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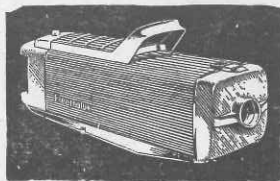
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# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania

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AUGUST, 1967

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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I do not intend to write a lengthy letter this month. Late in July we had the Annual Meeting of our congregation and various reports were presented, including the Rector's Pastoral Report. This report falls into two sections, the first being some comments on matters of some importance to Christians generally and the second part concerns the more factual life of the parish in the past year.

I would like you to read the first section of the Report which has the general title of the Church and the World. I believe that the matters referred to in this are vital and have some bearing on our future.

May God bless you, especially those who at this time are sad, worried or sick.

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM

Once again it is a privilege for me to present the Annual Pastoral Report of St. John's Parish to this Annual Meeting for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1967.

Although the Report is one which will be concerned primarily with those matters and events in which this congregation has participated, it is imperative that we should not be an inward looking congregation, isolated from the wider Church and the outside World, that is, the World which includes Vietnam, the Middle East, the Congo, Newark, Detroit and all those problem centres of which we read in the daily press and view on television. Hence I would ask you to be mindful of the fact that the brotherhood of man about which we talk, must remind us that our brothers are suffering in the areas already mentioned and in many other places.

The brotherhood of man is traditionally a Christian concept which depends for its meaningfulness on the other great Christian fact, the Fatherhood of God. The Christian must always be ready to demonstrate the reality and the mutuality of these two basic concepts in the fabric of the Church of God. Sometimes we are in danger of allowing other movements to take up the implications of the principle of the brotherhood of man, without the corresponding principle that brotherhood is due to a common fatherhood, and opting out of our own responsibilities at the same time.

I am thinking more particularly at the present time of the extension of this relationship in areas beyond our own Commonwealth. These are the various spheres within our city, our State and our Commonwealth in which we must act as brothers. To say that there must be an extension of this relationship is one thing, but how to do it is another. A successful experiment in such an undertaking has not been completely found within the confines of the Christian Church. How much more difficult this will be in the areas of purely political and international interests? The imaginative programme of M.R.I., adopted at the Toronto Congress in 1963, has not met with the measure of response which the initiators had hoped. Many overseas bishops and dioceses found that their plans were thwarted because of the failure of the remainder of the Church. There have been many frustrated persons.

Despite the lack of success of M.R.I., we must be conscious of world situations which require our interest and study, our prayers and concern, our help and personal assistance when possible. The under-developed and younger nations of the world are in a dilemma because of their new found independence, keen nationalism and the competing ideologies seeking their support. There are the nations which are confronted with a population problem and akin to this, how to feed this mass of humanity in an under-developed country stricken with famine at the same time.

This is a portion of a letter written by a native pastor in West Bengal and received here in Australia:—

"as you may already know our Bihar state and part of West Bengal have been passing through a terrible famine these days. The prices of all food-grains and other essential commodities have terribly increased.

Many people have already died from starvation. People are throwing their starving and

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### ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL

St. John's Church, Saturday, 6.45 p.m., 19th August, 1967

Combined Choirs to participate

Conductor: John Senior

Organist: Lindsay O'Neill

Note time of commencement: to allow people time to fulfil other engagements on the same evening.

crying children into dry and deep wells and killing them also by other means. Many parents have put an end to their intense agony by suicide. It is a heart breaking sight. People are selling away whatever little they may have of household goods to buy a handful of grain for their family—Dearly beloved in Christ the hour of challenge has come. People are suffering the worst of the pangs of hunger and thirst. The women are not sufficiently clothed—four women are sharing one sari. The children, the future hope of the nation, are dying before the dawn of their lives. Would you not contribute your mite?"

Need I read more of this letter?

Vietnam poses a problem which becomes more involved with the passing of time. Our young men are being asked to serve in a conflict about which more and more people are beginning to have doubts about the morality of our involvement. Leaders in America are becoming concerned about the President's foreign policy and suggestions are being made about efforts "to risk peace". What do we as Christians feel about these matters?

