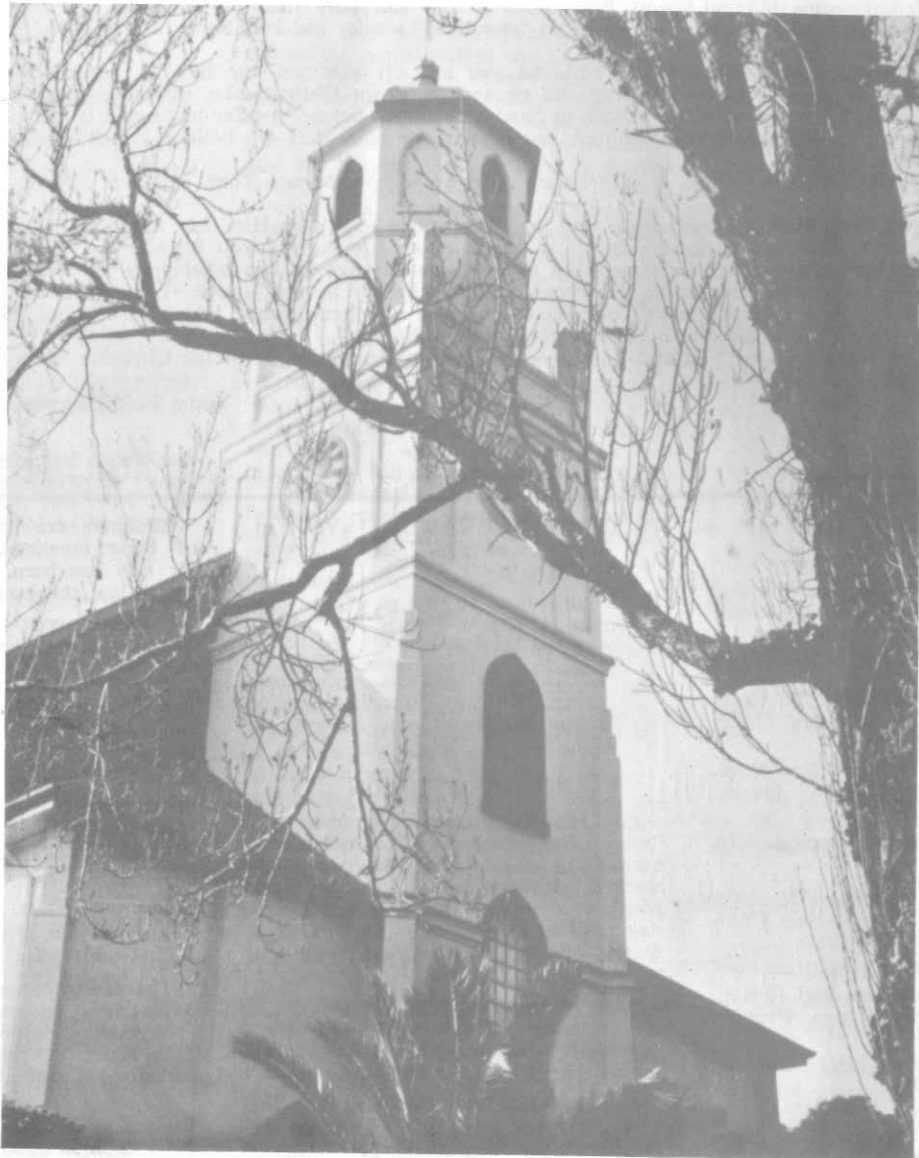


July '72

# PARISH MESSENGER



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### FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends of St. John's,

This month we hold our Annual Meeting of the Parish at which we elect office bearers for the next twelve months. Our organisations have already elected their leaders. The men and women elected are volunteers who offer their service in a number of ways, and I am conscious of the wonderful contribution they all make to the smooth running of the parish.

The fact I would now remind all of us of is the simple one that EVERY CHRISTIAN IS A SERVANT OF CHRIST. Service is not an optional extra for the gifted few. Too often, in practice, the Church is like a passenger train, with only a minority — driver, guard, porters — doing the job, while the rest sit back as passengers. Rather we are meant to be a "workers special".

We are not doing God (or the Rector) a favour when we engage in Christian service. St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 gives the illustration of the body and its members where each part has some function to perform. Thus the hand is not doing the rest of the body a favour when it does its own particular job. It exists as a hand in order to serve the whole.

God gives different people different talents. But we can go out and bury them — as some do. (Matthew 25). Too often Christians allow the best of God's gifts to be wasted and "slap dash" service and inefficiency are regarded as good enough for the Church.

