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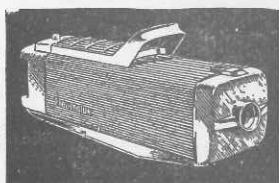
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No. 203

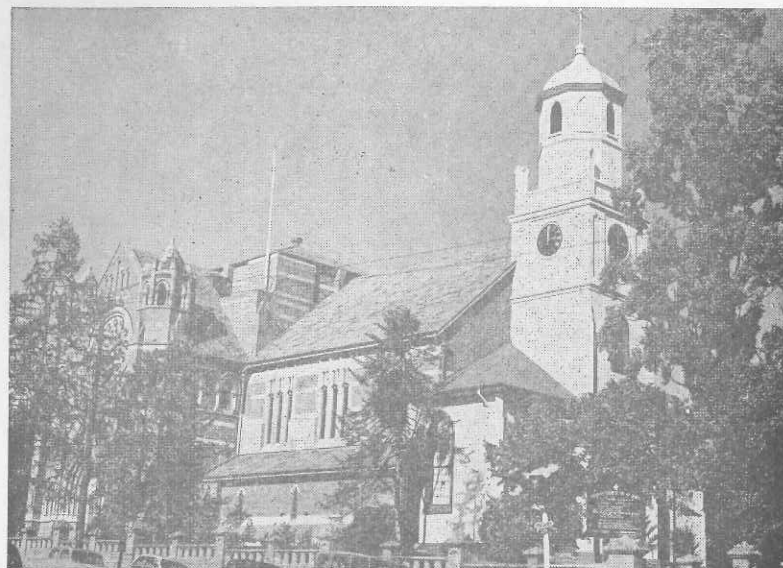
MAY, 1968

Rector: Archdeacon Henry A. Jerrim, Th.L., E.D., C.F. Phone 2 3186

Assistant Clergy: The Reverend M. Johnson, Th. Schol.

Deaconess B. V. Robinson, Th. L.

Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M. Phone 31 2998



"I have been looking after one Vietnamese at the hospital who, unlike other patients, has no relatives of his own. He had a bullet wound through his stomach near the hip bone and another hole where the bullet went out through his back. Last night I washed him, tearing away the blood-saturated material he was lying on and putting fresh dressings on his wounds, letting him wash his mouth out. We went back to see him later. He had had two hours' sleep and his pain was gone. He felt as if a miracle had happened to him. I kept praying that he saw through our love, God, Who is the only One anyone can really hang on to in the dreadful storms of life. This morning he pointed to the Cross (on our badge) and said 'Tin-lanh', which is Vietnamese for 'Christian'."

-- Joan Davies, of Sydney.

Social worker and nursing assistant, sponsored by Australian Inter-Church Aid and working at Cai Be in the Mekong Delta

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Austcare '68 is a title which you will hear frequently this month, because May is to be known as Humanity Month and 20th-26th May is to be known as Humanity Week. Simply expressed, Austcare considers others' fate in '68, Australians care for World Refugees. May I quote from a pamphlet—

"The World cries out in need . . .

Since the end of World War II, the human family has endured the most turbulent period in its history. Millions of men, women and little children have been uprooted from their homes, jobs, countries.

Could there be a better example of the plight of uneducated and unsophisticated mankind than the men, women and little children at present caught up in the maelstrom of Vietnam, where the simple act of taking a drink of water from a canal is to invite disease—and death?

If we in Australia will permit ourselves to think of that problem alone, each time we turn on the water tap, we should recognise Australia's obligation to accept a share of the international task of bringing protection and assistance to world refugees on a purely social and humanitarian basis."

Austcare on behalf of the dispossessed and bewildered refugees of the world seeks one million dollars from the Australian community during Humanity Month. In addition to the churches of Australia, the following groups are involved in Austcare, the Australian Medical Association, International Social Service, United Nations Association, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.

South Vietnam is of major concern in the world problem. At the beginning of February this year, the number of civilian refugees were approximately 2,000,000. It increased by 100,000 during February, on account of the major battles of that period. The vast majority of these are women, children, the aged and disabled. One in every six persons in South Vietnam is a refugee.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. May 5 will be observed as Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday and I am suggesting that the form of our act of thanksgiving this year should be in the nature of an offering in money for the work among refugees, especially in Vietnam. I heard recently that because many of us have given in pledged amounts to the work of the church, we ought not to be expected to give more. Such needs as expressed above cannot be met out of ordinary church income. This is a straight appeal to our hearts in our concern for God's children in other parts of the world.
2. By offering to assist with the distribution and collection of envelopes in the Community Appeal which is to be made in Humanity Week, May 20-26. There will be a list in Church to which you can add your name if you are willing to be a helper.
3. By contributing money to the Community Appeal which will be made later in May. "In as much as ye have done it unto one of these... ye have done it unto Me."

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

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

When the Australian Council of Churches met in Sydney in February, the Vietnam war and the plight of troops and leaders of all nations involved in the fighting there was an important topic in our daily intercessions. Together with this we prayed for all who suffer as a result of the war.

In one of our first sessions, we received a report from our related agency, Asian Christian Service, in Saigon, urgently seeking renewed help so that refugee relief and rehabilitation services could be expanded to cope with the new refugee emergency.

As a result of the recent fighting, there are more than 100,000 new refugees in South Vietnam. These are in addition to the 2,000,000 refugees previously registered.

The Council's Inter-Church Aid Division responded immediately sending \$20,000. In view of the size and gravity of the situation, the full Council asked that the people of member churches be urged to provide additional help.

