

THE FAMILY
OF THE CHURCH
MEETS
EVERY SUNDAY
at 9-15 a.m.
FOR THE
FAMILY COMMUNION
COME!

The Evening Service is at 6-30 p.m.

OCTOBER MISSION

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
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SUNDAY, 20TH. Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
MONDAY, 21ST to FRIDAY, 25TH. 7-30 p.m.—8-30 p.m.
SUNDAY, 27TH. Evensong, 6-30 p.m.
MONDAY, 28TH to FRIDAY, Nov. 1st, 7-30 p.m.—8-30 p.m.

Missioners:

THE REV. T. L. MANSON, M.C., M.A., S.S.J.E.
THE REV. J. NATERS, M.A., S.S.J.E.

MARK THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

NOW!

To You from the Missioner . . .

"THE MAKER KNOWS BEST HOW IT GOES."

This is true of a machine, true of the individual of you and me, true of the world. The maker of the Universe, of mankind is not just a mere human being, but God. He is our Creator, Heavenly Father. We owe our very existence and all the happiness and blessings of life to Him, here and to Eternity.

GOD'S WORLD PLAN.

God's "good and perfect plan" is that all humanity—all the nations should come to the happiness of good peaceful family life through the fellowship of His Church in every nation. Instead of being a happy family of nations the nations just now fear and therefore hate each other and have to spend most of their resources on armaments and go short in other ways. This is not the Maker's plan. His plan for us is perfect happiness with Him to Eternity. We are to train for it here and enjoy it hereafter in heaven.

WHAT HINDERS PROGRESS TO WORLD HAPPINESS?

We humans misuse our God-given power of free choice in disregarding and disobeying God's plans for us, His creation. Instead of all humans obeying God's will and plan and so finding harmony with each other, we run plans of our own, both as individuals and groups and "nations," and so are in conflict with each other. However we cannot go "one better" than our all wise, all loving God, His way is best. If we choose any plan other than His, we come to disaster. Omit Eternity from our calculations and our life here in "time" gets wrong.

A NEW CHANCE.

To smash the power of evil and find the good happy life we need to co-operate completely with God our Maker. What precisely does that mean for us today? To explain God's plan for us humans, and how we can co-operate with Him, is exactly what the MISSION (October 20th to November 3rd) intends to do. During those two weeks—leaving the Saturdays clear—there is to be a simple, clear presentation of the great main FACTS of the Christian Truth. A planned "refresher course" for all in our parish, with full chance to ask questions.

TOO MUCH?

Two weeks, Mondays to Fridays (Saturdays free), 7-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m., October 20th to November 3rd. It is to secure Heaven, the secret of true goodness and happiness, Eternal Life, to KNOW God. Could you learn to pilot a jet plane or to master a trade in as little time?

WHAT IS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT?

At once mark off the dates, October 20th to November 3rd. Keep those evenings free.

IT IS PRIMARILY PERSONAL.

It is primarily a matter of personal response to God our Heavenly Father. He, in the life of Jesus Christ, has revealed Himself. To respond to Him, His teaching, is not only to see clearly what we ought to do but to find power by which to do it. This, too, is no matter of mere fad or private hobby but part of Eternal Life for all mankind. Primarily, too, God is so good He deserves our complete response.

I am looking forward to coming to St. John's where already the kindness and keenness of so many have made me feel one of the family.

T. L. MANSON, S.S.J.E.