11 Gloucester Street. This will be a general discussion meeting. Bring along something for the Trading Table.

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

The first meeting for the year will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove, Newstead, on Monday, 9th March, at 2.45 p.m.

At this meeting a tentative plan for the year's activities will be made.

Anyone who is interested in working for the Hospital will be welcome.

Afternoon tea hostesses will be Mrs. J. W. Cohen and Mrs. A. H. Roake. There is a Trading Table at each monthly meeting and two shillings is paid for afternoon tea.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mother's Union will be held on Thursday, 26th March, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISM

Peter Shane Crooks, Tracie Anne Kelly, Phillip Keith Bayne Wadley, Sandra Maree Isabel Colbrook, Raymond Douglas Salter, Shane Douglas Love, Danny John Moss, Debbie Lee Moss.

MARRIAGES

Albert Arthur Clarke and Patricia Loraine Cocker, Trevor Newton Jones and Elizabeth Anne Walsh, Robert Arthur Kettle and Pauline Mary Turner; Robin David Dawe and Gail Evelyn Linda Whitney, Ernest Noel Worbey and Mary Evelyn Smith, Thomas Geoffrey Swan and Greta Josephine Youl; Desmond Leslie George Moore and Marlene Florence Rowbottom, Theodore Cornelis Montauban and Judith Joan Martin, Wayne Arthur Hill and Marie Kathleen Weston, Colin Phillips Watts and Patricia Dawn Edwards, Allan Wayne McBain and Pamela Goss.

BURIALS

Edward Keith Norwood, Mark Clarence Briggs, Flora Constance McClymont, Mary Ann Harris.

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

A FORM OF SELF-EXAMINATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION
(Prepared by the Archbishop of Perth for use by the Church in Australia during Lent)

1. Does your congregation live for itself or for the world around it and beyond it?
2. Does its common life and the daily work of its members in the world affirm the Lordship of Christ? Or deny it? Or ignore it?
3. Is your congregation a true family of God, where every man may find a home and know that God loves him without limit?
4. Are we friendly enough towards each other and the Rector to be open-hearted and open-minded—or are we inhibited by personal prejudice and resentment?
5. Do we pray regularly for the Rector and let him know how grateful we are when we have received some new insight from his preaching?
6. Do we go to him to help us in our difficulties, with family life, in understanding the Bible and the faith, and for help with our prayers?
7. Would we ever think of asking the Rector to celebrate Holy Communion in our home on some family occasion if the Bishop approves.
8. Would we be ready to arrange an at-home for the Rector and invite neighbours to come and meet him over a cup of tea?
9. Do you ever share, very simply and humanly, the comfort and light you have received from God, with people in sorrow, trouble or difficulty?
10. Are we constantly on the lookout for newcomers and lonely people to give them a welcome to the parish and a greeting when they come to Church?
11. Is there a neighbour for whom you might begin to accept spiritual responsibility—praying for him and his family, making friends, talking about the Church, inviting him to accompany you to Church when the right opportunity comes along?
12. Is your church seriously considering its relation to other churches in the neighbourhood and the damage done to Christ's cause by our disunity?
13. What about having an occasional joint service with the parish next door or going in a body to worship with Christians of other traditions?
14. Is there something we plan for our parish which we might forego in order to help another parish less well-equipped, in this country or a mission centre overseas?
15. Where do you set the horizon of your thinking and effort—at the boundary of the parish? The diocese? Your country? The uttermost parts of the earth?
16. In your thinking does charity begin at home? Even if it does, will it still be charity if it stays there?
17. What is needed from (a) the diocese; (b) the missionary organisations; (c) ourselves, to bring home the responsibility of taking a right share in the missionary work of the Church?