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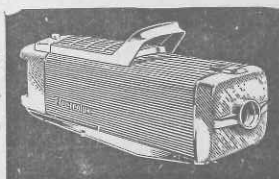
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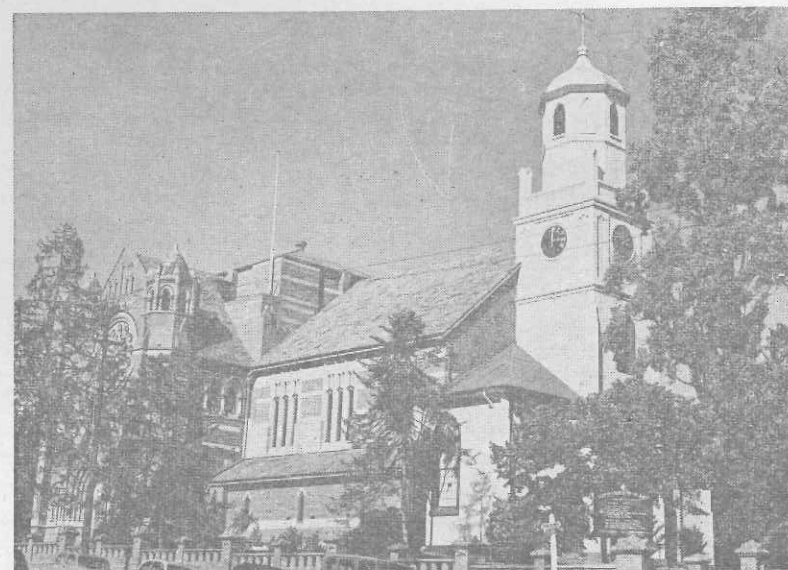
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Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M. Phone 31 2998



## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Cheltenham,  
Victoria.

My Dear Friends,

This morning I attended the Service of Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Retreat House at Cheltenham. The Celebrant was a priest from New Zealand and the form of service was a revised form which is being considered for the Church of England in New Zealand. It was an interesting experience, although for all church people, we have a difficulty in assessing the value of a service using words which are in 20th century language and devoid of archaisms. These attempts at revision are being made in England and here in Australia.

By the time you read this letter we will have had a meeting of St. John's Congregation to decide whether we will have occasional services which have been revised by the Prayer Book Revision Commission. The Church of England in Australia became an autonomous church in 1962 and part of the responsibility which the church assumed in this act was to provide a Prayer Book for the use of the church in Australia. This will not be done in haste. The Commission has already done four years' work on the matter and at General Synod last year, their report was received and permission given for the revised and suggested services to be used experimentally for a period.

Every congregation was given the right to decide as to whether they would like to participate in this period of trial and experiment. If a majority of parishioners present at a meeting called for this purpose, reject the proposal, then the parish does not participate in the experiment.

It is not a matter of the Rector or Vestry wishing to do so; it is a congregational decision. It does not mean that the revised service is used every Sunday, but only at stated times. If we should decide to use the trial services, then I will have more to say in later "Parish Messengers" about the revised services.

At the present time I am in Melbourne attending the Annual Conference and Annual Meeting of the G.B.R.E.: The General Board of Religious Education of the Church of England in Australia. This Board is concerned with the work of Religious Education among children, youth and adults. In the past few days we have been considering the extent and involvement of this work. The most important matter to come before this meeting will be the appointment of a new Director. Mr. Val Brown, the former director, resigned a few months ago to become the General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches. Mr. Brown is one of the outstanding laymen of our church in Australia and the work of the G.B.R.E. made outstanding progress under his leadership. The appointment of the new Director will be a most important decision.

June is the last month of the financial year for the Vestry and it has to try and reduce the overdraft at the Bank before 30th June. This can be done only by our continued giving in support of the Church. Those who use the Envelope system for their contributions can best help by having their contributions up to date. Thank you all for your help in this way.

May God bless you all in your homes, especially when there may be sickness or worry.

Yours very sincerely,  
HENRY A. JERRIM.

