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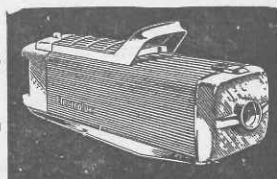
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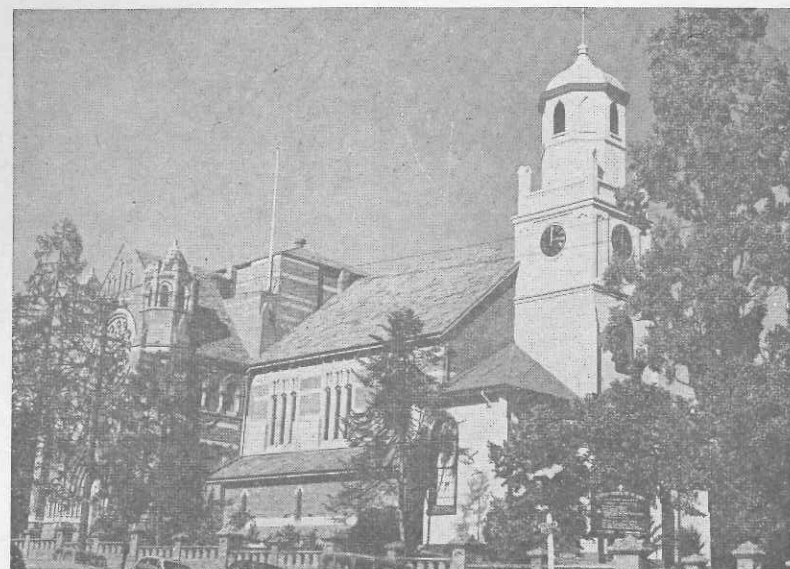
JUNE, 1968

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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

During this week the Bishop will leave for England to attend the Lambeth Conference in London during July and August. I ask that you remember our Bishop as he journeys to and from England and that you have in your prayers this most important meeting of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion. Mrs. Davies is going to attend an important Commonwealth Council Meeting of the Mothers' Union which will be held in London just before Lambeth.

The Lambeth Conference only meets every ten years and this year's assembly will include about 500 Bishops, the largest gathering of Anglican Bishops yet held. Although the resolutions of the Conference are not binding on the Anglican churches, the decisions which will be contained in the report are of great moral and spiritual value in the life of our Church. All parts of the Christian Church will turn their attention to the meetings at Lambeth. The theme of the Conference will be —

Renewal: in Faith
in Unity
in Ministry

These are three important subjects in today's world.

Prior to Lambeth, there is to be another important gathering and this will be the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Uppsala, Sweden, beginning 4th July. Similar subjects will be under discussion at the Assembly at which there will be something like 800 participants from 223 member Churches in six continents. The Roman Catholic Church will be sending observers to the Assembly. The last gathering of the World Council of Churches Assembly was at New Delhi in 1961.

The stories of Lambeth and of the World Council of Churches make very interesting reading. This year is a significant one in the life of the World Church.

Before either of the foregoing events happen, the next phase of the Anglican Development Programme will take place in Tasmania. During the month of June, or in early July, every parish in the Diocese will be visited by a representative of the Diocese. The purpose of the visit will be to tell the parish something of the work and needs of the Diocese and to seek a financial pledge from the parish to assist the work of the Church in and beyond Tasmania. In order that the Vestry may assist the work of the Diocese, we as members of the parish must make our regular offerings Sunday by Sunday.

I commend all these matters to you for thought and prayer.

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY A. JERRIM.

HONG KONG MARKET

SATURDAY, 29th JUNE — 10 a.m. - 12 noon

ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

Proceeds of this function are for the support of 3 refugee children in Hong Kong. The children of the Sunday School will staff the various stalls, and parishioners are asked to contribute saleable gifts and produce for the stalls.

SPECIAL FEATURES —

Mixed stalls, Refreshments (tea or coffee with biscuits, cordials and hot dogs).
Hoop-La — Quoits — Darts — Pin-the-tail-on-the-Donkey — Pets' Parade, 1c votes for the most popular.

