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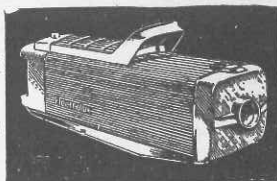
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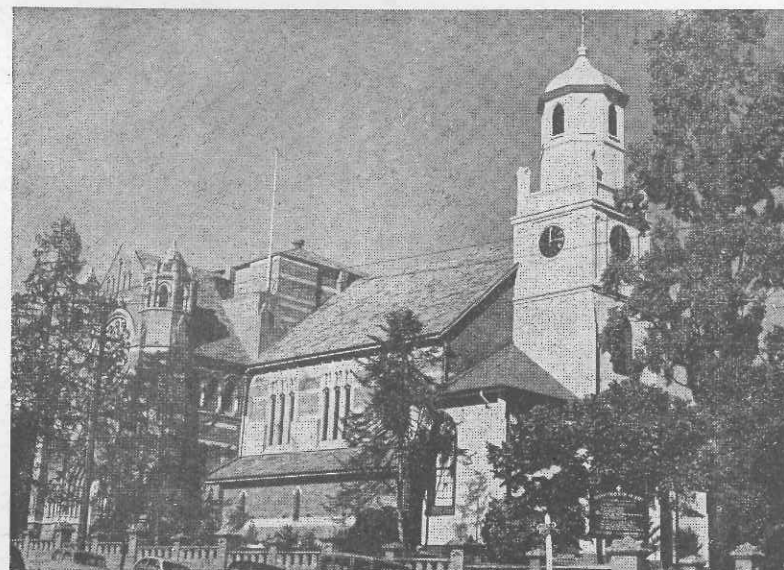
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Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M. Phone 31 2998



October . . .

Festival Month

SUNDAY, 1st OCTOBER —

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. A Modern Liturgy.

7.00 p.m. Preparation Service for Confirmation.

Candidates, Parents and Witnesses are asked to attend.

SUNDAY, 8th OCTOBER —

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Confirmation. The Bishop of Tasmania.

7.00 p.m. Evensong.

SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER —

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion. (First Communion for newly Confirmed.)
Celebrant: The Bishop of Cariboo, Canada.

9.45 a.m. Family Service.

7.00 p.m. Evensong.

SUNDAY, 22nd OCTOBER —

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Matins.

7.00 p.m. Hospital Service.

SUNDAY, 29th OCTOBER —

DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Festival Service and Clipping of the Church. Preacher: Rev. M. R. Stanton, Director Overseas Department.

7.00 p.m. Festal Evensong.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Do you read "The Australian"? I was shocked last week to see some figures which were quoted from a sociological survey being undertaken by Dr. J. J. Mol of the Australian National University. Tasmania was one of the states included in the survey. May I quote the first section of the article?

"Fewer than 14 per cent of Australia's 3.5 million Anglicans attend church regularly—at least once a month—compared with 66 per cent of the 2.8 million Roman Catholics.

But the most striking contrast between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, revealed by a searching poll in three states, is the effect of parental religious behaviour on church-going.

Regular church worship by Anglican parents has had little effect on the attendance of their children. Seventy-five per cent of Anglicans whose parents regularly attended church are themselves irregular in worship or have virtually stopped going. Only 25 per cent of Roman Catholics whose parents went to church regularly are irregular.

The survey leaves no doubt that the Roman Catholic Church is now by far the biggest in Australia in terms of regular church-going by its members. Dr. Mol said, 'I had not expected the difference to be so marked. I am astounded. The church-going of Anglicans in Australia is only slightly higher than in England. There is a very great deal of dead wood in the Anglican church—people who come to church only to be baptised, get married and be buried.

The cohesion of the Catholic Church is buttressed not only by Catholic education and strong religious behaviour of parents, but also by the fact that it is not the established church."

Dr. Mol is not alone in being "astounded". I am and I hope that you will be both astounded and distressed about these comments.

The question is, what are you going to do about it? This month of October provides us with some opportunities to renew the life of the Church as we have the Confirmation and Dedication Festival falling in the next few weeks. See the special note about these occasions. We can make a start with the Preparation Service for Confirmation candidates, witnesses and parents to be held next Sunday, 1st October at 7 p.m.

This provides us all with an opportunity to begin again with these young people who are to be confirmed by the Bishop.

Will you join them in a re-affirmation of your faith?

May God Bless you all,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October—	15	21st Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion—First Communion of newly Confirmed. Celebrant—The Bishop of Cariboo. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.	
1	19th Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. The Modern Liturgy. 7 p.m. Preparation Service for Confirmation.	17	Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
4	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.	18	Wednesday, St. Luke's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
5	Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild—at the home of Mrs. H. Palliser, 3 Wyett Street.	19	Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
7	Saturday, 2.15 p.m. G.F.S. Fair. 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.	21	Saturday, S.S. Teachers' Conference at Longford.
8	20th Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Confirmation—The Bishop of Tasmania. 7 p.m. Evensong.	22	22nd Sunday after Trinity. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
9	Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary at Parish Hall.	25	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
10	Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.	26	Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
11	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.	28	Saturday, S.S. Simon & Jude's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 3 p.m. Garden Party at the Rectory. All invited.
12	Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	29	Dedication Festival. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Festival Service and the Clipping of the Church. 7 p.m. Festal Evensong.

