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CLERGY

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PRIMATE'S PRAYER FOR WORLD MISSION

O Eternal God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst establish the family of Thy Church in all the World, breathe upon it anew the reviving and unifying gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, that ever awake to Thy commands it may go forth in lowly service yet in conquering might.

Quicken us we beseech Thee O God, that we may be alive to the opportunities and responsibilities of these times. Save us from complacency and from fear of new ways; unite us with one another; inspire our minds with the vision of Christ Crucified and Glorified, and stir our wills to pray and work that Thy will may be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Bless Thy Church in Australia. May it be a servant of our people and so uplift Thy Christ as the Lord and Saviour of men that all may be drawn in to Thy family through the merits of the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
(Please keep this and use it daily in your own private prayers)

**A SPECIAL SERIES OF SUNDAY EVENING
ADDRESSES**

(Please refer to the Rector's Letter)

7th FEBRUARY—

"AN IRON CURTAIN"

14th FEBRUARY—

"MARKED PEOPLE"

21st FEBRUARY—

"ARE YOU LISTENING"

28th FEBRUARY—

"A HOUSE DIVIDED"

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This year may prove to be a vital year for Australia in different ways. As a nation we are deeply involved in the developments in South-East Asia and how difficult it is to estimate what may happen in the coming months in that sphere. Already the wheels are beginning to turn to introduce a form of National Military Service, or should I say "the marbles in the barrel are beginning to roll". This is concerned with the physical defence of the nation.

In this letter I am not concerned about such aspects of national life, but our life as a Church in Australia in general and within the parish in particular. Last year the Archbishop of Sydney, as Primate of the Church in Australia, appointed a committee to initiate a programme which would involve our Church in the world-wide response to the challenge of the Toronto Anglican Congree. This year will see our involvement in the programme.

During 1964 the foundations for our participation in the Primate's plan were laid within the Diocese and the Parish. Now we are to build on these foundations and for us this can be summed up in the word "outreach". The immediate steps which we will take will be a special course of sermons beginning on February 7th, and continuing on the next three Sunday evenings. Elsewhere in this Messenger details of this course are given.

I appeal to all parishioners to forsake TV on Sunday evenings for the first hour or so and come and join in these services. I know at one time you all participated in a well-filled church for an evening service. What an inspiration it would be and a worthwhile beginning for this year to have such a series of services again. Is there any real reason why this should not be so? Will you come? Will you bring someone else with you? The whole Church in Australia is being asked to undertake this programme—will we be found lacking in our response to the Primate of our Church in Australia? There will be more news about the next step.

The most important visitor to Australia in 1965 will be the Archbishop of Canterbury (the Most Reverend Michael Ramsay). He will be here next month. I want you to keep Friday night, March 26th free, as that evening the Archbishop is to preach in St. John's Church. This service is of course for the whole of the North of Tasmania and it is a great privilege for us to have the Archbishop in Launceston. Again, there will be more details next month.

1965 will be a vital year in the life of our parish church as we participate in the planned activities for this year. The Vestry is to meet in conference for the whole of Sunday afternoon, February 7th, prayerfully to consider our plans for this year. Will you please keep the conference in your prayers.

May God bless you all,
Yours very sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February—

- 7 **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for recently Confirmed. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School resumes. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. Vestry Conference. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 9 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea at The Embassy.
- 10 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting.
- 12 8 p.m. Choir Practice, Women's Guild.
- 14 **Septuagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 16 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 17 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 18 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 19 8 p.m. Ruri Decanal Conference at Scottsdale.
- 20 Sunday School Teachers' Social, Forest Road.
- 21 **Sexagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Civic Service. 3 p.m. Thinking Day Service for Guides. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 **St. Matthias' Day.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 25 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 28 **Quinquagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7 p.m. Evensong.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Although there has been no Sunday School for the past two months it must not be thought that this department has been idle. Thanks to the very great kindness of Mr. F. J. Jones we have been able to build a Sunday School cupboard in the main hall which will meet our needs for storage for a long time. Besides being an acquisition for the School it also adds to the appearance of the Main Hall. A second job

done during the holidays has been the painting of the untidy and unsightly Middle Hall. For years this has needed doing and a working party over the past two weeks has finally completed this quite major task. It looks tremendously different.