COMPETITIONS —

Best Home-made Toy (sections for children under 14 and adults).
Children's Cooking (10c per entry) (ages to be shown for judging).
Floral Saucer — 5c per entry.
Art Competition for under 14 years — 5c per entry (Paintings or Drawings).

DON'T FORGET TO BE THERE!**CALENDAR FOR JUNE****MOTHERS' UNION**

- June—
2 **Whitsunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Revd. A. McDonald. 7 p.m. Evensong.
4 **Tuesday,** 8 p.m. G.F.S.
5 **Wednesday,** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
6 **Thursday,** 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
7 **Friday—Youth Camp** at Kelso.
9 **Trinity Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
11 **Tuesday,** 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea.
12 **Wednesday,** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
13 **Thursday,** 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at Mrs. Easter's home, 13 Wyett Street.
15 **Saturday,** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
16 **1st Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
17 **Monday,** 2.45 p.m. St. John's Hospital Auxiliary for St. Luke's.
18 **Tuesday,** 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
19 **Wednesday,** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
20 **Thursday,** 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
22 **Saturday,** 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
23 **2nd Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
24 **Monday,** St. John The Baptist's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
26 **Wednesday,** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
27 **Thursday,** 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
29 **Saturday,** St. Peter's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Hong Kong Market, in Parish Hall.
30 **3rd Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Parish Communion.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club has recommenced for the Second Term, and with the exception of 1st June, will be meeting every Saturday night in the Hall from 7.30 until 10.00. Facilities for badminton and table tennis are provided. For those who are not so agile, a wide selection of other games is offered such as monopoly, chess, draughts, quoits and darts.

During the Queen's Birthday long weekend (7th-10th June) the Youth Group will be at Kelso for a camp. The cost will be approximately \$5.00, and application forms, which must be in by 2nd June, are available at the Rectory.

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 27th June, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd August, will be the date of our Musical Market in aid of the Clarendon Children's Homes.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held Tuesday, 18th June, in St. John's Rectory. We commence with a service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m., then adjourn to the Rectory for the meeting.

Mrs. Gwendoline Walsh will give a demonstration of handicrafts and we invite members of the afternoon group to attend as this should be very interesting.

A creche will be held on 2nd June at 11 a.m. for young mothers wishing to attend the service. Mrs. Atherton and Mrs. Cassidy will be in the Kindergarten Hall, which is heated.

ST. JOHN'S WOMENS' GUILD

The Annual Meeting of the Guild was held on Thursday, 9th May, at 8 p.m. Archdeacon Jerrim presided.

Election of officers—Patroness: Mrs. H. A. Jerrim; President: Mrs. T. P. White, Secretary: Mrs. H. D. Palliser; Treasurer: Miss B. D. Stevens; Committee: Mrs. Morrah, Miss Scott.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett Street, on Thursday, 13th June, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses—Mesdames Easter, Jerrim, Atherton.

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

Owing to our next meeting following on the June holiday, we will now meet on the following Monday, 17th June, at 2.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Afternoon tea hostesses Misses Bennett, Andrews and Mrs. Good. Mrs. G. H. Heyes will give a demonstration "How to make a sun hat".

At our last meeting held at the hospital, members were entertained to afternoon tea by Matron Wynwood, who afterwards took the opportunity to show members the new Intensive Care Ward. Mrs. J. W. Cohen was guest speaker at this meeting.

CONFIRMATION 1968

We hope that Confirmation this year will be in October and classes will commence during the month of June. All candidates are asked to meet the Rector in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, 16th June, at 2 p.m. to arrange times for classes.

It is expected that those attending belong to St. John's Parish.

A TASMANIAN LINK WITH ST. LUKE'S

(The following report was published in "THE COMPANION", the parish paper of St. Luke's Church, South Melbourne. The Vicar is the Revd. H. W. Coffey, M.B.E., M.A.)

When visiting Tasmania recently, Mr. E. Harding inspected St. John's Church, Launceston, and sent the Vicar of St. Luke's a most interesting brochure which states that St. John's Church dates back to 1818, but its records go back to 1811. It is the mother church of Northern Tasmania and it forms a spiritual link with thousands of families scattered throughout the Commonwealth. The original place of worship here was a blacksmith's shop. At this time Australia was part of the Diocese of Calcutta.