SATURDAY — 7th OCTOBER — 2.15 P.M.

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ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN HALL
STALLS AND AFTERNOON TEA
To be Opened by Miss M. Rooney

THE RIGHT REVEREND RALPH S. DEAN,
M.Th. D.D.Anglican Executive Officer and Bishop of
Cariboo

Following the last Lambeth Conference in 1958, a new office was created, that of the Anglican Executive Officer. The object of this office was to have some highly placed person in the church who would be free to make contact with every and any part of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. This person would be responsible to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The first occupant of this office was Bishop Stephen Bayne, a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of U.S.A.

Bishop Bayne was succeeded by the Right Revd. Ralph S. Dean, the Bishop of Cariboo in Canada. Bishop Dean is an Englishman who has been Bishop of Cariboo since 1956. At the moment, he is on leave from his Diocese to do this important work of the Anglican Executive Officer. During October, he is paying a flying visit to Australia and will be in Tasmania a little less than 24 hours. We are indeed fortunate that he will be the Celebrant at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion on 15th October and will give a short address. He flies back to the mainland later in the morning, in order to preach in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, at night.

The Bishop arrives in Australia the previous Tuesday and in the few days in between will visit Perth and Geraldton in Western Australia as well as Melbourne. Do not miss this opportunity of hearing an outstanding Bishop of the Church.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of St. John's Women's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. H. D. Palliser, 3 Wyett Street, on Thursday, 5th October, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses—Mrs. J. Sheldrick, Mrs. H. Palliser and Mrs. A. Ford.

Members please note that the meeting has been advanced one week owing to the Launceston Agricultural Show. Members unable to attend this meeting are asked to contact the Secretary if they wish to attend our Christmas Party.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 9th October, commencing at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea Hostesses—Miss D. Lockwood and Mrs. F. Cox.

Arrangements for the Morning Tea Party being held at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, Riverdale Grove on Thursday, 19th October, are well in hand.

An invitation is extended to parishioners and their friends.

MOTHERS' UNION

In place of our usual monthly Service and Meeting, members will entertain patients of the Evangelical Nursing Association and The Royal Tasmanian Institute for the Blind to a Musical Tea Party in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 26th October, at 2.30 p.m.

DIARY FOR YOUTH

Saturday, 7th October—
7.30 p.m. Change-of-Clothes Evening.
Saturday, 14th October—
7.30 p.m. Film Evening.
Saturday, 21st October—
7.30 p.m. Discotette.
Saturday, 28th October—
7.30 p.m. Roaring Twenties Night.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 17th October at 8.30 p.m. in St. John's Rectory, and will commence with a service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m.

We will have as our guest speaker, Miss Mack, who will continue to show us her slides of her trip to South America, we hope that as many members as possible will attend. Members also to bring a small article for the stall for next year's Musical Market.

Supper hostesses—Mesdames Smith and Clarke.

G.F.S.

The annual G.F.S. Fair will be opened by Miss Rooney, M.A., in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, 7th October. There will be afternoon tea, produce, cakes, sweets, and a work stall with plenty of gifts suitable for Christmas or birthday gifts. Please come and buy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHINESE MARKET

The Chinese Market resulted in \$116.00 being raised for the support of three children in Hong Kong.

Our thanks are extended to the children of the Sunday School, their parents and the teachers for their generous help.

BAPTISMS

Jamie Edward Millwood, Roderick James Leonard, John Douglas Leonard, Brian Greyham Targett, Jason Edward Rainbird, Brenda Jean Allen, Stephen Charles Oakley.

MARRIAGES

Lawrence Frank Beveridge and Lynette Freda Clark, Brian Henry Stevenson and Marilyne Alice Thomson, Reginald John Duncanson and Janferie Anne Adam, Kenneth John Box and Lynnette Ann Saunderson, John Robert Thomas and Colleen Mary Breheny, Barrie David Jacobson and Rosemary Ann Hill, Allan Kenneth Powell and Keryn Ellen Jones.

BURIALS

Florence Laura Ford, Mary Ann Davey, William Arthur Chandler, Alma Bertha Appleyard, Sydney Selwyn Wells, Jessica Avis Kerridge, Susie Charlotte Louise Gee.

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

PARISH MESSENGER

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

Mesdames J. D. Godfrey, H. Nicholls, Miss J. Tidey, \$1.00 each. Anonymous \$2.

Thank you.

CUT ALONG HERE

St. John's Festival

You and your family are invited to the Garden Party at the Rectory on Saturday, 28th October, at 3.00 p.m.

We will be pleased to be present at the Garden Party at the Rectory on Saturday, 28th October, at 3.00 p.m.

Signed Address

No. in Party Children Welcome

Return to the Rector by 24/10/66. Tomorrow.