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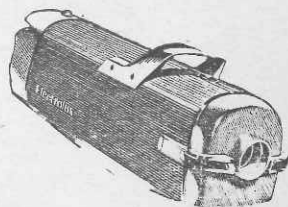
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Christmas Greetings to All Parishioners
from the Clergy and Vestry of
St. John's Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES**FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE**

8 p.m. Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.

CHRISTMAS DAY

6 a.m. Holy Communion.
7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Children's Service.
11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

ST. JOHN'S DAY—26th DECEMBER

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Holy Communion—Broadcast.
7 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND THE AGED

The Rector will be pleased to arrange to administer Christmas Communion to any sick or aged parishioners. Would a relative or friend please contact the Rector.

CHRISTMAS BOWL**WHAT YOUR SHARING WILL DO**

Inter-Church Aid enables churches in other countries to carry out their service and mission programmes. These figures give some idea of the kind of things your sharing achieves.

10/-(\$1) takes a boy or girl from a Middle East refugee camp to a seaside youth hostel for a week-end.

£1 (\$2) brings a cup of milk to a Hong Kong or Indian refugee each day for a year.
£2 (\$4) buys vitamin tablets for an under-nourished family of four for a year.

£3 (\$6) gives a young Malasian or Indonesian three months' training for leadership in his village or town.

£5 (\$10) adds 100 clay bricks to a hospital or school in South Korea or the Philippines.

£10 (\$20) brings a month's medical treatment to a T.B. sufferer anywhere in Asia.

£25 (\$50) starts a revolving fund from which an Asian or African village community can borrow to buy farm tools and equipment.

£50 (\$100) allows a young Asian to spend a year in theological training.

£100 (\$200) brings blankets, tents, drugs and food to five families stricken by disaster—flood, fire, earthquake, storm.

£300 (\$600) sends a trade instructor or teacher to a Pacific or Asian country for a year.

£700 (\$1400) maintains a doctor, nursing sister or social worker in an Asian country for a year.

£1000 (\$2000) provides an underdeveloped village or town in Asia or Africa with a community centre, complete with medical clinic, dispensary and workshop.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

My Christmas Message to you in this Christmas Messenger is to quote a portion of the Christmas Bowl Appeal pamphlet.

..... a time of plenty.

In this country we know Christmas as a time of plenty—plenty to eat, plenty to drink, plenty of money to spend, plenty of gifts to give and receive, plenty of friends, plenty of smiles and laughter.

Christmas itself stands for plenty . . . for God's plenty given to the World through the birth of His Son, Jesus.

That is why we ask you to pause at this time and remember that in our plenty we have more—much more—than most men.

While you eat your Christmas Dinner, 150 people will die because they have insufficient to eat.

We know Christmas Day as one of joy and peace. For millions it will be one of fear and misery . . . fear that there will not be enough to go round. Not enough food. Not enough shelter and clothing. Not enough medicines. Not enough schools. Not enough love.

The Christmas Bowl is our means, as members of Christ's Church, of sharing God's plenty with those in need.

Literature and envelopes are available at Church for this purpose. I do appeal to you to remember the Christmas Bowl Appeal and any offering in an envelope marked "Christmas Bowl" and handed in at Church will be sent on to the Appeal. Last year we sent £250. Can we send £350 this year?

God bless you all in this Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY A. JERRIM, Rector.

HELPING THE YOUNG COMMUNICANT

By The Reverend Rodney Owens

Concluding portion of article from "Home and Family" M.V. magazine.

Plugging the leak

Now plumbing is a specialised trade. It would be a very bold man, even in this "do-it-yourself" age who attempted to carry out any major plumbing without proper training or tools. But in an emergency, most of us would have a go at plugging a leak or renewing a washer.

The Church is concerned with people. That means individuals. So instead of wringing our hands about this "leakage" problem, as though the Church's main tank had burst, couldn't we think of it as a great number of little leaks—individuals—quite capable of being tackled by a "do-it-yourself-er" with a little courage and a washer: someone like YOU?