The founders of the City of Melbourne, John Pascoe Fawkner and John Batman were married in St. John's. The Rev. D. Ross Hewton who was Vicar of St. Luke's from 1907 became Vicar of St. John's in 1921, and he remained there till 1933. He succeeded the Rev. Canon F. C. Crotty, D.D., who came to St. Luke's in 1921.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New Sunday School pupils are always welcome, and we ask all to be as regular in attendance as possible, at Family Service as well as Sunday School which is held in the Parish and Kindergarten Halls each Sunday at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Ian Robert Lewis, Phillip George Laird, Richard James Lockhart, Peter John Hall, Audrey Dana Hall, Carolyn Barbara Dawson, Marcus Lee Roberts.

MARRIAGES

Russell Owen Fox and Kathryn Ruth Crack, Peter Hedley Webb and Jacqueline Louise Genders, Thomas Rodney Saunders and Patricia Dawn Barber, Michael John Smith and Robyn Lynette Padman, Dallas William Rockliff and Sheryl Rhonda Cassidy, Donald Dakin and Marlene Joyce Jones, Peter John Harvey and Patricia Marianne Taylor, Barry Robert Stevenson and Shirley Joy Faulkner, Eric Gilbert Hammersley and Jennifer Elaine Wise.

BURIALS

Ethel Carol Davis, Lillian Louisa Westlake, Margery May Anderson.

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

**POSITIONS VACANT
CHOIR BOYS NEEDED**

There are vacancies in the boys' section of the choir. The Choirmaster will be pleased to meet any boy willing to be trained as a singer in the choir.

Anyone interested may see Mr. O'Neill after a Sunday service or in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

A MESSAGE ON "PRIORITIES"**By the Bishop of Coventry**

I suppose I should be writing to you about one of the great problems and opportunities confronting the Church today, such as food for the minds, food for the body, pastoral care of the divorced, closer union with other churches and a more effective church structure and organisation. Often in the past I have done this, but this time I propose to approach these problems from a different angle.

Behind all these problems lies a much deeper issue, our capacity to notice, to feel and to care. Basically, all of us want to notice and care. But do we? It is so terribly easy, as I well know, to pass by on the other side. To be so involved with daily chores, with all the innumerable personal duties that we do not leave ourselves time to notice and to care about these wider issues. The parson refers to them, the newspapers write about them. But it is terribly easy to be inoculated against a boost of the real thing, to be mildly titivated rather than deeply involved.

But you may say, I have not time to become personally involved in one, or possibly two major issues. My mind is too tired or I am too involved in more domestic issues such as making money, keeping the home fires burning, to become immersed in these other things.

But is this really so? Can we honestly face our Lord with hand across heart and say I have not time. Is it rather not a case of I am not interested, or I do not want to become involved?

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The real Christian seems to be strangely alert to many of these issues and in a curious way is able to find time to deal effectively with most of them. And the reason? He is alert to God. He is spending time each day in prayer, so that his heart is being warmed by the love of God and his mind kindled by the wisdom of God. God is making him a person who cares about these problems and opportunities. He begins to put first things first. He begins to spend his money on priorities. His mind is taken up with real things, becomes "tuned in" to people in need, either individually or en masse. He becomes informed on social problems. He becomes aware of what he can do about the problems of surrounding society. God gives him a tidy mind so that he ceases to waste time on things that do not matter and begins to concentrate on the things that do.

Two of the most remarkable men in the Church during the past 50 years were Archbishops Temple and Garbett. Somebody once said of Archbishop Garbett that he had one ear to God and one ear to the ground, with the result that he was always one step ahead of everybody else but never two, so that he always had something constructive and worthwhile to say about great issues because he was deeply involved in them himself. We cannot all be a Temple or a Garbett but we can all be people of prayer, as they were.

In prayer the Lord God can chisel our minds and warm our imagination so that we may be alert to the people and the problems of surrounding society. One ear to God, and one ear to the people around us. Not a bad motto for the coming winter months.

—Cuthbert Coventry