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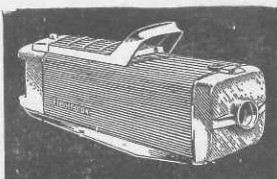
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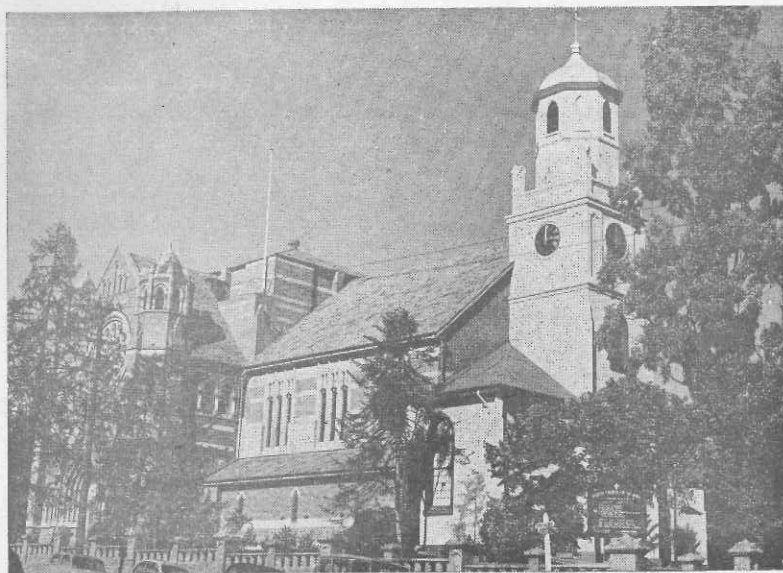
MAY, 1967

CLERGY

Rector: Archdeacon Henry A. Jerrim, Th.L., C.F. Phone 2 3186.

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

● **THE CHURCH WITH A HISTORY**

The Marriage Registers of St. John's Church contain the record of the marriages of John Pascoe Fawcner and John Batman, founders of the City of Melbourne, Victoria. Our Parish Church has stood on this site longer than any of the surrounding buildings. I was shown recently a painting of old St. John's, the work of a 19th century artist and it is to be given to me for the parish. The Church stands alone on this site, looking towards West Launceston, which is portrayed as a cleared hill. For 140 years the Church has been used as a place of worship and has been the scene of the spiritual nurture of thousands now scattered around the world. If the West doors of the Church could speak, what a tale they could tell of those who have passed through this entrance.

● **THE CHURCH TODAY**

Our history is not of the past only, it is being written in this generation. Who will forget the memorable occasion when that famous English Test cricketer the Reverend David Sheppard preached to one of the largest congregations, if not the largest, to pack St. John's Church? Early in 1963 the Special Synod to elect a new Bishop gathered in St. John's for Holy Communion, prior to meeting to Elect the Present Bishop, the Right Reverend R. E. Davies, then Warden of St. John's College, Morpeth, New South Wales.

In January of 1965 a memorable service of thanksgiving for the life of Winston Spencer Churchill brought many people from every walk of life to St. John's.

● **THE CHURCH TOMORROW**

The role which the Church of St. John will fulfil in the future of Launceston is in our hands. We are responsible to maintain and preserve its fabrics so that those who come within its precincts will know that this is God's House. The Church is not to be a museum, but a power house from which men and women may go out to serve in the community as Christian citizens. A sanctuary to which the tired, the frustrated, the disappointed and the sad may come for renewal and refreshment.

The doors of St. John's must remain open for the generations to come and its clergy and laity must seek to serve God and men. This Parish Canvass will help St. John's to continue to be all that you want it to be and aid the Church to extend in Launceston, Tasmania, Australia and beyond.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This letter will be brief. Preceding this you will see some notes which you should have read before. They were printed in the leaflet which you received on the occasion of the Parish Canvass last year. The significant words to which I want to draw your attention are these in the last section.

"The Church is not to be a museum, but a power house from which men and women may go out to serve the community as Christian citizens, a sanctuary to which the tired, the frustrated, the disappointed and the sad may come for renewal and refreshment."

Too many of us by our actions or lack of action treat the Church as a museum. I ask you to use the Church for the purposes expressed above. Even if you don't feel the need for power, for renewal and refreshment, others do and depend on your participation in corporate worship to find these things.

Services are at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., every Sunday. Come and take your place.

May God bless you all,
Yours very sincerely,
Henry A. Jerrim.

