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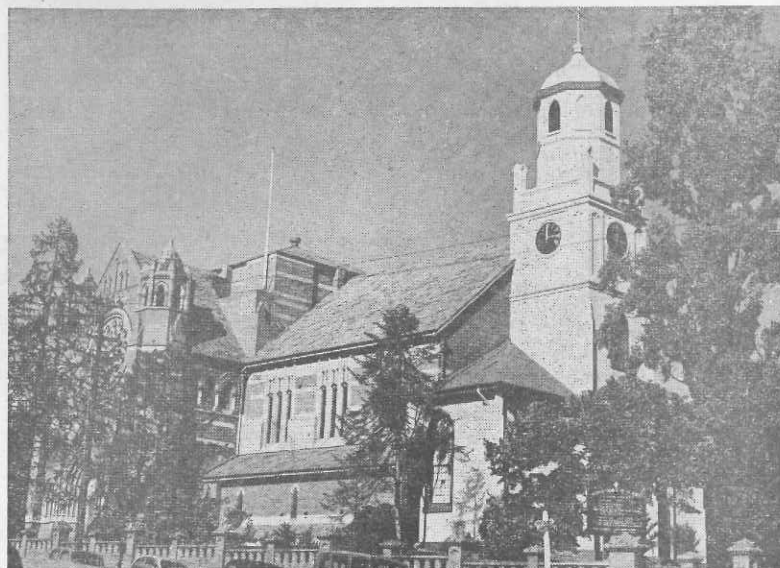
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CLERGY

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Assistant Curate: The Rev. A. Chipman, Th.L. Phone 44 2501.
Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M. Phone 31 2998*Harvest Festival*

SUNDAY, 9th APRIL

THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT 8 A.M., 11 A.M., 7 P.M.

You are asked to send gifts in the form of tinned or preserved vegetables
or fruit which can be sent to the South to aid bush fire victims.

See the Rector's Letter for further details.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Last week I was in Hobart for the meetings of the Diocesan Council and Cathedral Chapter and we received a very comprehensive report of the damage to Church of England property through the recent bush fires. Just before leaving for Hobart I conducted a lovely little Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the Broadland House Kindergarten for their Infant School. The gifts of fruit and vegetables were given to the Clarendon Children's Home at Kingston. I took them down to Kingston and this gave me the opportunity of seeing the fire damage at Clarendon Home. The whole of the laundry was destroyed together with other outbuildings. We were fortunate that the Home itself was saved. The replacement of the laundry and its facilities will cost several thousands of dollars.

I called to see Canon and Mrs. Atkins, formerly of St. George's, Invermay, at the Kingston Rectory. They have been extremely busy helping with relief work, as the Snug area which was so badly damaged by the fire is in their Parish. Other parts of the parish were destroyed as well. Many and various are the needs which some of the fire victims have at the present time.

Harvest Festival for us this year will be observed on Sunday, 9th April. I suggest that this year we express our thanks to God for the many blessings which we have received by the offering of tinned or preserved fruit, vegetables, meats or other food stuffs. These we will forward to Canon Atkins for distribution among those whose needs are the greatest. I appeal to all parishioners to be liberal in this expression of thanksgiving to God and of helpfulness to the needy.

Continued Overleaf

Mrs. Atkins told me that as soon as the weather begins to cool off, there will be a big demand for baby wear and clothing for small children. Gifts of good used clothing for babies or small children will be much appreciated. Parcels may be left at the Rectory and we will see that they are sent South.

I do hope that our parish will respond to this call to help our relief work in the South. There is much for which we can thank God; this is a practical way in which we can express our thanks to God.

