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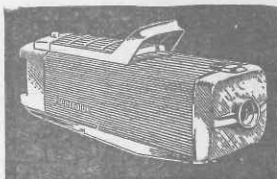
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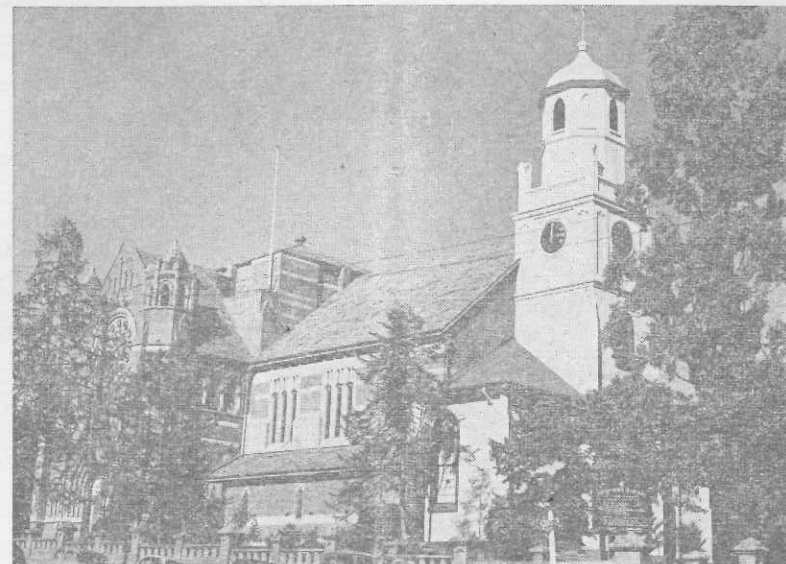
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**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

It seems no time since I wrote the last letter for the December "Parish Messenger" and now it is time to prepare the "Parish Messenger" which you will receive at the beginning of February. This means that already the first month of 1968 is over. In the first place I would like to thank the many parishioners who in various ways expressed their greetings to us at Christmas time, together with good wishes for this year of 1968. I hope that for each one of you this year will be one of blessing.

As we commence a new year this is a time when sometimes we have to face staff changes and this is the case this year. The Reverend Alfred Chipman who has been with us for just two years, leaves us at the beginning of this month. As many of you know Mr. Chipman has long felt a call to serve in the Church overseas and to this end he offered to the Church Missionary Society last year and was accepted as a candidate for training. He enters St. Andrew's Hall in Melbourne at the end of the month and will undergo a period of training for the remainder of the year. At the end of that time, Mr. Chipman hopes to go to East Africa and to serve the Church in that area.

I would like to pay a tribute to the ministry which Mr. Chipman has rendered in the Church here. His sincerity, humility and enthusiasm have endeared him to both young and old. Mr. Chipman has given a great amount of time and energy in working and planning for the activities of the youth of the parish and in providing leadership for the ongoing work amongst the young people. I know that many sick and aged folk have appreciated the kindness and consideration they have received from him. We will all continue to pray for God's blessing upon Mr. Chipman as he prepares to go out to Africa in 1969.

The Bishop is appointing Mr. Murray Johnson to be Assistant Curate in this parish and he, with his wife, have already taken up residence in the parish. We do welcome them most warmly to the parish and pray that they will be happy in their stay with us at St. John's. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are Tasmanians and were originally members of St. Peter's Church, Sandy Bay. Mr. Johnson has been studying at Ridley College, Melbourne, and in the recent examinations qualified for the degree of Scholar in Theology (Th.Schol.). We congratulate him on attaining this honour. Mr. Johnson will be made a Deacon in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, on Saturday, 24th February, St. Matthias' Day.

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FAREWELL TO THE REV. A. C. CHIPMAN
WELCOME TO MR. & MRS. M. JOHNSON
AND DEACONESS B. ROBINSON

AFTER EVENSONG AT 7.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY NEXT,
4th FEBRUARY, KINDERGARTEN HALL
LADIES — PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER

This year we are to have a deaconess serving part-time on our staff. Deaconess Beatrice Robinson joins our staff at this time and comes to us from the Diocese of Sydney. The Deaconess is to spend the remainder of her time attached to Broadland House School where she will give Religious Instruction. Within the parish she will spend time in pastoral work and visiting. So we welcome the Deaconess to St. John's and hope that she too will find that this is God's work for her to do.

Next Sunday evening, after Evensong on 4th February, we will have a Social Hour in the Kindergarten Hall. This will provide you with the opportunity to farewell Mr. Chipman and to welcome Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson and the Deaconess. I hope that you will try and be present on that occasion.

With God's blessing and every good wish for 1968.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry A. Jerrim

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February—

- 4 **5th Sunday after the Epiphany.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. The Modern Liturgy (a Creche for children in the Hall). 7.30 p.m. Evensong. Social Hour after Church.
- 7 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild. Service in Chapel and meeting at the Rectory. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 **Septuagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Commissioning of Deaconess B. Robinson. 7.30 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, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 **Sexagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 20 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 21 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 23 Friday, 8 p.m. Annual Meeting of Bible Society.
- 25 **Quinquagesima Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 27 Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Women's Meeting re Anglican Women.
- 28 **Ash Wednesday** (First Day of Lent). 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 29 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.

March—

- 1 Friday, Women's World Day of Prayer Services at St. John's.

IMPORTANT WOMEN'S MEETING

There will be no February meeting for women's afternoon groups. Instead there will be one combined meeting of all women of the parish interested in hearing about the proposal to form an Australia-wide organisation to be known (probably) as Anglican Women of Australia. Preliminary meetings of small representative groups from the South, North and

North-West have already been held to discuss this proposal and their findings will be more fully discussed at the C.E.C.W. meetings to be held here in Launceston in March.

