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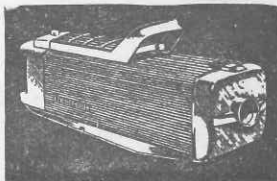
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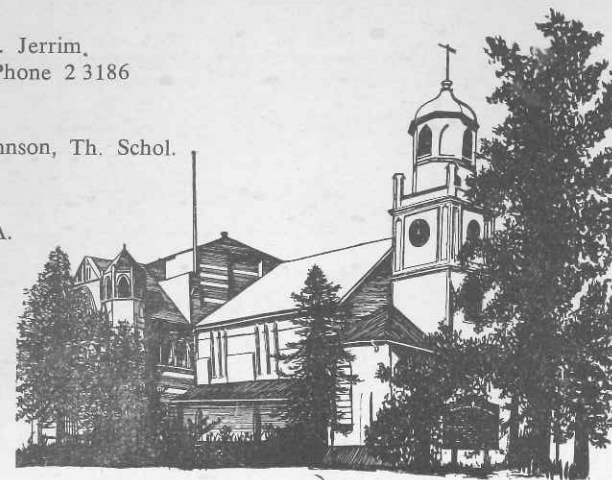
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

On the 1st Sunday in Lent, there were two messages which were requested to be read in church. This means that only a small percentage of Anglicans heard them for as yet the majority of Anglicans do not see that it is our duty to be in church at least once on a Sunday. Hence, both of these messages will be featured in this Parish Messenger.

The first letter is one of a series which have been written by the Bishops of the missionary dioceses surrounding Australia. These dioceses receive some measure of support from us through our missionary giving, especially during the Season of Lent. Will you read the letter of the Bishop of Singapore and Malaya? The letter concludes with a reference to the crowing of the cock and its shaming of Peter into penitence and a renewed life.

Lent sounds a threefold note to us:—

1. A call to penitence.
2. A call to renewal in our Christian lives.
3. A determination to live a Christian life.

The other letter is from a political source and is a message for Immigration Sunday. Some years ago in Devonport, I had frequently as president of the local branch of the Good Neighbour Council to speak at Naturalisation Ceremonies. I usually addressed my remarks more to the Australian citizens who were present, suggesting that they should be good neighbours to the New Australians. This is one of the significant features of Immigration Sunday. We are reminded again as Christian citizens to be to the fore in accepting into our community those who have come from some other part of the world.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a programme of Lenten activities. I commend these various times to you for your consideration. I hope that you will make an effort to attend one of the weekly services during Lent. There will be a period of Bible Study in the Rector's Vestry after the service on Thursday evenings at about 8 p.m.

Before closing this letter I would like to announce that Miss Jenny Shaw has joined the staff of St. John's. She replaces Deaconess B. Robinson who left in December. Miss Shaw is a Tasmanian and has just completed her training at Deaconess House in Melbourne. We welcome her to St. John's and hope that she will be happy in her work here.

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 first Sunday in
March, the 2nd.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS, 8 P.M.
THE RECTOR'S VESTRY

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March —

- 2 **2nd Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 4 **Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.**
- 5 **Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.
- 6 **Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.** 8 p.m. Bible Study. Choir Practice.
- 7 **Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.** 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion. Women's World Day of Prayer Services.
- 8 **Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.**
- 9 **3rd Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Lane Adams. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 10 **Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.**
- 11 **Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.**
- 12 **Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 13 **Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.** 8 p.m. Bible Study. Choir Practice.
- 14 **Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.** 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 16 **Mothering 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 with special music. Mothering Sunday Social Hour after service.
- 18 **Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.**
- 19 **Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 20 **Thursday, 6.30 p.m. Ladies' Dinner and Anglican Women's Fellowship.** 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Bible Study. Choir Practice.
- 21 **Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.** 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.
- 22 **Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club.**
- 23 **Passion Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 25 **Tuesday, Lady Day.** 10 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 26 **Wednesday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.** 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 **Thursday, 7.15 p.m. Holy Communion.** 8 p.m. Bible Study. Choir Practice.
- 28 **Friday, 1.10 p.m. Holy Communion.**
- 30 **Palm Sunday.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Music and Readings of the Passion.

SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, 30th MARCH —

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service. Children's Procession and Offering of Lenten Boxes.

7.00 p.m. Music and Readings of the Passion.

MONDAY —

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

TUESDAY —

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.00 a.m. Charles Street School Service.
7.30 p.m. G.F.S. Intercession Service. Parishioners invited.

WEDNESDAY —

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.00 a.m. Broadland House Senior School Service.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

THURSDAY —

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY, 4th APRIL —

8.00 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.
10.00 a.m. Family Service.
7.30 p.m. United Service arranged by the Launceston Council of Churches. Offertory: Inter-Church Aid and L.C.C.

EASTER DAY, 6th APRIL —

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Children's Service.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday morning, Easter Eve, for the EASTER FESTIVAL. An appeal is made for suitable flowers and it is requested that they are sent to the Church by 10 a.m. Helpers will be welcome.

The Rector will be glad to arrange to administer Easter Communion to any sick or aged parishioners who desire to receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital.

M.M.A.

Would members please note that our first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday, 5th March, commencing at 2.45 p.m. New members will be particularly welcome.

EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Meeting of the St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1969, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m., and afterwards at the Rectory.

We request all Sunday School mothers to join, and are very pleased to have five new members so far this year.

We hope to make a start on our banner for the Homiara Cathedral in the very near future.

ST. LUKE'S AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 10th March, 1969 at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses — Mrs. Sheldrick and Mrs. Cox.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will not be holding a meeting in 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.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 27th March, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m. and followed by a meeting in the Kindergarten Hall.

Lady Day will be celebrated at St. Mark-on-the-Hill at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 25th March. All members invited.

CHRISTMAS BOWL BENEFITS

The proceeds of the play "Murder in the Cathedral" which was produced early in December, amounted to \$225, after the expenses had been met. This amount has been given to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. This was an excellent result and worthy of the fine production in the church of C. S. Lewis' drama by Mr. Noel Dicker. We would thank him and the many who assisted in the production in various ways for an excellent piece of work.

LADIES' TEA

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH, 6.30 P.M.

All ladies of the parish are invited to this function in association with the Anglican Women's Fellowship.

If you are able to attend will you please let either Mrs. M. M. Easther (ph. 2 3120) or Mrs. T. P. White (ph. 2 4130) know that you will be present. There is to be an interesting meeting following the meal.

PARISH HALL KITCHEN PAINTED

If you had visited the Parish Hall on a Saturday evening during February you would have been handed a paint brush. The Youth Club under the leadership of the Rev'd M. Johnson and Mr. Michael Wakefield have painted the kitchen. Our thanks and congratulations to them on a job of service well done.

MUSIC AT EVENSONG ON THE THIRD SUNDAY

In these days of weekend cottages, family boats, cars, television and depleted evening congregations, it is becoming increasingly difficult to preserve at the parish level, the rich traditions of English church music. As Anglicans we have a heritage, built up over the past 400 years, which is quite unique in all the world of music.

Here at St. John's, we still have a choir which can (in certain situations) aspire to 40 voices. Perhaps this is also a unique fact at least in so far as the average parish church goes in 1969.

The adult section of the choir is planning a series of services in which it will be possible to use more of the fine music which, by right, is ours to enjoy, and by means of which, it may be that greater beauty and inspiration will be added to our worship. On the third Sunday of each month additional choral and organ music will be presented at Evensong.

We hope that many parishioners who read this paper will not only show their interest by coming to church, but also by making these special monthly Evensongs widely known.

Lindsay O'Neil,
Organist-Choirmaster.

