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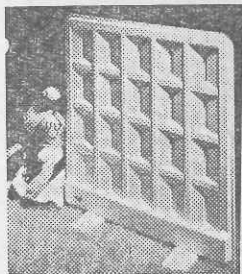
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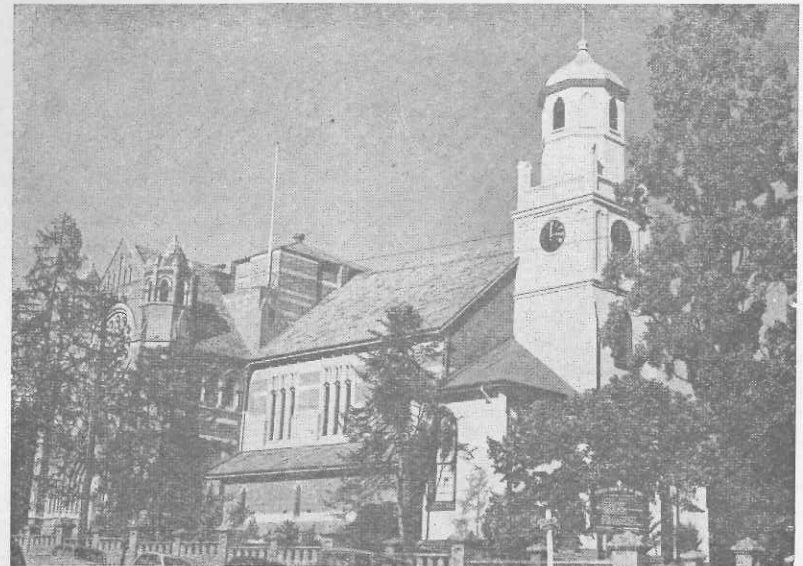
OCTOBER, 1965

CLERGY

Rector: Canon H. A. Jerrim, Th.L., C.F. Phone 2 3186.

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,

The Parish Canvass is now in progress and I pray that with your co-operation it will be successful. St. John's has a big task in the community and the Diocese. The brochure which you received tells of its role in the past, the work today and what this Church may do in the future. How well the parish responds to today's opportunities depends upon the response which parishioners make at this time. I hope you will welcome your counsellor when he calls upon you. So far as the immediate canvass is concerned, the prime concern is on the financial side in order that the Vestry may meet its commitments. But we are more concerned to see you in Church taking part in the worship of the Church, Sunday by Sunday, and making your offering as part of that worship.

During September, the Diocesan Synod was held here and there were many reminders of the needs of the work of the Church throughout Tasmania and beyond our borders. Bishop Geoffrey Sambell, Director of the Primate's Committee for M.R.I., came over to preach at the Synod Eucharist. Vividly he told us of the needs of the Church in various parts of Australia and outside our continent. I am quite sure that everyone in St. John's Church had a guilty conscience for the way in which we have failed the Overseas Church or of the manner in which we have spent most of the income of the Church on the work of the Church in our midst.

In the brochure you will see a list of some of the work being done in Tasmania by the Church. In your contribution to the parish, you are supporting these projects, as the Vestry makes allocations to each of these projects. This includes the all-important task of the Church among children who come from homes which have been the scene of some domestic tragedy.

Mr. Graeme Morgan of Devonport spoke at the Missionary Breakfast about the needs of the Church Overseas, especially in the Pacific. Mr. Morgan has just returned, on account of ill-health, from four years of service in the Diocese of Melanesia and gave news of the urgent requirements of the Church in that area. What ever is true of the Church in the Pacific is true of the Church in Africa and Asia. We have a responsibility to help the Church in these lands with the resources which we have; to help them to meet the demands of the new world which is developing for them.

These few facts remind us that the Church at home must be ready to assist the younger Churches to meet the needs of today. We will be ready, if you will help us to be ready.

