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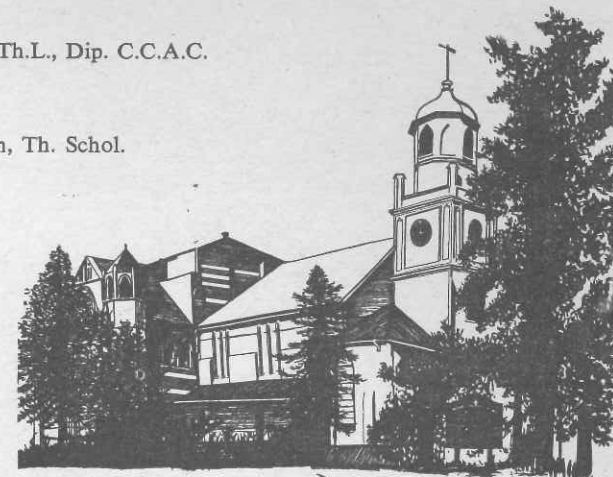
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Phone 31 2998**THE RECTOR'S LETTER**

Dear Friends of St. John's,

We hear a good deal about spoilt children. We do not hear so much about spoilt grown-ups. Yet I dare say more people become spoilt as grown-ups than as children. Of course we all enjoy being praised, but few of us can stand it with any degree of safety.

The Christian sees that there is sound reason for this, for the things we are praised for are not really our own. What we are, what we have as talents, come from God. We may be quite different in the "gifts" which we have received, yet we should remember that while it is right to be grateful for a gift, it can never be right to be proud of it. The praise should not be directed to the receiver of the gift, but to the giver. Praise belongs to God, from whom all our "personal gifts" come.

One cannot help but be impressed by the amount of admiration that 20th century people are willing to lavish upon public entertainers, pop stars, footballers or what have you. This is far better than keeping all our admiration for ourselves.

But praise should not stop short at man, for we believe that the world is neither made nor controlled by man, though man can do a good deal to spoil it. The instinct of praise is put to its right use, and finds its full satisfaction, when we say "Glory be to God on high . . . We praise thee . . . We give thanks to thee for thy great glory."

To worship God is a simple thing. All can do it, and find happiness in doing it. And yet it is the greatest thing we can do. Therefore, all that matters in our worship is that what we give should be our best, for we are giving it to God.

My concern is that so few of us worship God as often as we ought. We praise our fellow citizens, or our leaders in sport or in our clubs and organisations, but our God we neglect.

I would remind you of words found in the old Exhortation at the beginning of Morn- and Evening Prayer, for here we have a magnificent statement of purposes for which Christian people assemble in Church.

"We assemble and meet together, 'first', to render thanks for the great benefits we have received" from God, then, "to set forth his most worthy praise", each of us playing our part as best we can. Next "to hear his most holy Word", and last (note the order) "to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul."

It is a very high ideal, but even in the 20th century it is not beyond our reach. I am sure that great things are within our grasp, but I also believe that God honours those who honour him. If you have lapsed into a "poor worshipper", do think about it.

It should not be beyond the ability of any, but the sick or aged, to so organise our week that we cannot make sure of an hour spent in the worship of Almighty God.

I am not being frivolous when I express the hope that I'll see you in Church.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH GIRVAN.



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

- 6 **Trinity XV.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Children in Chapel. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 Tuesday, 6.00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Tea.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 7.45 p.m. Women's Guild.
- 13 **Trinity XVI.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Children in the Chapel. 11 a.m. Mattins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday, 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 19 Saturday, Youth Club Working Bee—Kelso.
- 20 **Trinity XVII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 10.00 a.m. Family Service. 7.00 Evensong.
- 22 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m. G.F.S.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 27 **Trinity XVIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: Bishop Chiu Ban It, Singapore. 10.00 a.m. Mattins. 7.00 p.m. Evensong.
- 30 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

## SERVICE TIMES

In conformance with the motion passed at the Annual Meeting the time of the eleven o'clock service will change to ten a.m. on Sunday, 20th September.

Services this month will be:—

- 6th— 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Holy Communion.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 13th— 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Mattins.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 20th— 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Family Service.  
7 p.m. Evensong.
- 27th— 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10 a.m. Mattins.  
7 p.m. Evensong.

## CHINESE BISHOP FOR ST. JOHN'S

The Bishop of Singapore, the Rev'd Chiu Ban It, will preach in St. John's at the 8.00 a.m. service on Sunday, 27th September. The Bishop is well known in Australia. For some years he was the Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions.

Singapore, a semi-industrialised island state crams two million people into its 224 square miles. Three-quarters of the population are Chinese, Malays account for fourteen per cent.

The Church runs many schools, with government financial support to supplement fees. The Anglican High School in Singapore, which teaches in Chinese language, has one of the best academic records in the republic.

## MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 15th September, commencing with a service in the Chapel at 8.00 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. G. Walsh to speak about Handicrafts in which all members should be interested.

A Creche will be conducted by Mrs. LeFevre for the 11 a.m. service on 6th September. Supper hostesses for this month's meeting: Mesdames Clark, Le Fevre, B. Easther.

## HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 14th September, at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses: Mrs. J. N. Gee and Miss Andrews.

## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

On Monday evening, 24th August, girls from North Branches met for a basket tea in our Hall, in order to meet Mrs. Jean Cheshire—our Commonwealth Chairman and World Chairman for the next three years. Mrs. Cheshire illustrated her talk to the girls by likening the Power of God to that of electricity—with the power flowing through the G.F.S. branches as sub-stations and through each member, as witnesses of God's love.

