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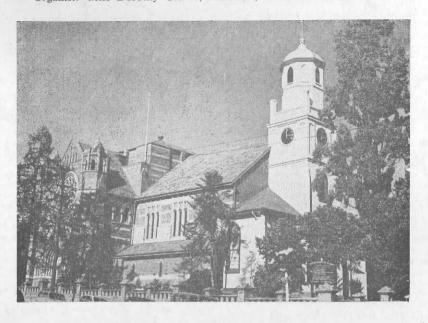
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CLERGY

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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, On the international scene there have been significant changes in the past month. A new Prime Minister has been appointed in Great Britain; new leaders have risen to power in the Soviet. The eyes of many in the world are now focussed on the Presidential election in

the U.S.A. Will there be a change in America? We hope and pray that any and all changes may be for the improvement of world affairs. In life, we must be prepared for change.

Roger Lloyd in a recent book, "The Ferment in the Church" opens his second chapter with a significant statement on 'change'

Everything that lives must change. Where change is grudged or refused, no vitality is

left. It is true of every institution, every person, every art, and of every religion too."

I suppose that we who make up the local church in the community are among the most conservative of people, especially in regard to our religion. In our homes and habits of dress, we accept change and are prepared to adapt ourselves to changed conditions and modern influences. None of our homes have remained uninfluenced by the developments of the past

During November we will see a complete change in the lighting of St. John's Church and this has really been an urgent matter for some years. When the organ was rebuilt a few years ago, we were advised that the wiring system in the Church was in a dangerous condition and that there was serious over-loading in the winter months. The actual amount of light provided has been far below the accepted requirements for reading purposes. The Vestry has been searching for a plan to provide adequate and good lighting for a long time to come.

The H.E.C. late last year produced an attractive proposal and this is now in the process of being carried out. It has necessitated the Church receiving a thorough cleaning, such as it has never had so far as the walls and ceiling are concerned. It is hoped that the new lighting system will be dedicated sometime this month. You will receive further information about this and I hope you will be present on that occasion.

On Sunday, 15th November we are to have the Civic Service at the 11 a.m. service. The Mayor and Aldermen will attend the service which will be broadcast. This is an important occasion when we ask God's blessing on the work of the City Council. The members of the Council carry big responsibilities in these difficult days and are subjected to much criticism from every side.

Earlier in this letter, I referred to the proposed new lighting in the Church. This serves to remind us that we are called to be "the light of the world", Matthew 5.14. It is possible that the light in our lives is not shining as brightly as it could in helping to dispel the darkness of sin in the world. As we dedicate the new lighting in the Church, let us dedicate our lives afresh to God, that His Gospel may shine through us into the lives of other

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5.16.

Yours sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

November-All Saints' Day. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

2.45 p.m. M.M.A.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

Saturday, 3 p.m. G.F.S. Fair.

Trinity XXIV. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Vestry to attend). 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. Meeting after service to elect Patronage Council Representatives.

Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.

Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. M.U. Festival at St. Paul's. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. Targett, Foster Street.

Friday, 7.30 p.m. Choir Social.

Trinity XXV. 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Civic Service and Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union. p.m. Ruri-decanal Conference at Holy

Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. Sunday before Advent. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 3 p.m. St. Cecilia's Music Festival. 7 p.m. Evensong. Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, 2 p.m. Mothers' Union Mystery

Outing. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. Advent Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong and Holy Communion.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union Festival will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday, 11th November, at

On Thursday, 26th November, in place of our usual meeting, we are having a "Mystery Outing". Will members please meet in the Church grounds not later than 2 p.m.

G.F.S. FAIR SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER

KINDERGARTEN HALL to be opened by Mrs. M. PARKER

at 3 p.m.

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ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Targett, 49 Forster St., on Thursday, 12th November, at 8.00 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mesdames V. C. Holyman, H. Targett and L.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Members of the St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital will meet at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove, for their next meeting which will be held on Monday, 9th November. Afternoon Mesdames Cox, Williams and Hostesses:-Holyman.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th November, at 8.00 p.m. and will be the last for the year. There will be a Service of the Holy Communion in the Chapel and afterwards at the Rectory

Our Christmas Party will be held on Friday. the 4th December, at the Rectory. Members are asked to bring gifts for the Clarendon

Children's Home.

MISSION BOXES

The C.M.S. and B.C.A. Mission Boxes are due. If anyone has not returned their box for opening the secretaries of these two organisaations would be pleased to receive them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Festival Service will be held on Sunday, 13th December, at 10.30 a.m. There will be special music and hymns and carols sung by the children and books will be distributed. We ask all parents to make a note of this date and we look forward to having the church full to capacity on that day.

Following the Service, Sunday School will go into recess until 7th February next year, when we will be pleased to see along many who have perhaps not been to Sunday School before. As we mentioned in an earlier Parish Messenger new types of Teaching Books are to be used next year and we have received a sample copy of these. They are certainly very different from past Manuals and should considerably brighten and modernise the teaching in our School.

A RECTOR WARNS PARENTS WHO BREAK BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Selby, England (EPS) - The Rev. George Greenhough, Anglican Rector of Haddlesey, has announced that unless there are exceptional circumstances he will no longer baptize infants of parents who do not send their elder brothers and sisters to church.

He said. "At the baptism ceremony parents have to make three promises which mean they should bring up their children as Christians and send them to Church or Sunday School.