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

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- April—
- 2 **First Sunday after Easter.** 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.
 - 3 Monday, 8 p.m. Bible Study Group—Hall.
 - 4 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
 - 5 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
 - 6 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
 - 7 Friday, 8 p.m. Seminar on Missions—Paterson Street.
 - 8 Saturday. Working Bee at Kelso.
 - 9 **Harvest Festival.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 10 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
 - 11 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 8 p.m. Ruri-decanal Conference at Holy Trinity.
 - 12 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
 - 13 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
 - 15 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
 - 16 **Third 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. Evensong.
 - 18 Tuesday, 5 p.m. Bankers' Institute Service. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
 - 19 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 20 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
 - 22 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
 - 23 **Fourth Sunday after Easter.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
 - 25 **St. Mark's Day and Anzac Day.** 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 26 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
 - 27 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
 - 29 Saturday. Youth Conference at Evandale.
 - 30 **Fifth Sunday after Easter.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th April, at 8 p.m. at Mrs. Record's home, 59 Ann St. Supper hostesses will be Mrs. T. White, Mrs. G. Record, Mrs. H. Palliser and Miss B. Stevens. Guest speaker—Miss Padman. Annual meeting—11th May, 1967. Election of officers, etc.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet again in the Parish Hall on Monday, 10th April at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses—Mrs. Dodery and Mrs. Leonard.

Annual Button Day will be held on Friday, 14th April.

Arrangements are being made for a card afternoon in May (date to be fixed). Parishioners who would care to arrange a table in their own home, would they please contact the Secretary.

MOTHERS' UNION

Lady Day Service will be held on Tuesday, 4th April at 2.30 p.m. at St. Oswald's Church, Bain Terrace, Trevallyn. A Communion service, celebrating Lady Day, will be held in the

Chapel at St. John's on Wednesday, 5th April at 10.30 a.m.

The next meeting of Mothers' Union, will be the Annual Meeting and will be held on Thursday, 27th April, beginning with the service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

"MISSIONS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE"

This will be the subject of an Ecumenical Seminar to be held on FRIDAY EVENING, 7th APRIL in the Paterson Street Methodist Hall, at 8 p.m.

Participants will represent Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

DON'T MISS THIS NIGHT!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

1st April—"April Fool's" Night (Barbecue Hike).

8th April—Working Bee.

15th April—Film, Slides and Records' Evening.

22nd April—End of Term Dance.

11th to 14th May—Holiday Camp. All Welcome.

A LETTER FROM THE RURAL DEAN

Dear Fellow Anglican,

The organisation of our Diocese provides for the occasional meetings of the groups of Parishes formed into Deaneries. It provides the opportunity to share matters of mutual concern of the area as well as helping towards a practical interest in the work and service of the Diocese.

This Ruridecanal Conference consists of the Clergy "together with all licensed Lay Readers, Church Wardens, Lay Representatives of Synod, members of Parochial Councils, Superintendents of Sunday Schools of each parish, representatives of C. of E. Council of Women, and others invited by their Parish Priests." (Year Book 1961, page 58)

The Northern Deanery is composed of the Parishes of Launceston and its suburbs, as well as those in the Tamar Valley, the north-east of the island, and Flinders Island. It involves some 13 Parishes served by some 20 Clergy and a considerable number of active and capable Lay Church men and women, and young people.

Our first Conference for 1967 will be held as follows:—

Date: 11th April, 1967.

Place: Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Launceston.

Time: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. sharp.

Agenda: Anglican Development Programme Aims and Objectives Strategy, 1967.

The Bishop has requested Rural Deans to call these Conferences in order that the new features of this Forward Movement Programme might be outlined to our church people.

I have personal pleasure in inviting you to assist in making this Conference a really worthwhile gathering in co-operative partnership. Your support will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. TYSON, Rural Dean

I commend the above letter and the meeting at Holy Trinity Hall on 11th April to you and hope that our Parish will be well represented by members of our congregation.

H. A. JERRIM,
Rector

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Miss I. K. Murison Bourn who has been a member of St. John's Choir and Congregation for many years has just left to live in Sydney. Last year she had a trip to Canada and this extract taken from a farewell letter tells a little of her experiences returning to Tasmania. We would like to thank Miss Bourn for her work in the Choir and in other phases of the Church's work. We pray for God's blessing on her in the future.

