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Organist: Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. Phone 2 4988

Special Services in May

May 2—

7 p.m.—Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Wesley Culshaw, M.A., B.D.,
B.F.B.S., Translation Secretary for Australia and the Pacific.

May 9—

11 a.m.—Matins. Preacher: The Rector. Members of the Honorary
Justices' Association to attend.

May 16—

7 p.m.—Florence Nightingale Service. Members of Nursing Profession
to attend. Preacher: The Rev. Guy Harrison, M.A.

May 23—

7 p.m.—Evensong. Members of Lodge Heather to attend. Preacher:
The Rev. M. R. Stanton, St. George's.

May 30—

7 p.m.—Presentation of Masfield's "Good Friday" as an Act of
Worship.**FILM EVENING**

IN ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN HALL

8 P.M., MONDAY, 17th MAY

The films and commentary will be given by Mr. Roy Smith

PROCEEDS FOR ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter within the Octave of the Festival of Easter, and so far as the Church's Year is concerned the Season of Easter continues almost until the end of May, Ascension Day falling this year on Thursday, 27th May. Easter's great triumphal message is sounded in the words "Christ is risen from the Dead", 1 Corinthians 15.20. On Easter Day this truth was proclaimed from the Altar, the Pulpit, the Lectern and the Prayer Desk in sermons, readings and prayers. There can be no satisfying Gospel without the Resurrection. This contention is supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. A. M. Ramsey) in a little book called "The Resurrection of Christ", the author speaking of the disciples' belief wrote,

"For them the Gospel without the Resurrection was not merely a Gospel without its final chapter, it was not a Gospel at all."

What a wonderful occasion the Festival is and could be even more moving if it was not associated with a holiday season which sees a great exodus from our cities. It is unfortunate in a sense that the great religious festivals have become greater holiday periods. At the time when the whole Church should be gathered as the Church in a great act of worship and thanksgiving, many of its members are scattered. It seems to me a pity we cannot discover some way to organise a long weekend holiday and allow Easter itself to be purely a religious festival.

So we sound this joyful note not only at this time, but every Sunday, for each Sunday is in reality a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, for it was on the first day of the week that Jesus rose from the dead. This has been the basis of the Christian Church's observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, as a Day of Worship, a Day of Rest and a Day of Recreation.

During the month of May many special services will be held for various reasons. Different groups of people will be coming to the Church to join in an act of worship and in this way to acknowledge our Lord as the Lord of all life. No worthy sphere of life is beyond the concern of our heavenly Father. We are glad to welcome these groups and I hope that our regular congregation will help to extend a warm welcome by joining in these services.

As winter draws near, sickness becomes more prevalent. To all who are laid aside at this time we pray that you may have a speedy recovery and be able to join with us in regular worship.

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

MAY CALENDAR

May—

- 2 **Second Sunday after Easter — Harvest Festival.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion of those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving. A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Wesley Culshaw, B.F.B.S. Translation Secretary for Australia and the Pacific.
- 4 Tuesday, 5 p.m. Bankers' Service. 8 p.m. G.F.S. Annual Meeting.
- 5 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A. 7.30 p.m. S.S. Teachers' Meeting.
- 6 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 9 **Third Sunday after Easter.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. The Honorary Justices' Association to attend. 7 p.m. Evensong. Social Hour after the Service.
- 10 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. 8 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference, St. John's Kindergarten Hall. The Bishop will attend and speak.
- 11 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 12 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 13 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. Women's Guild.
- 16 **Fourth Sunday after Easter.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Florence Nightingale Service.
- 17 Monday, 8 p.m. Film Evening given by Mr. Roy Smith in aid of St. Luke's Hospital.
- 18 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 19 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 20 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 23 **Rogation Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. Members of Lodge Heather to attend.
- 26 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Thursday—**Ascension Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

30 **Sunday after Ascension.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. The Presentation of Masefield's "Good Friday" as an Act of Worship.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE

On Monday evening, 10th May, we are to have a Ruri-Decanal Conference in St. John's Kindergarten Hall at 8 p.m. The Bishop of the Diocese will be present for the first time at such a function in Launceston. All members of the Vestry and officers of the church organisations are expected to attend the conference. I hope that many other parishioners will accept my invitation to attend. This should be a most interesting meeting. We will have supper at the close of the Conference and I would hope that members of this parish bring a plate of supper to help entertain those who will be visiting from other parishes. Our Rural Deanery now extends as far as Ringarooma and Derby in the North-East, also down the Tamar to Beaconsfield and George Town.

PARISH ACTION

During Lent a group of parishioners met each Tuesday evening in the Kindergarten Hall for a series of Parish meetings with the overall title of "Parish Action". There was an average attendance of almost thirty at these meetings which were found to be most helpful. Similar gatherings have been held in many parishes throughout Australia in the past few weeks and a continuing programme is planned to extend the real influence of the Church in our midst.

