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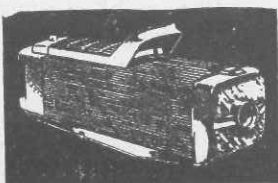
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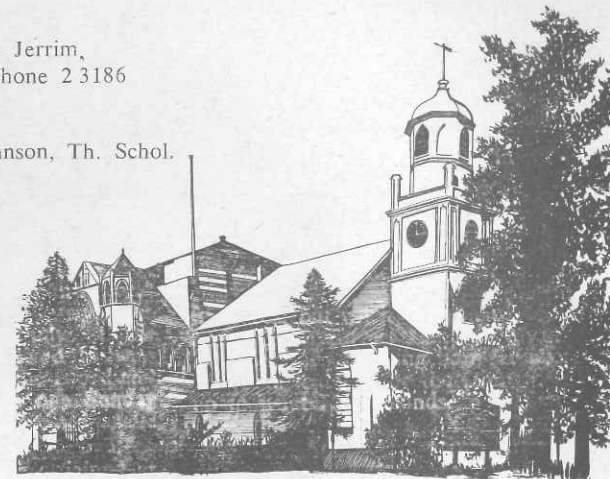
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We are already four weeks into 1969, so that it is almost no longer the New Year. I am writing this letter during Australia Day week-end and as I do so, my mind turns back over the years to the early days of this country. I have been reading some excerpts of "The History of Tasmania" written by the Reverend John West, Minister of St. John's Square Chapel, Launceston, published in 1852. The St. John Square Chapel was erected for the Congregational Church and is the building now known as Milton Hall. It is interesting to note that John West was also partly responsible for the founding of the Launceston Examiner, whose press prints this parish paper today.

1969 is a significant year for the Church in Northern Tasmania and for our own Church in particular. It is just 150 years since John Youl came to the Tamar area as a chaplain and school master. In November, 1819, he took up residence in the Government Cottage, Launceston; although he returned to George Town in 1821 for a period of three years. In 1824 he returned to Launceston and then set about building the original St. John's Church. Hence 1969 becomes a year of importance as it marks the 150th anniversary of the commencement of the ministry of the Reverend John Youl in Northern Tasmania. Incidentally, the Tasmanian Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society also commemorates its 150th anniversary in May of this year.

There is an interesting story yet to be written of the history of the Church in Northern Tasmania and of our own parish in particular. I hope that one day we will be able to find someone with the necessary time, knowledge and ability to compile a history of St. John's Church. Our present pamphlet deals rather with the story of the Church as a building. We need an account of the development of the parish in terms of its clergy and its people.

During 1969 we will be writing a further chapter in the unrecorded history of St. John's Church. Many of our predecessors were concerned with the building of the physical church of St. John. Our concern today is to maintain and extend the life and witness of the living congregation which worships in St. John's Church. I should say that our emphasis must be on extension rather than on maintenance. It would not be untrue to say that we spend too much time on maintaining the church today, and not enough time, thought and energy on the extension of the Church's ministry and influence.

The Church of the pioneering days was concerned with a programme of founding and extending. The Church of today and that includes all who read this letter must be concerned with expanding its life and witness in the world of 1969. This is the way in which we ought to mark the 150th anniversary of the coming of the first Anglican clergyman to Northern Tasmania.

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

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February—

- 2 **The Feast of the Presentation of Christ.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School resumes. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 5 **Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 6 **Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.**
- 7 **Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.**
- 8 **Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.**
- 9 **Sexagesima Sunday, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.** 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 12 **Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.**
- 13 **Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.**
- 14 **Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.**
- 15 **Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.**
- 16 **Quinquagesima 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.
- 17 **Monday, 8 p.m. Order of St. Luke Service.**
- 18 **Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.**
- 19 **Ash Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion.
- 20 **Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.**
- 21 **Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.**
- 22 **Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.**
- 23 **1st Sunday in Lent, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.** 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7.30 p.m. Evensong.
- 24 **Monday, St Matthias' Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 7.30 p.m. Ordination in St. David's Cathedral.
- 26 **Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 **Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Mothers' Union—Northern Members Meeting.** 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday, 27th February, we will be privileged to have our Commonwealth President, Mrs. Stuart Fox, who will bring us news of the Overseas Conference. This meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall and all Mothers' Union Branches in the Northern Archdeaconry are invited.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All ladies of the Parish are invited to a Tea to be held in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 20th March, at 6.30 p.m. This will be followed by a meeting of Anglican Women's Fellowship when we will have the opportunity of hearing reports of the Diocesan Conference of A.W.F.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will not be holding a meeting in February or March but a meeting of the Anglican Women's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, 20th March. It will commence with a Tea in the Kindergarten Hall at 6.30 p.m. and all members of the Guild are requested to be present.

LEAFY VEGETABLES COULD REDUCE CHILD BLINDNESS, SAYS CWS HANDBOOK

(From W.C.C. Newsletter)

The leafy vegetables are very numerous and provide desirable variety in otherwise monotonous diets. Positive nutritional values of these

leafy foods include important amounts of iron and other mineral salts, of several vitamins, especially vitamin A, and helpful amounts of vitamin C.

So says a "Simplified Handbook on Nutrition" which has been published by Church World Service, New York, for personnel conducting feeding programme overseas. The "Handbook" adds:

"Surprisingly, many people in developing countries could help themselves to better health and reduce infantile blindness by wider use of green, leafy foods as sources of vitamin A. Likewise there is good quality protein in most leaves, although in small amounts as compared with seeds.