LENTEN LETTER NO. 1

The Bishop of Singapore/Malaya, the Right Reverend Chiu Ban It, writes to the church in Australia:—

"In many parts of South East Asia the New Year follows the lunar calendar and opens this year on the 17th February, two days before Ash Wednesday. If the authorities permit, it is celebrated from the first stroke of midnight with a deafening roar of crackers which may last for many hours and even days. During Tet, as New Year is called in Vietnam, the festive sound of cracker firing was, in 1968 soon replaced there by the noise of exploding cartridges, grenades and bombs. Joy was turned to sorrow; gloom and fear filled the hearts of millions instead of jollity.

For Chinese people, New Year this time will usher in the Year of the Cock, described by Chinese poets as the "gentleman of unwavering principles" because he crows regularly, whether it is wet or fine. Today when there is the ever-present possibility of war exploding in any continent in the world, Christians should regard the season of Lent not merely as an occasion for penitance and self-denial, but as a time for renewal of their unwavering loyalty to Christ, who replaced strife with reconciliation. As the crowing cock shamed Peter forever out of his cowardice and weakness, should we not be seeking how to rededicate ourselves to serve our Lord in the way He taught us?"

Message from the Minister for Immigration

THE HON. B. M. SNEDDEN, Q.C.
for IMMIGRATION SUNDAY

There are amongst us many people who have left the countries of their birth to join their future with ours. It is hard for us to know what courage and what heartaches were involved in the difficult decision they have taken and what doubts may assail them now that they are here.

They are strangers in a strange land — laws and customs differ from those they have known, many are far from families and friends, some have problems of communication. Never-

theless, they have decided to become Australians and they want to pull their weight in their new community.

We have invited them here and they are entitled to share with us the chance of a full life in a bountiful country. Whether they can do this depends on us at least as much as on them. We can make them feel positively accepted rather than merely tolerated. By many small but significant acts we can make the difference for them between a feeling of acceptance and one of exclusion.

We have, each of us, an obligation that cannot be delegated and cannot be discharged except by showing them, through our personal attitudes, that we value and welcome them as fellows and neighbours.

The churches in Australia both on their own and in co-operation with national groups and governmental authorities, have played a notable part in this process of wide and deep acceptance of new settlers. As they gain in number and diversity, religious faiths will have an ever growing role.

DONATIONS TO 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: Mrs. A. Higgs \$2, Miss H. Miller \$2, Mr. W. Lovibond \$2.

Thank you.

BAPTISMS

Gareth John Glock, Alison Elizabeth Browne, Diana Mary Waddle, John Stephen Lamb, Dianna Sue Kinnane, Jacqueline Patricia Campbell, Nichola Jane Cuthill.

MARRIAGES

Kenneth John Pinner and June Margaret Moore, Paul Benjerman Beasley and Christine Wood, Selwyn James Johnston and Judith Maureen Garwood, Barry John Wood and Cynthia Vonda Burgess, Glen Ernest Ion and Jillian Kaye Walker, Anthony John Evans and Irene Vera Nitschke.

BURIALS

Charles Henry Ikin, Kate Hemming. We extend our sincere sympathy to all those who have been bereaved.

BUDGET FOR MISSION

Both major organisations concerned with the overseas mission of the Anglican Church in Australia have adopted smaller budgets for 1969. The Australian Board of Missions will cut its grants to missions by \$11,000 and reduce its spending in Australia by \$33,000. The Church Missionary Society cut its spending by \$8,000 in its 1968-69 budget year. This makes the total budgets of the two bodies \$804,000, which is \$52,000 less than in the previous period.

ABM and CMS are disturbed that this cut has had to be made at a time when overseas needs are greater than ever.

It has occurred because the Church is not providing enough money to ABM and CMS to allow them to do the jobs which need to be done.

"The downward trend in financial contributions is not our only worry," said Canon Frank Coaldrake, Chairman of ABM. "There is also a drastic lack of offers for missionary service.

"Other organisations, such as Australian Volunteers Abroad, are providing valuable help to developing countries with people who go for short periods. But there is a need for people who are willing to stay more than three years, and who are willing to be trained to tell about Christ as well as do good works in his name."