Already the Sunday School Teachers in the Senior School have met together to plan the work for your children this year and we can assure you that past standards will be not only maintained but improved and you can be content that your child will receive the best we can give in religious education. Encourage your children by taking a lively interest in their work and by attending our Family Services on the third Sunday in each month. The first is on 21st February at 9.45 a.m.

One of our real needs in the Senior School is for a person prepared to be the Superintendent. In the past, and at present, the Assistant-Curate has filled this position but as they stay only for about three years it means there is continual change. If any person in the Parish feels they could cope with this task, which does not involve actual teaching, their assistance would be most welcome.

Teachers are needed for the Kindergarten Section and again any help you can give would be appreciated.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

February—

- 7 Mrs. M. Fletcher
14 Mrs. M. Campbell
21 Misses Scott
28 Miss V. Sadler

March—LENT, NO FLOWERS.

Chapel Altar

February—

- 7 Mrs. G. Crawford
14 Mrs. G. W. Thompson
21 Mrs. H. A. Jerrim
28 Mrs. D. V. Boyd

March—LENT, NO FLOWERS.

YOUTH WORK

By now most of you will have become used to the idea that school is on again or in some cases that school was terrific, now that you have started a career. I hope that all your expectations were more than realised when exam results were posted in the various categories, and to those disappointed ones, well, there is really little we can say except "Bad luck, and try again."

This year, as the Rector's letter tells you, promises to be a busy and profitable one in the life of our parish. We hope that at many of our meetings young people will not only be present but will take an active part. The problems facing the Church today are being solved because of the need to provide some sound basis for youth as they move from activity to activity in the world. If there were no people coming on in the world probably many problems could stay problems but it is the realisation that these troubles must be overcome for the sake of a new generation that they are tackled and defeated. We intend to tackle a few in our own Diocese and parish this year.

Communion Breakfasts will start our particular activity this year on 21st February following the 8.00 a.m. Service. But don't forget the Corporate Communion on 7th February. This also is specially emphatic of the role of youth in our Church.

In the past we have had some good Socials, but we have also had some very poorly attended ones. Now, what about giving us some idea of your feelings about these functions. Let myself or Mr. Cowell know just what your reaction has been to the various functions we have held. Perhaps with this information we can more adequately plan the type of function which you feel serves the purpose you need to be served. On the other hand, if we get no response to our appeal for ideas we tend to assume that you have no real need for these Socials. Can you then help us to plan our activities?

We wish all those who begin either Schools Board or Matriculation this year all the best and those starting careers we wish them well also.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The first meeting for the year of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 16th February at 8.00 p.m. The evening will commence with a service in the chapel and afterwards at the Rectory.

We look forward to a good attendance and prospective members will be made most welcome.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of St. John's Women's Guild will meet at the Rectory on Thursday, 11th February. The Meeting will be preceded by a Service in the Chapel commencing at 7.45 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Members are reminded that the Annual Button Day and Street Stall will be held on Friday, 19th February. Proceeds are for the Nurses' Home Extension Fund.

Gifts of goods for the stall would be greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary members will meet at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove, on Monday, 8th March, at 2.45 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE BOWL APPEAL

The response at Christmas time to this appeal was once again most gratifying. At this stage approximately £244 has been given which exceeds the amount given last year. It is most reassuring to know that the parishioners of St. John's have so practically responded to the needs of the peoples of the world whose circumstances are not as fortunate as our own. Thank you all very much.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND TEA

At the final meeting for last year, at which wives of members were present, Mr. Noel Dicker presented a sketch acted by several of our group which together with the Rector's message provided a most entertaining finale to a year's meetings.

These will resume again on Tuesday the 9th February, at The Embassy at 6.00 p.m. The success or otherwise of our gatherings depends almost entirely upon the response of the menfolk of our Parish. Those who attend regularly get a great deal of enjoyment out of their attendance and we urge all those who can spare the hour and a half at that time to join us each month on the second Tuesday, for a meal, which costs 6/- and to hear a great variety of speakers.

Notices of reminder are sent out each month and if you would like to receive a notice please let us know and your name will be added to the list.

MOTHERS' UNION

The members of Mothers' Union will hold their first meeting for 1965 on Thursday, 25th February, commencing with a Service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

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BURIALS

Walter Edwin Ralph, Clara Fisher Jones, Herbert Trickett Farrar, Jessie Violet Harriet Calver, Frederick Webb, Nancy Jean Longbottom, Kenneth Leander Mansfield. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.