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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 beforehand).—Sundays at 3.30 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.

PLEASE NOTE.

THE PARISH FAIR WILL BE HELD ON 24th and 25th SEPTEMBER.

FRIDAY, 24th — MARKET FAIR FROM 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, 25th — FUN FAIR FROM 2 p.m.

Your Strong Support is Desired.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This month, on 24th and 25th September, our Parish Fair, for which we have been working and planning for many months past, will take place. In another paragraph details of the stalls are given and suggestions made for us to help. I am sure we will all do our best to make the Fair the great success

we hope for. It will be an opportunity for us to co-operate in supporting the financial needs of the church which were fully explained at the Annual Meeting held recently. It will also, I am sure, be an occasion when we shall get to know each other better through the social fellowship and fun enjoyed by all taking part.

The main objective of the Fair will be to meet the cost of the renovations to the church tower and porch. We have received a wonderful heritage in our beautiful church and other buildings, including the halls and Rectory. It is surely our responsibility to see that they are kept in proper order and repair. Many have expressed their great satisfaction at the manner in which the contractor, Mr. Alex Clayton, has carried out the work. While there are still some things to be finished I would like to thank Mr. Clayton and his men for their interest and care in the work done, which, in the opinion of those looking up from ground level, often involved considerable personal risk.

We were glad to welcome to St. John's last month the new State General Secretary for the Church Missionary Society, the Rev. H. J. Butterley, B.A., Th.L., who will be resident in Hobart but will visit Launceston every month. Much interest is being taken in the new C.M.S. building in St. John St., which we hope will be completed possibly next month. In addition to a Tea Room and C.M.S. Depot and shop, there will be suites of offices upstairs and a large meeting room for public gatherings. We believe that the new building will result in added interest and support for the missionary work of the Church which, in North-East Asia as in other countries, is becoming more and more significant.

I have been much encouraged by the reforming of the Bible Study Group which meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in the Clergy Vestry. St. John's Gospel is being read and all are invited to attend.

Our very sincere sympathy is with Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, our organist and choirmaster in the great sorrow he has suffered through being bereaved of both father and mother within the short space of five weeks. We are most grateful to Mr. C. W. Barton who has taken Mr. O'Neill's duties while he has been away.

After a life-long association with St. John's Church, Mr. Herman R. Lakin passed away at the beginning of August. We thank God for his long life which is referred to in another paragraph.

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

PARISH FAIR

Only three weeks now remain to complete preparations for the Fair, which will consist of a Market Fair on Friday, 24th Sept., and a Fun Fair on Saturday, 25th Sept.

Donations of food suitable for the luncheon on Friday may be left at the Rectory, and any enquiries regarding the luncheon arrangements may be referred to Mrs. M. Easther or the Secretary, Mr. C. H. Targett.

Helpers will be needed on Thursday evening, 23rd Sept., to erect stalls and also on Saturday morning to erect the Fun Fair.

The allocation of stalls is as follows:

Boy Scouts: Produce.

C.E.M.S.: Plants, flowers, apples.

St. Luke's Auxiliary and St. John's

Ladies: Work stall and afternoon tea.

Teenage Club: Novelty attractions at Fun Fair.

Choir and G.F.S.: Cake stall.

Sunday School: Sweets and Corridals.

Parents and Friends: Tuck shop.

Girl Guides: Hoopla.

HERMAN RUPP LAKIN

There passed away on 3rd August, in his 92nd year, one of St. John's oldest parishioners in the person of Mr. Herman Rupp Lakin. Mr. Lakin was a fine Christian character and his devotion to his church, and his many kindly deeds will be long remembered. He was a Sunday School scholar at the age of five when the Duke of Edinburgh visited Launceston and had a medal which was given to the scholars when the Duke addressed them from a platform built on the site where the Rectory now stands. Mr. Lakin was a teacher in St. John's Sunday School for over forty years and beloved by all. For many years he was treasurer of the church and an active worker and supporter of the Church Missionary Society. He was a constant visitor to the Old Folks Home every Sunday afternoon for over twenty years taking sweets and papers to the inmates. Mr. Lakin was the originator in Tasmania of Mother's Day and took a great interest in it. In his earlier life he was a keen cricketer,

and later a very active member of the East Launceston Bowling Club.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

G.F.S. members are busy preparing for their part in the Diocesan G.F.S. exhibition of needlework, cooking, floral work, singing and folk dancing, to be held in Hobart and Launceston. The Launceston display will take place in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 2nd October at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 in the evening, when a varied programme will be given in competition with other branches. We invite you to be present.