## JUNE CALENDAR

- June—
- 2 Friday, 8 p.m. **Archi-diaconal Service** to mark the beginning of the Anglican Development Programme. Preacher—The Bishop of Tasmania.
- 3 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 4 **2nd 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.
- 5 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 6 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
- 7 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 8 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the Home of Mrs. Leonard, 2 High St. Choir Practice.
- 9 Friday, 8 p.m. L.C.C. at Lawrence Vale Methodist Church.
- 10 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 11 **3rd Sunday after Trinity—St. Barnabas' Day.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea.
- 14 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 15 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 17 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 18 **4th 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.
- 20 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 21 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union—Musical Market. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 Saturday, **St. John The Baptist's Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 25 **5th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 28 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Social evening at Beresford House.
- 29 **Thursday, St. Peter's Day.** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

## SUNDAY EVENSONG

At the last Parish Council meeting, there was a discussion on Sunday evensong when the congregation is smaller than at morning services. There was an evident desire in the part of all to make the service as meaningful as possible. To this end, it was decided to encourage the congregation to sit towards the front of the church and so be able to help with the singing of hymns and canticles. The sermon would be delivered from the chancel steps and so make it possible for this part of the service to be more personal and intimate.

The Rector would be glad to hear of comments on these experiments from members of the congregation or indeed any other suggestions which may help in the conduct of the service. We want people to feel at home in the service, we would like to make the service attractive, so that people will want to come. Sunday Evensong has in the past been one of the popular services of the Church and we find it hard to believe that Sunday evening television can ruin church. We must find a Maigret to solve the problem.

## PARISH COUNCIL

More than a year ago the Parish Council was formed to consist of two representatives of each of the organisations at St. John's, together with any others who would care to attend. At its quarterly meetings these representatives bring forward ideas and suggestions from their own groups, and in turn take back to their groups information as to what is happening in other spheres within St. John's.

At the Parish Council in May a plan was put forward for organising jobs of service within the Parish, as well as assisting those parishioners who would like to contribute some of their time or their particular abilities. Many opportunities for practical service exist, both inside and outside the Church itself, and to direct these activities it was decided to form a Service Group to get things going. The organisers of the Group are: Rev. A. Chipman, Mrs. Valerie Proverbs and Mr. L. Denham. As a beginning the Group is to tackle three particular needs. The first of these is to organise a Creche where, on one or two Sundays per month, mothers may leave tiny children under good care while they attend the Church Service. It is hoped that this can be done by arranging a roster of young women, able and willing to look after a group of children, and already two or three volunteers have put forward their names. If others are interested in this idea, either from the point of view of helping, or of having their children cared for during a service, it will be appreciated if they will give their names to Mrs. Proverbs or to Mr. Chipman.

A second need is that of providing transport to and from services for those who are prevented from attending due to distance or lack of public transport, especially old people. Here again Mr. Chipman or Mr. Denham would be very pleased to have the names both of those willing to offer suitable transport, and also of people who would appreciate an occasional lift to Church.

The young people too would like to undertake some job of service, and two possibilities are being considered, in connection with one of the local hospitals; first, the idea of visiting the children's ward occasionally and doing something as a Group; and second, perhaps giving assistance at the St. Luke's Hospital kiosk at a weekend.

While the above activities will make a beginning, it is hoped that the Service Group will grow considerably and the initial organisers will be very pleased to hear of any further suggestions for service, or jobs that need to be done, as well as to have offers of assistance from any Parishioners, young or old.

**Elderly people please note,** if you have any specific need in which St. John's can help, we are ready to tackle any request.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

A tremendous time was enjoyed by the 23 of us who went to our Holiday Camp at Kelso in May. Our studies for the camp entered upon the First Epistle of St. John and were prepared and led by our "Camp Dad", the Revd. I. Carter. The concert on Saturday night was a "scream" and all rights are reserved on the song about our Assistant Curate.

Young people attending secondary schools are invited to link up with our youth group this second term.

## Coming Events—

3rd June — Activities Evening (How to Cook?)

10th June—DANCE.

17th June—Activities Evening (Judo).

24th June—Kelso Working Bee (All day).

As well as doing some work, there will be lots of time for football, singing and relaxing. All intending to come must contact Mr. Chipman for transport purposes.

**Don't miss our next Youth Service, Sunday, 2nd July, 7 p.m.**

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held at the home of Mrs. H. D. Palliser, 3 Wyett Street on Thursday, 11th May, at 8 p.m. Archdeacon Jerrim presided. Election of Officers—Patron, Mrs. H. A. Jerrim, President; Mrs. T. P. White, Secretary; Mrs. H. D. Palliser, Treasurer; Miss B. D. Stevens; Committee: Mrs. Morrah, Miss Scott.