Then we may turn our thoughts to another kind of problem which is developing in the great centres of population. The new "hippie" society which is being written up in the press. When we know that there are attacks on people in our own city made in most cases by young men and that they are becoming more frequent, I wonder sometimes if the responsible persons in "mass media" might be of more help in the life of our country by ignoring some of these disturbing trends in other countries, than high lighting them. There has been some failure on the part of society which contributes to the existence of the current problems of people, especially our younger generations.

In a somewhat similar fashion the questions of race and colour have been aggravated by the white man's inability to come to grips in a constructive manner with the problems created by his developing dark-skinned brother. To a further degree we are reaping the fruits of the superior attitude adopted by the Western nations during the 19th century period of colonialism. So we could continue.

I do not wish to nor am I qualified to enter into a diagnosis of the many situations which exist in this world of the nineteen-sixties. But it is imperative that as churchmen we should be aware of our growing responsibilities to ensure that a Christian approach is adopted in the attempts to seek solutions to world problems. Hence the importance of our support for such a petition as that presented recently to the Commonwealth Government requesting that consideration be given to increasing our aid to the under-developed nations of the world to 2% of the gross national product.

Inter-church Aid is introducing a new measure of help for under-privileged people through "Force-Ten". We will hear more about this scheme in the near future.

The relevance of these situations for us constitutes a call to lead more meaningful Christian lives. To be mindful of all the implications of our Lord's Parable of the Good Samaritan—love forgets (past injuries, faults) love acts—love provides.

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

August—

- 2 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 3 Thursday, 4.30 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 5 Saturday, Youth Club Outing.
- 6 **Feast of the Transfiguration.** 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.
- 7 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary Annual Meeting.
- 8 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. T. White.
- 12 Saturday, 10.30 a.m. Annual Meeting of C.M.S.
- 13 **12th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Bishop of Central Tanganyika. 7 p.m. Evensong. Youth Service (The Rt. Rev. A. Stanway).
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 19 Saturday, 6.45 p.m. R.S.C.M. Choir Festival.
- 20 **13th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. "Twenty and Over Coffee Evening".
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Thursday, **St. Bartholomew's Day,** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 27 **14th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.

- 29 Tuesday, 8 p.m. "Wigs and Wiglet" Display—Parish Hall.
- 30 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

### THE COMMITMENT

"In the presence of God, and calling upon these my brethren present as witnesses, I dedicate my life anew to the service of God and His Church. I pray to God to use me in whatever way he will, and to give me grace to fulfil His purpose for my life, and to strengthen the hands of my brethren in the place wherein He has called me to live and to serve."

In the above words Parishioners present at the Diocesan Family Services committed themselves to the work of God. Others not able to be present may wish to make their own commitment and so be united with many others in this Diocese and Parish.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP ON DIOCESAN SUNDAY

My Dear Friends,

The grim fires of February last have tested the family spirit throughout this Diocese. I could tell you of many examples of clergy and people reaching out across parochial boundaries in a spirit of sacrifice and service.

But, in addition, there has been a remarkable response by way of prayerful and practical help from Parishes and Dioceses beyond our borders. We have received gifts for the fire-stricken parishes from England, Zululand, Tanganyika, New Guinea, Vietnam, Channel Islands, New Zealand, Melanesia, and many other parts of our world-wide Anglican communion.

Four years ago, at the Anglican Congress in Toronto, Canada, we were reminded by the Archbishop of Canterbury that the Church that lives to itself will die by itself. Though there is much in the life of our Church that suggests we still need to be reminded of this truth, nevertheless it would be true to say that we are beginning to realise more than ever before our common responsibilities and dependence on each other.

The tragic February fires have revealed this in no uncertain fashion.

