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**St. John's Parish Messenger**

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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Rector: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory,  
157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B3186.Assistant Priest: Rev. A. V. Maddick, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
"Caterham Lodge," Gravelly Beach. Phone Tatana 230.**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.

Junior Church, 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. Frank Ikin (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: Miss E. Kingsmill 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 I had a brief visit to Melbourne in connection with family matters. This gave me the opportunity of spending a very pleasant evening with Canon and Mrs. Greenwood... They are both well and asked me specially to convey their best wishes and greetings to their many friends at St. John's. We had a long chat about the parish and they were very interested to know of all our activities. One of the church wardens of the parish where the Canon assists with the services, told me how much his help is appreciated. I am sure you will be pleased to know that he is so well and active.

We shall all remember Archdeacon W. R. Barrett in our prayers as his consecration as Bishop draws near. This will be on St. Thomas's Day, 21st December, in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. He has made plans to live at No. 4 Stewart Street, so he will be a parishioner of St. John's, where he was assistant

curate nearly 40 years ago. He does not expect to take up his residence in Launceston until February.

At the end of this month Mr. Lindsay O'Neil, who has been our organist and Choirmaster for nearly six years, is going on extended leave to enable him to visit England. He may be away for 18 months. We are very grateful to him for all that he has done for St. John's, and we wish him a most enjoyable time on the other side of the world. He is looking forward to his trip and the opportunities it will bring for further musical studies. We shall follow his travels with great interest as we know that he will meet many notable people while he is away.

To deputise for Mr. O'Neil we are fortunate to have secured the services of Mr. A. H. Wills, at present organist and choirmaster of Margaret St. Methodist Church. Mr. Wills held similar positions in the Anglican Church in England from 1930 onwards before coming to Tasmania. He was organist-choirmaster for six years at Knotty Ash Parish Church, Liverpool, and for a similar period at St. Peter's Church, Cricklewood, London. We assure Mr. Wills that he will have our warmest friendship and full support.

Our exceptionally fine organ has just been thoroughly cleaned and renovated, and is now in better condition than for some time. This work cost over £450, and the Vestry would appreciate any donations towards it. Many years have passed since maintenance of this kind was last undertaken, and it was long overdue.

On behalf of all at the Rectory, May I conclude by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

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 Evensong at 7 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on 18th December, at 7 p.m.

#### 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 Saturday 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 in Refugee shelters, hospitals, churches . . . in Korea, Hong Kong, India, Pakistan, Palestine, Greece, Austria & Germany and in Resettlement villages in Malaya and Kenya. Let us contribute liberally for their relief. Donations may be sent to the Rector.

FOUND IN CHURCH: Spectacles in case with name: JOHN ARNOLD.

#### JUNIOR CHURCHMEN

We have now completed our second year as a separate unit of our youth work. Arranged to meet the needs of boys and girls over 14 years of age, the Junior Churchmen's Group endeavours to satisfy their intellectual and spiritual needs and win our young people as active churchmen and churchwomen.

This year the group has studied various Biblical themes and looked together at some aspects of Church history.

Its services of worship have not been confined to Morning Prayer alone, but so as to grow into the fellowship of the Church, we have had our own celebrations of Holy Communion with devotional commentaries by Mr. Laurence Denham, and the Litany. And because folk do best what they have an active part in, the young people have read the lessons and the prayers and generally taken an active part in the conduct of the Junior Church. In fact the only part the Leader now takes is to give the address and the blessing.

During 1956 it is planned to start with the study of an Old Testament book, and then to follow the life of our Lord. For those who wish to pursue their work for Companionship Badges, there will be an extra group from 10.30 to 10.45 a.m. each Sunday.

One aspect of our work is to train our young people to support worthily their Church and nine members use the weekly Envelope Scheme

which I commend to all parents. Our motto is "It's the habit, not the amount that counts."

Parents are welcome to any of our services, and by coming particularly on the second Sunday of the month at 9.45 a.m. they can show by their interest and encouragement that they are one in linking the confirmed boy and girl with the wider fellowship of the Church.

