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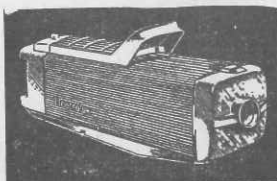
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**St. John's Parish Messenger**

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania

No. 210

DECEMBER, 1968

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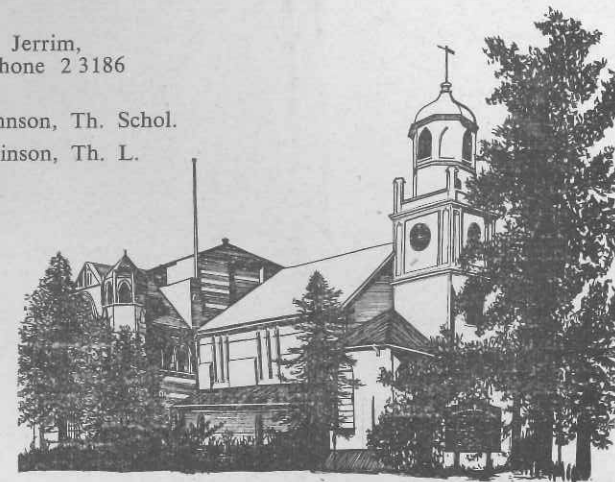
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**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

A religious drama which was first written for and produced at Canterbury Cathedral a little over 30 years ago, is to be presented in St. John's Church on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 4th, 5th, 6th, December, by Noel Dicker.

The central act of the drama is Archbishop's Thomas Becket's sermon in Canterbury Cathedral on Christmas Day 1170. The Archbishop speaking of the remembrance of the Cross and Passion, as we celebrate Holy Communion on Christmas Day, reminds us of how we mourn and rejoice at the same time. Surely this is one of the mysteries of life. The Archbishop says:—

"Beloved, as the World sees, this is to behave in a strange fashion. For who in the World will both mourn and rejoice at once and for the same reason? For either joy will be overborne by mourning, or mourning will be cast out by joy; so it is only in these our Christian mysteries that we can rejoice and mourn at once for the same reason. Now think for a moment about the meaning of this word 'peace'. Does it seem strange to you that the angels should have announced Peace, when ceaselessly the world has been stricken with War and the fear of War? Does it seem to you that the angelic voices were mistaken, and that the promise was a disappointment and a cheat? Reflect now, how Our Lord Himself spoke of Peace. He said to His disciples, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you'."

How apt are these words at a time, when we in the midst of our preparation for and the celebration of the Christmas Festival. We must think of the suffering in Vietnam, the starving in Biafra, and the victims of racism around the world.

For this reason, at Christmas, we think of our less fortunate brothers in the world together with the Christmas Bowl Appeal. I am printing extracts in the Messenger in support of this appeal. The proceeds from the presentation of "Murder in the Cathedral" will be for the Christmas Bowl.

May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Yours very sincerely,

H. A. JERRIM.

**The Christmas Services**

CHRISTMAS EVE—

8.00 p.m. The Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.

CHRISTMAS DAY—

6.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.45 a.m. Children's Service.

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

The Rector will be glad to arrange to administer Christmas Communion to any sick or aged parishioners who are unable to come to the Church.

THE CLERGY, CHURCH WARDENS AND MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY  
WISH ALL PARISHIONERS A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS.

HENRY A. JERRIM, Rector.

## CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

December—

- 1 **1st Sunday in Advent.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.45 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 3 Tuesday 7 p.m. Womens' Guild Progressive Dinner.
- 4 Wednesday 7 p.m. Kindergarten Break-up.
- 7 Saturday 2.30 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union "Getting to know you" at the Rectory.
- 8 **2nd Sunday in Advent.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.45 a.m. Sunday School.  
11 a.m. Broadland House School Service.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 10 Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Parish Christmas Party including Youth Club and Sunday School gift evening.
- 15 **3rd Sunday in Advent.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast.  
10.30 a.m. Sunday School Festival Service.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 17 Tuesday 6 p.m. Mens' Fellowship Tea (Wives invited).
- 22 **4th Sunday in Advent.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 **Christmas Eve.**  
8 p.m. The Festival of Carols and Reading of the Nine Lessons.
- 25 **Christmas Day.**  
6, 7, 8 and 11 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.45 a.m. Childrens' Service.  
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.
- 26 Thursday St. Stephen's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 Friday St. John's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Saturday Innocent's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 **1st Sunday after Christmas.**  
8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Matins.  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 31 Tuesday 11.15 p.m. Watchnight Service of Holy Communion.

During January, all organisations will be in recess. Sunday services will be at the usual time of 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS BOWL

The Christmas Bowl is one of the main ways Australian churches share in meeting the needs of churches and people around the world.

**It is a church programme:** In Australia, churches provide the resources to be shared. Overseas, churches use the resources in service and witness to the peoples of their communities.

**It is an ecumenical programme:** Christmas Bowl sharing starts from the understanding that all over the world Christian communities are called to share each other's burdens.

When there is a famine in India, the Indian churches must be helped by us to serve in that situation of need.

When there was a bushfire in Tasmania, Christians in Malaysia wanted to, and did, help the people who have suffered.

**It is a priority programme:** All the churches in each nation decide together what needs to be done, where, by whom, when, etc. The World Council of Churches provides expert advice and then seeks the resources needed from churches in other countries.

**It is a Christian programme:** Actually, that is not quite correct. Only people can be Christian. Service can spring from Christian motivation, but God alone can be the judge of this.

The Christmas Bowl springs from the belief that Christ requires us to act with compassion towards all in need; that it is our response to the needs of others that we will finally be judged; and that in Christ and His Church is given to men the hope of the world.

The Christmas Bowl is a means in the modern world for the compassion of the Servant Christ to flow through the members of His body, in action towards each other and towards the world.

In a world in which the gap between the rich and the poor is growing greater and greater, your congregation is invited to share in the Christmas Bowl.

To do so with compassion, justice and love demands real sacrifice and an uneasy appreciation of our place as Christians in an abundant society set in a world of need.

The Bowl is held at Christmas because it is in His Incarnation that God revealed to all men His limitless love and selfless compassion.



## THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Most Australians will eat 1098 meals this year. At least a hundred million people will eat 366 or less.

Today half of mankind is hungry. By the turn of the century, the world's population will have more than doubled. Man has lived on earth for about two million years—and almost 4% of all people who have ever lived are alive now.

There was once a rich man, who dressed in purple and the finest linen, and feasted in great magnificence every day. At his gate, covered with sores, lay a poor man named Lazarus, who would have been glad to satisfy his hunger with the scraps from the rich man's table. Even the dogs used to come and lick his sores.

Aren't there some shocking things in the Gospels? Not at all nice... surely there's no Lazarus at your door? Is there?

## "MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL"

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When we come before our heavenly Father and He says, "Did you feed them, did you give them to drink, did you clothe them, did you shelter them?" and we say, "Sorry, Lord, but we did give .7 per cent of our gross national product," I don't think it will be enough.

—Barbara Ward.

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Lord, renew thy Church, beginning with me.

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Do you believe Christ is active in the world today? Yes? Then what does this mean: He said to his disciples, Make them sit down in groups of fifty or so. They did so and got them all seated. Then, taking the five loaves and two fishes, he looked up to heaven, said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate to their hearts' content.

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"Give us this day our daily bread." Our prayer's been answered. But today about 10,000 children died of hunger.

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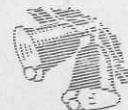
Inter-Church Aid asks you to share one meal—your Christmas Dinner celebrating Jesus's birth—with a person in need. Is that too much? Or too little?

How much is it? Certainly more than 20c. At least \$2.00. Probably more. Will you invite one of the world's needy to your table this Christmas?