In the ancient world a slave did precisely what he was told. It was not for him to argue. Obedience was expected immediately. Similarly a willingness to do anything and go anywhere, for Christ's sake, should characterise every Christian.

What kind of a Christian are we if we believe in Sunday Schools, but never offer to teach? If we want a choir, but never try to sing? If we expect to find church organisations, but never take office? If we believe in the missionary outreach of the Church, but never work for it?

Many of the tasks that we undertake for Christ are dull, even monotonous. They may not appear to be "Honourable", but they are vital.

When James and John came to Jesus requesting that they might reign with Him they were told "whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of you all, and if he wants to be first among you he must be the slave of all men! For the Son of Man himself has not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set many others free".

Jesus is the supreme example of service. He became the "Suffering Servant", and is our pattern and inspiration. The Christian claim is that we find perfect freedom only in our service to others offered through our Lord. George Matheson was right when he wrote "Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free".

St. Paul chose to be Christ's slave. You and I too, will never experience the joy of the Christian life until we learn to serve.

Yours in His service,

*Hugh Girvan*

### CALENDAR FOR JULY

- July —
- 2 TRINITY V: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evening Prayer. St. John of Jerusalem Golden Jubilee of Cadet Movement.
- 3 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. in Chapel.
- 5 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.15 p.m. Mothers' Union in Hall.
- 9 TRINITY VI: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Morning Prayer. 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.
- 10 Monday: 2.45 p.m. Hospital Auxiliary.
- 11 Tuesday: 6 p.m. Mens' Tea.
- 12 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 13 Thursday: 7.45 p.m. Guild.
- 16 TRINITY VII: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evening Prayers.
- 17 Monday: 7.30 p.m. O.S.L. Chapter Meeting in Hall.
- 18 Tuesday: 8 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 19 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. - 12 noon Women's Guild morning tea.
- 22 Saturday: ST. MARY MAGDALEN 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 23 TRINITY VIII: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Family Service. 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

- 25 Tuesday: ST. JAMES' DAY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.45 p.m. Townsend Group.
- 26 Wednesday: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 6 p.m. Parish Tea. 7 p.m. Annual Meeting.
- 30 TRINITY IX: 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 10 a.m. Broadland Junior School Service. 7 p.m. Holy Communion.

### MOTHERS' UNION

Our June meeting took the form of a "work night" when, after our usual service in the chapel, the members marked garments for our Jumble Sale, which was held on the following Thursday at 9 a.m.. The sale raised \$36 — quite a good effort — thanks to all who assisted.

Our attempts at daily Bible Study are proving difficult and we would appreciate the prayerful help of our fellow Christians as we persevere.

Our meetings for July will be with Mrs. Robinson when she reports on the results of the Commission in England. July 5th all afternoon Mothers' Union groups in this Deanery will meet in St. John's Hall. July 18th 8 p.m. all Young Members groups and Evening Mothers' Union Groups meet in St. John's Hall. **Our members to provide supper!** for this meeting.

Members are urged to attend either of these meetings. Our own meeting for July has been cancelled. Don't forget we are the hostesses on 18th.

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

The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the parish hall on Monday June 19th. Revd. Girvan occupied the chair.

Election of officers —

President — Mrs. V. C. Holyman.

Vice Presidents — Mrs. A. H. Roake, Mrs. R. Page.

Secretary — Mrs. H. D. Palliser.

Treasurer — Mrs. M. M. Easther.

Committee — Mrs. G. Wherrett, Mrs. E. Good, Miss Molly Bennett.

The Rector congratulated the members on a very successful year, especially to members who assist with the Kiosk. The Kiosk is greatly appreciated by patients and provides a real need.

Members are sorry to learn that Mrs. Dodery and Miss Vera Andrews are patients in hospital — we do trust that they will be restored to good health very soon.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in the parish hall on Monday, July 10th at 2.45 p.m. Afternoon tea hostesses are Mrs. C. H. Targett and Miss D. Lockwood.



## HAPPENINGS

Archdeacon Jerrim had a time in hospital recently. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

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Noticed that our former Assistant Murray Johnson has joined the staff of World Christian Action, a division of the World Council of Churches. Murray is now Assistant Secretary for Victoria.

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Congratulations to Lloyd and Anne Luck on the birth of their son, Jamie Lloyd. Jamie's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford, are still in England with their son Rodney.

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Remember Gayne Watson? The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson, Gayne is Married and living in Canada, and now has a baby son and a master's degree in business administration.

