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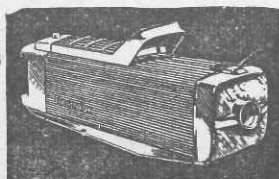
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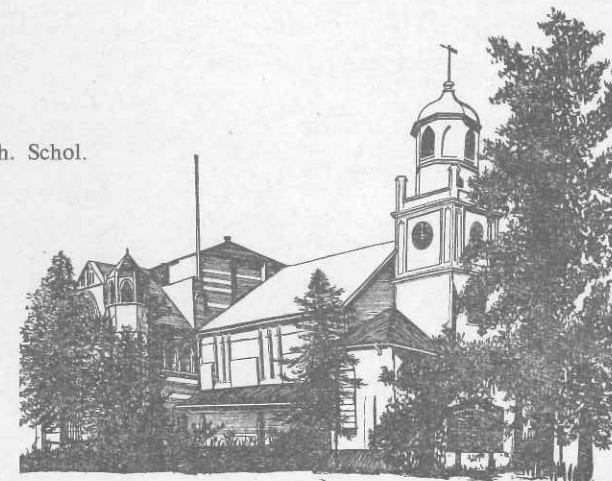
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I am commencing to write this letter in Ridley College Chapel in Melbourne, in order to be somewhat quiet. This week I am attending the Archbishop of Melbourne's Provincial Clergy School. I am grateful to the Archbishop for his invitation and to the Vestry who helped to make it possible for me to attend. The two main lecturers are men of world stature so far as the Anglican Church is concerned. Canon Douglas Webster was for many years Theologian Missioner for the Church Missionary Society in London, he is now Professor of Mission at the Selly Oak College in Birmingham, England.

The second lecturer is Mr. Leslie Paul who has had a varied career in Literature and Sociology. He has headed several notable research projects and we know him best for his report on "The Deployment and Payment of Clergy in the Church of England". Mr. Paul is now lecturer in Ethics and Social Studies at Queen's College, Birmingham, and in Theology at the University of Birmingham. Mr. Paul is a layman and described himself as a "backroom boy at the Church Assembly". All the lecturers have a concern for the Mission of the Church in the Seventies.

St. John's has a variety of contacts with Ridley College. One of the lecturers at the College is Mr. Lloyd Bath, M.A., Th.L., who is a former Lay Reader and Choirman of our Parish Church. It has been good to see him again. Three of the assistant clergy who have served in this parish were trained at Ridley College, Trevor Cowell, Alf Chipman and Murray Johnson.

The new Chapel is built in the modern octagonal style with the Lord's Table on a raised platform in the centre of the Chapel. The pulpit occupying a central position on one side of the Chapel. It has been built for only a matter of three years and we were glad to send a small donation from our parish for this purpose.

As I continue this letter later: I write from Trinity College Chapel where the Moorhouse lectures are being given by Canon Webster in the evenings. Again in Trinity Chapel, St. John's does not seem far away, because Alexander North was the architect of both Trinity Chapel and the present St. John's. John Betjeman, the poet, described both these churches as majestic buildings in which one feels awe and a sense of the mystic.

These few days have been a time of refreshment and of challenge. For the purpose of this conference is to turn our attention to the life and strategy of the Church for the Seventies. These years will be critical in the life of the Church and in our own parish. The coming decade will see many changes in habits and attitudes and as Christians we must influence the changes about us. This is the task to which we are called at this time.

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

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- August —
- 3 **9th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Broadland House Primary School Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 4 Monday, 4.30 p.m. A.B.C. Broadcast of Evensong from St. John's (7NT). 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Prayer Service.
- 5 Tuesday, 8 p.m. G.F.S. at Miss C. Pennicott's home, 85 Balfour Street.
- 6 Wednesday, **Feast of the Transfiguration.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 8 Friday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 5 p.m. Boy's Choir Practice.
- 10 **10th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher — The Revd. Peter Atkins of Malaysia. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 12 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 13 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 14 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the Rectory.
- 15 Friday, 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 17 **11th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 18 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Annual Meeting of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary in Kindergarten Hall.
- 19 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 20 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 22 Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 24 **Diocesan Sunday,** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7 p.m. Evensong. "20 and Over Club" after Church.
- 26 Tuesday, 11 a.m. Mothers' Union Council.
- 27 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 31 **13th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Parish Communion — Preacher: The Revd. Brian Horwood, Rector of Evandale.

