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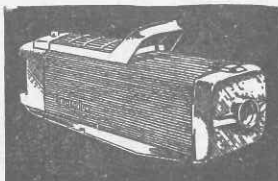
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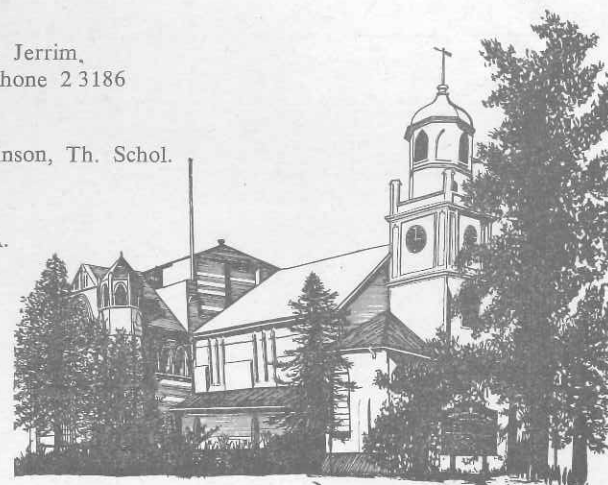
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### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

KIRCHENTAG rallies became a feature of church life in Germany in the early post-war years following the cessation of hostilities in 1945. These rallies were based upon the experience of the Confessing Church in Germany, during the Nazi regime of 1933-1945. Bible Study and exposition were the central features of these rallies. Here was the beginning of those events which have become common in the life of the Church in other parts of the world called Bible Weeks.

It is little more than 10 years ago when the first one was held in a country town in England and has become known as the Yeovil Experiment. This was held in the week beginning 7th December, 1958, Bible Sunday; it was what we would describe today, an ecumenical venture. All the churches were involved in it. Since that time they have spread to many parts of the world.

Launceston is to have its first Bible Week this month. Elsewhere in this Parish Messenger you will read more information about it. I commend this series of gatherings to you as a Biblical and Ecumenical adventure and experience. I hope that many of our congregation will participate in it. Two of our parishioners, Mr. John Roberts and Miss Margaret Willson, have consented to act as Group Leaders for the discussion groups.

Principal Himbury, the leader of the Bible Week which is being sponsored by the Launceston Council of Churches, comes to Tasmania from Melbourne as one of Australia's leading expositors.

REMEMBER THE DATE — 13th - 16th MAY  
REMEMBER THE PLACE — CHALMER'S HALL  
REMEMBER THE TIME — 7.45 P.M.

This is also an important month for the Bible Society in Tasmania, as 7th May will mark the 150th anniversary of a meeting held in Hobart to commence Bible Society work in Van Dieman's Land. This anniversary is being celebrated with appropriate functions, mainly in Hobart. The Commonwealth Council of the Bible Society is to hold its meeting this year in Hobart as part of the celebrations.

On Sunday, 11th May, there is to be an After-Church Rally in the Launceston Central Baptist Church at 8.30 p.m. This will be our Northern part of the Bible Society sesquicentenary celebrations. The speaker at the Rally will be the Right Reverend Clive Kerle, the Bishop of Armidale, N.S.W. I hope that many of you will attend this Rally. It will be a fitting commencement to Bible Week.

With every good wish to all parishioners,  
May God bless you all.  
Yours very sincerely,  
HENRY A. JERRIM.

### CALENDAR FOR MAY

May—		
4	4th Sunday after Easter. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.	12
6	Tuesday, 8 p.m. G.F.S. at the Home of Mrs. Holyman, Riverdale Grove.	13
7	Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.45 p.m. M.M.A.	14
8	Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.	15
11	Rogation Sunday. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. 8.30 p.m. After	16
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Church Rally — Central Baptist Church.  
Speaker: Bishop Clive Kerle.  
Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.  
Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.  
Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.  
Thursday, Ascension Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.  
Sunday after Ascension. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.  
Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.



- 22 Thursday, 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.  
 25 **Whitsunday**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong. "20 & Over Club" after Church.  
 28 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Discussion Group.  
 29 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.  
 30 Friday, 5 p.m. Boys' Choir Practice.

June—  
 1 **Trinity Sunday**, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.

#### A NOTE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE LAUNCESTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ON THE BIBLE WEEK

I see as the aims of this Bible Week: to study a selected portion of the Bible together, as the whole Church in Launceston; to ascertain and to apprehend what is the essential message of the selected passages; to assess the implications of that message in the life of the individual Christian and in the work and witness of the Church. The Bible Week will bring churches, their clergy and laity, together in Bible Study and in the application of its lessons to the local situation; and it will call people to listen to the Word of God and to go forward in obedience together.

The studies to be undertaken in the Bible Week are planned so as to have practical reference. The studies will therefore be along three lines: what is the meaning of the particular passage of Scripture; what are our individual needs and the needs of our local community today from a moral and spiritual point of view; what does the particular passage of Scripture reveal to us as God's Will for ourselves and our community.

