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Assistant Curate: The Rev. A. Chipman, Th.L. Phone 2 4920.

Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.

THE RECTOR'S PASTORAL REPORT

30th JUNE, 1966

My Dear Friends,

It is with much pleasure and a sense of gratitude to Almighty God that I present this pastoral report of St. John's Parish for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1966.

Most of this Report will be concerned with the activities of our Parish Church, with the things which happen here and around St. John's. I would like for a few moments to turn your thoughts to an appreciation and a realisation that there are avenues of interpretation of the role of the Church, than that with which this Report indicates. The following significant question was asked by Hans Westerman, Deputy Director of Town Planning, National Capital Development Commission, in an address entitled "The Meaning of the Modern City", at a seminar in Canberra in January.

"Can it be that the Church's pre-occupation with the buildings, its internal organisation and with the believers inside its walls is a reason for the lack of influence of the Church today?"

As I look at this question, I see that the thinking and time of the Vestry are spent in the main in this way, propping up the existing structure, as it is sometimes expressed. I do not think it would be very wide of the mark to suggest that this describes the situation from the point of view of the individual parishioner. It is reflected in our financial expenditure, in a total sum of \$18,000, almost \$14,000 is spent on parochial needs.

There is a ferment in the thinking of many at the present time about the role of the Church in today's world. We cannot ignore the implications of all this thought, especially when we observe that the Church, generally speaking, is maintaining a kind of status quo. We do not appear to be making any significant move forward. We have therefore to examine our parochial life in terms of today's questions and answers concerning the role of the Church in the 1960's. We must remember that the Church is not something up there in St. John St., or those peculiar people who wear their collars in reverse. The Church is to be found in Christian men and women moving about in the community—gathered for worship on Sunday and scattered for service from Monday to Saturday.

I would like to add this quote to this part of my report and again I give you some thoughts from Hans Westerman's lecture:—

"The secular man is not looking for an organisation but for someone who can help him in finding meaning in his life, someone who will understand his needs. The Church, therefore, has to be where the secular man is—on the football field, in the factory, in the office. And it should not be there as a moralist or evangelist but as a mate. We do not have to talk God or Jesus Christ. Our own Christian beliefs, truly lived, not only alter our own lives positively, but also affect other people's lives. It is a leavening influence we cannot measure. Thus, the most profound influence on city life is, paradoxically, still being made by the little contribution each individual Christian life can make."

Thus, the real influence of the Christian Church is exercised by the witness and quality of life shown by the men and the women who occupy the pew for sixty minutes on Sunday, but for the remainder of the week is at home, out at work or pursuing a leisure time activity. When we "gather together" for worship, the quality of our lives should be strengthened. In addition we need to supplement our worship by Bible reading and prayer, as these are avenues by which God's grace enters our lives. Chief Adebó, Permanent Representative to the Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations, said in an interview: "Great responsibility is placed upon Christians in making this a better world. It was the responsibility of Christians to live as we preach, by showing the brotherhood of Christ Jesus to all peoples regardless of tribe, nationality or colour."

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

7.30 P.M.

**Royal School of Church Music
Choir Festival**

Preacher: THE REV'D H. PICKUP, M.A.

Saturday Next, 6th August, 1966

We can heed these words and apply them in our own situation.

In the light of these statements, the following figures demonstrate some aspects of the life of the Church when gathered together —

No. of Sunday Services	171
No. of Services on other days	157
Celebrations of Holy Communion	210
Communions made	9168
Baptisms	106
Confirmees	54
Marriages	82
Burials	44

Evensong continues to be a problem from many points of view. The attendances are poor — why?

- Are people disinterested?
- Is TV the cause or excuse?
- Is the service boring?
- Is it too long?
- Is it irrelevant?

WHY?

Can someone give the answer?

[Here followed detailed reports of organisational life.]

In this survey of the life of the parish, let us not ignore the personal lives of parishioners. Statistics must not be looked at merely as a series of numbers, because they represent people. Many of the people concerned have been facing crises in their lives and because of these have turned to the Church for her ministrations. There have been occasions of joy and gladness, of anxiety and worry, of sorrow and bereavement. As members of the family of St. John's Parish, we share the joy of the joyous and the sorrow of the sad. Especially to those who have had prolonged illness or who have been bereaved do we extend our sympathy and pray that they may receive God's comfort.