HOLY COMMUNION — SERIES II

Some two years ago we participated in the experimental service called "A Modern Liturgy". This was one of the services recommended for trial use in Australia by the General Synod of our church. The majority of people were not happy with this service, so we discontinued it as an experiment.

The Church of England in England has been participating in Prayer Book Revision to meet the demands of the 20th century. A service of Holy Communion which has become known as Series II has been well received. We used it on the last occasion on which we had an Evening Communion. It was well received and the Vestry requested that we use it more frequently. We have decided to use it on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 8 a.m., until October. In November, General Synod will be held and there may be some more requests or suggestions re experimental services following Synod.

As before, I will be pleased to have your comments and reactions to this form of service.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 28th August, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

A date to remember: Thursday, 25th September, at 2.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, a Musical Market will be held in aid of the Clarendon Children's Homes.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on 16th August, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m. and afterwards at the Rectory.

Our speaker will be Mr. G. Radford, who will speak about Slow Learners in High Schools. This should be of particular interest for mothers of Advanced Primary children and High School students.

Supper hostesses are Mesdames Barber and Radford.

A Creche will be conducted for the 11 a.m. service on 3rd August, by Mesdames Jerrim and Le Fevre.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY FOR ST. LUKE'S

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 18th August, at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses — Mrs. Roy and Miss Lockwood.

Retiring Officers:

President: Mrs. V. C. Holyman; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. Sheldrick, Mrs. A. H. Roake; Secretary: Mrs. H. D. Palliser; Treasurer: Mr. F. J. Jones; Committee: Mrs. M. M. Easther, Mrs. V. Good, Miss M. Bennett.

We would welcome nominations for the various offices of the Auxiliary.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, 14th August, at 8 p.m. The Parish Life Convention has been postponed, the usual monthly meeting of the guild will be held at the Rectory.

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.

The following donations have been received: Mesdames Morgan \$2, E. Rule \$1, D. West \$1, F. Cookman \$1, H. Targett \$1, Hodgson \$2, Miss B. Stevens \$2, Messrs. R. Sutton \$2, R. J. Young \$2.

LAUNCESTON CITY MISSION

25th July, 1969

Dear Archdeacon Jerrim,

I wonder if you can help me? The City Mission joins with the St. Vincent de Paul in an Annual Button Day appeal called Wattle Day, which takes place on the first Friday in September.

The result is shared equally between the two societies, which is a great help to us. The income usually depends upon the number of collectors.

We have very few collectors at the moment and I was wondering whether you could persuade or inspire someone, in your church, to undertake to do this bit of social work on behalf of the needy of the City?

Will you be good enough to think about this, and if you are successful in your appeal for help, will you let me know as soon as possible?

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation?

Yours sincerely,

W. G. WALDEN.

If anyone is willing to help would you please leave a message at the Rectory or with one of the clergy.

—H. A. J.

BAPTISMS

Michael James Reddick, Adam Mark Carne, Debra Susan Lyons, Andrew Dennis John Fraser, Terri Elizabeth Wise.

MARRIAGES

Maurice Wayne Hill and Elaine Gae Coffey, Ralph Woolnough and Joy Lavinia Maynard.

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Florence Daisy Beck, Jonathan Darrel Fawcner, Algy Edward Young, Rebecca Marianne Webb, Petre Horden Tamlyn, Charles Trevor Rowbottom.