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Bob Watson became ill while enroute to Japan. I hear he is in Queensland.

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The man responsible for much of the carving in St. John's, Gordon Cummings, died last month. His work will long stand as a memorial to his craftsmanship.

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Many will remember Arthur Hollingsworth who died at Cosgrove Park on June 20th. For some years he was a Sidesman and for a shorter time a Vestryman.

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Good to know that our Vestry has sent \$250 to the Garamut Trust Appeal for New Guinea. Another \$250 has been sent to help rebuild in Melanesia after the recent tornado. Readers of "Church Scene" have sent \$12,750 to the Garamut Appeal.

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Sydney Anglicans have raised \$61,782 for the relief of poverty through the Archbishop's Winter Appeal.

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Heard about the church-going father and his small son out duck hunting. Dad kept telling sonny what a good shot he was. Presently a lone duck flew over, father took careful aim and fired. The duck kept right on flying. But father was not upset. He turned to the boy and said, "Son, you have just witnessed a miracle. There flies a dead duck".

*Elizabeth Street*

### DIocese of Papua New Guinea

81 years of Anglican Mission work in Papua New Guinea have produced a thriving indigenous Church. The figures speak for themselves.

Number of Parishes 7, Parochial Districts 8, Mission Districts in Bush 35, Bishops 4, Number of Parish Priests: Indigenous 50, Deacons 10, Expatriate 40. Number of Specialist Priests not in Parish Work 13, Other Workers 20, Licensed Evangelists 155 (plus Village Evangelists unpaid) Student Teachers 60, Primary and Secondary School Teachers 282 (These teachers are trained in evangelism), Medical Orderlies, etc. 95, Ordinands 33.

Information from the Parish of Sakarina.

"Last year was our first as a self supporting parish within the Diocese of Papua New Guinea. That means that except for expatriate staff we paid all our own expenses in Evangelism. In short our total budget was over \$15,000 and we finished the year with a credit balance of around \$250. The Church Council has developed well since its establishment in 1967. Meetings are every two months and some Councillors have to walk for four days each way to get to them. Five years ago it was difficult to get anyone to talk at all. They came only to listen. Classical paternalism reigned supreme and father or the Bishop knew best. Now with voluble conviction and awesome drama we get back all the thoughts, which I wondered if I would ever get across, as if they were utterly original. As a result, this kind of talk born of conviction is followed up with appropriate action, be it in Stewardship, pre requisites for Baptism and Marriage, or measures to assist the district's general development".

#### How do we Compare ?

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Australia recently sent a million dollar cheque to their brethren in New Guinea without being asked for it. We, a much larger Church numerically have had to be asked. We must ensure we do not let our brethren in New Guinea down.

St. John's Vestry has given \$250 to the "Garamut" Appeal and individual members of the congregation have given smaller amounts. The Appeal is still open.

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

Twelve members were present at the June meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Record.

The President, Mrs. White, welcomed a new member Mrs. Darlow.

If there are any new, or not so new parishioners who would like to join us, a phone call to Mrs. White (24130), or Mrs. Easter (31 5750), will enable us to welcome you.

A morning tea and stall will be held at the Rectory on Wednesday, July 19th. All ladies of the Parish will be welcome, so come and bring your friends.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Swinnerton, 25 Lantana Avenue. The supper Hostesses will be Mesdames Swinnerton and Targett. The date, July 13th., time, 7.45 p.m.

#### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Church	Chapel
July 9 — Mrs. White	Mrs. Crawford
July 16 — Mrs. Swinnerton	Mrs. Girvan
July 23 — Mrs. Stevenson Mrs. B. Easter	Mrs. Smith
July 30 — Mrs. Cornish	Mrs. Greuber
August 6 — Mrs. Robinson	Mrs. Thompson

#### GROUNDS ROSTER

July 1 —	Mr. J. Stevenson.
July 15 —	Mr. M. Tilley.
July 29 —	Mr. D. Merrington.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR JULY 9th

1. Mr. B. Easter.
2. Miss Willson.
3. Mr. Hutchinson.
4. Mr. Lillico.
5. Mr. Donaldson.
6. Mr. Stevenson.
7. Mr. Perkins.
8. Mr. Hill.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ROSTER

July:	
2	Mr. Proverbs.
9	Mr. Sanderson.
16	Mr. Perkins.
30	Mr. Hill.

You and your family are invited to the  
ANNUAL MEETING  
of the Parish  
to be held in the Hall on  
Wednesday, 26th July  
at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting will be preceded by a  
Parish Tea  
at 6 p.m.

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