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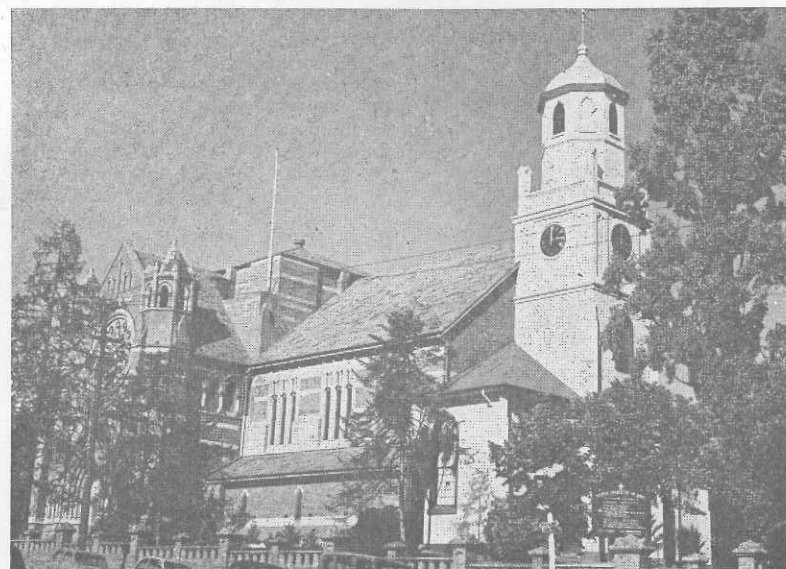
MAY, 1964

**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,

The month of May is one of the utmost importance in the life of the Diocese of Tasmania. The Second Diocesan Project is to be launched on Sunday, 3rd May. This will be observed as Diocesan Sunday and throughout the whole Diocese special services will be held in our churches. The keynote of each service will be that of "Renewal and Re-dedication". I hope that as many of you as possible will make every endeavour to attend one of the services this coming Sunday.

I anticipate that His Excellency, the Governor of Tasmania, will be attending the 11 a.m. service on this coming Sunday. The Governor is a loyal member of the Anglican Church and whilst in Perth, Western Australia, gave much encouragement to the work of the Church in that State. It will be a privilege for us to have the Governor with us for this service on Diocesan Sunday.

The theme of the Project is to be "One Family, Forward Together". We thank God for the leadership of the Bishop in the family of the Church in Tasmania, but he is dependent on the support of the **WHOLE** Church in this Diocese and if this is forthcoming the Church in Tasmania will move forward. Sometimes we cry out for "leadership", and are not prepared to follow that leadership when it is given. This is particularly true in the sphere of the Church. This Diocesan Project is a call to **EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH IN EVERY PARISH**, for us St. John's, to give of his time, talents and money in the work and worship of the Church. If we do not respond to this invitation, we are saying in effect, that the Church is of no consequence, the work of Christ is of no importance in the lives of people today.

When the Verger's old cottage was being demolished a "Parish Messenger" dated March, 1894 was found, just seventy years old. On reading the front page I note that there was a staff of three clergy, two lay assistants and a deaconess; the number of communicants for the previous year was 2,739; the deficit in the Financial Statement was £198/11/10. Today we have a staff of two clergy, this year's communicants will be in the vicinity of 8,000 and we will have a deficit in our Financial Statement of over £2,000. How different is the situation of the Church in the 1960's.

In the past few weeks there has been a considerable amount of sickness in the parish. I would like to assure the families that have had sickness and trouble that they have been in the prayers of the Church and congregation. When you hear the bell for Evensong on week nights, be sure that those in trouble will be remembered before God.

May God bless you all,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry A. Jerrim.

## Calendar for May

- May—
- 3 **Regation Sunday and Diocesan Sunday.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins, A.B.C. Broadcast. His Excellency, the Governor will be present. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 **Wednesday.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 3 p.m. M.M.A.
- 7 **Thursday—Ascension Day.**  
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 9 **Saturday.** 3-5 p.m. Children's Fancy Dress Party.
- 10 **Sunday after Ascension Day**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. C. R. Sprackett.
- 11 **Monday.** 2.45 p.m. St. John's Hospital Auxiliary in Kindergarten Hall.
- 12 **Tuesday.** 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 7.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of G.F.S.
- 13 **Wednesday.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 **Thursday.** 8 p.m. Women's Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 17 **Whitsunday**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. Special Vestry Meeting.
- 19 **Tuesday** 8 p.m. Film Evening in Kindergarten Hall by Miss Doreen Poole. Organised by G.F.S. Proceeds for Kelso.
- 20 **Wednesday.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 **Thursday.** 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 **Trinity Sunday.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 **Wednesday.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening. Mother's Union.
- 28 **Thursday.** 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 31 **1st Sunday after Trinity.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 4.30 p.m. Confirmation Class. 7 p.m. Evensong and Holy Communion.

## FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

## Main Altar

- May—
- 10 Mrs. M. W. Fletcher.
- 17 Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
- 24 Misses Scott.
- 31 Miss V. Sadler.
- June—
- 7 Mrs. C. H. Targett.

## Chapel Altar

- May—
- 10 Mrs. E. Greuber.
- 17 Mrs. W. McMahon.
- 24 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
- 31 Mrs. G. Crawford.
- June—
- 7 Mrs. G. W. Thompson.

## VISIT OF THE REV. C. R. SPRACKETT

The Rev. C. R. Sprackett is the General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches. One phase of the great work that the A.C.C. is doing is through the Department of Inter-Church Aid which organises the Remembrance Bowl Appeal. Mr. Sprackett is to make his first visit to Tasmania this month. He will speak at a Public Meeting in Paterson Street Hall on Friday evening, 8th May and is to preach in St. John's Church at Evensong on 10th May. I hope that many parishioners will make an effort to hear Mr. Sprackett speak on aspects of the work of the W.C.C.

## 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 Churchwardens.

The following donations are acknowledged: Mrs. E. Verrall, 10/-, Mrs. E. Jacobs, 10/-.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have been able to secure the services of a pianist for our Senior Section. Mr. Booth has agreed to provide piano accompaniment for our hymns each Sunday School Sunday and we are most indebted to him for this. Music plays such an important part in the efficient running of the classes that we do miss not having a regular pianist. Mr. Booth fills the need very well.

Harvest Festival Sunday was a great success and we thank all those who supported the services so well, particularly the Family Service which was extremely well attended. Gifts received were despatched to the Roland Boys' Home and St. Luke's Hospital. Details of our Market Day are not finalised as yet but next month's issue of the Parish Messenger will carry the news of that. In the meantime we hope to be able to gather a parcel of stamps to be sent to Ho Tin Yau in Hong Kong. If you can help in this way we would be pleased to receive your donation. If you know of any children in your neighbourhood who do not attend Sunday School perhaps you can encourage them to come with children who do.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

There is to be an Adult Confirmation Service in Launceston at the end of May. If there are any adults who wish to be prepared for Confirmation, they are asked to contact the Rector immediately.

**KELSO YOUTH CENTRE  
URGENT APPEAL FOR HELPERS  
at  
WORKING BEE  
on SATURDAY, 9th MAY, 1964  
Please contact the Rector or the Rev. T.  
G. Cowell.**

## YOUTH WORK

At the time of going to press the April Dance had not been held so we cannot report on the results. However the Communion Breakfast took place and whilst those there enjoyed themselves there were not as many present as we might have well expected. Perhaps May's turn up will be better.

The Kelso Youth Centre Committee have reported that the Youth Centre there is almost ready for occupation and use. A tremendous amount of work has been done there over the last few weeks and it looks extremely well at the moment. Work started at Kelso in 1957 and is really only now adequately ready so it has taken a good 7 years to reach this stage. We have reserved the centre for the June long week-end for a camp and we would like you to keep that time free. It is hoped to accommodate at least 32 young people, boys and girls, and more details will be known soon. The site itself is very good, the buildings outstandingly well constructed and for those who have never seen the site a surprise is in store for it is nothing like you have imagined. Hope to see you there soon. A working bee will be held to clean up the grounds on Saturday, 9th May, and if you can spare the day we can make use of your enthusiasm. Contact Mr. Cowell for further details.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Palliser, 3 Wyett Street, on Thursday, 14 May at 8 p.m. Mr. F. Dowse will be the guest speaker. On Election Day, May 2nd, the Guild members are holding a stall outside the Sunday School Hall in aid of the Kelso Youth Centre. We would be pleased to have goods for sale on this stall. They can be left at the Rectory on the Friday or at the stall from 8.30 a.m. on the Saturday morning.

At the last meeting of the Guild the Annual Reports were received and officers elected. The following officers were appointed: Patron: Mrs. H. A. Jerrim, President: Mrs. T. White, Vice-Presidents: Mrs. M. Easther and Mrs. C. Targett, Secretary: Mrs. H. Palliser and Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Johnson. The Rector thanked the officers and members for their great help in the work of the Church in the past year.

## GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY

G.F.S. Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 May at 7.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room. We thank all who have helped to make our recent games evening a success. On Tuesday, 19 May at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room a Film Evening to aid Kelso Youth Centre will be sponsored by the G.F.S. Miss Doreen Poole will show colour films of her overseas tour. We hope many will come from St. John's and invitations are being sent to other Parishes interested in the Kelso Project. Supper will be served. Donation 4/-.

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

The next meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 11th May. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. G. W. Doderly, Mrs. F. E. Waldron, Mrs. D. Leonard.

Our last meeting took the form of an open day, when a parade and display of aprons and bags took place. Those responsible for making these articles were Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Mrs. C. H. Targett and Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick. It was a really wonderful effort and the final figure of takings is over £103.

Members of the Auxiliary provided afternoon tea.

Some of this money will be used to purchase new bedside trays for Patients. Members have taken their turn of duty on the Kiosk at the Hospital.

## EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th May at 8 p.m. The evening will commence with a chapel service and afterwards at the Rectory. Miss Janet Jessup will be the Guest Speaker and will demonstrate the art of making pottery, costume jewellery, etc. New members will be made very welcome.

Remember: Saturday, 9th May we will be holding a Fancy Dress Party for the children in the Kindergarten Hall from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

## MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Mothers' Union was held on Thursday, 23rd April.

The following office bearers were elected. Enrolling Member: Mrs. H. A. Jerrim, Vice-Presidents: Mrs. F. N. Cookman and Mrs. L. R. Page, Secretary: Mrs. M. Easther, Treasurer: Mrs. T. White, Committee: Mrs. V. Denholm, Mrs. N. Conwin, Mrs. R. H. Watson, Mrs. J. D. Godfrey and Mrs. K. Robinson, Magazine Secretary: Mrs. A. Clark, Sick Visitor: Mrs. C. Beech, Link Branch Correspondents: Mrs. L. Maddick and Mrs. R. Watson.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th May at 2.15 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT  
ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD  
April, 1964

It is with pleasure that I present this, the ninth Annual Report of the St. John's Women's Guild which is 37 members strong.

1964 commenced with a service in the Chapel conducted by the Rev. Jerrim, followed by a meeting at the Rectory.

It has been a busy and successful year. Members have regularly attended meetings which have been interesting and varied. We are very grateful to those who have shared their homes with us and to those who have served delicious suppers.

120 skeins of wool, generously donated by Patons & Baldwins, have been knitted into garments and sent to Clarendon Children's Home. Material for curtains also £50 have been donated to Kelso Youth Centre. A special effort for Roland Boys' Home realised £31. £10 was forwarded to the Vestry to assist with the cost of installing a sink and heater in the Main Hall. These facilities have proved invaluable. To assist with the floral decore of the Church in the winter months, £5 was spent on superior artificial flowers. Catering facilities were greatly enhanced by an anonymous donation of £10 for the purchase of an electric stove. To this donor we are most grateful. A welcome luncheon to the Bishop—the Parish Tea—the Old Folks' Tea and numerous afternoon teas and suppers have been successfully catered for. We thank members for their generous donations of food and for the help given on these occasions.

In conclusion, the President and Committee wish to thank our Patron, Mrs. Jerrim and all who have contributed in any way to the year's success. We are confident that with the same loyal, generous and willing co-operation, even more may be achieved in the year ahead.

I. M. Mitchell, Hon. Secretary.

## CONFIRMATION 1964

The Bishop is to be at St. John's for Confirmation on October 11th at the 11 a.m. service. I will be commencing classes for young people immediately after the school holidays.

The Rector would like to meet all prospective candidates at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, 31st May in the Chapel. Please bring your Baptism Certificates with you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MARKET  
Saturday Morning  
JUNE 6th

Proceeds in aid of Hong Kong Refugee Child

## HOLY BAPTISM

Danielle Elizabeth Olding, Peter Kenneth Pinchin, Leann Cherrie Donehue, Raymond Paul Sargeant, John Alan Sargeant, Stephen Albert Sargeant, Leanne Maree Denholm, Nicky John Pinner.

## MARRIAGES

Harold Edward Bowman and Dorothy Kathleen Binns, Ronald Phillip Kean and Sandra May Fairbrother, Peter William Cawthen and Patricia Dawn Walker, Gregory Eric Stoward and Jennifer Grace Atkinson, Robert James Sawford and Julie Cowie, Keith Dennis Wing and Janette Lillian Davey, Francis Sydney Buck and Geraldine Dampney.

## BURIALS

Winifred Daisy Crawford, Carl Carlstrom. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.