There are couples who made these promises but who do not send their children-and this suggests their babies won't go later on. I feel it is a bad way for a baby to start life when parents make promises in church they have no intention of keeping."

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

November-

Mrs. R. H. Watson.

Miss M. Bennett.

Mrs. L. R. Page. Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.

December-6 Mrs. M. Fletcher.

Chapel Altar

November-

Mrs. R. A. Watson. Mrs. E. Grueber.

Mrs. W. McMahon.

22 Mrs. W. McWanes. 29 Mrs. T. G. Cowell.

December-6 Mrs. G. Crawford.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The November meeting, being the final one for the year, members will relax and enjoy a homely social afternoon, culminating with a sumptious afternoon tea, so all prospective members are particularly welcome. Just bring your knitting or sewing and you will be assured of a pleasant afternoon and a chance to get to know everyone. The meeting is on Wednesday, November 4th.

May we make a request to all knitters. If you have any spare wool, any colour, you cannot use yourself, we would be grateful to have it for our group, as we cannot get enough wool to make up the garments and Afghans needed for our Mission Stations.

The first meeting for the new year will be on 3rd February.

. INDONESIAN CHURCHES AND THE **ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD**

(Relations between churches in Indonesia and Australia have been developing rapidly in recent years. At this time of tension between our two countries these bonds between the churches have become of the utmost importance. This article tells of some of the new relationships between Indonesian and Western churches.)

The Council of Churches of Indonesia maintains a full-time secretary and office for dealings with the English-speaking world. The reason is only partly because English has become a major language in Indonesia since independence.

Indepence has also brought the Indonesian churches into new relationship with churches from the English-speaking world. These new relationships have required new patterns and experimentation to find ways to work effec-- tively in the revolutionary situation that has been the story of Indonesia.

It must be noted that English-speaking missionaries have not replaced the Dutch nor could they. At the height of the colonial period over 3,000 Dutch workers were related to the churches, many of them paid by the colonial administration. They were carefully trained and often dedicated people who could think of Indonesian service as a career not only for themselves, but for their children.

Training programs, often in co-operation with the Dutch Government, made them better prepared than the average foreign missionary arriving on the field for the first time. Today there are fewer than 30 of these people still

The major denominations have not had the - people nor the training facilities to replace these workers. As a matter of fact, it was right and necessary that Indonesians take over and carry on most of the tasks they had done.

But some tasks, especially theological education, and faculties for the colleges, have required help not available in sufficient quantity in Indonesia and requests have gone out for help.

But, while not overwhelming, the response of the English-speaking churches has been significant. For the most part, workers from these churches have gone to the places where need was greatest without any attempt to strengthen or build denominational structures. The result has been a fine mixing of nationali-· ties and denominations, while, of course, there is no virtue in mixing these things just for the sake of mixing, there has often emerged creative relationships not possible in the old patterns of exclusive partnerships.

Today, the English-speaking world has at work in Indonesia 70 workers from seven countries and 14 churches. Countries included in this grouping are England, the Philippines, India, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Japan.

Work is being done by these people in the fields of agriculture, theological education, higher education, medicine, youth work, student work, relief distribution and general support of the programme of the council.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH MESSENGER

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

The confirmation Service held on 11th October was a wonderful occasion. It was followed on the 18th October by an equally inspiring Service, the first Communion of those confirmed on the 11th. Over 200 people made their Communion at that 8.00 a.m. Service and it was followed by a Breakfast well prepared and served by several ladies of the Parish whom we thank most sincerely for their help. There had been a big working bee at Kelso on the Saturday before the Breakfast and it was quite a big effort preparing and serving such a large number of people the morning after an exhausting day's work. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Several young people stayed behind after the Breakfast and were addressed by Mr. Noel Dicker who is producing a Nativity Play and Tableau to be presented in St. John's at Christmas time. Quite a number expressed a desire to take part and as it is something quite new at St. John's we are very pleased at their enthusiasm. Many of them were young men who drew complimentary remarks on Sunday morning by the cheerful way they tackled the job of cleaning up after the Breakfast.

In response to several requests a Social will be held at St. John's on Friday, 4th December, at 7.30 p.m. Under Fifteens are particularly invited. And we will also have a Communion Breakfast on Sunday, 15th November, We look forward to a big roll-up at that event as well. As we have commented before, so much depends upon your response and any success at these functions is your own because only you can make them such.

HOLY BAPTISM

Darin John Waddle, Timothy John Olding, Brian Richard Parry, David Russell Wallace, Michael Fitzgerald Jacobs, Sheryl Louise Wilson, Ian Gordon Roberts, Lynn Maree Leighton, Kelly Anne Moore, Paul Douglas Williams, Vronda June Down, Gail Elizabeth Millwood, Mark Andrew Eady.

MARRIAGES

Terence John Jacobs and Lynnette Mary Newton, Brian Keith Morrisby and Edna May Watson, Charles Barry, Headlam and Mary June Davey, Lawrence Athol Webb and Nancy June Aram, Graeme James Squires and Janice Lillian Cashion, Raymond Alan Wilson and Kathleen Margaret Cox, Peter Douglas Bousen and Anne Margaret Barry, Wendall John Chugg and Lola Maxine Peck.

BURIALS

Gladys Caroline Freeland, Nathaniel Knight, Robert Martin Shott. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been