Sincerely yours,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- October—
- 3 **Trinity XVI.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong and Preparation for Confirmation.
- 5 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. 8 p.m. Kelso Committee Meeting.
- 6 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 7 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 10 **Trinity XVII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins—Broadcast by the A.B.C. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary. 8 p.m. Confirmation Service.
- 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 16 Saturday: Sunday School Teachers' Conference at St. Oswald's Hall.
- 17 **Trinity XVIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. First Communion of the newly confirmed and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. Scout and Guide Parade. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 18 Monday, St. Luke's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 20 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 Thursday, 10 a.m. Morning tea and stalls at Mrs. Holyman's, in aid of St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 24 **Trinity XIX. Thanksgiving Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 3 p.m. Children's Festival for Launceston. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 26 Tuesday, 8 p.m. L.C.C. Meeting at Christ Church Congregational.
- 27 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Thursday—St. Simon and St. Jude. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 31 **Trinity XX.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Holy Communion.
- November—
- 1 Monday—All Saints' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

LIFE—TO SAVE AND TO SPEND

Has there ever been a time when people were so pre-occupied with spending? Certainly, for the average Australian life has become one long challenge to spend; to buy a new automatic washing machine, a more powerful car, better clothes, finer home, smoother soap, tastier soup.

But money is not the only item we are asked to spend. We are constantly bombarded with suggestions as to how we should spend our time. Should we play more and work less? Should we spend our spare time at home with our family, or improving our education, or relaxing on the beach or at the golf club?

In this world where spending has become such a vital issue, the Christian Church is often considered to have no part. It is thought to be concerned with "saving men", rather than spending life.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth. No man can be "saved" unless the way in which he spends his life is affected.

Life to spend—this is the central theme of the Church and Life Movement, an ambitious and exciting ecumenical programme arranged by the Australian Council of Churches in co-operation with Christian education departments.

Every moment we spend a little of the life we have been given. We cannot save it up. Life must be spent. And we must choose how we spend it.

This is a major issue for all men, not only Christians, and it involves every area of life.

The Church and Life Movement focuses on vital points that dictate how we spend our lives in Australia today; on the sort of communities we build, the way we handle our wealth, individually and collectively; our reactions to failure and success, in ourselves and in others; our reactions to pressures to conform; our attitudes to other people.

Through free and frank discussion and study of these and similar issues, the Church and Life Movement offers all Australians an opportunity to find where they are heading and why. Through it we can find ways of playing a more vital part in shaping the Australia of tomorrow.

CONFIRMATION 1965

The Bishop of the Diocese will be present with us on MONDAY, 11th October, to administer Confirmation in St. John's Church at 8 p.m. Candidates from the parish, Broadland House School boarders and Scotch College boarders will be confirmed on that occasion. I do hope that many members of the Parish will be present on that evening, both to welcome the newly confirmed into the life of the Church and the Bishop, on this his official visit to our Parish.

On the following Sunday morning those confirmed at this service will receive their First Communion at the 8 a.m. service. This will be followed by a Communion Breakfast to which all are invited. Such occasions are important steps not only to the individual candidates but to the whole parish.

**24th OCTOBER
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
FOR THE PARISH CANVASS**

8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Matins
7 p.m. Evensong.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL 1965

The Dedication Festival will be observed on Sunday, 7th November, this year. Details will be announced later. This Sunday will also mark the commencement of the new envelopes for use as a result of the Parish Canvass.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A very successful buffet luncheon and card afternoon was held on Friday, 17th September. Members and their friends met at Mrs. Holyman's home for lunch.

Card tables were arranged during the afternoon at the homes of Mesdames Strickland, Roy, Good, Andrew and the home of Mrs. Bennett and Miss Henry.

Proceeds from the luncheon and stall amounted to £68.8.7 which will go towards furnishings at the new Nurses' Home.

Arrangements were made for the Morning Tea Party to be held at Mrs. V. C. Holyman's home, 8 Riverdale Grove, on Thursday, 21st October.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the hospital on Thursday, 21st October at 7.45 p.m. Mesdames H. D. Palliser and Mrs. Scott were appointed delegates to the Meeting.

The Auxiliary will meet again on Monday, 11th October, in the Kindergarten Room.

Afternoon Tea Hostesses: Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick and Mrs. C. Targett.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of the Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick, 1a Clementina St., on Thursday evening, 14th October. Supper hostesses will be Mrs. L. Mitchell, Mrs. Kerrison and Mrs. Palliser.

