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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,

We welcome into full communicant membership of our church all who were confirmed last month. I hope that parents, witnesses and friends will encourage these young people by example and understanding to become regular communicants so that not a month passes without them partaking of "the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ." May I ask you all to read through carefully and prayerfully the three Exhortations in the Holy Communion service in the Prayer Book. They teach us the importance of coming to Holy Communion frequently and also of preparing ourselves by self-examination and sincere repentance to receive the blessed sacrament worthily.

I commend to your notice the special services being held this month to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Christian service held in northern Tasmania. I hope many will be able to attend the service at George Town at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 28th November. Arrangements are explained in another paragraph.

We are very pleased to hear of the growth of interest and support for the church at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn. There was an encouraging response for their Temple Day appeal and plans are being made for future development. We extend our congratulations and best wishes.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CONFIRMATION

The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop on Sunday, 10th October, at 11 a.m. There were 24 candidates from St. John's, 13 from Broadland House School and 4 from Scotch College. Those confirmed were: Jennifer Grace Atkinson, Dorothy Margaret Bird, Pamela Anne Butler, Janet Leila Margaret McEnnulty, Adrienne Louise Marriott, Lynette Peg O'Connor, Jennette May O'Connor, Dare Shott, Elizabeth Caroline Archer, Mary Virginia Bayles, Judith Berylee Fenton, Wendy Joan Fowell, Jennifer Agnes Hardman, Clemency Norah Holyman, Margaret Anne Ibbott, Judith Ann McFarlane, Althea Oldham, Penelope Evelyn Radcliff, Sally Salt, Mary June Sellar, Pamela Warren, Norman Bruce Andrews, David Lewis Bell, Christopher James Ralston Brown, Anthony Terence MacKinnon Brown, Roger Hedler Butler, Roger Grant Duncan, Barry Maxwell Easther, John Michael Charles Harrison, Robert George Jessup, Raymond Henry Johnston, Russell Lambert, Francis Donald Long, David Angus McElwee, Graeme Leslie Merington, Michael Charles Moore, Leigh Gale Phillips, Leon Douglas Robinson, Ian James Totham, Vernon Paul Totham, Harry Frank Townsend.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Girls' Friendly Society exhibition of handwork, cooking, floral art, also folk dancing, verse speaking and singing, was held in Hobart on Saturday, September 25th, and concluded in St. John's Hall, Launceston, on Saturday, October 2nd.

Junior Shield was won by St. Alban's, Claremont; Intermediate Shield by St. Paul's, Glenorchy; Senior Shield was won again by St. John's, Launceston.

The Girls' Friendly Society Annual Fair will be held on Saturday, No-

vember 20th. There will be cakes, sweets, produce, afternoon tea and work stall. The work stall will have suitable gifts for Christmas presents. Miss Rooney will open the Fair at 3 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall.

On Monday, November 15th, at 8 o'clock, a folk dancing display in aid of Fair funds will be given in the Kindergarten Hall by G.F.S. members. Entrance will be by silver coin. Do come and support us.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Combined Mothers' Union Festival for all Launceston parishes will be held this year at St. Aidan's Church on Thursday, 18th November, at 2.30 p.m. St. John's Branch will hold their last meeting for the year on Thursday, 25th November, when there will be a service in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m., followed by a Social Hour in the Kindergarten Hall. We offer our congratulations to both St. Paul's and Holy Trinity M.U. branches on celebrating their fiftieth birthday. St. John's members were present at the Jubilee meetings.

C.E.B.S.

Our numbers have now increased to ten. At the morning service on Sunday, 24th October, nine of these were admitted as members of the C.E.B.S. — R. Bell, G. Ford, I. Eady, B. Eady, V. Clark, D. Clark, M. Burns, R. O'Connor and V. Stevens. We have had quite a successful month at our Monday night meetings, when our activities have included elementary gymnastics, games and discussions. We are planning to have a hike on the Monday holiday. New members will be welcomed.

