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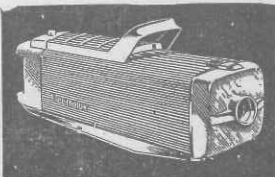
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This month I wish to commend to you the letter which our Bishop sent out from England to be read in all our churches on Diocesan Sunday. I think that it is important that as many members of our Church as possible should have the opportunity of hearing or reading the letter. For that reason we are publishing the letter in this edition of the Parish Messenger.

The message of commitment is one which we all need to take note of, especially in relation to Christ and His Church. Later this year we will be having a further parish canvass and each of us will have the opportunity of making a commitment of money for the work of the church in Launceston, Tasmania and overseas. In the meantime may we all commit some of our time and talents to the work and worship of the Church.

Don't forget to read the Bishop's letter.

May God bless you all,
Yours very sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

THE BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this message within three minutes' walk from Westminster Abbey. The Abbey has been described as 'the heart of England'. In it have been crowned all English Kings since Harold in 1066, and in it lie buried not only kings but great servants of the State, poets, painters and the illustrious of the land.

Although so close to the Abbey we decided last Sunday, which was our first Sunday in England, to worship as a family in one of the liveliest Parish Churches in London, St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Here we shared in a simple but profoundly moving service of Holy Communion. In the congregation were people from all parts of the world, young and old, rich and poor, black and white. It was a powerful reminder of the world-wide nature of our Anglican Communion. Within the Prayer for the Church there was a familiar note when the celebrant prayed for Robert, our Bishop (this Robert, of course, was the Bishop of London). However, at that moment I tried to remember in prayer the clergy and people of the Diocese of Tasmania, and you can all be assured that there will be a very special remembrance today, because I note in my diary that on 21st July I am to be at Uxbridge with the Reverend Donald Hazlitt, who was formerly Rector of St. Helens and King Island in the Diocese of Tasmania. I know I am to celebrate and preach on a number of occasions.

Worship is a most wonderful way in which we express our fellowship with God and with each other.

Whilst at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, I was most interested to go down into the Crypt where I know that for many years countless thousands have found shelter, comfort and relief. I was surprised to learn that as many as up to two thousand hungry men and women would be fed on one day as soon as the winter comes. Part of the undercroft now serves as a shelter for the Hippies—here these young people, difficult to understand and difficult to help, are not forgotten. I could spend a lot of time describing what I call the Pastoral outreach of the people of St. Martin's. When I say 'the people', I mean the people, the parishioners—they work amongst the young, the aged, the students, the strangers, the destitute, the enquirers—it was thrilling to learn of what is being done at this Parish Church in the heart of this great city, but what has been more heartening has been to discover that throughout England the Parishes are accepting responsibility for serving the needs of the community in a most remarkable manner.

A young Australian doctor living at Croydon (where the Revd. Arthur Solomon (Rector of Avoca-Fingal) is gaining useful experience) was telling me that what has impressed him more than anything else about the life of the Church in England is the number of groups working in the Parishes meeting the personal and social needs of the people in the area. The Church in many places appears to be serving the community in a very real way. The Church is not living to itself and because of this it is alive. This summer the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral plans to stand in the forecourt of St. Paul's and be ready to discuss the issues of the Christian faith with anyone who turns up. He hopes it will become a sort of mid-city Hyde Park—this is just another aspect of evangelistic outreach.

Well, what about our own situation? For some years now we have been trying hard to develop within the Diocese a deeper sense of fellowship and also a keener sense of responsibility to the wider work of the Church. On Diocesan Sunday the Parishes indicate their willingness to be involved and as an expression of this spirit the Parish makes its commitment for the Mission of the Church at Home and overseas. This commitment is naturally something which involves you—the Parishioners.

May I suggest that this Commitment will only be what it should be if—

- (1) We first of all commit ourselves to Christ. The Christians of Corinth learned this secret. They gave themselves to the Lord.
- (2) We must commit our talents, our time and our possessions. Our talents to His work. Our time to His service. Our material possessions to His cause.