I was reluctant to leave Winnipeg, but this I did early on the morning of January 4, this time travelling by the National Canadian Railway to Vancouver, where I stayed for two nights with Mrs. H. Steen, the Canadian Federal President of the National Council of Women, and her sister, who were kindness itself. On Saturday afternoon the 7th January, they escorted me to the P. & O. liner the Chusan, on which I returned. Between Vancouver and Honolulu, Hawaii, we ran into bad weather, but being a good sailor this did not trouble me unduly. After leaving Honolulu, the weather gradually improved and our next port of call was Suva in Fiji, which I was so glad to see again, for its people are so friendly. This visit, I shopped in the morning and rested in the afternoon, for it was very hot. There are all sorts of intriguing things to buy in the shops there if one has the money, some at bargain prices! After Fiji came Nuku' Alofa in the Tongan or Friendly Islands. I think it was Captain Cook who called them the Friendly Islands, because this was an outstanding characteristic of its peoples, and it is still so today. It will be remembered that the late Queen Salote was the ruler of these islands. How the crowds loved her when she visited Britain to take part in the procession at the Coronation of our Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Queen Salote was a keen Christian and she it was who drafted the Order of Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer for 1967 before she died last year. These islands are typical south sea islands, where the people, as well as their rulers live very simply. The islands needs visitors to boost their economy and a modern Hotel-Motel has just been built to this end, but it is hoped that it does not at the same time introduce an artificial sophistication to spoil the people.

The next port of call was Auckland, New Zealand, and this time I visited famous Rotorua with its thermal springs, boiling pools and Maori village. It was a long ride, 300 miles there and back, but very well worth while. It is well known that Bishop Selwyn did a marvellous Christian work amongst the Maori people early in this century, and the Maori guide who showed me round told me that she was a Christian and that she remembered seeing the Bishop when she was a little girl—he was "a very saintly man" she said. The Maori people make a valuable contribution to the life of New Zealand today, and live on friendly terms with their neighbours. Following New Zealand came Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, and after trans-shipping there finally Launceston, Tasmania.

One of the main reasons for this letter is to tell you that after living and working very happily for fourteen years in Tasmania (I came out from London in 1953), I am now retiring to the outskirts of Sydney to live in New South Wales.

SURVEY SHOWS INCREASE IN MISSIONARIES

A newly released statistical survey of Australian missions reveals a major increase in the number of missionaries serving overseas in recent years.

The survey, by the Division of Mission of the Australian Council of Churches, reveals a rise of 1656 in the number of missionaries between 1959 and 1965.

Australian missionary bodies currently have 4416 clergy and lay missionaries serving in Australian Aboriginal missions and overseas. Of this number 2924 are laymen and women.

The survey also reveals, for the first time current expenditure on missionary undertakings. It notes a spending of \$7,069,186 in 1965, the last full year for which figures are available.

Largest giving was within the Roman Catholic Church, whose mission bodies received \$2,509,572. Mainstream Anglican and Protestant churches together received \$2,732,176 and other mission groups received \$1,096,186.

Comparative increases

The Roman Catholic Church noted a total of 1330 missionary personnel in 1965, compared with 609 missionaries in 1959. However, the Roman Catholic figures given in 1959 excluded some Aboriginal mission personnel now included. Figures for other main church missions are: Anglican 482 (377); Presbyterian 137 (99); Methodist 335 (255); Baptist 133 (111); Congregational 37 (37); Churches of Christ 108 (30); Lutheran 267 (101); Salvation Army 101 (63).

Independent missionary bodies have 895 missionaries and smaller church groups 584.

Distribution of missionaries on a geographic basis is shown as:

Africa 286, Middle East 20, Southern Asia 387, South-East Asia 300, Eastern Asia 193, New Guinea and Pacific 2113, Latin America 71, Australia (Aborigines etc.) 489, other areas 8.

A total of 47 per cent of the total missionary force is at work in the Pacific, 22 per cent among Australian Aborigines and 20 per cent in Asia.

The survey notes Australian missionaries serve in a total of 76 overseas countries.

—Sydney, A.C.C.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 18th April, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. After the service members will adjourn to the Rectory for the rest of the meeting.

We are hoping to have Mrs. G. Morgan who was a missionary in Melanesia for four years to give us a talk on her work there. Supper hostesses, Mesdames Le Fevre, Smith and Clarke. Gifts for Trading Table.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help to defray the cost 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. J. Grey 80c, Mrs. A.W.J. \$1, Miss E. Kiddle \$1, Miss I. K. Murison Bourn \$2.

Thank you.

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BURIALS

Simone Lynette Kremerskothen, Christina Brown, Wilfred Ronald Andrews, William Valentine Catlin.

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