Accounts for the Longford Motor Racing Stall have been finalised and a cheque has been sent to the Kelso committee for the sum of \$433.70. We offer our sincere thanks to members and friends who assisted in any way to make this an outstanding success. At the conclusion of the meeting members were given a surprise birthday supper to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the Guild. The birthday cake was made and decorated by the Secretary, Mrs. White was invited to light the candles and Mrs. Morrah to cut the cake. Supper hostesses were Mrs. Dodery, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Palliser. The next meeting of the Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Leonard, No. 2 High Street on Thursday, 8th June at 8 p.m.

Supper hostesses, Mrs. V. Good, Mrs. V. Holyman.

## ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY

Members of the Auxiliary will meet on Monday, 5th June at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall (note alteration owing to holiday on 12th June). Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. Henry and Miss Bennett.

A donation of \$200.00 has been sent towards the electrical installation of the new sterilising equipment in the central supply department at the hospital. A successful card afternoon and sale of gifts held on Friday afternoon, 19th May, realised \$121.62.

## EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union, will be held on Tuesday, 20th June at 8 p.m., with a service in the Chapel and adjourning to the Rectory for the meeting. We will be fortunate to have as our guest speaker Miss Mack who will give us an illustrated talk on South America, this should prove interesting and members of the Afternoon Mothers' Union are invited and also any friends who may be interested. Members requested to bring gifts for the trading table.

## BAPTISMS

Donna Louise Bantick, Wayne Douglas Kearnes, Julie Ann Rigby, Stephen John Briggs, Brent Trevor Genders.

## MARRIAGES

Warren Blair Spinks and Rosemary Louise Bell, Anthony James Champ and Pauline Ethel Trickett, Barry John Tuthill and Jill Denise Ranson, Adrian Victor Coyte Isaac and Barbara Anne Neil.

## BURIALS

John Ernest McConnon, Percy Dunton Scott. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.

## PARISH MESSENGER

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

Miss M. Gregory \$1.00, Mrs. E. B. Gentleman \$1.00, Mr. and Miss Wingrove \$2.00.

Thank you.

## MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday, 22nd June, in the Kindergarten Hall, at 2.15 p.m. our annual Musical Market will be held. There will be a Work, Cake, Savoury and White Elephant Stalls and Afternoon Tea. An invitation is extended to all parishioners and their friends. The proceeds will go to the Clarendon Children's Homes at Kingston.

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## AN ARTICLE FROM "SEE" — THE MELBOURNE DIOCESAN PAPER.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Sunday, 9th April, an historic ceremony took place at Monash University, when the Governor of Victoria laid the foundation stone of the new Religious Centre, which is to be set apart for use by students of all faiths. The stone was then solemnly dedicated as a Dominican Father, a Jewish Rabbi and an Anglican priest in their respective robes placed their hands together upon it and joined in a common prayer.

This action of the three chaplains greatly moved the large crowd. The chapel itself will be a round building to symbolise the unity of our belief in God, and it will have one altar to be used by all Christians. Such a chapel, presented to the University by the Christian churches and the Jewish community working together on the same committee will be a worthy symbol of the new spirit of religious unity which William Temple described as the great new fact of our time.

Those who were present on this memorable occasion will observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this coming month with great thankfulness and encouragement. This period of solemn prayer for the healing of divisions in the Body of Christ was inspired by the Abbe Paul Couturier, a French Catholic, and in the northern hemisphere, it is held in January around the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion, but because most Australians are on holiday at this season, we observe it between Ascension Day and Whitsunday, that is from 4th May to 14th for 1967.

## THE THEME

The theme this year reminds us that the people of God are "called to one hope"; this is the phrase used by Paul in his great prayer for the Ephesian church: "There is one body and one spirit, as there is also one hope held out in God's call to you." Our common faith is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit; without Him, there would be no true Church; our fellowship rests on the hope that we can enjoy a common life, identified with the risen Christ. Fragmentation is a sad feature of the contemporary political scene, with each little national group trying to assert its independence of, and superiority to, its neighbour. By contrast, the severed members of Christ's Body are moving closer together, and rejoice in the hope that their common faith and worship are the proper antidotes to disintegrating forces.

The various Christian churches have grown up with many different traditions, and have in the past nourished many prejudices against their neighbours, but now they share in a common hope and a common purpose, to reflect the love of Christ, and to act as His servant to a needy world.

Each individual Anglican should do his utmost faithfully to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and make use of every opportunity possible for him to study other Christian traditions and join in common prayer with his fellow Christians, that we all may be one in Christ.