Where Christians are committed in this way, that is where the Church is vital. Non-involved detachment deprives our lives of purpose and spiritual power.

Involvement and commitment means useful enjoyment and fulfilment in the greatest service in which we can engage.

The real need of the Parish and the Diocese and the world is for more men and women, boys and girls who are committed, that is, who have given themselves to the Lord. On Diocesan Sunday will you say this prayer before you leave this Church—

"O Lord, revive Thy Church, beginning with me!"

God grant you grace to say this prayer and to mean it.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT, TASMANIA.

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

August—

- 4 **8th 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 (Creche in Sunday School). 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 6 Tuesday, Feast of the Transfiguration. 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. 8 p.m. Social Evening at Beresford House.
- 7 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 8 Thursday 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. G. Record, 59 Ann Street.
- 10 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 11 **9th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Launceston Grammar Prep. School Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 14 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 15 Thursday 10.15 a.m. Mothers' Union Morning Tea—Bring a Gift and Buy a Gift at the Rectory. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 17 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 18 **10th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Annual Red Cross Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 19 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.
- 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. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 Saturday, St. Bartholomew's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 25 **11th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. "20 and Over Club".
- 28 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mother's Union will be held on Tuesday, 20th August, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. Mrs. Watson will show films on Canada and Expo '67 which should be very interesting.

Mrs. Atherton will be in charge of the Creche on Sunday, 4th August at 11 a.m., in the Sunday School.

The Launceston Jaycees have requested baby nappies, nightwear and singlets, etc. for the underprivileged families of Launceston. If you have any such clothing of this nature to donate, please ring phone no's 2 2682, 2 5222 or 31 3044, and the garments will be collected.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Musical Market will be held in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 22nd August at 2.15 p.m. An invitation is extended to all parishioners and friends to attend this function, the proceeds of which will go to the Clarendon Children's Homes at Kingston.

On Thursday, 15th August at 10.15 a.m. at the Rectory, there will be a "morning tea"—everyone welcome—please bring a gift and buy a gift.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 26th September, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

At the present time the Youth Club meets every Saturday evening in the Parish Hall, between 7.30 and 10 p.m. Young people who are attending secondary schools will always be welcome. We are to have a visit from a group of young people from St. James, New Town, on the weekend of the 24—25th August.

The third Sunday in the month is always a young people's day with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., followed by Communion Breakfast in the hall. Family Service follows at 9.45 a.m., at which we welcome the Sunday School children, together with parents and friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each year the children of the Sunday School are asked to bring a small gift for inclusion in the cases which are sent to the Aboriginal Mission Stations at Roper River and Groote Eylandt. The following articles are welcome for this mission box, pencils, crayons, new colouring-in books, tinned baby food, hand towels, face washers, bandages, baby napkins, soap, new tooth brushes etc. These articles may be brought to Sunday School any Sunday in August.

20 AND OVER CLUB

The 20 and Over Club meet after Evensong on the last Sunday of each month in the home of one of the members of the club. The guest speaker at the August meeting (August 25th) will be the deputy leader of the Opposition in Federal Parliament (Mr. L. Barnard), who will speak on the subject: "The Role of the Opposition in Federal Politics".

Details of the club can be obtained from the assistant Curate. Young adults will always be welcomed at gatherings of the club.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

A chapter of the Order of St. Luke has been formed in Launceston; this is the third chapter to be formed in Tasmania. The other chapters are to be found in Hobart and Launceston. The Order of St. Luke is concerned with the ministry to the sick and in praying for healing. Deaconess Robinson is Secretary of the Launceston Chapter and will be pleased to give information to any interested persons. Meetings are held on the third Monday in the month and will rotate in place of meeting at various churches and halls.

We were pleased to welcome the Rev'd A. J. Glennon of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, to St. John's at Evensong on July 14th. He came to Launceston to conduct a seminar at Beresford House for the members of the Order of St. Luke.

MANY BISHOPS, MANY ANGLICANS

The 465 Archbishops and Bishops at the Lambeth Conference will be representing 47,198,230 baptised Anglicans, 40,498 of whom are clergymen.