I repeat, that generally speaking, the youngster—like your own son or daughter—who has communicant parents is no problem. He has active encouragement at home, he is not made to feel anti-social when he gets up "early," and he has someone close to him to walk home with. He does not feel out on a limb. He belongs, right away.

As I write this, I can almost hear someone say that the whole trouble is that services are at the wrong times. There is nothing particularly sacred about 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning, and so on. I could not agree more. Under modern conditions, I think that a time like 9.30 or 10 a.m. is much more realistic. But it is not just a question of time of day. It is a question of encouragement, atmosphere and friendliness. You can blame the clergy for many things, but you cannot blame them fairly for an unfriendly congregation, or rather for a congregation that is not positively and actively friendly to all, including newcomers—and especially teenagers on their own.

Worship in fellowship.

Look with your mind's eye at a typical congregation in an average parish church on an ordinary Sunday at Holy Communion. Try to lose all your preconceived ideas and hallowed associations; in short, try to see it as a youngster newly-confirmed and on his own sees it. Does it honestly paint a picture of Christ's Body in the world corporately performing its highest function—of worship in fellowship? Or does it strike you—otherwise?

I know that individually all those worshippers are probably very nice, good people, who would be horrified at the mere suggestion that they might "put off" one soul. But for too many young people, there is no fellowship, no welcome, no sense of belonging. I know from experience that good youth-leaders can do a tremendous amount to help here.

But if the young people's own parents are not interested or too apathetic to care, too indifferent to bother about encouragement and example, it is up to all Church people to help; it is up to YOU. Why not adopt someone newly-confirmed yourself? Be friendly. Smile—your prayers won't suffer for it! Walk home with him, even if it means going out of your way a bit. Have a chat. Ask him to breakfast sometimes. Plug one leak yourself—BE a washer.

Calendar for December—January.

December

- 5 **Second Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Broadland House School Service. A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 Monday 2.20 p.m. Ladies Bible Society meeting at Paterson St. Methodist Church.
- 7 Tuesday 9.15 a.m. Charles St., School Service. 7 p.m. E.M.U. Progressive Dinner.
- 8 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Guild Dinner. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 9 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 10 Friday 7 a.m. Broadland House Old Girls' Annual Service.
- 11 Saturday 8 p.m. Choir Christmas Party.
- 12 **Third Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Sunday School Festival Service. 7 p.m. Annual Service for Teachers' College Students.
- 14 Tuesday 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. Wives invited.
- 15 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 16 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 19 **Fourth Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 21 Tuesday St. Thomas' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Morning Tea.
- 24 Friday—Christmas Eve. 8 p.m. The Festival Service of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.
- 25 **Christmas Day** See Special List of Services

- 26 **St Stephen's Day** 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Broadcast by A.B.C. 7 p.m. Evensong and Carols.
- 27 St. John's Day 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion
- 29 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 New Year's Eve 11.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

During January all Church organisations will be in recess. Sunday Services will be as usual at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. After the evening service on January 30th there will be a Social Hour to farewell the Reverend T. G. and Mrs. Cowell.

The Reverend T. G. Cowell

Mr. Cowell who has been assistant-curate in this parish for the past three years leaves us at the end of January to take up his appointment as Rector of the Parish of Stanley. A Social Hour will be held after Evensong on Sunday, January 30th, to farewell Mr. and Mrs. Cowell. I hope that as many parishioners as possible will be present on that evening to show our appreciation of Mr. Cowell's ministry in this parish and to express our good wishes for the future.

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary will go into recess until Monday, 14th March 1966. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, Afternoon Tea hostesses will be Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Easter.

The members would like to thank all those people who have attended and assisted at functions held during the year.

The gross takings at the Morning Tea Party was £108/5/-. An amount of £200 has been donated towards the furnishing of the new Nurses' Home at the Hospital.

Button Day will be held early in the New year. Members have offered to sell Buttons and will also conduct a stall for which gifts would be appreciated.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Mrs. L. Maddick was farwelled by the members of the Mothers' Union at the home of Mrs. M. Easter. Mr. and Mrs. Maddick decided to sell their home and move to Melbourne in order to be closer to their son, Reverend A. V. Maddick and his family. We pray that God will bless them in their new home at Frankston.