I plan, within the next few weeks, to announce the next steps so far as our parish is concerned. We are conscious that the Church is failing, and that means ourselves, not some vague organisation which we call the Church, in its outreach among those who call themselves Church of England. The above group which met in Lent has made suggestions of activities and these are being considered for implementation.

Look for further announcements

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to this paper help to defray printing, postage and distribution costs of The Parish Messenger together with The Church News. These are sent to all parishioners. Donations may be given to the clergy or one of the Church Wardens.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. F. Cox 10/-, Mrs. J. Cunningham £1, Mrs. Hogarth £1, Mr. and Mrs. A. Maddick £1, Mrs. N. Hooper £1.

YOUTH NOTES AND NEWS

Easter time brought back to St. John's quite a number of those who have gone to University in Hobart. We were very pleased to see them at the various services on Easter Day. Vacation is not far away so we hope to have them back with us then for a few Sundays. When you are away for a while then return home it is remarkable how much your parish church means to you. It has always been noticed that young people consistently present themselves at Communion Services on their brief stays back home.

As mentioned in the last Paper, a Youth Camp is planned for Kelso on the June long weekend, 11th-14th. Notices about this will be sent out next week and acceptances will be received until the 28th May. This promises to be a good weekend and we are most hopeful that a full house sign can be put up down at the centre on that weekend.

Communion Breakfast in May will be on Sunday, the 16th. This is during School holidays, but we nevertheless hope to have a good attendance at the Service and breakfast afterwards.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th May. It will commence with a chapel service at 8.00 p.m. and continue afterwards at the Rectory. Our Annual Meeting was held on 20th April and the following Office-bearers were elected: Assisting Enrolling Member: Mrs. R. A. Watson; Vice-President: Mrs. N. Dicker; Secretary: Mrs. D. Deavin; Treasurer: Mrs. T. G. Cowell.

B.C.A. BOXES

Holders of the Bush Church Aid Society Mission Boxes are reminded that these are now due to be returned to be opened for this quarter. Miss Celia Pennicott, the Box Secretary would be pleased if you could let her have your box or leave it at St. John's. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Members of Mothers' Union will hold their next meeting on Thursday, 27th May, at 2.15 p.m.

A Musical Market will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 10th June. Sale of Goods will be at 2.15 p.m. and a musical programme at 2.45 p.m.

The proceeds of this market will go to the Clarendon Children's Homes.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of St. John's Women's Guild and their friends met at the Launceston Gas Company Showrooms for their April meeting. A cooking demonstration given by Mrs. Neilson was thoroughly enjoyed.

The sum of £12 was raised and this will go to the curtain fund.

A small gift was given to Mrs. Leonard (who is leaving this month for a holiday abroad). Members will meet again on 13th May at 7.45 p.m. at Mrs. H. D. Palliser's home, 3 Wyett Street. Guest speaker is Mrs. N. Walsh. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Watson, Mitchell, Palliser.

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

Members of the Auxiliaries to St. Luke's Hospital will hold an Evening in the Kindergarten Room on Monday, 17th May, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Proceeds are for the Nurses' Home Extension Fund.

Slides will be shown by Mr. Roy Smith. An "Auction of Mystery Parcels" and a "White Elephant Stall" will be held. Supper donation 5/-. A cordial invitation to all interested.

Auxiliary members will meet on Monday, 10th May, at Mrs. Holyman's home at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Dodery and Miss Green.

FLOWER ROSTER

Main Altar

May—

- 2 Mrs. M. M. Easther.
9 Mrs. R. H. Watson
16 Miss Bennett
23 Mrs. L. R. Page
30 Mrs. M. Fletcher

Chapel Altar

May—

- 2 Mrs. R. A. Watson
9 Mrs. D. Grueber
16 Mrs. D. McMahan
23 Mrs. T. G. Cowell
30 Mrs. Crawford

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Quite a number of people commented favourably on our Palm Sunday Service. The Church was comfortably filled on the occasion and the attendance of school children was particularly pleasing. At the Service they returned their Lenten Missionary Boxes and once again a most helpful sum of money can be forwarded to the Missionary work of the Church.

Now we are to concentrate on the Hong Kong appeal. As mentioned in the last Messenger we are having a Market Day similar to last year. Within the next few weeks notices will be sent to all parents about this and we look forward to your help.

HOLY BAPTISM

Andrew John Price, Scott Andrew Bennett, Susan Maree Pilgrim.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Graeme Wayne Springer and Janice Lynette Hinds, Philip Douglas Fry and Lynette Mary Olding, Henry John Jeffries and Lauren Newton, Alan James Hardman and Carolyn Anne Rowell, Victor Ernest Park and Newelynn Beverly Boyd, Geoffrey John Whitton and Jane Elizabeth White, Ernest Raymond Mitchell and Sheila Joan Jackson, Glenn Alwyn Jones and Barbara Eunice Richardson.

BURIALS

George Dalzell, Joyce Lucy Shepherd, James Aubrey Weedon, Gay Titmus.

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