G. Watson, Leader.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

On account of celebrations in connection with the Sesquicentenary arranged for Saturday, 13th November, it has been found necessary to alter the date of the Sunday School Picnic to Saturday, 11th December. While this is later than last year, we hope

all will come as the tide will be in and the weather warmer. Keep the date free. At Gravelly Beach on Saturday, 11th December. The Parents & Friends' Association will meet on Friday, 5th November at 8 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall when plans for the picnic will be discussed. All parents and visitors warmly welcomed.

The annual Sunday School Anniversary will be held on Sunday, 21st November, when the children will lead the singing at the special services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. Lindsay O'Neill is teaching the Sunday School several new hymns which have been specially printed for the Anniversary. All come and enjoy these happy services.

C.E.M.S.

There will be a visiting speaker at our next meeting on Sunday, 7th November, in the Kindergarten Hall at 4.45 p.m. All men are invited to come. On Monday, 15th November, in St. Aidan's Hall, there will be a C.E.M.S. Federation Rally, when all members of Launceston C.E.M.S. Branches are warmly invited to attend. The special speaker will be Rev. E. C. Rowland.

SESQUICENTENARY SERVICE

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the first Christian service in northern Tasmania at George Town on 25th November, 1804, a special service will be held at George Town on Sunday, 28th November, 1954, at 3 p.m., when the Bishop of Tasmania will give the address. On this historic occasion, it is hoped that many from Launceston will attend and it is proposed to hire a special bus to take them to George Town. The bus would leave Launceston at 1.30 p.m., returning about 6 p.m. If there are 28 passengers the return fare will be 8/- each. Please tell the rector as soon as possible if you wish to have a seat on the bus.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations — Mrs. L. Lakin, 8/-; Mr. F. Jones, 2/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 2/-; Mr. F. Cookman, 2/-.

Missionary Boxes opened last quarter contributed £31/14/5 to the Church Missionary Society.

Missionary Service League will hold their annual Thanksgiving Service in the chapel on Tuesday, 16th November, at 7.30 p.m. Following the service Missionary Films will be screened in the Kindergarten Hall and supper served. All parishioners and friends warmly invited.

Youth Fellowship Tea in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 21st November, at 5 p.m. Mr. Lawrence Denham will speak on China by request.

St. John's Youth Fellowship will visit Paterson St. Methodist Church Young People's Group on Friday, 5th November. Meet outside Paterson St. Church at 7.45 p.m.

A United Girl Guides' Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 7th November, at 7 p.m. The address will be given by Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn, of Skipton, Vic., who is Federal Commissioner for Girl Guides in Australia.

Broadcast Service. On Sunday, 7th November, at 11 a.m., the service will be broadcast from St. John's. The preacher will be the Rev. E. C. Rowland, F.R.A.H.S., who will make special reference to the Sesquicentenary and the first Christian service held in Northern Tasmania.

C.M.S. Missionary Rev. Arthur C. Cloudsdale, just returned from Tanganyika, will preach in St. John's at 11 a.m. service on 14th November.

All Young People are asked to make a special note of Friday, 26th November, when there will be a Youth Meeting at C.M.S. House at 7.45 p.m., when the Rev. H. Butterly, C.M.S. Secretary in Tasmania, has important plans to discuss with ALL YOUNG PEOPLE.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jennifer Peta Burns, Matthew Stanley Tyson, Sandra Atkinson, Lynn Maree Burnie, Julie Marguerite Button, Julie Maxine Wade, Michael Bruce Phillips, Margaret Anne Miller, Sally Ann Maddox, Lynn Lane.

MARRIAGES

Bruce Bernard Duhig and Nancy Rae Cohen, Alan Albert Wignell and Doreen May Parry, Mervyn Charles Lack and Norma Jean Baylis, Luigi Proietti and Gwendoline May Gee, Terence James Proctor and Dawn Janice Soderberg, Peter Jago and Beverley Elaine McKillop, Derrick Edward Walsh and Joycelyn Myrtle Sapwell, Clyde Keith Wilson and Shirley Colleen Marriott, Antanas Bartkevicius and Margaret Annette Blackburn, Ronald Graham Kidd and Janice Jewel Barber.

AT REST

Leonard Albert Cuff, Edward Rees, Arthur Myrton Thomas, Edward Caning.

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