Mrs. W. H. Verrall a regular attendant at St. John's for many years has moved South to be closer to her family. The Mothers' Union suffered a further loss in the departure of Mrs. Verrall and members entertained her at the home of Mrs. Easter. We look forward to seeing Mrs. Verrall on occasional visits to Launceston.

During the past three years we have grown to appreciate the fine qualities of Miss Dorothy Glover who has been acting organist and choir-master in the absence of Mr. Lindsay O'Neill. As she and Mrs. Glover leave for Melbourne in December and for England in January we do wish them a safe voyage back to the old country. We thank Miss Glover for her services to this parish in the past three years.

The Vestry regrets the loss of one of its members. Mr. E. Duncan has been transferred as headmaster of Lansdowne Crescent School in Hobart. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have been regular attendants at St. John's in recent years. We wish them and Elizabeth every happiness in Hobart. Prior to being a member of the Vestry, Mr. Duncan had been one of the Church auditors.

G.F.S.

The G.F.S. Annual Fair was opened by Miss M. Rooney on Saturday, 6th November in the Kindergarten Hall. It was a very happy and successful function. The sum of £71/5/- was raised for the Church Carpet Fund. We thank all those who helped in various ways. An anonymous donation of 10/- has been received since the Fair and thanks are expressed to the donor.

The final meeting of the G.F.S. for this year will be held at the home of Mrs. L. Vermesy on Tuesday, 7th December at 8 p.m. This will take the form of a social evening.

The above effort of the G.F.S. will complete the repayment to the Vestry which financed the balance of the money to purchase the remainder of the carpet three years ago. The Vestry would like to express their very sincere thanks to the members of the G.F.S., especially to Miss E. Kiddle as Secretary, for the fine effort that they have made in recent years in providing the carpeting for the Church.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

Our Evening Mothers' Union will conclude with a breakup on 7th December. This year members are having a Progressive Dinner which will commence from the Rectory at 7 p.m. Transport will be arranged and members are requested to bring small gifts for the Clarendon Children's Home. Wishing all mothers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our first meeting for 1966 will be on the 15th February.

Congratulations to our President, Mrs Ray Watson, who gave birth to a baby daughter on the night of our November meeting.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will hold their first meeting for 1966 at the Rectory on Thursday, 10th Feb. A service in the Chapel will precede the meeting. Supper Hostesses will be Mrs. White and Mrs. Palliser.

A very successful Morning Tea and Stall was held in the grounds of the Rectory on Saturday, 20th November. The proceeds which amounted to almost £53 will be given to the Hadsden Church to help in the reduction of the debt on that Church. Thank you to all who attended and for gifts and donations.

At the last meeting we donated £50 to the Youth Centre at Kelso.

Members will assist at the Old Folks' Tea which will be held on Thursday, December 9th.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Alter

December—

- 5 Miss M. Bennett
- 12 Mrs. L. R. Page.
- 19 Mrs. M. W. Fletcher
- 24 Flower Guild

Chapel Alter

- 5 Mrs. T. G. Cowell
- 12 Mrs. G. Crawford
- 19 Mrs. G. Thompson

Members for January Duty to be notified.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Jane Elizabeth McDougall, Mark Anthony Nunn, Richard Charles Forrest Wallace, Vanessa Miscamble Wallace, Timothy David Neil, John Charles Thomas Hogan, Wendy Anne Beauchamp, Bruce Lindsay Lockhart.

MARRIAGES

Robert Victor Peisley and Helene Kaye Parish, Paul Harrison and Suzanne Liliás Bernal, Garry Edward Doe and Suzanne Alice Symons, Trevor Wayne Bassett and Shirley Daphne Arnol, Neil James Richardson and Helen Margaret Gadsby, Peter Francis Mawdesley and Julie Yates.

BURIAL

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

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MESSENGER

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