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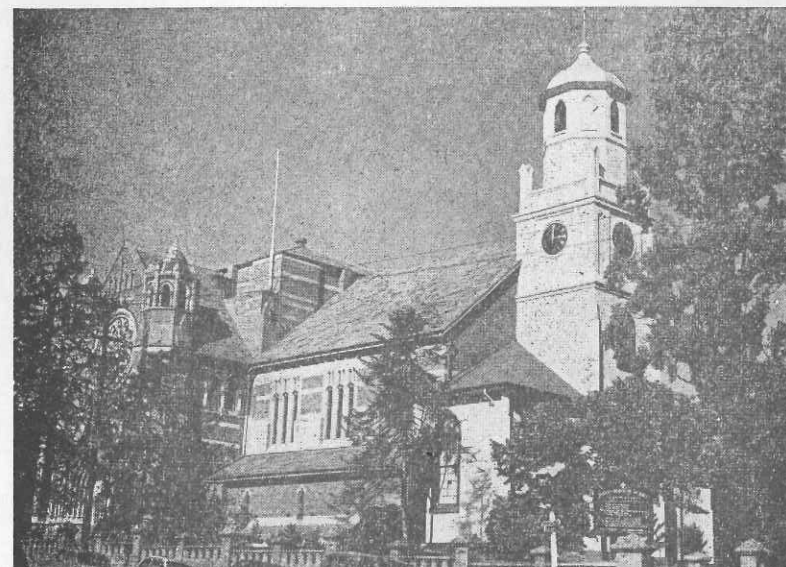
SEPTEMBER, 1964

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,

During this month the Synod of the Diocese will be held in Hobart. This will be the first session of the Thirty-Sixth Synod, and as a new Synod has a life of three years. The Parish is represented in Synod by the clergy and two lay representatives, Messrs. M. M. Easther and N. Dicker. At the same time as Synod is meeting, the Diocesan women's meetings will be held in Hobart. These consist of the Diocesan Council of the Mothers' Union and the Church of England Council of Women (C.E.C.W.). These gatherings are not only occasions when the business of the Diocese is executed, but provide opportunities for fellowship and the renewal of friendships.

The Synod is the Parliament of the Church in Tasmania, hence its decisions are binding on each parish. The administration of the Church is very democratic and an Act of Synod, like an Act of Parliament, must pass through the three stages of being read three times, debated and amended in committee and receiving the approval of the Bishop. Except when Synod is in committee, the proceedings may be reported by the Press and on most occasions are open to the public. If requested, Synod may vote in houses, i.e., the House of Clergy and the House of Laity, voting separately. If the measure is to pass, it must receive a majority vote in both houses. I commend the coming Synod and the accompanying meetings to you for your prayers.

In speaking of Synod, I would like to mention the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoyle to live in Hobart. Mr. Hoyle was a Lay Representative of this parish in the last Synod, a member of the vestry and a sidesman. Mrs. Hoyle has been an active member of the Guild and Scout Group Committee. Peter Hoyle is one of the few members of St. John's Scout Troop to become a Queen's Scout. Mr. Hoyle and Peter have been in Hobart for some time; Mrs. Hoyle and Stephen have just been able to join them. We express our thanks to them for their help in the work of our parish and wish them happiness and God's blessing in the future.

During August, two very successful Parish Meetings were held. The subjects for the evenings were the Prayer Book and the Catechism which were requested and well received. Two further meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 8 and 22. All members of the congregation are invited to join in these meetings and share in the fellowship.

I am most anxious that anyone who feels apart from the life of the Church, should come to these parish meetings where we have the opportunity of meeting one another. Be assured, you will be most welcome.

To the many who have been sick in the past month, our hope and prayer is that you are better.

