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157 St. John St., Launceston. Phone 525.

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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 OFFICERSChurchwardens: 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—

Keep the evening of Wednesday, 20th July free of other engagements so that you will be able to attend the Annual Church Meeting of the parish. This is a "must" for all church members. It is a very great encouragement to your church officers to know that the parishioners are really interested in what they are doing to manage the business affairs of the parish. The responsibility of looking after the property of our church, rectory, and halls is no small matter and involves expenditure of quite large sums of money. It is your duty to share this responsibility with those you elect to office. I hope we shall have a record attendance on Wednesday, 20th July in the Kindergarten Hall. After the meeting a cup of tea will be served to afford us the opportunity of friendly fellowship.

At the Ruridecanal Conference held on 27th June much discussion took place about holding an Evangelistic Mission in Anglican parishes in Launceston next year. This has been considered by the clergy of the whole diocese for the past three years as a plan to be put into operation in most parishes. No doubt our Bishop will have some guidance for us on his return from England next month. Experience in other places makes it quite clear that a Mission needs much time for preparation by prayer and planning if it is to achieve the results of bringing ourselves and others to a new experience of Christ and His Church so urgently needed today. The matter will be considered at our annual meeting. Pray that we may be guided to act wisely.

At the Sunday evening services this month I have arranged a course of addresses to explain the words: FAITH, GRACE, MERCY, CHURCH, SACRAMENTS, which we so often use without clearly understanding their meaning. We are most grateful to the Launceston Grammar School for presenting an improved type of microphone for use in our Church. I received a cheque covering the cost from the hands of the Senior Prefect at the inspiring Church School Service on the 26th June.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Practices for our Concert are being held each Saturday. Children bring their lunch and come to the Parish Hall between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Others are welcome to join in. The Concert is on Friday, 12th August for C.M.S. Funds. Tickets are available at the C.M.S. shop 92 St. John St.

We are happy that Mrs. G. M. Galloway is to join our staff of teachers. We need more teachers still for our growing school. David Marsh leaves us shortly for Melbourne. Our best wishes go with him and our thanks for all his help.

Based on class marks, class captain have been appointed in their respective classes as follows, until overtaken: Richard Fletcher and Tony Stevens, Wayne Atkins, Royce Bell and Robert O'Connor, John James, Margaret Fletcher and Wendy Tisdall, Sandra Dutson and Judith Martin, Sally Hall, Gillian Thompson, Judy Hoggins and Ann Daldy.

MOTHER'S UNION

Our last meeting was held on Thursday, 23rd June. After a short service in the Chapel conducted by Archdeacon Sutton we adjourned to the Kindergarten Hall where our meeting took the form of a discussion, "How we witness to our membership of the Mother's Union," which was led by Mrs. L. N. Sutton. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 28th July at 2.45 p.m. when there will be a Visiting Speaker.

CANON P. St. J. WILSON, M.A., Melbourne.

Canon Wilson of St. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne will preach at St. John's Church on Sunday evening, 7th August at 7 p.m. It is planned to have a special Youth Service that night to which all our youth organisations are invited. Canon Wilson is the Headmaster of Brighton Grammar School, Melbourne and was previously Chaplain of Melbourne Grammar School for ten years. His long association with young people will make his message specially interesting.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, July 14th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. G. Hodge, Lower Flat, 4 Gorge Road, Trevallyn. After the business has been arranged Mr. Hodge will screen some of his pictures.

New members will be warmly welcomed. The Guild is supporting the stall outside the National Bank near Coles in Brisbane St., on Friday, 8th July in connection with the Button Day appeal for Glenview Home for the Aged. Members are asked to make donations of produce, cakes, etc. for sale on the stall. These may be left at the Rectory or at Mr. W. H. Watson's shop in 99a St. John's St. We will be responsible for the stall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 20th July, at 8 p.m.

The Churchwardens will present their report and financial statement for the past twelve months and the annual election of Church Officers will be held. All parishioners are urged to attend and thus show their interest in and appreciation of the work of the Churchwardens and Vestry in managing the business affairs of the parish. All whose names are on the Parish Roll are entitled to vote.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations. Miss B. Weymouth, 2/6. Church Boxes, £1.

St. Luke's Hospital. The annual meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 7th July, 1955 at 8 p.m.

Broadcast Service. The service will be broadcast from St. John's Church on Sunday, 7th August at 11 a.m.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School will hold an AT HOME in the Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday, 12th July at 8 p.m. An attractive programme has been arranged and all parents and friends of the children are warmly invited to attend. An invitation is also extended to all parishioners to be present.

Young People are reminded of the monthly corporate Communion Service on Sunday, 10th July, followed by breakfast in the Kindergarten Hall. The monthly Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 17th July, at 5 p.m. All young people are invited to come along. Also every Saturday night in the Kindergarten Hall our Youth Group meets at 7 o'clock. New members always welcome.

Confirmation Classes are being held in the Rector's Vestry every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Those who wish to be confirmed must apply to the Rector at once.

Button Day for "Glenview Home" & "Eskleigh" will be held on Friday, 8th July. There will be a street stall in Brisbane St., outside the National Bank near Coles. Glenview is the Church for England Home for the aged in Hobart. Members of all denominations are admitted from all parts of the state. "Eskleigh" at Perth is well-known in Launceston. The two homes will share in the sale of buttons. Button sellers are needed. Will you help? Proceeds from our stall will be in support of "Glenview."

World Council of Churches meeting on Monday, 25th July, at 7.45 p.m. in the Paterson St., Methodist Church Hall. After short business session a talk and discussion on the subject of the causes of denominational differences. All very welcome. Light supper.

C.E.M.S.

The Annual Meeting, including appointment of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Sunday, July 3rd at 4.45 p.m. One nomination has been received for the position of President, the Hon. Secretary is agreeable to re-election, and a new Treasurer will be required, but nominations for all positions will be received.

Members are reminded of the State Conference at Deloraine in August, and the Tenth Anniversary Meeting on September, 4th next, when Bishop D. B. Blackwood will be the special speaker. All men of the congregation are invited to attend our meetings and bring any other whom they feel might be interested.

HOLY BAPTISM

Sharon Anne Davis, Michael John Wingrove, Kelvin John Jacobs, Suzanne Helen Nas, Peta Wragg, Michele Ann Lehner, Christopher Leo Murfett, Collin Burgess-McLean, Janine Sice, Debra Gayle Turner, Helen Elizabeth Rouse, Janet Elizabeth Priestley, Rodney John Sing, Denise Betty Sing, Leslie John Bain, Glenn Eric Patmore.

MARRIAGES

Douglas Rice and Judith Mary Colledge. Lloyd Rice and Betty Margaret Evans. Dare Ellis Anthony and Shirley Marie Bowen. Ronald Newell and Beverley Doris Hayes. Geoffrey Hellyer and Janet Grenville Gibbs. John Evans Gardner MacFie and Gwendoline Lorraine Cairns. Alfred William Kaye and Phyllis Shirley Keene. Colin William James McKay and Rita Joyce Walters. Keith Ellis Wickham and Dorothy May Turner.

AT REST

William Thomas Burkitt, Albert Edward Pierson, Sarah Jane Millwood, Mabel Knight, Carolyn Rose Jacobson, Stewart Symers Mitchell, Evelyn Stanley Archer, Norman Guy Fitzpatrick.

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