"In fact, it is the leafy protein which provides the protein food for grazing animals.

"Not all leafy, green material is safe for food. Caution must be used until it is known that the particular leaves are fit for human food. But green leaves are so abundant that major effort is justified in getting people to use them when possible as being foods close at hand, rather than to depend overly on expensive, uncertain imported or highly processed foods."

Simple and Concise

The "Handbook", simple and concise, has been prepared by Melvin B. Myers, director of Church World Services Material Resources Programme, with the guidance of the CWS Nutrition Committee.

In a foreword, James MacCracken, Church World Service's Executive Director, says that in the 21 years it has been established, CWS has helped as many as 10 million human beings a year in 40 countries, and has provided more than 4,000 million pounds of food, medicines, tools, and disaster supplies to refugees, disaster victims, and areas of endemic need.

"At a time when world hunger is a concern of us all," MacCracken writes, "with an estimated 10,000 people dying every day from malnutrition or under-nutrition, the value of this guide is self-evident. We are privileged to share it with you."

Copies of the booklet may be obtained from Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027, U.S.A.

HOUSING PROJECT FOR THE AGED APPROVED IN HONG KONG (From W.C.C. Newsletter)

Twenty-seven self-contained, low-rent flats are to be set aside on the Housing Authority's Wah Fu estate as living quarters for 100 independent elderly people. Each flat is equipped for four persons and two common rooms are planned within this accommodation.

This social experiment, a pioneer project for the aged in Hong Kong, has been approved by the government with the co-operation of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the Social Welfare Department.

The basic aim of the venture is to provide attractive housing for self-sufficient elderly people. Hong Kong Christian Service is undertaking the co-ordination of the project and is responsible to the Housing Authority for proper administration.

Voluntary agencies co-operating in the project include Lutheran World Service, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Hong Kong Union Church, Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, and the Yang Memorial Social Service Centre of the Methodist Church.

Each of the co-operating agencies will sponsor residents, engage in case-work studies, give financial support, and help with the running of the project. Normal rent will be paid to the Housing Authority for the accommodation provided.

PERSONAL

Deaconess B. Robinson has returned to the Mainland after twelve months in Launceston. On the occasion of the Sunday School Festival the Rector made a presentation to the Deaconess in appreciation of her services to the Sunday School and within the Parish. We pray for God's blessing on her future work.

The Rev'd A. Chipman has arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, to commence study at the Language School. We were pleased to welcome him back to St. John's for the Broadland House School Service and again one Sunday evening in January. May he be blessed as he enters this new sphere of work.

The Rev'd M. Johnson will be ordained as a priest in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, on the evening of St. Matthias' Day, 24th February. We look forward to his assistance in the parish as a priest.

Mrs. Stuart Fox who is the Commonwealth President of the Mothers' Union is to visit Launceston on 27th February. Mrs. Fox attended the recent meeting of the Commonwealth Council in London and will speak at a gathering of the northern members of the Mothers' Union in St. John's Kindergarten Hall at 2.30 p.m., that afternoon.

Mrs. D. R. Campbell has, after many years of faithful service as a Sunday School teacher in the Senior Sunday School, been forced to resign owing to ill health. The Sunday School will be the poorer without her able help. We pray that she will soon enjoy better health.

Mrs. M. Dawe was a former Sunday School pupil and of recent years has helped in the Kindergarten section as a teacher. Because of family commitments and living some distance from St. John's, she is unable to continue this year. Our thanks are extended to her for her help in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Good leave this month for an overseas trip. Mr. Good has been on leave of absence from the Vestry. We hope that they have an enjoyable holiday and return to Launceston refreshed from their experience.

A CONVENIENT SET OF VALUES (More thoughts for better living—The Rev'd Lance Shilton)

When the human body no longer reacts to external stimuli, one of three things has taken place. It's either anaesthetised, desperately ill, or a corpse. When a social order no longer reacts against flagrant sin, it has become insensitive to evil or, in other words, spiritually dead.

I do not want to appear critical of the community life as a whole because there are many things in it which are commendable. The ready response to charitable appeals is an indication that in the hearts of some, at least, there's still a concern for the needs of others. But there are certain things in our society which lead to the degradation of men and women, which drag them down to the lowest, and one asks where is the grace of righteous indignation of which we were once capable. Where is the sense of moral anger which rebels and cries out against sins which are a stench in the nostrils of the Holy God?

Our sense of values can easily become so distorted that we are inclined to accept the standards of the world rather than those given to us by God Himself. Every one of the Ten

Commandments is flouted today. The loss of the ability to be aroused over immorality, and those things which lead to immoral practices, is now so marked that those things once done in secret, are now matters of common discussion. It's so easy for us to allow the word 'freedom' to be confused with 'licence'. We are so anxious to be liberal and tolerant in the wrong in the wrong sense of their meanings that we forget that God's Holiness cannot be liberalised. Lewd literature is considered to be merely the expression of our times, and not an affront to society. Evil becomes art when portrayed in attractive form from the stage or screen. Thieving is permitted in a form called "scrounging".

All these things are indications of the corruption which can easily creep in, unless we are very careful we are drawn into them ourselves almost without realising it. That is, of course, if we allow other people to be our standards; but when we turn our mind to God and see the perfect standard given to us by His Son, then realising how far short we fall, we come to Him for the strength to measure up to what He demands.

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

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