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- September—
- 6 **Trinity XV—Bible Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong and Dedication of Leaders for Y.M.C.A.
Tea at "The Embassy". 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. D. Leonard, 2 High St. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 12 Saturday, Working Bee at Kelso.
- 13 **Trinity XVI.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday, 8-10 a.m. Wave of Prayer at St. John's for Mothers' Union. 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Launceston Mothers' Union Meeting to meet Mrs. T. T. Reed, the Commonwealth President. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 **Trinity XX.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Shortened Evensong and Quarterly Meeting of Parishioners.
- 21 Monday, St. Matthew's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday, 7.30 p.m. Confirmation Class and Social.
- 27 **Trinity XVIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 29 Tuesday, St. Michael and All Angels' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

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

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman on August 10th. The Rev. H. A. Jerrim was in the Chair.

The following Officers were elected:—
President: Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Vice Presidents: Mesdames G. E. Dodery and A. H. Roake, Hon. Sec.: Mrs. H. D. Palliser, Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. J. Jones, Committee: Mrs. V. H. Good and Misses E. Bennett and D. Lockwood.

A Presentation was made to the retiring secretary, Mrs. A. H. Roake, who has held that Office for five years.

During the year the sum of £388/1/9 was raised.

Gifts to the Hospital included: one small electric stove, saucepans, stainless steel bins, soiled-linen baskets, curtains, trays, floor rug. £100 was given for painting at the Hospital. £5 was donated to the Chapel Fund.

The Picture Evening which was to have been held in September has now been cancelled. A Morning Tea Party will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at Mrs. V. C. Holyman's home on September 14th at 2.45 p.m.

Tea Hostesses: Mesdames V. H. Good and H. D. Palliser.

NEW VESTRY FOR 1964-65

The following are the members of the new Vestry elected at the Annual Meeting held in July—

Rector's Warden: Mr. M. M. Easter. People's Wardens: Messrs. F. J. Jones and L. Denham, Vestrymen: Mr. D. S. Gill, Hon. Sec.: Mr. R. J. Roberts, Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. N. Dicker, E. R. Duncan, A. E. Ford, A. J. Green, L. M. Mitchell, V. J. Sheldrick and T. P. White.

6th SEPTEMBER—BIBLE SUNDAY

WONDERS OF THE WORD . . .

When participants and spectators went home after the 1964 Winter Olympics at Innsbruck and Seefeld, they took 25,000 Gospels and other Scriptures with them. Distribution was organised by the Vienna Bible House.

Visitors and sportsmen and women were sought out in their leisure periods, and many thousands of useful contacts were made. Here is one cameo:

It was noon in the Ice Stadium. One of the young women got into conversation with a tourist, offering him a Gospel. For a while he did not understand, though she tried several languages in the effort to make communication.

She realised at last that he spoke only Hungarian, and then she was able to offer him a Gospel in his own language. His joy was unmistakable; and when she left him he was standing there reading the little book.

She went on to talk with others. Twenty minutes later she found him still rooted to the spot, reading avidly. Forgotten were the Games, the gaiety, the crowds. The magnificent view of the mountains, skaters practising gracefully near-by—he was unconscious of it all. He was in it but not of it, for there was taking place that miracle that often happens when the Word of God is earnestly read—God was speaking quietly to a man's heart in his mother-tongue.

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A man and his sister lived with the old mother in the family home in Japan. The one bond they had was their mother; for the man was furious because his sister had become a Christian.

The death of the mother was the signal for breaking up the home. The man's bitterness knew no bounds when it was arranged that his mother should receive a Christian funeral. In great anger he went away, leaving no address. Many years passed.

A few months ago colporteurs of the Bible Society were working with voluntary Church teams in a Japanese city, visiting house to house. At one place a man took one of the little books. It was the Book of Proverbs. As he read on, chapter after chapter, his eyes were opened and he began showing the book to his friends.

Only God knew that at this house lived this particular man. Perhaps in some ways it was providential also that the first book of the Bible he read was one that gained the assent of his common sense, rather than one that might have stimulated all his defences.