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

TO LIVE IS TO LEARN

by Jean-Charles Abreau

of the Food and Agriculture Organisation

Djemaa Bouraoui looks through the window at the twenty-three tractors lined up in the courtyard of the North African Agricultural College at Medjez, Tunisia. Day is breaking. The mechanics arrive with upturned collars, hands in their pockets, in the chilly morning air. In half an hour the courtyard will be empty. Only the dull sounds of the workshop where an engine is being repaired disturb the silence. The agricultural co-operatives of Medjez have rented all the tractors for the day.

At the age of twenty-three Djemaa could feel very important. The agricultural modernisation of the region is in his hands. He decides, calculates the prices for renting the machines, accepts, refuses, gives orders. This does not turn his head. He remembers, with the precision of an open wound, his life on his parents' little farm, with all his brothers who inherited his clothes. But they did eat every day, that was something.

A few years at school, then he had to contribute to the needs of the family. Djemaa became a temporary civil servant and was put in charge of an agricultural co-operative. He was attentive, always seeking to understand and to learn. He had no trouble in obtaining a scholarship to go to the North African Agricultural College at Medjez.

This was the quickest way to qualify as a "technical agent". There he received a pre-salary of \$40 a month and was able to follow the courses for specialists run by the FAO—the Organisation of the United Nations for Food and Agriculture which, in collaboration with the World Council of Churches and the Tunisian Government had started the Agricultural College.

A new world

The College was a new world to Djemaa Bouraoui, entirely different in structure from everything familiar to him. He found himself alone amidst a hierarchy in which no account was taken of age (as it was in his family and his village) or money, but only of knowledge. One had to respect the teachers, who might have been one's brothers.

Learning to estimate a cost price or to diagnose the breakdown of an engine did not present any problem. On the other hand, it

was more difficult to conform to the methods of work. For example, the machine-workshop was under the supervision of a tall, fair Swiss, Walter Frehner (aged 38) who insisted on the tools being kept clean and in their places. "Acquire the habit and it will make the work easier," he told the students.

He was right. Djemaa realised that he was there to learn, and he did not want to waste the opportunity. With the enthusiasm of all beginners he became almost a fanatic for precision.

His troubles began when he went as a trainee to the Office of mechanised agriculture in Tunisia. He arrived there proud of his newly-acquired knowledge. But he still had to learn to adjust himself to life, and to take due account of the environment which is to be developed. In a short time he found himself at loggerheads with the engineers under whom he worked. They had fifteen years' experience and their own methods of work. They were not prepared to take lessons from a boy just out of school, who wanted to upset everything and (with the enthusiasm of youth) who was completely lacking in diplomacy.

The Director of the school, a French psychologist, Jean Demeret (aged 34), with the physique of a football-player, had to come to the rescue to save the situation. Fortunately everything was arranged. The lesson learned. Djemaa recognised his mistake.

Constant need to learn

Having become an excellent manager of the agricultural machine pool, Djemaa has won the first round in his struggle for life. "I don't want to stop there," he says, "I must improve my knowledge of mechanics and agricultural techniques, and deepen my theoretical knowledge. I want to obtain a diploma as a technical assistant. Then one day I may perhaps even succeed in becoming an engineer. There will still be much more to learn, but that is life."

The secret of Djemaa's success is the secret of all the achievements of modern Tunisia; the thirst for knowledge that one finds everywhere there, on every level. Monsieur de Man, a Belgian on the staff of the FAO, who with his Tunisian colleague shares responsibility for the College, was one day addressed by the man in charge of the agricultural co-operative where his house is located: "I should so much like to come and learn with you, but I do not have the money." "Ask for a scholarship." "It would nevertheless be necessary to wait some weeks for the first payment. I cannot afford that luxury. My father has just died. In the village my mother and my fifteen brothers and sisters need the money which I send them regularly, in order to eat.

The country has an insatiable need for trained leaders, for qualified personnel. But in spite of the aid given, in spite of the general goodwill, it is still extremely difficult to emerge from the vicious circle of poverty.

(Note: A total of \$523,000 was subscribed by the Churches through DICARWS to this Freedom From Hunger Campaign Project of the Food and Agricultural Organisation.)

(We make our contribution through Christmas Bowl Appeal.)