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MAY CALENDAR

- May—
Kingston Beach,
April, 1967
- I have been asked to thank you for the really wonderful selection of goods which you sent on to us for distribution after your Harvest Festival Service. Will you please extend our very sincere appreciation to all those who so generously contributed.
- We have only a small group of workers and these are divided into groups so that all the worst devastated districts down the Channel are being personally investigated. The immediate personal and physical needs of these families are being supplied from stocks available and signs of any mental stress watched for so that they can be reported and early treatment by qualified personnel made available.
- It is being found that as the winter approaches there is even more evidence of the strain these folk have endured, and visits will need to be continued for many months longer than originally anticipated.
- With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,
Winifred Taylor,
for Kingston Voluntary Relief.
- Parishioners will be interested and pleased to know that two Church of England Deaconesses have been seconded to work amongst the fire victims. The salary of one is provided by our Bishop from funds and the other by the A.C.C.
- EVENING MOTHERS' UNION**
- The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on the 4th Tuesday in May, the 23rd. The meeting is being held a week later than usual on account of school holidays. There will be a short service in the Chapel and then members will adjourn to the Rectory for the meeting. We will have Miss Gwen Scott to give us a demonstration on basket making. Members are requested to bring gifts for the trading table.
- Supper hostesses: Mesdames Cassidy and Merrington.
- WOMEN'S GUILD**
- The Annual Meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mr. H. D. Palliser, 3 Wyett St., on Thursday, 11th May, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses will be Mesdames Dodery, Scott and Palliser.
- Retiring officers: President, Mrs. T. P. White, Secretary, Mrs. H. D. Palliser, Treasurer, Miss B. D. Stevens, Committee, Mrs. Morrah and Mrs. Scott.
- All ladies of the parish are invited.
- The stall held at the Longford Motor Races in March resulted in a profit of approx. \$450. We would like to thank all those who helped in various ways to make this function a success.
- 3 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
4 Thursday, Ascension Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
7 Sunday after Ascension. 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 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary will meet at St. Luke's.
9 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 8 p.m. Parish Council.
10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
11 Thursday, 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. Palliser, 3 Wyett St. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. Youth Camp at Kelso.
14 Whit Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
17 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
18 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
21 Trinity Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
23 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
24 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
25 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mother's Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
28 First Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 3 p.m. Confirmation Candidates to meet Rector in Chapel. 7 p.m. Evensong.
30 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Sunday School Superintendents' Conference.
31 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND BUSH FIRE RELIEF

This year parishioners were asked to send their thank offerings for Harvest Festival in the nature of articles suitable for helping the victims of the bush fires. A very good selection of gifts was sent in and these were taken to Canon Atkins at Kingston. His area extends down through Snug, Margate and the Channel which is one of the worst hit areas. Canon Atkins wrote a letter of appreciation which was printed in the Weekly Bulletin. A day or so ago I received a further letter from the Kingston Voluntary Relief Organisation and I am printing it in this Messenger. This will serve to remind us that the need for help and compassion still exists.

ST. LUKE'S AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the Hospital on Monday, 8th May, at 2.45 p.m.

On Friday, 19th May, members have arranged a card afternoon. Players will meet at the homes of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, Mrs. A. M. Strickland, 7 Treffos Place, Mrs. P. H. Clifford, 81 Penquite Rd., Miss Bennett and Mrs. Henry, 4 Thyne Ave., and Mrs. V. H. Good, 5 Riverdale Grove.

Afternoon Tea will be provided by members of the Auxiliary. The Button Day result was approximately \$106.12. Our sincere thanks are extended to members who assisted in selling buttons.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 25th May, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Walker of Longford.

Our Annual Musical Market will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 22nd June.

HOLIDAY YOUTH CAMP

This will be held at Keiso Youth Centre from 11th-14th May. Activities will include hiking, singing, Bible Study and other outdoor activities. Don't miss the fun. Get an application form from the Rev. A. Chipman and return it to him with a \$1.00 deposit immediately.

