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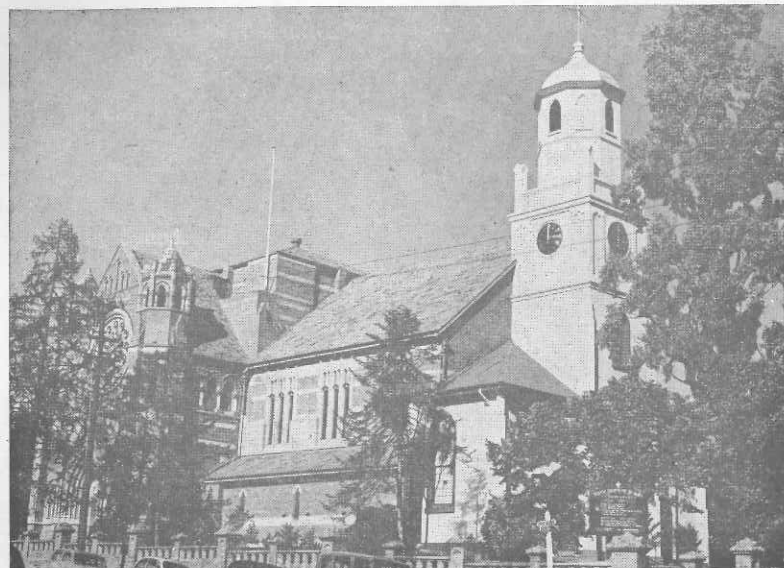
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Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.



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Annual
Fair

SATURDAY, 12th NOVEMBER

To be opened at 2.45 p.m.

St. John's Kindergarten Hall

USUAL STALLS

Afternoon Tea

ST. CECILIA'S DAY FESTIVAL

Organ

Recital

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Tuesday, 22nd November,

8.15 p.m.

Organist:

Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.)

A.R.C.M.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Sometimes when people come to see me, they apologise because they feel that they are taking up the time of a busy person. My answer is, "Don't apologise." As Rector of the parish a very important part of my work is to be available to counsel and advise people in whatever way it is possible for me to do so. No Rector is too busy to undertake this work. This kind of ministry must take priority over many other activities.

I am only too anxious to be available for counselling, advice or help for any parishioner. It is sometimes better to give me a ring and find out the best time, so that you don't arrive a few minutes before some other engagement or appointment. The simple request at Church or over the phone, "Rector, could you pop in and see me sometime?" will suffice and I will come and see you. After all when we need the doctor's advice, we call or go and see him.

Many people are carrying burdens which could be lightened by sharing them with someone else. Maybe no one else can do much to help, but it is amazing how often the burden is relieved when we have been able to discuss it with another person. A clergyman is one who can listen and discuss a matter with you in complete confidence. I always make a point of telling all confirmation candidates during their course of instruction, that no matter where they may be, they will be within range of an Anglican minister, and if they have a worry, go and share it with him. This I believe, is one of the important functions of the Rector of a parish.

More important still, we must share our burdens in prayer with our heavenly Father. I would remind you of the words which we hear every time the Holy Communion is celebrated, "Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." St. Matthew 11.28.

May God bless you all,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

November—

- 6 **Trinity XXII.** 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.
- 8 Tuesday, 8 p.m. L.C.C. Meeting at Margaret St. Methodist Hall.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. Good, 5 Riverdale Grove.
- 12 Saturday, 2.30 p.m. G.F.S. Fair—Kindergarten Hall.
- 13 **Trinity XXIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday, 2.45 Hospital Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Holyman.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, Mothers' Union Festival at St. Aidan's. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 20 **Trinity XXIV.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Matins—Preacher: The Rev. H. Butterley. A.B.C. Broadcast. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 22 Tuesday, 8.15 a.m. Organ Recital—Lindsay O'Neill.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Thursday, 2 p.m. Mothers' Union Mystery Outing. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 27 **Advent Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 30 Wednesday, **St. Andrew's Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

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

Members of the Auxiliary will meet again on Monday, 14th November, at Mrs. V. C. Holyman's home, Riverdale Grove. This will be the last meeting for the year.

Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Roake.

A very successful morning tea party was held at Mrs. Holyman's home on Thursday, 13th October. The final result was \$259.61 and this was most gratifying.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Mrs. V. Good's home, 5 Riverdale Grove, on Thursday, 10th November, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses: Mrs. Good, Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Record. Knitting for Roland Boys' Home was received from Mrs. Morrah and Miss Scott.

Members decided to donate \$100 to the Vestry for the purchase of chairs for the Kindergarten Room.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on the 15th November, this will be the last meeting for the year. We would like all members to be present and any new mothers who would like to join us for our delightful evenings. We will be pleased to have as our guest speaker, the Assistant Curate, the Rev. A. Chipman, who will give us a most interesting talk.

The evening commences at 8 p.m. with a small service in the chapel, then continues in the Rectory for the meeting.

Supper hostesses are Mesdames Wheeldon, Le Fevre and L. Smith.

SYNOD 1966

Owing to the meeting of General Synod in Sydney in September and October, our own Diocesan Synod was postponed. The Bishop has summoned Synod to meet in Hobart on Monday, 14th November. The Synod Evensong will be held in St. David's Cathedral on Sunday evening, 13th November. On Monday morning meetings of the clergy and laity will be held and the Bishop will spend some time at each meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION

A delightful afternoon was spent on Thursday, 27th October, when members entertained approximately 60 patients of the Royal Tasmanian Society for the Blind and the Evangelical Nursing Association to a Musical Tea Party in St. John's Kindergarten Hall.

