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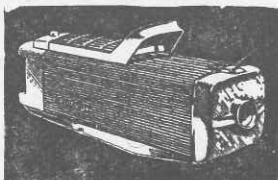
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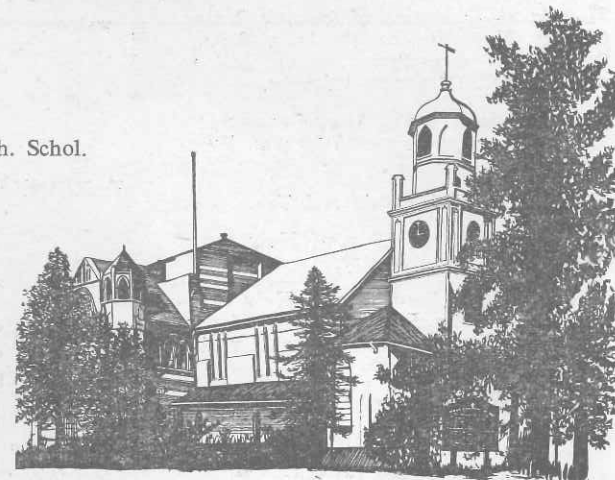
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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR ELECT

Dear People of St. John's,

Mr. Easter has asked me to send you a greeting per medium of the "Parish Messenger", and I am glad of the opportunity to do so.

It is less than a month since I accepted the Bishop's offer of the incumbancy of St. John's, and by the end of January we will be in Launceston. Within those six weeks we have celebrated Christmas, attended the National G.F.S. Camp, where I met some charming Tasmanian girls, and had a short time in Sydney. Now we are trying our hand at packing, and saying sad good-byes here in St. Arnaud.

What a rush it is. We thought we would be in St. Arnaud for some years yet, and that when a move came we would have lots of time to prepare for it. How wrong we were. Now we realise that we should have known better, for we never know when a call will come.

Is our situation a parable? Do all of us put off not only the physical, but also the spiritual preparation that makes us ever ready? Our Lord, in the second half of St. Luke 12, tells us that His disciples must ever be on the alert. Yet, if we are honest, most of us will confess that we live as though we had years in which to prepare for Him. How wrong we may be.

This is why we should take the opportunity which Lent offers to spend a little extra time in repairing our spiritual structure. At the beginning of a new decade, and a new ministry, this Lent seems a most opportune time for all of us to sort out our priorities. To get rid of the unnecessary spiritual baggage which we have collected, and to be prepared.

I expect to begin my ministry with you before the First Sunday in Lent, so we will be able to share worship and study. The faithful I ask to be more faithful, the lapsed I invite to begin again.

Finally I urge all of you to pray for us. We are coming to a new state, a new diocese, a new parish, a new home, new schools and new people. We want to belong, to love and be loved. These are basic needs in all of us. If we all seek the aid of the "God of Love", He will meet your needs, and ours. To Him we commit the years we shall spend together.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH GIRVAN.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 **Sexagesima.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School resumes. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer—Preacher: The Bishop of Nakuru, Rt. Revd. Neville Langford Smith.
- 2 C.M.S. Members' Night, C.M.S. Hall. Speaker—The Bishop of Nakuru.
- 4 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 5 Thursday, —Induction of the new Rector, the Rev. Hugh Girvan, Th. L., at 8 p.m., followed by a gathering in the hall to welcome Mr. Girvan and family.
- 8 **Quinquagesima.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 10 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 11 Ash Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 15 **First Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 17 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 18 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 20 8 p.m. Ruri-Decanal Conference, Kindergarten Hall.
- 22 **Second Sunday in Lent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 25 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

OUR NEW RECTOR

The Reverend Hugh Girvan was ordained Deacon in 1950 and Priest in 1951 by the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend Donald Burns Blackwood.

He holds the Licentiate of the Australian College of Theology; the Diploma of The Central College of the Anglican Communion (St. Augustines Canterbury) and in 1964 was appointed a Serving Brother of the Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Prior to ordination he was a teacher at Sydney Grammar School, and during World War II served with the army. After ordination he was successively Deacon in Charge, St. John's Neerim South; Assistant Minister, St. Andrew's Cathedral Sydney; Precentor, and Minor Canon, St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne; Vicar, St. Faith's Burwood; Rector, St. Margaret's, Mildura and Archdeacon of Mildura; Canon-Residentary, Christ Church Cathedral St. Arnaud and Archdeacon of St. Arnaud.

As well as serving on Diocesan Committees he has been an Army Chaplain, Victorian Provincial Representative of the Royal School of Church Music; Chairman of the Victorian Anglican Scout and Guide Council; Hon. Clerical Treasurer of the Victorian Division of Inter-Church Aid; an Anglican representative on the Victorian Council of Churches; member of the Archbishop's Ecumenical Council, and of the Victorian Committee of the Church Missionary Society. From 1957-64 he regularly appeared on the A.B.C. Religious TV programmes.

Mrs. Girvan has been Diocesan President (St. Arnaud) of the Girls' Friendly Society. The family consists of Craig, Richard, Helen and Alison.

Induction Service

The service for the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. Hugh Girvan will be held on Thursday, 5th February, at 8 p.m. All parishioners and their friends are asked to attend, the service will be followed by a gathering in the hall to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Girvan and their family to St. John's.

FAREWELL TO ARCHDEACON AND MRS. JERRIM

A large congregation attended Evensong on Sunday, 18th January, when Archdeacon conducted his farewell service in St. John's.

After the service a farewell gathering was held in the Kindergarten Hall to say goodbye to the Jerrim family. Mr. Laurence Denham, on behalf of the congregation, expressed thanks to the Archdeacon for all that he had done in his term of over eight years at St. John's. Father Howe of the Church of Apostles spoke on behalf of the other churches in the city and Mr. J. N. Gee on behalf of the Diocesan Council. The Mayor, Ald. R. M. Green, on behalf of the City, expressed his thanks to the Archdeacon for the part which he had played in many organisations in the City.

Mr. John Roberts, on behalf of the Parishioners, presented the Archdeacon with a cheque, and Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, on behalf of the Choir, made a presentation of a coffee table. Mr. Max Easther presented Mrs. Jerrim with a book.

The Archdeacon and Mrs. Jerrim expressed thanks to all present for their kind thoughts and gifts.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the Guild for 1970 will be held at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 16 Wyett St. on Thursday, 12th March. A warm welcome is extended to new members.

MOTHERS' UNION

During the last year or so, owing to various reasons the attendance at meetings has been very small. It has therefore been decided to close the afternoon group and the active members are invited to attend the evening group which meets on the third Tuesday in each month.

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| June 14 — | |
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| June 21 — | |
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| June 28 — | |
| Mrs Swinnerton | Mrs. Boyd |

Church Missionary Society

A special Missionary Evening will be held at C.M.S. Hall, St. John Street, on Monday, 2nd February, at 8 p.m.

ALL WELCOME.

Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Neville Langford-Smith, Bishop of Nakuru, Kenya.

Television Service

The television service which took place at St. John's in October last is being televised in N.S.W., Victoria and Canberra on Sunday, 22nd February, at 11 a.m. Parishioners with friends on the mainland will be able to write and tell them if they wish to watch the service, which we have been told, was most successful.

BAPTISMS

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BURIALS

Florence May Jones, Frances Radford, Lily Hadfield, Alfred Herbert Wright.

Our sincere sympathy to all those who have been bereaved.