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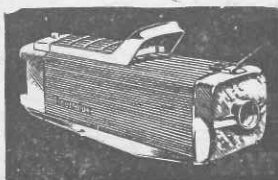
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**St. John's Parish Messenger**

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania

No. 216

JULY, 1969

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

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

Parish Sister: Miss J. B. Shaw, Th.A.

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

**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

During the last few days there have been frequent references in the news on radio and TV to income tax returns and refunds. This reminds me that the end of the financial year is with us. The Church's financial year ends on 30th June as well. This means that we will have the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St. John's Church on **Wednesday, 30th July, at 7.45 p.m.** This will be preceded by the usual Parish Tea.

Below you will see an invitation and acceptance form for the Parish Tea, please fill it in and return to me as soon as possible. I do hope that you will be able to come and be with us for that evening. It is one of the most important congregational nights in the whole year.

The Vestry would appreciate the co-operation of parishioners who may have not been able to return their Offering envelopes before the end of June, to do so as soon as possible. The on going expenses of the Church are heavy and are increasing most of the time. It will greatly assist the Vestry in meeting financial commitments on behalf of the Parish if they receive our freewill offerings regularly. We do express our thanks to those parishioners who regularly support the Church by their offerings and prayers; so enabling the work of the Church to continue.

Our giving here is the commencement of a cycle of giving which furthers the work of the Church. The Vestry is able to send on money to the Diocese to assist the work of the Church in Tasmania and beyond, in addition to meeting our local requirements. So we bear our share of the cost of the work of the Church within Tasmania and for the contribution of this Diocese to the Church's Missionary work. In addition, at the Diocesan level, we contribute towards the overall expenses of the Church of England in Australia and as part of the Australian Council of Churches.

Already this year, I have had the privilege of representing the Church in Tasmania at two important gatherings on the Mainland. In February, at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches. Then, last month at the consultation and Annual Meeting of the General Board of Religious Education. Later this year I will be at the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia which will assemble in Sydney. This body only meets every three or four years.

All this helps us to see and realise that our own Church of St. John is but a small part of the whole Church in Australia. Nevertheless, we must accept our share of responsibility because we are a part of the body of the Church of Jesus Christ in this land. Through this involvement of your Rector in the wider life of the Church, I hope that you can catch something of the vision of the Church of Christ in Australia and beyond.

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

Please cut off here.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO A  
**PARISH TEA**

IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL

ON WEDNESDAY, 30th JULY, AT 6 P.M.

Donation: 40c each or \$1.00 per Family

The Parish Tea will be followed by a film and the Annual Meeting  
of the Congregation at 7.45 p.m.

We will be able to be present at the Parish Tea.

Number coming ..... Signed .....

Address .....

R.S.V.P. BY MONDAY, 21st JULY.  
THE RECTOR, ST. JOHN'S RECTORY.

This slip may be handed in at Church or left at the Rectory.

## CALENDAR FOR JULY

July—

- 6 **5th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 7 Monday 7.30 p.m. Order of St. Luke Prayer Service in Chapel.
- 8 Tuesday 6 p.m. Mens' Fellowship and Tea.
- 9 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday 7.45 p.m. Womens' Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 11 Friday 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 12 Saturday 7 p.m. "20 and Over Club" Progressive Dinner.
- 13 **6th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 15 Tuesday 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 18 Friday 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 19 Saturday R.S.C.M. Choir Festival
- 20 **7th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong - Special Music.
- 23 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 24 Thursday 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
- 25 Friday **St. James Day** 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 4.20 p.m. Confirmation Class. 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 27 **8th Sunday after Trinity.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 p.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Grammar Preparatory School Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 30 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Parish Tea. 7.45 p.m. Annual Meeting.

## ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHER'S UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mother's Union will be held on July 15th, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m., and afterwards at the Rectory. Work will be continued on the Honiara Banner. Supper hostesses are Mesdames Watson and Deavin.

## WOMENS' GUILD

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Dodery, 42 Ramsay St., on Thursday, 10th July, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Supper hostesses—Mesdames Jerrim and Ford.

Mrs. H. R. Harris was welcomed as a new member. We are very happy with the response to our invitation for new members, the membership is now a record.

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

The next meeting of the auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 14th July commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Afternoon tea hostesses, Mrs. M. Easter and Miss M. Bennett.

The Annual meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 18th August and not 11th August as previously stated.

Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Maclaine were welcomed as new members. The Auxiliary members too, are delighted with the response for new members.

## JUMBLE SALE

Well, the sale is over and we are very pleased to advise that the results show an amount of \$148.00 which will go to augment the funds of the Womens' Guild. May I take this opportunity to thank those folk who sent us along goods for the sale and also thank most sincerely Mrs. White and those ladies who gave us their help on the morning of the sale, it was appreciated.

Jean L. Sheldrick  
Convenor.

Our thanks are extended to Mrs. Sheldrick and the ladies who assisted her in this project. Congratulations on the fine result.

## MOTHER'S UNION

The next meeting of Mother's Union will be held on Thursday, 24th July commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

Peter Douglas Bennett, Kim Sheree Edwards, Simone Jane Preece, Christopher Shane Price, Lindsay Eugene Buttry, Vivki Joy Anderson.

## MARRIAGES

Maurice Edward Whelan and Ruby Henrietta Arnold, Trevor Robert Shipton and Kaye Rosemary Venn, Anthony John Symons and Carol Anne Riggs.