Prior to the above meetings it has been requested that the women of each parish should meet and discuss the proposal. Please keep Tuesday, 27th February, free for this combined meeting which will commence with a service in Church at 2.30 p.m.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth activities for the year will begin with a real "bang"!

On the first week end after school returns just on 50 of our young people are travelling to Hobart on an overnight youth outing. The special attraction is a state wide Youth Rally in Hobart in conjunction with the Cathedral Centenary celebrations. Our young people will travel down on the Saturday morning and back on Sunday afternoon. They will be billeted in Hobart at young people's homes and will enjoy an exciting and busy round of activities.

An appeal to adults. As you realise a bus to Hobart is expensive, if you would like to assist our work with the youth, a donation to help cover the cost of the bus would be much appreciated. Any donations may be sent to the Rector.

Coming Events

Some form of activity will be in progress each Saturday night in February between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. Come and see "wot's cookin'". Be there by 7.30 p.m. or you will miss lots of fun.

I would like to record my grateful thanks to members of the Youth Group for the delightful travelling bag presented to me on 2nd December at the Low Head Beach Party. A big thank you to all members and especially leaders who have worked so hard to make our group a success. Keep up the good work.

A. C. Chipman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Activities for the year recommence on Sunday, 4th February, at 9.45 a.m. Parents are asked to see that children return next Sunday and to bring new children along. This looks like being a good year for the Sunday School. We are pleased to welcome to the staff Misses Heather MacLaine and Anne Reid, but shall miss the help of Miss Janet Saxon and Messrs. M. Wakefield and Sampson.

There is an urgent need for a male teacher to take charge of a small but enthusiastic group of boys. This will be our first Bible Study Group for 1968. It is hoped that they will meet each Sunday, provided a leader is forthcoming. Could you do the job? Please contact the Rector.

PLANNED NEGLECT

"I'm sorry, I just haven't had time!" How often we make an apology like that. There simply is not enough time to fit everything in. Some things have to be neglected.

A young concert artist was asked the secret of her success with her violin and she replied, "It's planned neglect. Many things demanded my time. When I went to my room after breakfast, I made my bed, straightened everything, dusted the room and did whatever came to my attention. When I finished my work I turned my attention to violin practice. This system failed to accomplish the result desired, so I reversed things. I deliberately planned to neglect everything else until my practice period was completed. That programme of planned neglect accounts for my success."

In some ways, therefore, neglect is essential. The trouble is that so many of us neglect the things we ought to do, in doing the things we feel we have to do. Take prayer, for instance, and I don't mean just asking for things, but the soul's deep communion with God. Until prayer becomes the vital and habitual practice of a person, such a person is without the Divine resources that God has provided for him. And yet, it's so easy to neglect prayer. It's crowded out or broken into. It's pushed aside because we have so many other things to do. We need a planned neglect of a few other unimportant things so that prayer might bring us into touch with the power of God.

There is something else as well. We are so busy looking after our bodily needs that we forget we have a soul. God has done everything to bring that soul into communion with Himself by sending His Son to deal with our helpless condition. We are warned by these words in the Bible:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

"Some Thoughts for Better Living"

Lance Shilton,
Holy Trinity Church, Adelaide.

M.M.A.

There will be no meeting of M.M.A. in February, but members are urged to attend the meeting on 27th February, which has been called to hear about Anglican Women of Australia. The next ordinary meeting of the M.M.A., will be held on Wednesday, 6th March at 2.45 p.m. Any ladies who would like to help make things for some of our Mission stations would be most welcome.

CATHEDRAL CENTENARY

The centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of St. David's Cathedral in Hobart is to be celebrated from 4th-11th February. A most interesting programme of events and services has been arranged and it should be a memorable week. Some notable ecclesiastical visitors will share in the celebrations. We, of this parish, would like to express our congratulations to the Dean, Cathedral Board and Congregation, on the celebration of this Centenary and pray for God's blessing on the witness and ministry of the Cathedral in Hobart and the Diocese. See the Church News for details of the Centenary programme.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The Annual Button Day Appeal for St. Luke's Hospital will be held on Friday, 16th February. Members of the Auxiliary and Parishioners are asked to support the Stall outside the National Bank which is being staffed by the Ex-Trainees Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 11th March.

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. Since our last issue the following donations have been received: Mesdames C. T. Bush \$1, F. Cox \$2, M. Brain \$1, A. W. Jones \$1, E. J. Hodsdon \$4, Misses F. M. Gerhardt \$2, J. Johnson \$1, Messrs. A. Thollar \$5, B. L. Tarrant \$1, and Anon. \$1, \$2, \$1. Thank You.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 8th February. Following our usual custom, the first meeting for the year will commence with a service in the Chapel at 7.45 p.m., and then we will go over to the Rectory for our meeting. Any ladies of the parish are always welcome to attend our meetings and join the Guild. Meetings are always held on the Second Thursday in the month at 8 p.m., and meeting in various homes. Members are also reminded of the combined meeting of the women of the parish to be held on Tuesday, 27th February at 2.30 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Fiona Helen Ayers, Harry Willisroft, Sally Anne Gaye Alps, John William Saunders, Scott Edward Leighton, Diana Elizabeth Cripps, Jodie Maree Goodson, John Keith Daymond, Junella Lynly Tuck, Leanne Margaret Huxham, Nerelle Joy Bennett, Teresa Kaye Donohue, Rowena Alison Palmer, Graham Mark Rigby.

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