

# St. John's Parish Messenger

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer, with Holy Communion on Fifth Sunday.

St. John's Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.

Saints' Days and Holy Days, as announced.

Holy Baptism (by arrangement before hand).—Sundays at 3 p.m. (except first Sunday in month).

Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

### LAY OFFICERS

Churchwardens: Messrs. H. B. Brownrigg, F. J. Jones, and F. H. Cookman  
(Hon. Secretary).

Vestry: Messrs. I. H. Johnston (Hon. Treasurer), M. L. Cox, F. R. Dowse, M.B.E., L. Denham, M. M. Easter and R. W. J. Hart.

Hon. Lay Reader: Mr. A. G. Hart.

Sunday School Superintendents: Mr. T. E. Burns and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, 143 Elphin Road, E. L'ton.

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Last month we had some special services which will be long remembered by all who were present. The United Girl Guides' service, when Mrs. C. O. Fairburn, Federal Commissioner, gave the address; the Sesquicentenary Thanksgiving service, when the lessons were read by His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. C. H. Hand, M.H.A.; the Sunday School Festival services and the Grammar Preparatory School service were all well attended and inspiring. We are grateful to those who made the arrangements, and glad that our old historic church was associated with these special occasions.

On Sunday afternoon, 28th November, our choir, together with a number of parishioners, travelled down to George Town to be present at the special service marking the 150th anniversary of the first service held in Northern Tasmania. The following Sunday, 5th December, our choir has been invited

to take part in the anniversary service at St. Andrew's Church, Evandale. We are glad to feel we can join with our fellow church folk in their celebrations.

During the Advent season, on Sunday evenings, the Rev. A. V. Maddick and I have arranged to give a series of four addresses on the theme "God's Ancient Law in the Modern World." They will be based on the Ten Commandments. We propose to speak of the first four commandments this month and the remaining six in Lent, 1955. It is well that we should remember that the Commandments are never out of date.

We are most grateful to Mr. C. W. Calver for donating a beautiful stained glass window to the church. The subject is Christ as "The Light of the World." The window is placed in the south transept.

In a Pastoral Letter from our Bishop he reminds us that "the Sundays in Advent are to prepare us to welcome the 'Man born to be King' with due honour and respect and to take Him in love and penitence into our hearts. The purpose of the movement to PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS is not only to choose gift cards with a religious message, or to write Christmas instead of X-mas. It is a challenge to us to put Christ into the place in our lives which He as God and Saviour should occupy."

This is the sure way to have a happy and joyful Christmas which is our wish for you all.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins at 10.30 a.m., which will be a Family Service. There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on 19th December at 7 p.m.

There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.15 p.m. in St. John's Church.

#### CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

#### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be most welcome. They should reach the church on Friday morning, 24th December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

#### XMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian homes to place on the Christmas Dinner Table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work among child post-war victims in Europe, Middle-East and Korea, who are destitute. Let us contribute liberally for their relief. Donations may be sent to the Rector.

#### ST. JOHN'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Coming Events:

Sunday, 12th Dec.: Breakfast following Communion.

Saturday, 18th Dec.: Youth Group Break-up.

Sunday, 19th Dec.: Fellowship Tea.

These items will conclude this year's programme, but activities will resume again in February, 1955, with a Communion Breakfast on the 13th.

On the following Sunday, the 20th of February, there will be a Fellowship Tea.

The first meeting of the Youth Group will be held on Saturday, 26th February.

#### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School Festival was a very happy time for both children and adults. We would like to thank all who helped in the training of the scholars for the singing.

Our Sunday School Picnic is to be held on Saturday, 11th December, at Gravelly Beach. The buses will leave the Parish Hall, Elizabeth St., at 9.30 a.m., departing from Gravelly Beach on the return journey at 6 p.m. A limited number of seats are available to parents and friends at 5/- each return, on application to Mr. R. H. Watson, 99a St. John, St. Parents are invited to help the catering by providing a cake or donation to the Picnic Fund. If you can help in this way please let the teachers know.

The Kindergarten Christmas Tree and Party will be held on Tuesday, 7th December, at 7.15 p.m. in the

Parish Hall. The Senior Sunday School Prize Giving will take place on Monday, 13th December, at 7.30 p.m., also in the Parish Hall. All parents and friends are warmly invited.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

Broadland House School will hold their annual school service on Sunday, 12th December, at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Angus E. Palmer, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston.

St. Luke's Hospital. St. John's Auxiliary to the hospital has arranged an American Tea to be held at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd., on Monday, 6th December, at 2.30 p.m. All parishioners and friends are asked to give their support.

The Next Issue of the "Parish Messenger" will be in February.

Old Folks' Tea. This annual gathering will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, 9th December, at 5 p.m. Donations in support of the expenses will be gratefully received. As usual the Launceston City Mission is responsible for the arrangements under the direction of Sister I. K. M. Bourn.

Missionary Service League. Our last meeting for the year was held on Tuesday, 16th November. After a short service in the Chapel, missionary films were shown by the Rev. A. Cloudsdale, who spoke of his work in Tanganyika. We plan to meet again on Tuesday, 15th March, 1955.

Mothers' Union. Some 45 members attended our last meeting for the year when the Rector spoke of the Christmas message of "Peace on Earth among men of Goodwill" in relation to the world of today. He stressed the need to "Put Christ back into Christmas." The "Quiet Day," which begins our gatherings for the year 1955, will be held at St. John's on or about the 25th March.

Churchwomen's March Meetings 1955, have been arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th March next. As usual they will be held at St. John's.

G.F.S. Despite the wet afternoon our Fair last month was very successful, £46 being raised. Our thanks to all who helped and gave their support.

C.E.M.S. will hold their last meeting for the year on Sunday, 5th December, at 4.45 p.m. Christmas hymns and carols will be sung. All men invited.

C.E.B.S. Break-up Party has been arranged for Monday, 20th December, at 7.30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8th December, at 7.30 p.m.

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. K. Robinson, 4/-; Church Boxes, £1.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Shirley Jane Wilson, Archibald Roland Thomson, Cherie Margaret Drummond, Phillip John Salter, Judith Anne Gibson, Jennifer Gaye White, Janet Lorraine Patterson, Andrea Joy Stubbs, Michael Henry Bowden, Andrew John Davis, Shane Douglas Harris, Robin George Raymond Boag, Kim Tamara Kabak, Wayne John Quill, Christine Maree Groves, Maureen Anne Prior, Rosemary Brain, Michael John Hiscock, Peter Richard Curwen.

#### MARRIAGES

William Eric Tolputt and Doreen Beverley Armstrong, Allan James Walker and Joan Annie Hinds, Hedley John Denman and Beverly Birdie Florence Webb, Rowland Macfarlane Stewart and Barbara Joan Miller, William John Pulford and Pauline Margaret Duncombe, Max Alexander Bell and Dorothy Jean Bounds, Leslie Charles Colgrave and Eileen Lily Dickson, Donald Allen Towell and Valma Mae O'Brien, Graham William Bruce Massey and Beverley Mave Wadley, Allen Lawrence Abra and Auriole June Parker, Alan Clyde Brown and Beverley Rose Lloyd, Ronald McKay Peters and Mary June Hugo, Jack Albert Krushka and Dulcie Jean Nutting, Frank Williams and Eileen June Gilmore, Donald Gregory Wilson and Anthea Jean White, John Frederick Rieper and Barbara May Jack.

#### AT REST

Eustice Tasman Lamb, George David Thorn, Romney Dean, Esther Mary Wood, Lillias Ellen McGee, Beatrice Catherine Shaddock, Lily Henty.

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

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