I think now of one or two parishes on the mainland which have offered to support over the next few years some of our parishes hard hit by the fires, and of the Parish of Forbes in the Bathurst Diocese which sent \$1002, the proceeds of the Annual Ball, plus \$450 from the Vestry. I recall that at the last meeting of Diocesan Council we voted \$500 to be forwarded to the Diocese of Grafton for flood relief. With the letter of thanks which I received from my old friend the Bishop there was a cheque for \$1500 which was the balance of the contributions from his people towards our Fire Relief Fund. I could continue with examples of this sort, but I think sufficient has been said to make all who hear this message realise that our commitment today is in accord with that spirit of renewal evident within the life of the Church at this time.

On this day, which we have set aside as Diocesan Sunday, may you in company with fellow Anglicans throughout Tasmania sincerely pledge yourselves for service for the work of the Church at Home and Overseas and for mankind in your parish, throughout the Diocese and beyond.

God bless you,

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT, TASMANIA

### WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of St. John's Women's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, Wyett St., on Thursday, 10th August at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses, Mesdames T. P. White, E. C. Hall and D. Leonard.

At this meeting arrangements for the Choir Festival Tea will be finalised. The thanks of all has been extended to the members of the Guild for the excellent tea provided at the Parish Tea on the evening of the Annual Meeting.

### HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 7th August at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon Tea hostesses will be Mesdames K. Scott, M. Easter.

Members were sorry to learn that Mrs. K. F. Brown, a Past President, was an inmate in St. Luke's Hospital. Flowers were sent to Mrs. Brown wishing her a speedy recovery.

### EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 15th August, with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. Following the service members will adjourn to the Rectory for the meeting.

We will have as our Guest Speaker, Miss Kerr, who will give us a talk on Mental Health. Any new members are welcome, and also members of the afternoon group. Please bring small Australian gift for the Overseas Sale.

Supper hostesses, Mesdames D. Merrington and L. Smith.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 24th August, commencing with the Service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

### DATES FOR YOUTH

- 5th August — Saturday — Snow Trip to Ben Lomond.
- 11th August — Friday — End of Term Dance.
- 13th August — Sunday — Youth Service.
- 19th August — Saturday — Working Bee at Kelso.
- 20th August — Sunday — Communion and Breakfast.

### AN HONOUR

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Wednesday, 26th July, 1967, the Rector announced that Mr. F. J. Jones has been appointed a Church Warden Emeritus of St. John's in recognition of his long and devoted

service to St. John's Church. Mr. Jones has been attending St. John's for a period of 82 years. His parents moving to Launceston from George Town when Mr. Jones was about 9 or 10 years of age.



Mr. Jones has set a wonderful example of loyalty and devotion to the Church which has been the dominant interest in his life. When the first Vestry was appointed in 1935, Mr. Jones was elected and has remained a member from that day until the present time. He was made a Church Warden in 1945, succeeding Mr. Lakin and has continued in that office as well.

The announcement was received with great applause indicating the meeting's approval and appreciation of all that Mr. Jones has done. The Bishop gave his consent to this proposal. We hope that Mr. Jones will be spared many years to play his part in the life of St. John's and to give visitors that welcome which he gives to them.

### BAPTISMS

Stephen Craig Trippree, Andrew Ross Mitchell, Michele Jane Cornelius, Kevin Lee Bassett, Cindy Anne White, Marcus Brian John McDougall, Daniel Nicholas Holden.

### MARRIAGES

John Douglas Ridley and Anne Christine Ocroft-Jones, John Charles Glock and Carolyn Ocroft-Jones, Richard Colin Walsh and Jillian Anne Whitney, Terrence Robert Rieper and Judith Alice Healey, Barry William John Buttery and Vivian Joy Blyth, Graeme Joseph Rowe and Margaret Joan Molloy, David Arthur Jobson and Rosemary Sylvia Addison.

### BURIALS

Eunice Hope Button, Anthony John Lincoln, Cyril Leonard Johnston, Eva May Oliver, Louis Wilson Tankard, Peter Maxwell Langham, Marcus Elphinstone Bird.

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

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