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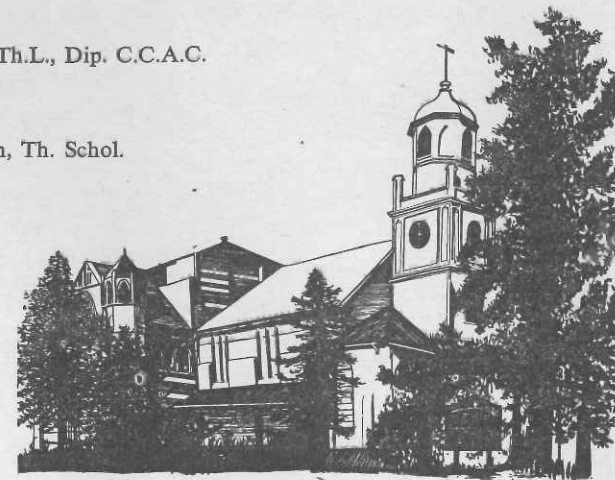
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends of St. John's,

You will know that on the Feast of the Ascension some of us went to a service at the Church of the Apostles. This was reported in the press, and some folk, who were not worshipping with us in St. John's when I explained why, have since queried our actions. If it had also been reported that I later preached at a Christian Unity Service in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, I think a more balanced assessment might have been made.

For some years now we, in Australia, have observed the time between Ascension and Pentecost as a special time for prayer and understanding between Christians. We realise that it cannot be our Lord's will that his people should work against each other. We also realise that an understanding of our differences will only come as we meet with, and worship with other Christians.

In Melbourne, during Ascension tide, the leaders of the Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic denominations gathered, with their people, in St. Patrick's Cathedral to pray for Christian Unity. The previous year they had done the same thing in St. Paul's Cathedral. Similar services occurred throughout Australia and I believed that we should join in this outreach.

Unfortunately many of us have not caught up with what is happening in discussions between the leaders of our churches. We still judge others not on our own knowledge, but on pamphlets written so long ago that they must now be presenting a false picture of the present situation.

All Christians are developing new understandings of the Gospel. The truth of God's word cannot change. His plan of Salvation remains for all time, but we are being forced, by the Holy Spirit, to come to a more common understanding of the Gospel.

Already in Australia the subjects of "Baptism", "Ministering the Word of God" and "The Eucharist in the Bible" have been discussed, and agreement found in areas where before it was thought there were none.

After the conference on the Eucharist a published statement included these words. "The notion of the Mass as a sacrifice has been largely responsible for the opposition of Protestants to the way in which Roman Catholics worship. It is now possible that this centuries old barrier will be recognised as due to a misunderstanding."

Much more could be quoted, but the word misunderstanding underlines most of it. I do not expect to see one denomination, history has proved this to be impossible. Denominationalism is a recognition that we are different, and that a form of worship which one may find helpful may not be so to another. We seek unity in Christ, not uniformity. Until that day we must learn to love, and to pray for, and with, all those for whom Christ died. This is what some of us did on Ascension Day, and I hope that more of us will do so on future occasions.

Yours in Christ's Service,

HUGH GIRVAN.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- 4 Thursday, Mothers' Union Morning Tea.
- 7 **Trinity II.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 9 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea.
- 10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11 Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Guild (Mrs. Records).
- 14 **Trinity III.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 16 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 17 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 21 **Trinity IV.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 23 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S. (Rector).y).
- 24 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 28 **Trinity V.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. (Rev. M. Stanton). 7 p.m. Evensong. (St. John's Parade Service).

'HONG KONG' MARKET

Mission in St. John's Sunday School is practical and challenging. Namely the financial support of three refugee children in Hong Kong. To assist in raising the amount of \$300 to continue this very worthwhile work the Sunday School children hold a fair and we are always grateful for your support. It is not too early for children to begin collecting and making articles for sale.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the St. John's Evening Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 16th June, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. and afterwards in the Kindergarten Hall.

The guest speaker will be Mr. P. Webb, a lecturer from the Launceston Teachers' College.

We are hoping to have a panel discussion in July and request that members submit questions on topics which interest them as soon as possible so that panel members can be arranged.

A morning tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 4th June, commencing at 10 a.m. to raise funds for our contribution to the Christopher Mansell Trust. Members are asked to bring two plates and an article for the stall, together with as many friends as possible.

It has been suggested that the Musical Market be held in October this year, and members are asked to bring an article for the gift stall each month.

A creche will be conducted by Mrs. Le Fevre on 7th June at 11 a.m. service.

Supper hostesses for next meeting are Mesdames Scott, Crawford, Barber.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on 11th June at 7.45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. Record, 59 Ann St. Supper hostesses are Mesdames Record and Kerrison.

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

Members of the Auxiliary will meet again in the Kindergarten Hall on Monday, 8th June at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses are Mesdames Purcell and Roy.

A donation of \$150.00 was passed for payment to the Improvement Fund at the Hospital.

Members are sorry to learn that Mrs. Grace Hayes was a patient in the General Hospital following an accident injuring her leg, we do wish her a speedy recovery.