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But as for the well-to-do man who sees his brother in want but shuts his eyes—and his heart—how could anyone believe that the love of God lives in him?

—I John 3:17.



## CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

Australia is asked to contribute \$1,000,000 in the coming year—twice last year's giving.

Last year, St. John's parishioners gave \$564.00. This year can we give \$1,000,000??

You can see a list of the proposed projects at Church.

Some examples of them:—

## AUSTRALIA

**Emergencies** ..... \$100,000

On an average of once every three weeks, Australian Inter-Church Aid receives a call from the World Council of Churches for assistance on behalf of a church or churches in an area where disaster has struck.

By holding a reserve for funds for such emergencies, Australian Inter-Church Aid is able to make an immediate response. The channel for aid is usually the church or churches in the disaster area. The availability of ecumenical assistance means that they can mount immediate programmes to relieve the suffering of people in their community. They do this in the name of Christians around the world.

Because agencies such as the International Red Cross play such an important part in meeting immediate needs, the churches tend to direct their efforts to the long-term rehabilitation of peoples and communities. This may involve a re-housing project following an earthquake; an agricultural development programme in a famine area; an industrial development programme where village industries have been destroyed.

Apart from exceptional cases (where the magnitude of the crisis demands that the Australian churches be informed of needs) emergency requests are met from this reserve fund which will hold \$100,000 for use in 1969.

**Australian Volunteers Abroad** ..... \$16,400

Australian Volunteers Abroad is a programme of the Overseas Service Bureau. Under it, young Australians give one or two years of service in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. More than 200 people have now been sent overseas under this programme. They receive no pay, but the Bureau provides travel expenses to and from the place of assignment and a small amount of pocket money. Accommodation is provided at the standards of the country in which the volunteers are serving. In a normal year, A.V.A. personnel would include teachers, tradesmen, nurses, administrators, youth leaders and technicians.

Australian Inter-Church Aid has provided substantial backing to A.V.A. since its inauguration: \$20,000 in the last two years alone. In 1969, it will provide \$16,400 to help with continued development of this imaginative programme.



**East Pakistan Displaced Persons** ..... \$25,000

Among India's largest and neediest refugee groups are the 300,000 East Pakistanis awaiting resettlement after having fled to India in 1964. They are stagnating in camps in northern and central India. In Assam, there are about 60,000 in camps.

The National Council of Churches has been assisting in their rehabilitation since 1965. Medical and other relief has been provided in Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. A farming-fishing-weaving community of 70 families has been re-established in Uttar Pradesh. Agricultural land has been purchased in other states and 500 families moved to new self-sustaining communities on it.

The programme has a total budget of \$210,230 in 1969. Australia will provide \$25,000.

## G.F.S. FAIR

The members of the G.F.S. would like to thank all those who supported their annual Fair. The proceeds amounted to \$105.

## BAPTISMS

Kim Maree Webb, Davema Eve Thomas, Terrie Caroline Spencer, Anthony Michael Spencer, Mervyn John McIntosh, Tammy Lee Walters.

## MARRIAGES

John Lewis Walsh and Susanne Elizabeth Ellings, Leslie Albert Rowlings and Lynette Mary Jacobs, John Herbert Hays and Gail Patricia Stubbings, Cecil Henry Rose and Elsie May Spotswood, Gordon Slater and Sally Estelle Wood, Norman John Turner Hayton and Marie Hedwig Nussbaumer, Malcolm John Norquay and Judith Gale Brooks, Ross Richard Ryan and Lynette Julie Allen, John Kenneth Wayne Hayward and Jeanette Harper, Michael Wickham and Lynette Franklin, Ian David Fenner and Caroline Daphne Bramble, David Craig Shearer and Jennifer Longhorn.

## BURIALS

Kathlee Myri's Gee, Reginald William Patterson, Edith Violet Ambuhl, Minnie Beatrice Campbell.

We extend our sincere sympathy to all those who have been bereaved.

Sunday Evening Services will commence at 7.30 p.m. during the months of December, January and February.