A most enjoyable musical programme was given by Miss E. Abra and Mesdames Billett, McFarlane, Piper, J. Tilley, Stevens and Miss L. Holmes.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who provided transport for our guests.

The Mothers' Union Festival will be held on Thursday, 17th November, at St. Aidan's, commencing with morning tea in the Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Our Mystery Outing will be on Thursday, 24th November, and members are asked to be at the Hall not later than 2 p.m. Afternoon tea will be provided by the Executive.

B.C.A. BOXES

Will holders of B.C.A. boxes please return them to Miss Celia Pennicott for opening.

THE VIETNAM WAR

A Select Committee was asked to consider this matter during the course of General Synod and the following report was received and adopted by Synod.

1. We report to the General Synod our belief that it has a responsibility to say something to our Church and the nation, both because of our involvement in the Asian neighbourhood and because of our participation in the Vietnamese conflict. We recognise that elements of nationalism and social revolution are as relevant as other factors.

2. We took as the purpose of our Committee the need to view objectively the situation in Vietnam as it now exists, and to suggest and support possible moves towards a solution.

3. We deplore the fact of the conflict in Vietnam. We make no effort to apportion responsibility for its origin or continuance. We accept the view, put forward by the Governments of the United States and Australia, that a military solution alone is not possible.

4. In view of the dangerous possibility of further escalation, we urge a return to the general aims of the Geneva Conference of 1954. We therefore welcome the recent development, as expressed by Mr. Goldberg to the General Assembly of the United Nations, in the attitude of the United States towards the conflict and its willingness to consider including representatives of the National Liberation Front in any negotiations which may prove possible.

5. We have a never-ceasing obligation to pray for peace. We pray accordingly that the nations involved, and their leaders, may be flexible and quick to perceive any hopeful and positive opportunities for negotiation.

6. We urge that all participants in the conflict ensure that the principles of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war be strictly observed.

7. We commend to the General Synod, and to all Australians, the need for sensitivity and compassion. We believe that the ravages of this unhappy conflict should be made good by providing increasing resources of money and manpower in the massive task of civil rehabilitation. We commend what Canadian and United States citizens are doing. We are particularly thankful for the spirit in which similar efforts have been started by Australian soldiers in South Vietnam. Though small in scale, what our men are doing seems to us to point the direction for our nation to follow.

8. We believe that both in Vietnam and elsewhere, such compassionate aid programmes are a most effective way of strengthening Australian-Asian friendship and the true spirit of democracy.

9. We humbly offer this statement as servants of Jesus Christ, the Reconciler, the Lord of Peace and Love.

THREE AUSTRALIANS IN VIETNAM

Three Australians have now been sent to Saigon by Australian Inter-Church Aid to form the nucleus of a refugee service team.

By the end of the year it is expected that five or six Australians will be working in the team.

They are members of Asian Christian Service, a Vietnam relief agency operated by the East Asia Christian Conference. Each refugee service team will comprise six or seven workers including a doctor, nurse, welfare worker, sanitation officer and handyman.

Initially the Australians are expected to work at Qui Nhon, about 300 miles north of Saigon, where there are about 60,000 refugees living in camps.

The three Australians now with the team are Miss Julia Seymour, a nurse from Melbourne; Mr. David Tichborne, a marine engineer from Brisbane, and Mr. Bruce Hansen, a motor mechanic from Sydney.

CHAIRS FOR THE PARISH HALL

One of our great needs for a long time has been that of some chairs for use at meetings and small gatherings in the Parish Hall. The Vestry has been considering this matter for some time, but lack of finance has made it difficult to decide to purchase chairs. Finally, the decision was made to purchase, if possible, thirty stack-a-by chairs. The Women's Guild have kindly offered to give \$100 towards this project. A parishioner has donated \$10 which covers a little more than the cost of a chair.

The matter was discussed at a recent meeting of the Parish Council and it was suggested that various organisations and groups in the parish may like to donate a chair or chairs, or a parishioner may like to give a chair. The cost of a chair is \$8.

CAR PARKING

Many of you will be aware that some time ago, the parking of cars opposite St. John's Church, by the Park was forbidden, as the area was being used as a taxi rank. The Vestry made approaches to the Transport Commission to have this ruling waived for Sunday. Mr. G. Foot, M.L.C., also made approaches on our behalf to the Minister for Transport. Recently we received word that permission had been given for the parking of cars on that side of St. John Street on Sundays.

We would like to thank both the Transport Department and Mr. Foot for their help in this matter.

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:

Mrs. R. Wise, Miss D. Bonney, Anonymous, \$1 each. Thank you.

BAPTISMS

David John McCarron, Felicity Anne Novy, Jennifer Ruth Adams, David William Stanshall, Janine Lee Karrol, Natalie Gaye Dadson, David Leslie Olney.

MARRIAGES

Ian Marshall Baker and Lesley Lynette Davies, Anthony Thomas Brooks and Wendy Aurora Filleul, Laurence Leonard O'Shea and Sandra Barbara Kelly, Graeme Laurence Wells and Janette Gail Downey.

BURIALS

Percy Frank Cuthbert Mattingley, Emma Amanda Hudson, Mary Christine Gladys Langley, Gertrude Agnes Bidolph.

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