As might be expected the largest of the 22 Anglican jurisdictions is the mother Church of England which claims 27,600,000. The next largest is the Australian Church with more than four million baptised members, and third the Episcopal Church of the United States with nearly three and one-half million.

The tiniest of all is the Province of Brazil with its three dioceses which has a mere 38,000. But then, the diocese is not very old yet, having been formed only about four years ago. It has 96 clergymen.

The Anglican Communion also includes 59,672 church buildings, 107 theological colleges, 184 hospitals and 696 Bishops.

Not all of them are going to Lambeth. Just most of them.

LOST

A prayer book has been lost which contains the autographs of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. If anyone should locate the prayer book, it could be returned to the Rectory.

BAPTISMS

James Ernest Proverbs, Cosette Maree Hall, Michele Dorothy Wood, Karen Louise Pike, Robert John Beechey, Karen Ann Prevett, Meagan Ann Bennett, Simone Louise Lovett, Richard John Parker.

MARRIAGES

Maurice Elliott Brooks and Glenis Ann Barker, John Douglas Fitzallen and Joan Patricia Burn, Geoffrey Lyle Morrison and Julie Anne Burgess.

BURIALS

Suzanne Cassidy, Jack Stanley Dean, Adrian Victor Isaac, Elizabeth Horwood Barrett, Graham John Neil.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all 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.

The following donations have been received: Mesdames W. G. Roy \$1, R. Wise \$1, Miss V. L. Andrews \$1, Anon. \$2.

Thank you.

BISHOPS WELCOMED AT CANTERBURY

Lambeth Conference to Study "Renewal"

Four hundred and sixty-five Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion met for the opening of the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury Cathedral on Friday, July 26.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the conference, seated on the historic Chair of St. Augustine, welcomed the Bishops as they proceeded into the Cathedral for Evensong.

Other colourful events were the Sung Eucharist at Westminster Abbey on July 28 and the missionary Eucharist in the White City Stadium.

The conference sessions will be held at Church House, Westminster and will continue until August 25.

A missionary weekend will be held from August 16 to 18 when the overseas bishops attending the conference will visit the forty-three dioceses of the Church of England.

The Eucharist at White City is intended to be a climax to this and will be one of thanksgiving for the progress of the Gospel.

The Archbishop in Jerusalem will be the celebrant and he will be assisted by other overseas bishops.

The Bishop in Iran will preach.

Twenty-five consultants, recognised as experts in their various fields, will also attend the conference.

There will be sixty observers from other churches including the Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Mar Thoma, Church of South India, Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, the Salvation Army and the World Council of Churches.

The members of the Steering Committee of the Lambeth Conference are the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Reverend G. O. Simms; the Bishop of London, the Right Reverend R. W. Stopford; the Bishop of Exeter, the Right Reverend R. C. Mortimer; the Bishop of Gibraltar, the Right Reverend S. A. H. Eley; the Vice-President of the Executive Council of P.E.C., U.S.A., the Right Reverend S. F. Bayne; and the Right Reverend R. S. Dean, Episcopal Secretary.

ST. JOHNS AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Members of the Auxiliary are reminded that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting and will be held on Monday, August 19th, instead of August 12th, at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Afternoon Tea Hostesses will be Mesdames Waldron and Easter.

A letter from Mr. T. D. Room, Chairman of the Board of Management, thanking the members of the Auxiliary for their donation of \$210 last month was received. A Children's Mannequin Parade will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 17th September, commencing at 8 p.m., clothes by courtesy of Ludbrooks. There will be items by Miss Joan Burnett's children's ballet. There will be supper and the admission charges will be Adults 50c and Children 25c.

A cordial welcome is extended to members and friends.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Mrs. G. Record's home, 59 Ann Street, on Thursday, 8th August at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Miss J. Robinson showing films of her recent trip abroad. Supper hostesses Mesdames Andrews, Johnstone and Palliser.

This has been a particularly busy month for members of the Guild. First, at the Guild Conference, morning and afternoon tea was provided and served. Then tea and supper for the Choir Festival. Catering for the Parish Tea will also be undertaken by the Guild.