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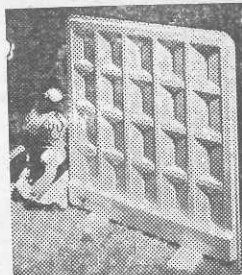
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DAY OF DEDICATION TO MISSION

THIS DAY IS TO BE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE
OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY NEXT**1st. August****8 a.m. Holy Communion.****11 a.m. Dedication to Mission and
Holy Communion.****7 p.m. Evensong and Dedication to
Mission**

PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE ABOVE SERVICES

The Bishop commends the observance of this day to all members
of our Church. Clergy and Laity together will Re-dedicate their
lives to the Services of God and His Church.

"We have come to a time when we believe God is calling for great
changes in the lives of His people. We believe that God is calling
us to re-affirm our obedience to Him; we believe that God is
calling us to work with Him in the world; we believe God is
calling Churches to care for one another; we believe that God is
calling us to higher levels of giving."

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

If you do read this letter, please note the references to next Sunday's Services of Dedication for Mission. You will see above the times of the services. God's Mission for the Church is that every effort should be made to see that all men have the opportunity to know and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, because He died for us. Is this how you think of Jesus Christ? This is the task which is committed to the Church to perform in the World today. There are many ways in which this task can be done. We are concerned at this time with being dedicated to the whole task and being used at some point in the Church's mission.

There is a point at which you are the person whom God needs to witness for Him, to help someone else to come to God. This opportunity may come in your home, at work or during some leisure time activity. You must be ready for that moment when it arises. The Church was founded on a consciousness of mission and the Church will continue to survive and to grow only whilst its members today realise their commitment to mission. Realising this, every Christian is involved just where he is. As well, we must see that provision is made for the continuing mission of the Church in Asia, Africa and elsewhere.

Paul begged the Christians in Rome, "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship". I plead with you to dedicate yourself again at one of the services next Sunday, 1st August, to the sincere following of Jesus Christ. This call goes out to the whole Church in Australia from the Primate and the Committee for M.R.I. (Mutual Responsibility and Inter-dependence).

This is the moment for St. John's parishioners to bring renewed life into the work and worship of the Church.

May God Bless you all,
Your sincere Friend and Rector,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

AUGUST CALENDAR

SYNOD — 1965

August—

- 1 **Trinity VII. Dedication for Mission Services.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Young people especially invited. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Act of Dedication and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong and Act of Dedication.
- 2 Tuesday, 8 p.m. G.F.S.
- 3 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 4 Thursday, 6 p.m. Junior G.F.S. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 5 Friday, **Feast of the Transfiguration.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 6 **Trinity VIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion —Mothers' Union Corporate. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 6 p.m. Junior G.F.S. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the Rectory. Choir Practice.
- 11 Friday, 8 p.m. Organ Recital—Mr. Phillip Cooper of London.
- 12 **Trinity IX.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary Annual Meeting—Kindergarten Hall.
- 14 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Launceston Council of Churches at Margaret St. Church of Christ.
- 15 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 16 Thursday, 6 p.m. Junior G.F.S. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 17 Friday, 8 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference at St. Aidan's.
- 18 **Trinity X.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 Monday, 8 p.m. Parish Meeting.
- 20 Tuesday, **St. Bartholomew's Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 23 Friday, 8 p.m. Kelso Annual Meeting.
- 24 Saturday, 10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m. C.M.S. Annual Meeting.
- 25 **Trinity XI.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong and Holy Communion.

The Synod of the Diocese will be held this year in Launceston and will meet in our Parish Hall. The Synod Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday evening, September 12th, at 7 p.m. The Bishop will preach at that service. Synod will open on Monday and continue until Wednesday or Thursday. This means that we will have many visitors to Launceston from all over the Diocese and will include Clergy, as well as laymen and laywomen. If any one is able to offer accommodation for that period will they please get in touch with me as soon as possible. There will be something like a couple of hundred people coming to Launceston for these gatherings.

H. A. JERRIM, Rector.

WHO WANTS HELP? WHO WILL HELP?

Who wants help? The Clergy would be glad to have the names and addresses of any people, especially aged folk for whom we can organise help in any way. One of the ways in which we would like to organise some help, is transport to Church on Sunday. There may be some house-bound folk who would like some shopping done for them, or some wood stacked, or some other task, small or otherwise. We have parishioners who would like to offer help in some way.

Who will help? A few parishioners have already offered to help in one of the above ways. If any other parishioner would like to offer his or her help, please notify one of the Clergy. Cars will be needed to help with transport.

We hope that a layman will take over the responsibility of this service when we can judge what can be done. Think about it. What suggestions can you make

PARISH MEETINGS

A new series of Parish Meetings will be held during August and September. A general invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this interesting series of meetings. These will be a follow-up to the Parish Action gatherings of last Lent and a strengthening for those who dedicate themselves to the Mission of the Church on 1st August. The dates of the meetings will be:

- Monday, 9th August.
- Monday, 23rd August.
- Monday, 6th September.
- Monday, 20th September.