The President, Mrs. Holyman, made a presentation to Mr. Jones on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday.

ST. JOHN'S G.F.S.

The Annual Meeting of the G.F.S. was held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 26th May, at 8 p.m. Election of Officers— Mrs. Vermesy was appointed Chairman and Miss Kiddle appointed Leader by the Rector. Miss Kiddle was elected Secretary and Miss Pennicott elected Treasurer.

It was decided to change the meeting night to the fourth Tuesday in the month, the next meeting will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 23rd June.

A NEW CIVILIZATION

What is the role of the Church in changing and improving the world in which we live? Should the Church plunge into politics and intervene in the affairs of the government? The Church is present in the world, in the power

HOW TO FIND TIME TO READ

Many complain, "I haven't time to read the Bible, or to read good books. Life is too busy; life is too hectic; or, there are too many things to do."

Here are some suggestions you may use to find time to read—

Talk less.

Carry a Bible in your pocket.

Put a New Testament under your pillow at night, and if you can't sleep—read.

When you first wake up, pick up your Bible and read.

Keep a Gospel in the kitchen or near the telephone to use while waiting for a caller.

When going to the doctor, dentist or solicitor take your own gospel magazine. Why read their old magazines? Keep a New Testament in your car in the event of a traffic jam or whilst waiting for repairs.

Never go on your journeys without your Bible.

Remember—a Bible in the hand is worth two in the bookcase.

—Adapted from 'Floodtide' Magazine.

C.M.S. BOOKSHOP

Have you seen our C.M.S. Book Shop in Launceston since it has moved upstairs? The whole layout is very eye-catching. Why not call in next time you are in town. An excellent range of paper backs is available at reasonable prices. To name a few:

'What They Believe', 80c.

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This will mean that our gross profit will need to be \$3,000 p.a. Help increase our sales by making your purchases of Christian books at the C.M.S. Book Shop. It is our desire that ALL profits will go to the overseas work of C.M.S.

structures of modern society, and in the world of business, education, science, and government by means of its members who are serving in every walk of life. It is not the function of the Church to create a new civilization, but to create the creators of a new civilization. People who are to play their role as Christians in the world need to draw strength, guidance, and direction daily from the Bible.

The Rector will gladly advise you on methods of Bible Reading.

OUR PLACE IN THE FAMILY OF MAN

Almighty God, you have given us the world and all that is therein.
Help us to care.

You have confronted us with hunger, poverty, illiteracy, disease, and ignorance.

Help us to be aware.

You have endowed us with intelligence, ingenuity, energies, resources and skills.
Help us to share.

Help us to become increasingly sensitive to the needs of all your people everywhere.

Help us to work together to gain a better understanding of our place in the family of man.

Our lives will be our thanks.

—Kay Lorans Hancock.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

We use flowers to convey our thoughts on both sad and glad occasions.

At the last meeting of the Guild it was suggested that there may be folk in the parish who would like to remember an anniversary, glad or sad, by placing flowers in the church.

A donation of \$2 p.a. will ensure that the Guild arrange flowers in the church for your anniversary and, if desired, a note of the occasion will be made in the Pew Sheet on that Sunday.

For further information contact the Rector.

BAPTISMS

Daniel John Quill, Andrew James Pitt, Kelli-Jane Powell, Paul William Digney, Benno Frech, Craig Phillip Cooper, Tony William Gilbert, Michael Lindsay Allan Gardner, Richard David Easter, Graeme Stephen Donaldson, Dean Norman Bradford, Jane Louise Bradford, Tania Michelle Walsh, Taryn Maree Rainbird.

MARRIAGES

Richard Edmunds and Heather Rowan MacLaine, Peter Henry Jerrim and Penelope Ann Dewar, Noel John Cutler and Julie Margaret Morice, Maxwell David Rigby and Susan Alexenia Hendstock, Kerry Maxwell Richardson and Sally Elizabeth Bayles, Robert William Laird and Pamela Maree Jory, Keith Charles Fox and Carol Ann Gray.

BURIALS

Maud Lillian Brain, Arthur Charles Greenhatch, John Thomas Larrisset, Marjorie Beryl Marsden, Gwendoline Wright.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all those who have been bereaved.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Bishop will administer the rite of confirmation in St. John's on 11th October at 11 a.m.

Young people desiring to be prepared for confirmation should, in the first place, meet in the Chapel on Sunday, 21st June, after the 9.45 a.m. service.

Adults should ring the Rector for an appointment.

PROFESSION WITHOUT PRACTICE

Thus speaketh the Lord unto us:

Ye call me Master

... and Obey me not

Ye call me Light

... and See me not

Ye call me Way

... and Walk me not

Ye call me Life

... and Desire me not

Ye call me Wise

... and Follow me not

Ye call me Rich

... and Ask me not

Ye call me Fair

... and Love me not

Ye call me Eternal

... and Seek me not

Ye call me Gracious

... and Trust me not

Ye call me Noble

... and Serve me not

Ye call me Mighty

... and Honour me not

Ye call me Just

... and Fear me not

If I condemn you

... blame me not

An inscription in Lubeck Cathedral