Principal D. M. Himbury, Whitley College, University of Melbourne, will be the expositor for this Bible Week. He is widely acclaimed as a clear thinker and one of Australia's best preachers, and ministers effectively on radio and television. Born in Wales, he attended the Lewis School, Pengam, and went on from there to the University of Wales, where he graduated in Arts (with First Class Honours in History) and Divinity. He pursued post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford, where he took his degree in Letters. In 1950, he was ordained at Chester Street Baptist Church, Wrexham; in 1951, he was appointed Professor of Church History at the South Wales Baptist College, Cardiff; and in 1959 took up his appointment as Principal of the Baptist Theological College, Melbourne. He has recently completed his M.A. with the University of Melbourne, and has enriched the Christian Church in Australia with his penetrating insights and his ability to communicate with people.

The expositor has suggested that I John would make a good basis for the series of four studies, to be held each evening from Tuesday, 13th May to Friday, 16th May inclusive (please note this change of date from that given in my previous communication). The theme of Bible Week will be "God, the Church and the World", and the four topics to be considered will be:

- Tuesday—Darkness and Dirt—I John 1.  
 Wednesday—Fathers, Sons and Brothers—I John 2:7-14.  
 Thursday—God, Conscience and the World—I John 3:13-23.  
 Friday—Finding God for Ourselves—I John 4:1-10.

The Bible Week meetings are to be held each evening in Chalmers Hall, St. John Street. Each meeting will begin at 7.45 p.m. with an act of worship, including hymn, prayer, and the reading of that passage of Scripture which is the subject for the night. The expositor will give his address, after which the congregation will divide up into discussion groups, each group having a study leader, to consider a

number of prepared questions. At the conclusion of the study period, the company will assemble again for a short summing-up session. The meeting will conclude at about 9.30 p.m. with announcements, prayer, and the benediction.

#### ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP IN JERUSALEM

Every year at Easter, every clergyman receives a letter from the Archbishop in Jerusalem. This year's letter, written by the former Archbishop of Perth, before his enthronement in St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, I felt was worth sharing with you. I commend it to your reading.

Perth,  
 Western Australia

My Brothers,

The invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury to me to succeed Archbishop Campbell Mac Innes in Jerusalem came as a complete surprise. On our way back from the Lambeth Conference my wife and I spent eight days in the Holy Land as pilgrims visiting the sacred places for the first time. During that visit we had no inkling of the pressing invitation that was to come soon after our return to Perth.

I am most grateful to the Church people of the Diocese of Perth and of the Province of Western Australia for their understanding and helpfulness. Those whom I consulted were positive in their advice that the Archbishop's call should be considered most seriously. They were helpful in another way, in their assurance that the plans we had together been able to initiate would be carried forward without any loss in momentum.

When the news became public there was an equally positive acceptance. So I shall go to Jerusalem with a happy spirit of M.R.I., with bonds of affection and co-operation unbroken, looking forward to welcoming increased numbers of pilgrims, from Australia as well as from other parts of the world, who will deepen their commitment to our Lord, as we were moved to do, by visiting the places where He walked and taught, suffered and rose again.

It will be a great strength to follow Campbell Mac Innes, who was born in the Middle East, lived there for so many years of his life, and helped to train so many prominent people in their youth, and had so many personal friends among those in posts of leadership, both Israeli and Arab.

I come almost completely new to the Middle East. Not completely so, for when I was Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies, I had, for several years, the care of its Committee for the Middle East, and visited Cairo and Tehran, taking a special interest in literacy and literature work.

I have always been deeply interested in relationships between men of different faiths, believing that God is at work in other religions as well as our own. Yet, at the same time, I believe that our Lord is relevant to other religions, bringing us authentic news from God and being the Incarnation of God among men. The task of the Christian Church is to embody Him and to be as humble and loving in our service to men as He was.

Besides this interest in other faiths and a desire to see God at work in and through them, there are two other things about which I care passionately. The first of these is the cause of World Peace.

Our Lord is the Mediator and Reconciler not only of men to God, but also of men and nations to one another. We must learn with Him and from Him the things that belong unto peace. We must be ready to take initiatives for peace and, if necessary, to suffer for peace.

For myself there is, therefore, particular significance in my move to Jerusalem, City of Peace in name and calling, but for so many centuries the scene of bitter war.

The other cause which has priority in my mind and heart is that of Christian Unity.

I have seen in many different countries the harmony which Christian unity is to the furtherance of God's Will and His Kingdom. The world is becoming one, mankind is being unified. It is God's eternal plan that men should be brought into Unity in Christ. We Christians hinder that plan by our divisions. The Archbishop of Canterbury constantly urges us to pray for the holiness of the Church, in all its members and in all its branches. Growth in holiness would quicken progress towards unity and, having attained the unity which is our Lord's Will, the Church would be able to promote human unity more effectively.