## BURIALS

William Henry Cox, Kenneth George Bracken, Belle Fletta Pennycuik, William Francis Stokes, William Edwin Gow, Victoria May Rapley.

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

Coming to Launceston on  
21st, 22nd and 23rd July, 1969.

## REV. VERNON COHEN

Warden of Avalon Community and  
Chaplain, Geelong Chapter of Order of  
St. Luke the Physician.

Monday, 21st July —

8.00 pm. MEETING IN PATERSON  
STREET METHODIST CHURCH.  
(When opportunity for laying on of  
hands will be given for those desiring  
it.)

Wednesday, 23rd July —

10.00 a.m. till 4.00 DAY SEMINAR IN  
ST. AIDAN'S HALL, EAST LAUN-  
CESTON. "The Healing Church in a  
DIS-EASED World".  
(Kindly bring plate of sandwiches or  
cakes. Soup and Tea provided.)

8.00 p.m. SERVICE IN ST. JOHN'S  
CHURCH.

(Incorporating Healing Service)  
Arranged by the Launceston Chapter of  
the Order of St. Luke the Physician  
(A'asia).

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Christian Church.

Hon. Secretary:  
Miss Sybil Brownrigg,  
25 Oxford Street,  
Launceston.  
(Phone 31 1520—non-business hours).

## ARE YOU USING YOUR PRAYER BOOK ?

The Vestry were examining the supply of Prayer Books in Church which are provided for the use of visitors. Many of the books have pages missing, especially in the sections most frequently used. People are constantly asking for a book that hasn't any pages missing. The Vestry looked at the situation and to purchase a new supply of books for use in church, it would cost in the vicinity of \$500. At the present time, we just cannot afford this amount of money for this purpose.

The situation would be somewhat relieved if regular church-goers brought their own prayer and hymn book to church with them and used it in the service. Then the existing supply of books would last for a further period. If you have your own book, do you bring it to church and use it?

SUNDAY, 20th JULY

E V E N S O N G

7 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC

On the third Sunday evening in each month the Choir is rendering specially prepared music for that service. There is a warm welcome to all the congregation of St. John's to join in this act of worship.

## 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 M. Hynd \$1, J. Walton, \$4.

## Special Feature :

HE LOST HIS TICKET TO PARADISE

By Geoffrey Murray, WCC Staff Writer

Count Vladimir Tatistcheff, born in Russia 67 years ago, lay in bed at St. Andrew's Red Cross Home, Dublin, Ireland, one day last month and thought of the 12 years he had spent in Chinese gaols and concentration camps. Then he wrote to the World Council of Churches who had befriended him:

"Here in St. Andrew's I am like in Paradise but still sick, must stay in bed, and therefore please excuse me for my horrible handwriting."

Like in Paradise. But he almost did not make it. On his way from Shanghai to Dublin he lost his baggage and his air ticket in Hong Kong. Both were found and returned to him. And now he has an assured haven in which to live out the rest of his life.

It is a long odyssey that Count Tatistcheff has travelled since his birth in Leningrad—then known as St. Petersburg—on October 17, 1901. In his time he has been an Oxford University undergraduate, a soldier in the

French Foreign Legion, a diplomat, a language teacher, a journalist and a beauty specialist.

He left Russia in January, 1919, as secretary to his father's diplomatic mission to Italy, France and Great Britain. He spent a year at Oxford University in 1920 and later enrolled at London University.

In a moment of despair, he joined the French Foreign Legion in May, 1929, was wounded while fighting in North Africa, and in September, 1930, he was released. Then for a time he worked in France. He speaks Russian, French, Italian, German, Portuguese and Spanish.

Count Tatistcheff left France in 1935 and settled in Shanghai. As a language teacher and translator he was in touch with nationals of many countries. These associations made him suspect and during the 'fifties he was charged with "political crimes detrimental to the cause of the Chinese Revolution". For this he was imprisoned and sent to concentration camps.

Released finally in 1964 he was sent, broken in health, to a rest home. From there he wrote to the World Council of Churches' Refugee Office in Hong Kong and asked if he could be helped to emigrate to another country.

Then a search, which was to last for more than four years, began in co-operation with the office of the United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, to find a country that would accept the count. One after another studied his papers, only to turn him down. But last October the government of the Republic of Ireland agreed to admit him.

It took four months to obtain an exit visa from China. In February he was brought down to Hong Kong, provided with warm clothing by the WCC's Refugee Service, and put on an aeroplane for Dublin via London.

A representative of the British Council of Churches met him in London on behalf of the WCC. She found him at the airport without luggage, without any knowledge of where he was bound for in Dublin, and without his ticket from London to Dublin. He had dropped his ticket after passing through the emigration department at Hong Kong Airport!

But the ticket was picked up and BOAC put it on their next plane for London. His luggage too was traced. And eventually the Service to Refugees worker saw him safely off to Dublin, where the Irish Red Cross placed him in their St. Andrew's Home.

In his letter to the World Council, Count Tatistcheff refers to his trials and difficulties in China and adds: "During these years I recovered my child's faith in God and know that the merciful Lord does not want to destroy me."

The final comment comes from a World Council of Churches' Service to Refugees worker. In closing the file she wrote: "It is good to know that this story has a happy ending."

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SATURDAY, 19th JULY, 1969, 6.45 P.M.