In conclusion I would like to express a word of thanks to all who have assisted in the work of the parish in the past year. The Rev'd Trevor Cowell and the Rev'd Alf Chipman who have assisted as clergy, to Miss Dorothy Glover and Mr. Lindsay O'Neill as Organist-Choirmasters, Mr. Geoff Wise as Verger, to the Church Wardens and Vestrymen, particularly Mr. V. J. Sheldrick and Mr. R. J. Roberts, Secretary and Treasurer of the Vestry respectively, and to the sidesmen. To the ladies of the Women's Guild, the Flower Roster, the ladies who assist with typing week by week, and to all who have helped in the work of the Church. To one and all, "Thank you."

May God bless this parish in the year that is ahead.

HENRY A. JERRIM,

Rector.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

August—	15	Monday, 2.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of Hospital Auxiliary in Kindergarten Hall.
3 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.	16	Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
4 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	17	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 Saturday, Feast of the Transfiguration. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. R.S.C.M. Choir Festival.	18	Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
7 9th Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.	19	Friday, 8 p.m. End of Term Social.
10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.	21	11th Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
11 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. Leonard, 2 High Street. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	24	Wednesday, St. Bartholomew's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
14 10th Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Broadland House Primary School Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.	25	Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
	28	12th Sunday after Trinity 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
	31	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Leonard, 2 High Street, on Thursday, 11th August, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mesdames Targett, Good and Mitchell. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Radford. Parcels of knitting for Roland Boys' Home were received from Miss E. Scott and Mrs. T. White. Menus were prepared for the Parish Tea and Choir Festival Tea. Members will prepare and cook dishes, hot dishes—make sweets, sandwiches, etc., and also assist with serving.

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

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday, 15th August, at 2.45 p.m. The retiring officers are President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman; Secretary, Mrs. H. D. Palliser; Treasurer, Mr. F. Jones; Vice-presidents Mrs. G. C. Dodery and Mrs. A. H. Roake; Committee, Mesdames V. J. Sheldrick, V. H. Good, and Miss M. Bennett.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 16th August, at 8.30 p.m. in the Rectory. There will be a service in the Chapel prior to the meeting at 8 p.m.

We are having as our guest speaker, Mr. Murray from St. Giles' Home who will give us some information about "The Sheltered Workshop". Members are invited to attend and also any new mothers who would like to join us for these friendly evenings. Supper hostesses are Mesdames Wheeldon and Radford.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help to defray the costs of printing, postage and distribution, together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the clergy or Church Wardens.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: K. H., Mrs. Hynd, Mrs. Wilson, Miss V. Andrews, Mr. A. G. Greuber, Mr. J. Ridley \$1 each, Mrs. J. Whitney \$2, Miss D. Lockwood, \$1. Incorrectly acknowledged last month, Miss H. Miller, \$1.50. Thank you.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 25th August, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m., which will be followed by the meeting in the

Kindergarten Hall. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Dorothy Wise whose subject will be "Diet".

Members are rostered to supply afternoon, tea, etc., flowers for the tables and entertainment for the aged at the Rest Room at Paterson Street Methodist Church Hall on Thursday, 4th August. The musical programme is being arranged by Mrs. G. Radford.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1966-1967

Rector's Warden: Mr. M. M. Easther.
People's Wardens: Mr. F. J. Jones and Mr. L. Denham.

Rector's Vestrymen: Mr. R. J. Roberts, Mr. V. J. Sheldrick and Mr. D. Gill.

People's Vestrymen: Mr. T. P. White, Mr. A. J. Green, Mr. L. Mitchell, Mr. N. Dicker, Mr. D. Jones and Mr. B. Easther.

THE YOUTH DIARY

SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST —

7.30 p.m. Choir Festival and Meandering Supper.

SUNDAY, 7th AUGUST —

8 a.m. Holy Communion. All those who have been confirmed in the past 5 years are asked to attend.

SATURDAY, 13th AUGUST —

Games Evening.

FRIDAY, 19th AUGUST —

"End-of-Term" Social. Members are invited to bring a friend.

SUNDAY, 21st AUGUST —

8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast.

16th-18th SEPTEMBER —

Youth Camp at Kelso.

CHURCH MEN'S RALLY

ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN HALL,

SUNDAY, 14th AUGUST, at 2.30 p.m.

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