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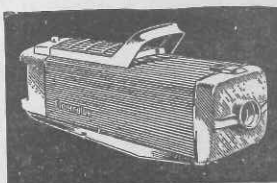
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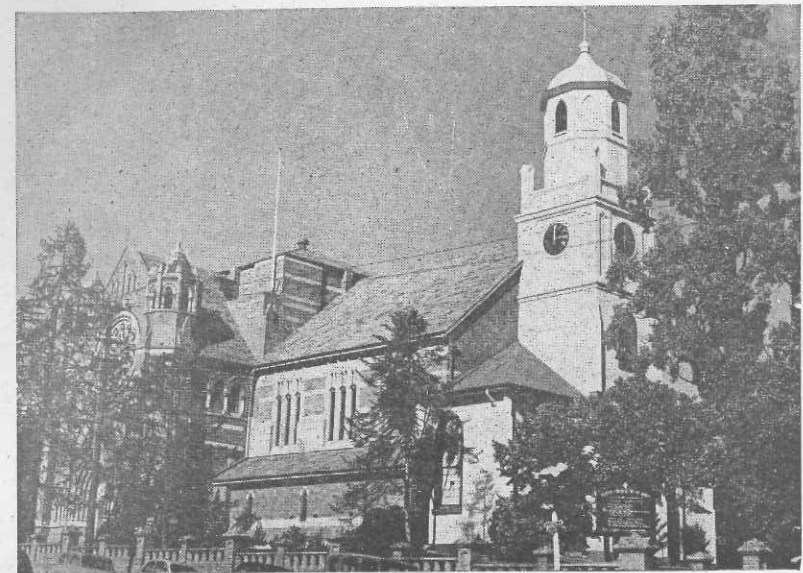
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Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M. Phone 31 2998

**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

During this month the Synod of our Church in Tasmania will meet and amongst some of the matters to be discussed will be the decisions of General Synod which have to be approved by the several dioceses of the Church in Australia, before they become effective. One of the new laws is in connection with the name of the Church. The new title which is suggested is "The Anglican Church in Australia."

At General Synod in Sydney last year, there was some considerable division of opinion as to whether we should retain the title of Church of England or not. C. OF E. has been a set of initials which has been used for a long time and sometimes without any meaningfulness for the people using it. Like the old story of the army recruit being asked the question, "What is your religion?" The recruit replies hesitatingly, "I don't know." The recruiting sergeant says, "Put him down C. of E."

**What Does C. of E. Mean?**

C. of E. means Church of England.

For some people this means a reasonable attachment to the Church and what it stands for, attending fairly consistently at Sunday worship and a reasonable observance of its rules. This accounts for about 12% of our nominal membership.

C. of E. implies for some, Christmas or Easter.

You know the implication of this, the practice of receiving Holy Communion or attending Church on the great Festivals only.

C. of E. has been interpreted as Careless of Everything.

This means being careless of spiritual and religious matters, an ignoring of most of that which the Church teaches and stands for in life. A complete rejection of the Church's Rule of Life:—

Sunday Worship.

Praying daily.

Reading the Bible.

Giving to God's Church.

C. of E. could mean Christian in Everything.

This would account for the Christian in the parish who is striving to follow in the footsteps of our Lord who said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Those who see that commitment to the Church includes the observance of the above Rule of Life and the application of Christian principles to daily life and our dealings with others.

What does C. of E. mean for you?

May God bless you all, especially those who are in any trouble at this time.

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

September—

- 3 **15th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
- 6 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 7 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 10 **16th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins—Preacher—The Rev. C. Miller, Superintendent, The Missions to Seamen. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 11 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary at Riverdale Grove.
- 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 16 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 17 **17th Sunday after Trinity. Synod Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion and Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. Preacher—Mr. D. Cohen of the B.F.B.S.
- 19 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 20 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 Thursday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 23 Saturday, Car B.Q. for "20 and Over Club".
- 24 **18th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 29 Friday, St. Michael and All Angels' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 30 Saturday, G.F.S. Fair.

## A.B.C. BROADCAST

Late in July the A.B.C. recorded two services which were prepared by the Choir for re-broadcast over the A.B.C. One of the recordings was of a fifteen-minute service for use on Radio Australia in a series called "Churches of Australia". This was used on the short-wave on 13th August. On the same evening Evensong was recorded for broadcasting on Friday, 29th September, at 4.30 p.m. It was a privilege to be able to record these services for the A.B.C. Normally the Friday Evensong is broadcast from one of the Metropolitan Cathedrals. Remember the date and if possible listen to this Broadcast at 4.30 p.m. from 7NT.

## R.S.C.M. CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Saturday, 19th August, the 8th Annual Choir Festival was held and despite all the difficulties surrounding the conduct of such a Festival, it was a worthwhile occasion. We extend our congratulations to all who participated in the Festival and especially to the Conductor (the Revd. J. Senior) and to the Organist (Mr. Lindsay O'Neill). In spite of the damp weather, there was a good congregation. It is to be hoped that these Festivals will be continued and will receive the support of Northern choirs and congregations.

This year the visiting choirs included those from St. George's, Invermay, St. Barnabas' Newnham, the Launceston Church Grammar School Choir and we were particularly pleased to welcome a group from St. James' Church Choir, Hobart. The choirs practised during the afternoon and after tea sang Evensong with special music prepared for the occasion. The Revd. John Senior gave an address explaining some of the aspects of the Festival and the music used. St. John's Women's Guild provided tea for the choristers in the Parish Hall. This occasion of learning and fellowship was appreciated by all.

## EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 19th September in St. John's Rectory, commencing with a short service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. We will have as our guest speaker on that occasion, Mr. Wasny from the City Delicatessen, who will tell us many things of interest concerning different foods and will illustrate his talk. Members should enjoy this evening, it will be most entertaining.

Members of the afternoon group are cordially invited to join us.

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The members of the Guild have had a busy time catering in the past few weeks. These occasions included the Parish Tea and the Choir Festival. We would like to thank all members who have helped so willingly. The Vestry expresses their appreciation of the help the Women's Guild renders on these occasions.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. D. Leonard, 2a High St., on the evening of 14th September at 8 p.m. All members are urged to try and attend this meeting.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Wave of Prayer—This will be observed as follows:—

Monday, 11th September—in own homes.

Tuesday, 12th September—Archdeaconry of Darwin.

Wednesday, 13th September—Archdeaconry of Hobart.

Thursday, 14th September—Archdeaconry of Launceston.

Friday, 15th September—In own homes.

The time allotted to St. John's Mothers' Union (afternoon branch) is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, 14th September. This will be observed in the Chapel and all members are asked to attend.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th September, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. A. Chipman.

## BAPTISMS

Shane John Dean, Rebecca Dawn Goulston, Rosalie Lones Arnold, Darren Peter Hodges, Rosemary Ann Hill, Mark Sydney Goulston, Kym Joy Waddingham, Lorinda Gwen Maher, Jane Melissa Goulston, Maria Lucie Joan Wells, Dianna Meiklejohn.

## MARRIAGES

Lindsay Douglas Miller and Marilyn Laraine Diener, Ivan Henry Lawson and Rosalie Lones Arnold, George Kramer and Felicity Ann Richardson, Arthur David Reddick and Diana Joan Robinson.

## BURIALS

Terence John Jacobs, Ethel Madeline Harrison, Mabel Alice Ikin.

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.

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Thank You.

A B.C.A. Story  
FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The Revd. E. Carnaby

Leigh Creek township has been described as an "oasis in a gibber-strewn country"—our first impression was "an oasis in the desert", for truly it is.

You may well ask why a town exists there at all. Purely and simply to mine by the open-cut method, very valuable coal seams, some of it only 50 or 60 feet beneath the surface. To give you an idea, by the early 1960's more than 10 million tons of coal had been removed from Leigh Creek field. Present coal production at Leigh Creek is well over a million tons a year, with plans to increase this to two million tons. All the coal is railed to Port Augusta power houses.

Your first thoughts then might be of us living in sooty surroundings with blackened coal miners. Hans Mincham, a noted Flinders Ranges authority, dispels this notion, "Situated six miles north of Copley (and 351 miles north of Adelaide) an open, treeless country, Leigh Creek township which was surveyed in 1944, has almost the appearance of a metropolitan suburb that has been transported on a magic carpet and set down on a dusty plain with a background of colourful ranges." Present population is about 1,200, and the town consists of more than 220 well-built homes, blocks of self-contained flats, and well-equipped quarters for unmarried men. The town is completely sewered and all roads within are bituminised. One is amazed to find 10,000 trees and shrubs which have been established along the streets and in reserves. Colourful gardens can be seen where once early explorers saw nothing but desolate and cheerless waste.

Few places though are less inviting than the immediate surroundings of the township. Dust storms are frequent, and summer shade temperatures of 110-115 are quite usual. Yet the living conditions are probably better than in any place of the same size in South Australia. The rectory itself is modern, air-conditioned and most comfortable.

Into this situation B.C.A. has been called to minister the saving gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Society supplies the town and its "out-lying" centres with a clergyman, usually a married man with a family. His pastoral responsibilities involve him in some alarming figures. The parish or "mission district" covers two-thirds geographically of South Australia, touching the borders of W.A., Northern Territory and Queensland (250,000 square miles—and for comparison almost three times the area of the British Isles).

Once a quarter, a "patrol" is undertaken, taking him through Marree, Oodnadatta, Earna-bella, Musgrave Ranges and Coober Pedy. Twice a year finds him tackling the Birdsville Track up to Birdsville and then returning on the lesser known Stzelecki Track through Betoota, Arrabury, Cordillo Downs and Innamincka. Quarterly also is a patrol to the east through the magnificent Flinders Ranges with such breathtaking sights as Italowie Gorge and others.

Besides the arduous travelling, he is expected to maintain regular services in Leigh Creek and to be a pastor to God's people there. Why does he choose this work? He is caught up in the motto of B.C.A.—"Australia for Christ", and feels constrained to take the precious good news to those in sparsely populated areas of our great inland.

A SEPTEMBER THEME  
THE CHURCH BEYOND TASMANIA

## Sunday, 3rd September —

7 p.m. "The New Guinea Martyrs." The Rector.  
"The blood of the martyrs is become the seed of the Church" — Tertullian.

## Sunday, 10th September —

11 a.m. "The Missions to Seamen". The Rev. C. Miller, Missions to Seamen Chaplain.  
"They that go down to the sea in ships".—Psalm 107.23.

## Sunday, 17th September —

7 p.m. "The Bible Society". Mr. David Cohen, B.F.B.S. worker on Mauritius.  
"Thy Word is a Lamp to my feet."—Psalm 119.105.

## Sunday, 24th September —

7 p.m. "The Bush Church Aid Society." The Rev. I. E. A. Booth.  
"Australia for Christ."

SATURDAY — 30th SEPTEMBER — 2.30 P.M.

G. F. S. FAIR  
ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN HALL  
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