G.F.S. members are joining with the choir in running the cake stall at the Parish Fair and preparing for our own G.F.S. Fair to be held on Saturday, 20th November, in the Kindergarten Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations — Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Miss M. I. Johnstone, 10/-; Misses Sutton, £1; Mrs. Morgan, 4/-; Miss E. Murray, 10/-; Misses M. and E. Gregory, 10/-; Miss D. Fowler, 4/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 2/-; Mr. H. B. Brownrigg, 4/-; Mr. F. J. Jones, 2/-; Church Boxes, £1.

The Diocesan Synod will meet in Hobart during the week beginning Monday, 13th September.

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

Confirmation Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 10th October, at 11 a.m.

C.E.M.S. Brethren are invited to attend the next meeting of C.E.M.S. on Sunday, 5th September, at 4.45 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. L. Denham.

Mothers' Union. St. John's branch of the M.U. held their monthly meeting on 26th August when 35 members were present. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. W. Macfarlane as our speaker, who gave us a helpful and inspiring talk on "Prayer." There will be an Admission Service at our next meeting on Thursday, 23rd September.

Sunday School Picnic. Arrangements have been made to hold the annual Sunday School picnic at Gravelly Beach on Saturday, 13th November. Parents are asked to keep this date free.

C.E.B.S. After a lapse of some time the Church of England Boys' Society commenced again on Monday, 30th August. The meetings are held

every Monday evening in St. John's Parish Hall, commencing at 7 o'clock and finishing at 8.15 p.m. All Church of England boys between the ages of 8 and 12 are welcome. Mr. G. Radford and Mr. G. Watson are the leaders.

Film on Borneo. The M.S.L. has arranged an Open Night on Tuesday, 21st September, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, when Rev. Angus Palmer, Rector of Holy Trinity, will screen a film on Borneo where he saw service as an army chaplain. All are invited.

Broadcast Service. On Sunday, 19th September, the morning service at 11 o'clock will be broadcast over the national stations 7ZR and 7NT.

Bible Study Group meets in the Clergy Vestry every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All welcome.

A Travel Talk by Mrs. Gerrard, of Legana, will be given in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 16th September, at 3 p.m. Musical items will be given and afternoon tea will be served. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the afternoon tea stall at the forthcoming Parish Fair.

HOLY BAPTISM

Roger Hugh Thorrowgood, Juli Ann Farquhar, Susan Claire McElwee, David John Grueber, Allan Jeffrey Morrison, Richard James Brabin, Robert Donald Ryan, Robert Patrick Hearn, Mark Douglas Pratt, Marguerite Dorothy Bramble, Gary William Hutchison, Sean Thomas de Bomford, Robert Mark Laing, Gail Elizabeth Davis, Kaye Hawkesford, Ruth Margaret Grunnell.

MARRIAGES

Raymond Maxwell Turner and Valencia Mariett Hodgetts, Maxwell Eastburn and Valma Fay Triptree, Alan Douglas Quigley and Dorothy Ackerly, Thomas Arthur Jones and Vonda Elizabeth Peck, Kenneth James Harmon and Lynette Jane Morris, Laurence Vivian Reid and Beverley Anne Atkinson, Geoffrey William Head and Margaret McElwee, Alan Grantham Maclaine and Judith Nancy Amos, Peter George Moore and June Margaret Fitzallen.

AT REST

Leonard William Findlay, Emily Best, Mary Ellen Bassett, Leslie Russell Cartledge, Henry James Greenhalgh, George Campbell Smith, Stanley Dryden, John William Arthur Royle, Antoinette Rebecca Francombe.

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

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