This action is not taken lightly. We are acutely aware of local church needs and responsibilities. At the same time, we believe we have no right to keep from you and your congregation, this plea and this opportunity to help people who face extreme suffering as a result of the fighting. On the contrary, many will welcome advice on how they can help.

We invite you to share this information with your congregation and to seek money urgently for the present emergency. At the same time we ask you to recruit workers for the May refugee appeal of Austcare, which will approach the entire Australian community.

We ask, with equal urgency, for your continued prayers for all who suffer in the war, for the combatants and leaders on all sides and for a speedy and just peace.

Yours sincerely,
The Rt. Rev. N. Faichney,
President, Australian Council of Churches

CALENDAR FOR MAY

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| May— | 13 | Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. |
| | 15 | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | 16 | Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| 5 | 19 | Rogation Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. |
| | 21 | Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union. |
| | 22 | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. |
| | 23 | Thursday, Ascension Day. 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 7 p.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. L.C.C. Meeting in Kindergarten Hall. 8 p.m. Choir Practice. |
| | 26 | Sunday after Ascension. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. |
| | 29 | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference at St. John's. |
| | 30 | Thursday, 10 a.m. Morning Tea at the Rectory—Proceeds for M.U.L. Scholarship for Cape Barron Child. |
| 7 | | 3rd Sunday after Easter. Harvest Festival. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. (Creche in Parish Hall). 7 p.m. Shortened Evensong and Modern Passion Play: "Christ in the Concrete City." Special offerings for Refugee Appeal. |
| | | Tuesday, 5.15 p.m. Bankers' Service. 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. |
| | | Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry. |
| | | Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove. |
| | | Friday, 8 p.m. Annual Meeting of the L.C.C., at Paterson St. Methodist Hall. |
| | | 4th Sunday after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. |

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 13th May, at 2.45 p.m. Members and friends wishing to book tables for the Card Afternoon which will be held on Friday, 17th May, are asked to do so through Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, Telephone 44 3291.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, 9th May at 8 p.m. at Mrs. V. C. Holyman's home, 8 Riverdale Grove. Supper hostesses will be Mesdames K. Scott, A. Ford and D. Clark.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Evening Mothers' Union will be held in St. John's Rectory on 21st May, following a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m.

Mesdames Le Fevre and Johnson will conduct a Creche during morning service at 11 a.m. on 5th May. Parishioners are welcome to leave their children at the creche.

Members of the afternoon group of the Mothers' Union are welcome to attend the evening meetings.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The Sale is now over and we are happy to advise that the takings up to date are \$177.26.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those kind folk who sent goods along. Many thanks to those ladies who helped on the day of the sale, with a special thank you to my Co-convenors, Mesdames H. Jerrim and T. White.

J. Sheldrick, Convenor.

All our thanks to Mrs. Sheldrick for a job well done.

—H.A.J.

M.M.A.

The M.M.A. will not meet as usual in May, but members will attend the meeting to inaugurate the Anglican Women's Fellowship here in the North. The next normal meeting will be held at 2.45 p.m. on 5th June. Any ladies interested in sewing or knitting for Missions are welcome to attend M.M.A. meetings which are always held on the first Wednesday in the month.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd May, commencing with a Service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

At the Rectory on Thursday, 30th May, at 10 a.m. there will be an American Tea, the proceeds of which will go towards the Mothers' Union Scholarship which is being established to assist with the education of a Cape Barron Island student. All parishioners will be very welcome.

THE CHOIR

Sunday by Sunday the services of the Church are helped by the leading of our worship in music by the Choir. We are appreciative of the assistance which is readily given by the members of the Choir under the leadership of our Choirmaster, Mr. L. O'Neill. Recently two services were especially recorded by the A.B.C., for broadcasting. Evensong on Monday, 8th April, was recorded earlier and broadcast on that day over the National network. On Easter Day in the "Churches of Australia" series, the service was recorded here in March and broadcast on short-wave, Radio Australia, on Easter Day. The Rector received an interesting and appreciative letter from a listener in Toronto, Canada.

There are always some vacancies in the ranks of the Choir and the Choirmaster is always glad to hear from anyone able to sing and help in this way. It is important that in-

tending members of the Choir be prepared to attend practice on Thursday evenings and the Sunday services with regularity. Boys' choir practice is on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

VIETNAM REFUGEE APPEAL
THIS WILL BE INCORPORATED
INTO OUR HARVEST THANKS-
GIVING SUNDAY, 5th MAY.

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BURIALS

Henry Francis Ralph, Geoffrey Frank Willis, Vera Daisy Mabel Plummer, Clarence Murgatroyd. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all those who have been bereaved.

MORNING TEA AND STALL
ST. JOHN'S RECTORY, 10 A.M.

THURSDAY, 30th MAY

Organised by the Mothers' Union
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Scholarship.

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 H. Morgan \$2, A. R. Hammond \$1, A. H. Hogarth \$2, Misses F. Gerhardt \$2, E. Barrett \$1, D. Bonney \$1, V. Sadler \$1, Mr. F. J. Jones \$1, Anon. \$1.

Thank You.

CAR PARKING

For many years the Vestry have been concerned about the tennis court area on the church property. We have to pay taxes on this land and it is just standing idle.

It has been decided to convert the area into a Car Park and the sites will be available for letting on a monthly basis. This will help church income when we have paid the cost of converting the area into a car park.

Anyone interested in renting a space for a car is invited to speak to the Rector or Church Wardens.