A meeting was held with the idea of commencing a Junior Branch of St. John's on Friday, 21st August—at which nine girls were present. It is hoped that we will continue to meet weekly on Friday nights between 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Girls from eight years will be welcome.

## REPORT FROM ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The meeting on 14th August was held in the Parish Hall with an attendance of 18 members. A Trade Table was most successful.

Knitted garments were received for Roland Boys' Home and the Queen Victoria Hospital, for which the recipients have expressed their grateful thank you. Mrs. Good gave her talk on the interesting work of Miss Harris, a Nursing Sister and Welfare Worker on the island of Nauru.

The next meeting will be held on 10th September, at the home of Mrs. Targett, 10 Bain Tce., and the guest speaker will be Mrs. McCleod. She will speak on the Leprosy Mission.

## G.F.S.

G.F.S. will meet on Tuesday, 22nd September, at 7.45 p.m. Miss Marion Shaw, a pharmacist who has worked abroad, will speak and show slides. Miss Shaw has worked in Tanzania, in Bishop Stanway's Diocese, also in England and Pakistan. Visitors will be welcome.

Members are working for the Annual Fair on Saturday, 17th October.

## HONG KONG FAIR

Congratulations to the children of the Sunday School for their efforts for the Hong Kong Fair on Saturday 22nd August to raise funds for the support of Refugee Children in Hong Kong. The numbers this year have fallen considerably, but the enthusiasm of our youngsters for this project was shown by the results which amounted to over \$60. Thank you to all those who helped in any way.

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## "20 &amp; OVERS" — WHO ARE THEY?

On the last Sunday of every month, a group of people meet after Evensong. For the want of a better name, they call themselves "St. John's 20 and Overs", which certainly describes the age of the members, but not what they do.

Among other things, they have been addressed by (and have fired questions at) politicians, a conservationist and the Parish Historian: they have studied the new Australian Liturgy: they have had two most successful progressive dinners and a Parish picnic: they are selling Christmas Cards for the Inter-Church Aid Christmas Bowl Appeal; above all, they have a good time!

There are no special ceremonies to go through to join the 20 & Overs—in fact, you don't necessarily have to be over twenty! Just listen for details of meetings as they are announced in Church.

## WHAT WE GIVE

Each year every parish in the Diocese is asked to pledge their financial support for the work of the Church within the Diocese, as well as for the overseas missions supported by us.

This year St. John's has pledged \$3000 for work within the Diocese, and \$1660 for overseas missions.

This amount will come from income received through our pledges and collections. Weekly this means that nearly \$90 must be contributed in order to fulfil this pledge (other running costs are in addition to this amount).

Contrary to the general impression St. John's is not a wealthy parish. We have some investments, but a number of smaller parishes, with less commitments, are better off than we are in this regard.

We must support the Diocese and the work of overseas missions. However, we can only fulfil our pledge by each parishioner making sacrificial giving part of their worship.

The Vestry has pledged extra Diocesan support this year in the expectation that present pledges to the parish will not only be kept, but where possible increased.

ADULTS AND PARENTS REACT:  
THREE WAYS

Adults and parents today tend to react in three ways to the "now generation". Some have tried to ignore them, dismissing them with a flip, "It was that way in my day too." And of course youthful kicks are not something entirely new under the sun.

Other adults worship youth in a way that reveals their own frustrations and fears. Next to "new" and "now" there is no more powerful word in advertising language than the word "young". A third reaction is resentment, fear, even hatred. The very sight of a young face, especially framed by long hair, is enough to make some people explode in rage against "those kids".

Our youth need neither to be patronised, petted, or pillorised. What they do need is those who will try to listen, to understand and to have something real to share in terms of a genuine experience of the power of God.

There are some young people so alienated that they want to blow up everything. There are some so apathetic that it seems nothing could wake them up. But by and large they are characterised by idealism and honesty; their concerns when you analyse them are religious concerns. They are searching for a way—a positive way to change the world.

## TWO THINGS TO DO

If the young people of this world today are going to be captured for the revolution of Jesus Christ then two things are necessary. It has to be demonstrated to them first that Christianity is true and second, that it works. Christianity is not just one among many emotional experiences. It is about Jesus Christ who is "the way, the truth and the life". The Christian message is about the God who is really there and from whom man has become separated because of sin. It is about Jesus Christ, a real Person who actually came and lived in this world 2000 years ago. He claimed to be the Son of God. Was this true, or was He a liar, a lunatic? He died on a cross and those who followed Him said that three days later He came alive again and that He changed their lives. Those who have received this Christ have testified that He has brought forgiveness of their sins, new purpose and new joy into their lives, and they have found He has given them a new love for other people. He promised that some day He was going to come again to make a new heaven and a new earth, and in between He asks us to be His followers in His revolutionary cause.

—Leighton Ford

## YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will not be meeting during the holidays. Next meeting will be a Working Bee at Kelso on Saturday, 19th September. Transport will be provided. Members are asked to meet at the Hall at 9 a.m. and to bring a cut lunch and barbecue tea. We will return, to the Hall at 9.30 p.m.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Daren Reginald Breen, Vanessa Anne Craw, Ricky Wayne Sankey, Tracey Lee Murfett.  
"Thine own by adoption".

## HOLY MATRIMONY

Michael David Dunn and Betty Marilyn Reynolds, David Bruce McGee and Helen Raye Beams, John Nation and Patricia Mary Sagers.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Arthur George Plehwe.  
"I am the resurrection and the life."