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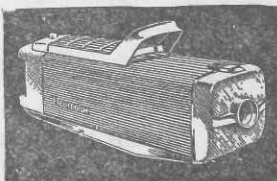
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

In last week's mail I received a booklet which describes how \$465,000 could be spent, indeed it is planned to spend this figure in 1968. This is the amount of money which the Division of Inter-Church Aid requires to fulfil its projects during 1968. The projects will be carried out in Asia, Africa, the Pacific and the Middle East. There are many kinds of help which will be given, of such types as Industrial and Community Development, Social Welfare, Education, Agriculture, Medical and countless other types.

Inter-Church Aid, as part of the World Council of Churches, rendered help in Southern Tasmania after the bush fire disaster, by providing a deaconess to do social welfare work among the fire victims for the greater part of the year. In this kind of emergency, in time of national or community disaster, urgent aid is given.

Here is one of well over 100 projects which the Australian church is asked to help in 1968:

"Navajeevanam (the name means 'new life') Rehabilitation Centre is basically a community built in an attempt to live out the Christ-like life. It has a multiplicity of purposes: to provide a home for the homeless; to provide a place in society for the mentally retarded; to provide a place where those out of work may earn a living and learn a simple trade; and to serve the surrounding villages.

"Eighty acres of rice are cultivated; vegetables and fruit are grown. A school is run for an isolated village. Carpentry is practised and taught. A welfare centre and Sunday schools are conducted.

"The centre is run by a retired missionary, a Tamil pastor and his wife and a young layman, all of whom live a common life with the whole group, which now numbers 40 and includes members of various religions and races.

"This request is to help build a poultry house, provide a separate room for the mentally retarded and buy a water pump, hose pipe for irrigation and carpentry tools. A total of \$3,200 is needed. Australian Inter-Church Aid will provide \$2,000 in 1968."

The main source of income for this work is the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Our response to this brings hope to un-numbered thousands in the world. The spirit of generosity is abroad in the Christmas Festival, as we recall God's great gift to us of His Son, Jesus Christ, and what His coming has meant to us and all men. I hope that we will all be as liberal as possible in our response to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. Literature and envelopes will be available at Church. But any offering placed in an ordinary envelope in the offertory plate and marked "Christmas Bowl" will be sent on to the Tasmanian Office.

I would like to wish you all the joy and the happiness of a Holy Christmas. May 1968 be a year in which you receive God's blessing.

May God bless you,

Yours very sincerely,

*Henry A. Jerrim***The Christmas Services****CHRISTMAS EVE —**8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
11.00 a.m. Matins.
7.30 p.m. The Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.**CHRISTMAS DAY —**6.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Children's Service.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

The Rector will be glad to arrange to administer Christmas Communion to any sick or aged parishioners who are unable to come to the Church.

THE CLERGY, CHURCH WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY
WISH ALL PARISHIONERS A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.

HENRY A. JERRIM, Rector



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

December—

- 3 **1st Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Army Church Parade. 7.30 p.m. Evensong. 8.30 p.m. A Recital of Music.
- 5 Tuesday, 7.15 p.m. Kindergarten Break-up.
- 6 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 9 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club Christmas Dance.
- 10 **2nd Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Broadland House School Service. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday, 7.30 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union—Buffet Dinner.
- 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. Wives invited.
- 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Broadland House Speech Night.
- 14 Thursday, 7 a.m. Broadland House Old Girls' Communion Service. 5 p.m. Old Folks' Tea—Parish Hall. 8 p.m. Grammar School Speech Night.
- 15 Friday, 8 p.m. "The Christmas Oratoria". Launceston Philharmonic Society.
- 17 **3rd Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Break-fast. 10.30 a.m. Sunday School Festival Service. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 18 Monday, 7 p.m. Women's Guild Progressive Dinner.
- 20 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Morning Tea.
- 21 Thursday, St. Thomas' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 **4th Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. The Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.
- 25 **Christmas Day.** 6 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Children's Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

- 26 Tuesday, St. Stephen's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Wednesday, St. John's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Thursday, Innocents' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 **1st Sunday after Christmas and New Year's Eve.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

During the month of January all parish organisations will be in recess. Each Sunday there will be services at the usual times of 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Please note the time of evening service.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The Christmas Break-up for the members of Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Monday, 11th December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. It will take the form of a buffet dinner. Members are asked to bring a gift for a child at the Clarendon Home and a small gift for the Christmas Tree.

Sunday Evening Services will commence at 7.30 p.m. during the months of December, January and February.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship has met regularly during this year and the final meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 12th December at 6 p.m. The Fellowship follows the same pattern as originally planned. We meet for tea and then have a speaker or on occasions a film. Our speaker in December will be Mr. Ray Ferrall who travelled overseas earlier in the year. He will speak about the Negro situation in the United States. At the last meeting a new President for the year was elected, namely Mr. R. J. Roberts. The retiring officers, Mr. Barry Easter (President) and Mr. L. Mitchell (Treasurer) were thanked for their work. Mr. John James was appointed Treasurer and Mr. B. Easter, Secretary, for the new year. Members are invited to bring wives to the next meeting.

PROPERTY REPORT

Re-Sealing of Church Entrance

During November the St. John St. entrance was re-sealed, this has been a much needed job for a long time. In addition the gravel drive way on the south side of the Church has been sealed, together with some other patching in the church yard. This work makes a great improvement to the property. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. F. Jones who by a generous donation made this work possible.

Front Fence for Verger's House

In October a very nice brick fence was constructed in front of the Verger's house in Elizabeth St. We have been waiting to do this job for a considerable time. The work was done in a series of working bees, but we are particularly indebted to Mr. E. Wakefield who did the brick-laying; our thanks go to all the men and boys who gave time and energy to this job.

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

The Auxiliary will go into recess until Monday, 11th March. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea Hostesses—Mrs. V. C. Holyman and Mrs. J. Sheldrick. Christmas cakes and biscuits will be made by members, and together with a small gift will be given to each patient in hospital at Christmas time. A cheque for \$400 has been forwarded to the Board of Management towards the building extensions at the Hospital.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild will meet again on Thursday, February 8th, 1968, at the Rectory following a service in the Chapel commencing at 7.45 p.m.

The following members are assisting at our table for the Old Folks tea on Thursday, 14th December — Mesdames Jerrim, Dodery, Easter, Palliser, White, Holyman, Sheldrick, Johnston, Clarke and Miss Farrand. Morning tea will be served by members of the Guild after Communion Service on Wednesday morning, 20th December.

Mrs. J. Sheldrick would welcome gifts suitable for a White Elephant stall (NOT CLOTHING), which will be held early in the New Year.

We are looking forward to our progressive Dinner Party which will take place on Monday 18th December. Members will meet at Mrs. Sheldrick's home, 1a Clementina St. at 7 p.m. Order of courses: Soup, Mrs. Sheldrick; main course at the Rectory, Mrs. Jerrim; sweets, Mrs. White, Wyatt St.; coffee, Mrs. Palliser, also Wyatt St.

The Recital of Music will be given at 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd December.

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BAPTISMS

Annette Michele Breen, Janet Ann Crooks, Christopher Vaughan Denholm, David Gerard Adams, Heather Joan French.

MARRIAGES

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BURIALS

Alan Edward Jarvis, Myles John Firth, Lambert Lawrence, Annie Amelia Black.

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

PARISH MESSENGER

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Mrs. E. B. Gentleman \$2, Mr. V. H. Good \$1.

Thank you.