He made his way back to the family home, confessed to his sister that he had been ignorant, and told her that he would like to attend Church and hear the minister preach. The barriers were down and he began to grow in understanding and in the knowledge of the Gospel.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 10th September, at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. D. Leonard, 2 High St. (opposite the City Park). The speaker will be Dr. D. Holden.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 15th September at 8.00 p.m. Members will meet in the Chapel for a short service and afterwards at the Rectory. There will be a Guest Speaker. We warmly welcome any new members to our meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Those parents who helped so very much in the Rainbow Market Day Appeal for Funds to assist Ho Tin Yau in Hong Kong will be pleased to know we raised the sum of £66 on that one Saturday morning. We are all very delighted by this response and to all those who helped in any way at all to bring this result we say a sincere thank you. When one considers the hundreds of thousands of children in Hong Kong who are not provided for we wish more could be done for them but at the least we at St. John's can feel a certain sense of response to what is our responsibility. Anyone who would like to write to Ho Tin Yau may do so and his address is:

CHU YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL,
TAI WO HAU RESETTLEMENT,
BLOCK S, TSUN WAN N.T.,
HONG KONG.

KELSO YOUTH CENTRE

The Annual Meeting of the Youth Centre Association was held at St. Paul's on Friday, August, 14th. Reports were received on progress made during the year and it was particularly pleasing to know that the buildings are now fully useable. Much more remains to be done and principally this is governed by the financial stability of the Association. More interested people are needed to support what has been achieved in the past and on Saturday, October 17th. there will be an Open Day at the Kelso site to which all Anglicans and other interested persons are invited. Details of the day's programme will be announced in the October Parish Messenger. In the meantime a working bee will be held on Saturday, September 12th, leaving St. John's at 8.30 a.m. Bring gardening tools, paintbrushes and particularly do we need motor mowers. We hope you can help.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Wave of Prayer is being observed throughout Tasmania from the 11th to 15th September and our turn will be observed in the Chapel from 8-10 a.m. on Monday, 14th September.

Matins will be said at 8.15 a.m. and there will be a Communion Service at 9 a.m. Members are asked to attend either of these services if at all possible.

Our Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 9th September.

On Thursday, 24th September at 2.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall we will be entertaining patients of the Evangelical Nursing Assn. and the Blind and Deaf Institute to a "Musical Tea Party". Will all members kindly bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Mrs. T. T. Reed, Commonwealth President of Mothers' Union will be visiting Launceston on Thursday, 17th September. There will be a service in St. John's at 2.30 p.m. after which Mrs. Reed will address members in the Kindergarten Hall. All members are asked to bring a small plate for afternoon tea.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

Confirmation classes have been meeting each Friday for the past few weeks and are in recess during the School Holidays. However they commence again on Friday the 18th September at 4.30 p.m. in the Chapel. The following Friday, September 25th., the classes will meet at 7.30 p.m. and after Confirmation Class a Social will be held in the Kindergarten Room. We hope they will all be able to stay to this Social which will finish at 10.15 p.m. after Supper and other young people of the Parish are invited too.

The monthly Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, September 20th after the 8 a.m. Service. The last breakfast was quite well attended but let's see if we can improve on that one for the first breakfast of Third Term.

Some of our group have been asking about a Youth Camp at Kelso and we are giving some thought to this. However, a better response than we had last time would be needed before such a Camp could be held.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH

On Sunday evening, September 20, Evensong will be shortened and will be followed by a Quarterly Meeting of Parishioners in the Kindergarten Room. At this Meeting reports will be received from the various organisations which meet each month and a further report from the Vestry will be presented. The last of these meetings was well attended and appreciated by many people who gained a more accurate insight into the working of the Parish in its various activities. We ask you to remember this date and hope it will be possible for you to attend.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

September:

- 6 Miss M. Bennett.
13 Mrs. L. R. Page.
20 Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick
27 Mrs. M. Fletcher.

October:

- 4 Mrs. M. Campbell.

Chapel Altar

September:

- 6 Mrs. R. Watson.
13 Mrs. E. Grueber.
20 Mrs. W. McMahon.
27 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

October:

- 4 Mrs. G. Crawford.

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HOLY BAPTISM

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BURIALS

Edward Thomas McGuinness, Victor Colin Goss, Peter Shane Chugg, Herbert Cassian Watterson.

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