The meetings will begin at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall and conclude with a cup of tea.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August. The speaker will be Canon H. A. Jerrim, his subject being "Why Belong to the Church of England".

There will be a Corporate Communion in the Chapel on Wednesday, 11th August.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish Hall on 16th August, at 2.45 p.m.

Members please note that this is the **third** Monday in the month instead of the second. Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Mrs. H. D. Palliser and Mr. F. Jones have been nominated as President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the forthcoming year.

Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. Henry and Miss Lockwood.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet again on Thursday, 12th August at 7.45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Rectory.

Mrs. McLeod of Lilydale will be Guest Speaker and will also show Missionary slides. Arrangements were made at our last meeting for the catering at the Parish Tea.

Supper hostesses for our next meeting are Mrs. Olding, Miss B. Stevens, Mrs. H. D. Palliser.

Members of the guild would like to offer to Miss Essie Scott their very deepest sympathy in the sad loss of her sister, Miss Ella Scott. We will miss her greatly. Miss Scott, whose lovely personality and her ever-willing assistance was outstanding in all our work, was one of our most esteemed members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August is observed as Missionary Month in our Sunday School. This year the emphasis is on the islands to our north. Papua and New Guinea and at this time of unrest in those places it is particularly appropriate that we should be telling our children of the tremendous potential of the people of those places. And of course improve their understanding of the completely different circumstances under which they live.

Sunday school work we feel, fairly naturally, is of tremendous importance in balancing the early education of children. Teachers in your Sunday School do a most courageous and selfless work in this field and we are most fortunate in having the staff we do have. But sometimes parents can help a lot too and there are a couple of suggestions we would like to make which will help both the staff and the children.

First of all we start Sunday School at 9.45 a.m. Because time is very limited it becomes essential that we try to use every minute of it. Thus if you can ensure that your children are in the School by 9.40 a.m. each Sunday we can get away to a flying start.

Secondly, to give the children a real sense of initiative, some teachers give them a very small amount of homework to do. You can assist again by seeing that they do this and even helping them and being interested in that work. It's astonishing how well they will respond to this interest.

We thank you for your support in the past and feel sure that with this continuing on, we can be assured of a fine school.

YOUTH WORK

This is the time of annual meetings and annual reports both in the field of Federal and State Government, large and small business houses and thousands of other organisations. In these reports an analysis is made of the activities of the 12 months past and this analysis is made the basis of a more important look into the future. If we apply this system to the

youth work of our parish we could be forgiven I am sure, for feeling both depressed and disheartened. Nothing exciting has happened! Certainly we have had quite good attendances at Youth Breakfast, certainly we had a useful Youth Camp at Kelso, and certainly we have had a couple of interesting socials. But is that enough Perhaps not. Yet, when the annual report is published it will show that the numbers attending Holy Communion at our Church are not decreasing at all. In fact, if we take the general overall picture and examine it we will probably find if anything a slight improvement. This is good. Particularly so, because on any given Sunday it is the young people who form a quite substantial portion of our communicant congregation. Not the majority, but then again they are not in the majority in the Parish. Their general reliability in adhering to the vows they make at Confirmation is both heartening and a lesson to critics of young people today. If all sections of the community responded as well our Church life would gain a tremendous impetus.

Socially the future is not good. Many avenues have been looked at in some degree. Many ideas have been tabled and rejected. Exactly when the organised youth work here will pick up again we cannot really say. But so long as Church attendance is not utterly neglected then hope remains.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTERS

Main Altar

August—

- 1 Mrs. M. Fletcher
- 8 Mrs. D. R. Campbell
- 15 Mrs. T. P. White
- 22 Miss V. Sadler
- 29 Mrs. C. H. Targett

September—

- 5 Mrs. M. M. Easter

Chapel Altar

August—

- 1 Mrs. G. Crawford
- 8 Mrs. P. C. Thompson
- 15 Mrs. D. V. Boyd
- 22 Mrs. L. D. Smith
- 29 Mrs. R. A. Watson

September—

- 5 Mrs. E. Grueber.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th August. It will commence with a short service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m. and afterwards adjourn to the Rectory where Mrs. Carter will present a demonstration of cake decorating. We remind members please to bring gifts for the trading table.

We also, on this occasion, warmly invite members of the afternoon Mothers' Union group to be present.

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HOLY BAPTISM

Helen Maree Cassidy.

BURIALS

Kathleen Edwards, Alice Kathleen Dobson, Constance Sarah Vinay, Sarah Jane Walker, George William Hughes, Ella Eileen Scott, Catherine Shoobridge. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.

ORGAN RECITAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th at 8p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Organist: PHILIP COOPER, B.Mus.(London), F.R.C.O. (C.H.M.), L.R.A.M.

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