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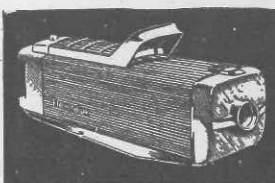
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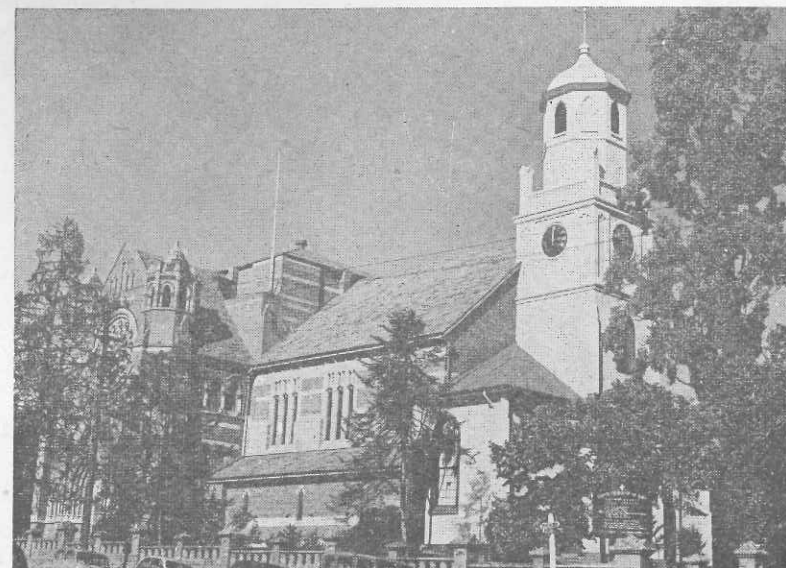
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This is a Lenten letter and I would remind you that at this time, we are expected to be mindful of our Lord's stay of 40 days in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. Then to think of how his life of service was terminated by the Death on the Cross and through His death to be led to a celebration of the victory of Easter.

In Lent, we cannot but avoid giving thought to all which is implied in John 3:16; "God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten son to the end that all believe should not perish but have everlasting life." This is the time for recollection and for repentance. May I draw your attention to the notices concerning the Lenten services and the Bible studies.

This year we will not follow the practice of recent years in which we have had a week-night study group. The suggestion was made that we meet for Bible study over tea on Sunday evenings. Anyone who is interested to join with us will be most welcome. We will conclude in time for evening service.

With the coming of March, parish life is in full swing again. I do hope that those of you who belong to parish groups have been to the February meetings or failing that, will be at the March gathering of your group.

May God bless you all,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry A. Jerrim

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN LENT

Daily —
8.15 a.m. Matins. 5.15 p.m. Evensong.
Wednesday —
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion.
Thursday —
7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.
Friday —
1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.
This last service is a 20-minute Lunch Hour
Service for people at business, etc., although
anyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE:

The time of Sunday Evening Services
will be 7 p.m., as from the 1st Sunday
in March, the 3rd.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES SUNDAY EVENINGS

5.45 - 6.45 p.m.
(Except March 24th)

BRING YOUR TEA AND A BIBLE

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

- 1 **1st Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 2 Tuesday, 8 p.m. G.F.S. at Mrs. G. Thompson's Home, 138 Punch Bowl Road.
- 3 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A. 8 p.m. S.S. Teachers' Meeting.
- 4 Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 5 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 6 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 7 **2nd Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary in Parish Hall. 6 p.m. Mens' Fellowship and Tea.
- 9 Tuesday, 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Diocesan Women's Meetings). 7.30 p.m. Missionary Meeting.
- 10 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry Meeting.
- 11 Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Women's Guild, Mrs. C. Targett's home, 20 Bellevue Ave. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 12 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 13 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Group.
- 14 **3rd Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.
- 20 **4th Sunday in Lent — Mothering Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. Social hour after church, cutting of the Simnel cake.
- 21 Monday, LADY DAY. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 22 Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

- 23 Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union Service. 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 24 Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. Youth weekend at Kelso.
- 25 **5th Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. A Modern Liturgy. 7 p.m. Evensong.

A MODERN LITURGY

The last experimental use of this service, A Modern Liturgy, will be on Sunday, March 31st, at the 11 a.m. service. Parishioners will be welcome to borrow a copy of the service on the previous Sunday, so that they might study the service during the week.

Following the Sunday service we will arrange a meeting at which we will have a discussion on the service. We have to forward a report on the use of the service and the reactions of congregations. This is to guide the Liturgical Commission in its task of producing a Prayer Book for the Church in Australia.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

To be held in St. John's Hall on Tuesday, 23rd April, 1968, starting at 9.30 a.m. Following our previous message re this sale, we hope you have delved into and around your homes and collected plenty of goods for us to sell and help us to raise money to further the work of the Women's Guild. It may help also to ask your neighbours and friends for they may have goods to donate. We would like anything that is saleable, including:- any spare pieces of furniture, furnishings, electrical goods, kitchen ware, garden implements, glassware, china, silver, mirrors, vases, mats, all types of household linen, in fact anything that you can spare. As it takes considerable time sorting and marking articles, we ask you to let us have your donations at least a fortnight before the sale date. You can send your goods to the following places:- C/- Mrs. T. White, 16 Wyett Street; C/- Mrs. H. Jerrim, St. John's Rectory, or C/- Mrs. J. Sheldrick, 1A Clementina Street (Phone 31 1596). If there is no possible way for you to deliver the goods yourself, you could phone any of the above named and they will make arrangements to pick them up. Many thanks with the hope that you will all help to make this a success.