To all our members, God's richest blessing and a happy Christmas be yours.

A.V.M.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss I. Evershed, 10/-; Mrs. Petrie, 8/-; Mrs. H. R. Cox, £1.

Youth Club: The Youth Club completed its activities on 3rd December with a "Progressive Supper." Our thanks are extended to Mesdames Lowe, Easther and Watson for making this evening a success. We begin our activities again on the second Saturday in March. The last tea for the year on Sunday, 18th December, will take the form of a Xmas Party with a speaker to deliver a Christmas message.

C.E.B.S.: On Sunday, 27th November at the evening service, Archdeacon L. N. Sutton admitted the following five boys as Associate members of the Church of England Boys' Society: Terence Wilkes, Donald Massey, Frederick Ralph, Anthony Ralph and Maurice Cowie. Our last meeting for the year is to take the form of a supper night on Monday, 19th December. Sixteen boys from our branch and St. Leonard's branch are to spend the New Year week-end in camp at the Deloraine Show Ground. Our first meeting for next year will be early in February.

Gayne Watson, Leader.

Broadcast Service: On Sunday, 8th January, 1956, the 11 o'clock service, Morning Prayer, will be broadcast over the national stations.

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

Churchwomen's March Meetings 1956, have been arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday, 12th and 13th March next. They will be held at St. John's Devonport.

Those who desire accommodation are asked to contact Mesdames Gurr or Cox, Assistant Diocesan Secretaries.

The Next Issue of the "Parish Messenger" will be in February. Sunday School. We would like to thank all who helped to make our Prize Giving and Christmas Kindergarten Break-up such happy and interesting gatherings. The Picnic will

held in ideal weather and a number of parents attended. We are most grateful too all who contributed to Prize Fund and made donations of food or money towards Picnic. We would also like to thank the Parents and Friends of the Sunday School for their great help.

Visit of W.C.C. Leaders. On Sunday, 19th February two Church leaders of International fame will be in Launceston: Doctor Martin Niemoeller (Germany) and Dean Liston Pope (U.S.A.). They will speak at a United meeting in the afternoon, and in the morning Dean Pope will preach at St. John's at 11 a.m., and Pastor Niemoeller at Paterson Street, Methodist Church. Make a note of the date.

C.E.M.S. Our last meeting for this year was held on Sunday, Dec. 4th. The secretary gave a brief commentary on some Christmas hymns, and played recordings of the same. Mr. C. Honey recited a selection from Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Appreciation was expressed for both items.

The next meeting will be held on the first Sunday in February. We all join in wishing parishioners the compliments of the season. J.E.B.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Kim Derek Pinkard, Steven Robert Evans, Gail Armanel Spradbery, Raymond John Duhig, Cheryl Maree Robinson, George Seigys, Brandt John Clements, John Ernest Edwards, Jennifer Elizabeth North. Andrew John Williams, Sally Anne Gleadow, Kay Denise Boon, Vicki Maree Little, Tony Bessell, Janis Anne Farquhar, Julie Karen Wells, Leigh Roberts, Yvonne Margaret Floyd, Alana Dawn Thompson, Jan Elizabeth Lethborg, Andrew Ian Hodge, Julie Anne Sheriff Dianne Fleming, Mark Fleming.

#### MARRIAGES

Greyham Lindon Targett and Elaine Mary Atkinson, Murray Allan Brown and Margaret Dawn Edwards, Peter James Stone and Enid Mary Carter, Trevor William Lehman and Betty June Neville, Heinz Karl Herbert Vollmer and Marie June Bingley, Arthur David Dewis and Maureen Janette Sutton, Theodor Paul Kremerskothen and Shirley Bessell, Stewart Russell Hardwicke and Dawn Mary Seadon.

#### AT REST

Margaret Bates, George Johns, Eva Blanche McKenna, Joyce Youl, Alfred Charles Ferrall, John Sydney Ritchie, James Eric Scott, Harold Farries Smith, Edith Jane Darcey, Roy Tasman Smith, Albert Gittus.

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