Perhaps it is in Jerusalem and those other centres which have suffered most from war and division that the greatest opportunity exists and the most urgent call can be heard to work for Peace and Unity.

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to all those people, wherever they may be, and whether known to me or unknown, who have my interest at heart and upon whose prayers I know I can so much rely and depend. With my wife, I go to Jerusalem humbly, gratefully and expectantly, knowing that we and all those others, throughout the Jerusalem Archbishopric, who are working to achieve those purposes that are so close to my heart, are linked with God by your prayers and those of thousands of Christians throughout the world.

Archbishop of Perth,

Archbishop Designate in Jerusalem.

GEORGE APPLETON,

#### EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 20th May, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m. and then at the Rectory. All mothers of Sunday School children are welcome.

Mrs. Campbell-Smith will be our guest speaker which should be very interesting for all.

Annual subscriptions and subscriptions to "Mia-Mia" are now due and we ask members if they could pay these as soon as convenient. Supper hostesses are Mesdames Easther, Boag and Crawford. There will be a trading table, proceeds to go towards expense of banner for Honoria.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the guild will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easther, 13 Wyett Street, on Thursday, 8th May, at 8 p.m. Supper hostesses — Mesdames Easther and Dodery.

The guild members will be conducting a stall in St. John's grounds on Saturday, 10th May (Election day), gifts for sale on the stall would be most welcome, proceeds will be for guild funds.

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

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital on Monday, 12th May, at 2.45 p.m.

Proceeds from the "Garden plant morning" which was held at Mrs. Holyman's home last month realised \$85.55. We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to this successful function. Many alterations have recently been made to our Church Hospital involving a great deal of expense. The assistance given to the Hospital from the Auxiliary is greatly appreciated by the Board of Management. We would welcome ladies of the Church who are interested in the work of the hospital to our Auxiliary.

#### JUMBLE SALE

We have now decided to go ahead with the jumble sale and propose holding same in the Parish Hall on 24th June, at 9.30 a.m. We hope that you will search through your homes and let us have all the saleable articles such as furniture, silver, brass, glassware, china, linen, electrical goods, etc., that you no longer need and can spare for us. Proceeds will augment the funds of the Women's Guild. If you cannot deliver the goods to us, you can phone any of the people listed below and they will make arrangements for the articles to be collected.

Mrs. T. White, 16 Wyett Street, 24130;  
 Mrs. H. Jerrim, St. John's Rectory, 23186;  
 Mrs. J. Sheldrick, 1a Clementina St., 311596.

Relying on your help,

J. L. Sheldrick, Convenor.

#### G.F.S.

Members of the G.F.S. are reminded that their next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th May. On this occasion the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. V. C. Holyman, 8 Riverdale Grove, at 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, 18th MAY, 7 P.M.**  
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#### MOTHERS' UNION

On Tuesday, 27th May, from 10.15 a.m. at the home of Mrs. L. R. Page, 12 Spencer St., there will be a Morning Tea—"Bring a Gift and Buy a Gift". Proceeds will go towards the education of a Cape Barren Island student.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd May, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m.

#### BAPTISMS

Pamela Lizbeth Misfud, Ritchard Anthony Misfud, Andrew Craig Banfield, Peter Raymond Edwards, Virginia Lee Edwards, Wayne Michael Stevenson, Catherine Leslie Wilkinson, Heather Louise Lewis, Sharon Lisa Booth, Richard James Dixon, Drew Justin Healey, Kristine Nicole Moore, Scott Anthony Lyne, Mardi Cherie Jones, Scott Tasman Nation, Scott Lewis Hankinson, Mark William Hankinson.

#### MARRIAGES

Darryl John Cullen and Diedre Elizabeth Izard, Wayne Geoffrey Gillespie and Helen Esther Rainbow, Rodney John Thorpe and Karen Lorraine Carswell, Reginald David McConnon and Shirley Ann Austin, Graeme Maxwell Smith and Diane Lawes, Bradley Forrest Cole and Dianne Allana Trickett, Gary Laurence Harper and Patricia Jean Knight, William Robert Russell and Geraldine Emily Gray, Peter Noel Langridge and Wendy Latham, Graham James Hughes and Suzanne Joan Easther, Garry Douglas Francis McGlone and Judith Diane Harding, Elson Ernest Creswell and Gwenneth Marian Mason, Richard John Dixon and Suzanne Adele Hingston, Rodney Ralph Chilcott and Leonie Rose Faulkner, Graham George Worker and Susan May Chipman, Ronald Gordon Bryan and Helen May Thomson, Selwyn Maurice Chapple and Elaine Langridge.

#### BURIALS

Jean Anthony, Laurel Irene Keen, Ellis George Crisp.

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