Members offered to act as hostesses during the Parish Canvass and at the Parish Dinner in the Hall on Thursday, 30th September at 6.30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. T. P. White, advised members that the curtains for the Parish Hall had all been made up and hung. Several functions have been arranged during the year to make this possible.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 19th October, commencing with a short service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. Afterwards adjourning to the Rectory.

We hope to have a demonstration of painting flowers, etc. on nylon fibre (this should prove rather interesting). Members are requested to please remember goods for trading table.

M.M.A.

In August, we packed the usual Christmas tea-chests for Groote Eyslandt and Roper River; culminating another successful year of conscientious work by the ladies of our Auxiliary. A large parcel was also prepared for Miss May Dobson in Kenya.

We would like to appeal for donations of wool for afghans and woollen garments, odd skeins and mixed colours are very acceptable, and we would be grateful if these donations could be sent to us very soon, as there is at present no wool left.

Our final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, 3rd November.

At all times we welcome new members.

ASSISTANT CURATE

As announced in the last issue of Church News, on the nomination of the Patronage Council, the Revd. T. G. Cowell, has been appointed by the Bishop to be the Rector of the Parish of Stanley. The appointment will take place as from 1st February, 1966. Parishioners of St. John's will be sorry to hear that Mr. Cowell is leaving us, but we are sure that he will be able and most capably carry out the duties of Rector of his first Parish, and we would extend our best wishes to him and his wife as they prepare to commence this new work.

MOTHERS' UNION

In place of our usual Mothers' Union Service in the Chapel on Thursday, 28th October, we will entertain patients of the Evangelical Nursing Association and the Blind Institute at a Musical Tea Party in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m.

There will be a Corporate Communion Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, 13th October, at 10.30 a.m.

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 Church Wardens. The following are gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. L. Dineen 10/-, Mrs. Crosby £1, Mrs. M. Scott 10/-, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stevens £1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Naturally during the school holidays the attendance at Sunday School goes down, but it was encouraging to see at our first Family Service for the Third Term an extremely good congregation. We are hopeful this foreshadows many more children at school over these next weeks, as they will be rehearsing for a Sunday School Children's Festival Service, to be held at St. John's on Sunday afternoon, 24th October. This will be the first such in the North and we are looking forward to a great gathering of children from all northern parishes.

Our own festival will be on 12th December, and will be the main service on that day.

Teachers of our school will be attending a Conference in a few weeks time at which more instruction will be given them in the art of teaching. This should be of real advantage to your children.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

- October—
- 3 Mrs. Fletcher
10 Mrs. K. Robinson
17 Mrs. D. R. Campbell
24 Miss E. Scott
31 Mrs. H. A. Jerrim
- November—
- 7 Miss V. Sadler

Chapel Altar

- October—
- 3 Mrs. Crawford
10 Mrs. G. Thompson
17 Mrs. H. A. Jerrim
24 Mrs. D. V. Boyd
- November—
- 7 Mrs. L. Smith

YOUTH NOTES

There are two very important dates in October which all parishioners should note but young people in particular.

On the 11th, which is a Monday, the Bishop will administer the rite of Confirmation to about 50 young people of our parish. Recalling your own Confirmation this may be an opportunity for you to show these newcomers the welcome as full Church members which you were shown.

The following Sunday, the 17th October, these newly confirmed persons will make their first Communion. This also is an important and far-reaching occasion, and once again we all should be there to see them joining with us in this act of Christian fellowship. The Communion will be followed by a breakfast in the Parish Hall to which all members of the congregation will be invited. We hope you will be there.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Gina Maree Kinnane, Lyndon Charles Dakin, Dianne Margaret Butterworth, Roger Donal Gill, Carolyn Ann Dennis, Lee-Arne Maree Stafford, John Thomas Stone.

MARRIAGES

Ronald Leslie Richards and Valma Rubenia Woodfield, William John Hart and Josephine Anne Cahil, David John Stone and Beverley Margaret Barker, Wayne Robert Mills and Valerie June Hill, Stuart William Sampson and Valerie Patricia Fleming, Kenneth Brian Dean and Carol Ann Badcock, James Robert Roderick Boag and Susan Jane Austin, Manfred Etges and Jennifer Elizabeth Brown.

BURIALS

Mary Ethel Rust, Margaret Alice Jeffries, Rosetta Peck.

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