J. L. Sheldrick, Convenor.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the guild will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Targett, 20 Bellevue Avenue on Thursday, March 14th, commencing at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses — Mesdames Targett, Dodery, Olding. Miss Mack will be our guest speaker and slides of South America will also be shown. Members of the Guild will be assisting with catering at the Church of England Council of Women Meetings which will be held next month. We will also be conducting our refreshment stall at Longford during the Motor Races, March 2nd and 4th, proceeds for the Kelso Youth Centre.

A white elephant stall will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd in the Parish Hall, gifts for sale would be greatly appreciated by the convenor, Mrs. J. Sheldrick, proceeds towards the new stove.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Evensong Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 19th March, commencing with a short service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m. As this will be our annual meeting, all members are requested to attend. Members are also reminded to bring an article for musical market stall.

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

The first meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 11th commencing at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses:- Mesdames V. Holyman and J. Sheldrick.

On Saturday morning March 30th, we will be holding an "Open Garden" morning for the sale of plants and cuttings etc., at the home of Mrs. V. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, commencing at 9.30 a.m. until noon, come along in your gardening clothes — no charge for admission. Tea or coffee with biscuits if required.

G.F.S.

The G.F.S. will meet at the home of Mrs. G. Thompson, 138 Punch Bowl Road, on Tuesday, 5th March at 7.45 p.m. Mrs. Thompson will show colour slides of her recent trip overseas. We will be pleased to welcome anyone wishing to join our group. Please ring Mrs. Vermesy, Phone 2 3422, so we can arrange transport for the evening on March 5th.

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 E. V. Hodsdon, \$4; F. Radford, \$1; Miss I. K. M. Bourn, \$1. Thank you.

BAPTISMS

Andrew William Neil Isaac, Christopher James Guildford North, Paul James Squires, Colin Neville Lockhart, Cheryl Virginia Denholm, Robert Peter Maxwell Cottam, Stephen John Curwood.

MARRIAGES

Desmond Charles Glover and Beverley Elizabeth Franklin, Malcolm John Gray and Gaye Chandler Keogh, Peter Leslie Cousins and Gaye Elizabeth Coker, David McGregor Nash and Vonda Aileen Dawe, Raymond Donald Simons and Gilliam Frances Gurr, Victor Kraamer and Jennifer May Jones.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WOMEN'S MEETINGS LAUNCESTON, 1968

to be held in St. John's Church and Hall.

Tuesday, March 12th. —

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Address: The Bishop Tasmania.

11 a.m. Intercessions. 12.15 Lunch (25c). 1.15 Church of England Council of Women. 6.00 p.m. Missionary Tea. 7.30 p.m. Missionary Meeting.

Wednesday, March 13th —

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.45 a.m. Mothers' Union Diocesan Council. 12.45 p.m. Lunch (25c). 1.30 p.m. Diocesan Council of Women's Guilds.

MOTHERS' UNION

To celebrate Lady Day which is on Monday, 25th March, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. and on Thursday, 28th March, which is our usual meeting day there will be a combined service in St. John's at 2.30 p.m. followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall, at which St. John's Mothers' Union members will be hostesses to members from other parishes.

All members are asked to please bring a plate of afternoon tea.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP PROGRAMME MARCH and APRIL, 1968

March — (Long Weekend)

- 2 No Youth Group.
- 9 Dance 7.30-11.15 p.m. Admission 40c.
- 16 Working Bee at Kelso and a Barbecue.
- 23 Games and Dancing.
- 29 Kelso Camp.
- 31 Laze-about weekend.

April —

- 6 Games and Dancing.
- 13 (Easter) No Youth Group.
- 20 Barbecue.
- 27 Meandering Menu.

Come along and bring a friend.
See you there — Saturday night?

FOR LOVE OF CHRIST

The theme of this year's Lenten appeal is "Serving man for love of Christ."

The Lenten appeal theme holds together the vertical and the horizontal dimensions — the love and service of man, the love and service of God. You can do one and ignore the other. The true servant of Christ does both, in a service of perfect freedom, with the mercy of God meeting, forgiving and overruling the inadequacies of both.

Here and now we underline the vertical dimension — the service of man for love of Christ. The service of man in the world is not a preserve for the devout, the well-intentioned and the humane. It is in many places good business. But the service of man for love of Christ asks a different kind of devotion.

We know what compulsive drinking and gambling can do to a man — what a compulsive talker can do to social conversation or a home. But there are compulsions that lead a man to great achievement, that sustain men and women in all sorts of noble labours.

St. Paul was frank about the source of his achievement. "The love of Christ constrains me." He was, if you like, a compulsive missionary. "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

But he was a great lover of Jesus Christ. But more wonderful still was the love of Jesus Christ for him. He never lost the wonder of that.

Lent is long enough to practise the sort of reflection in which new and passionate devotion are born. We have six weeks in which to think again of the mystery and wonder of our redemption. Six weeks in which to be born again into the wonder of the love of God for man.

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
Here might I stay and sing
No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.