Other Details—
Camp Chaplain: The Rev. I. Carter.
Camp Mother: Miss M. Willson.
Camp Cook: Any volunteer, Mothers ???
Camp Commandant: The Rev. A. Chipman.
Cost: Approx. \$5.00.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our first term's activities have run fairly well, although there have been some ups and downs. All look forward to a good second term. We will resume meetings on 27th May, 7.30 p.m. with a Mystery Hike. Young people be ready for the big Dance to be held early in the term. The help of one or two extra men with the running of the Youth Group would be much appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is with regret that the Sunday School records the loss of Mrs. G. Radford and Miss R. Bell, both valuable members of the teaching staff. However, it is with pleasure that we welcome Mr. Sampson, Miss Janet Saxon, Miss Annette Scott and Mr. M. Wakefield to the staff together with a number of assistant teachers. The teachers of the Senior Department had an enjoyable get-together on 17th April to wish Miss R. Bell every happiness on the occasion of her coming marriage. Our thanks are recorded for the lovely evening made possible by our hosts Mr. and Mrs. D. Campbell.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR 1967

Confirmation Classes for young people will commence in June. I would like to meet all young people who wish to be prepared in the Chapel on Sunday, 28th May, at 3 p.m. The main purpose of this class will be for enrolment and to make arrangements for the weekly classes. Intending candidates must be members of this parish and be ready to commence classes on 28th May.

ARCHIDIACONAL SERVICE

On Friday, 2nd June, at 8 p.m., there will be an archidiaconal service in St. John's Church to mark the beginning of the Anglican Development Programme. At this service will be representatives of all the parishes in the Archdeaconry of Launceston. The Bishop will be the preacher at this service. Supper will follow in the Hall.

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.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:— Mesdames A. R. Hammond \$1, D. Hynd \$1, B. Gentleman \$2, Anon \$2, Mr. A. Hollingsworth \$1, Mrs. B. Phillips \$1. Thank you.

BAPTISMS

Martin Royce Berwick, Ramona Frech, Fritha Tanya Sims, Leanne Patricia Clarke, Timothy Keith Dawson, Sandra Ann Stanhall, Darren Andrew Gray, Sandra Joy Pugh, Michael Graeme Carter, Joanne Denise Gooding, Jayne Elizabeth Bunton, Julie Sulzberger, John William Stanhall, Martin Sutherland Wade, Arthur David Rettick, Andrew Raymond Bennett.

MARRIAGES

Barry Tasman Nation and Janette Lillian Wing, Barry John Whitmore and Pamela June Seabourne, Peter Denis Macaulay and Judith Mary Stone, Michael Raymond Roberts and Judith Ann Wolf, Adrian Kenneth Smith and Helen Joy Collinson, John Ferguson Vincent and Marlene Janice Forsyth, Alan Campbell May and Cynthia Jean Atherton, Barry Harold Brimfield and Vicki Nola Berry, Anthony Rex Gardner and Kay Elizabeth Findlay, Gerald Goodwin Hale and Kaye von Bibra, Kenneth James Cowley and Cynthia Barbara Isabel Archer, Ross Allen Frankcombe and Jennifer Anne Lade.

BURIALS

Phyllis Magdalene Perkins, Lillian May Tripcony.

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

"FIRST STEPS TO UNITY" BY ANGLICANS/CATHOLICS

Official representatives of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches "have taken the first steps towards restoring full unity after 400 years of separation."

This statement was contained in a joint communique issued following a meeting of a joint-church commission near Milan. The talks were set up following the 1966 meeting between Archbishop Ramsey and Pope Paul.

The communique said that "free and frank" discussion was held on several topics, including "the relation of the Church to the Gospel's authority and comprehensiveness, inter-communion and the place of the Virgin Mary in Christian theology and devotion. A special commission is to study mixed marriages."

The commission is submitting to the hierarchies of the two churches a number of recommendations aimed at easing tensions and building co-operation and understanding. The W.C.C. was represented at the talks by Father Paul Verghese, an associate general secretary.

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FOUR MORE AUSTRALIANS FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM

Four Australians leave this month for Vietnam to join a refugee service team working at Tuy Hoa, about 250 miles north of Saigon.

They will bring to nine the Australians working in the area under an East Asia Christian Conference programme partly sponsored by Australian Inter-Church Aid. Five team members were sent to Vietnam late in 1966.

The new team members include a doctor, two teachers and a draftsman. One member, Miss Rosemary Taylor, B.A., a teacher of Adelaide, is a Roman Catholic.

Others in the group are Dr. John Whitehall, a Baptist, of Sydney; his wife, Elsie, a kindergarten teacher and Mr. Guy Brehon, Methodist draftsman, of Orange, N.S.W.

The nine-member team is expected to cost Australian Inter-Church Aid \$37,500 to equip, supply and maintain in 1967.

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