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Rector: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory,  
157 St. John St., Launceston. Phone 525.

Assistant Priest: Rev. A. Maddick, B.A., Dip.Ed.

**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 Frank Ikin (Hon. Treasurer), M. L. Cox, F. R. Dowse, M.B.E., L. Denham, M. M. Easther 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—

We have just celebrated again the season of Whitsunday, the Festival of the Holy Spirit, Who came from God to influence our lives personally as individuals, and corporately in the life of the Church. As the old hymn so beautifully expresses it:

"He came sweet influence to impart,  
A gracious, willing Guest,  
While he can find one humble heart  
Wherein to rest.  
And his that gentle voice we hear,

Soft as the breath of even,  
That checks each fault, that calms each fear,  
And speaks of heaven."

Our lives would be much happier and the witness of the Church would be much greater if we sought his help and peace more than we do.

Writing from England, where he and Mrs. Cranswick are on holiday, our Bishop reminds us in his Pastoral Letter that the Holy Spirit is a "life Changer." "It is He and He alone that can make us more and more Christlike, both in our relations with other people and with God the Creator and Jesus His only beloved Son. It is He too who can open our eyes to see God still at work in His world. As we saw yesterday a beech wood with the tender new green of the leaves and thousands of blue-bells making a carpet of blue, God's presence was very real."

This month preparation for confirmation later in the year will commence. I am most anxious that all who wish to be confirmed should realize that attendance for worship at church services and Christian fellowship is just as much part of their preparation as coming regularly to weekly classes. Without this both before and afterwards Confirmation may mean very little.

At the present time our Rectory is in the hands of the painters who are carrying out much needed renovations. When they are completed the main hall will be much more attractive and convenient. We are grateful to the Vestry for having this work done. Improvements to the Parish Hall include two new power points and an electric clock: these will be most useful.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

#### MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual meeting was held last month when very satisfactory reports were read by the secretary and treasurer. They were both thanked for their help and keen interest in the branch and members expressed regret that Mrs. R. H. Cox was unable to accept nomination as secretary for another year. Mrs. F. H. Cookman was nominated as Vice President. Mrs. M. M. Easter, Secretary. Mrs. G. M. Galloway, Assistant Secretary. Mrs. R. H. Watson, Treasurer. Mrs. L. D. Clark, Magazine Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Watson assisting. Mrs. A. M. Carlstrom was thanked for her long and faithful work in connection with the M.U. magazine for more than twenty years.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. M. Murgatroyd, a very active and loyal member of the Mothers' Union for many years who passed away after a long illness earlier in the month. Sympathy was also expressed with Mrs. W. R. West in her bereavement.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, 23rd June, at 2.45 p.m. The annual MUSICAL MARKET in support of the Diocesan Children's Home will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 8th June

at 3 p.m. There will be Fancy, Cake and Savoury Stalls. Afternoon Tea will be served. All parishioners and friends are invited to support our annual effort for this most worthy cause.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

In view of the great financial need of the Church Missionary Society this year it is proposed to hold a Talent Quest Concert early in August. It will be arranged by Scholars and friends of the Sunday School tickets at 2/- will be in circulation soon. Please keep the date free and interest others. It was good to see a good muster of scholars on Whitsunday. New members are always welcome. Please help increase our numbers. It has been decided to make the following donations from the Sunday School: Mail Bag Sunday School, £15. C.M.S. South East Asia Appeal, £15. Diocesan Children's Homes, £15. Bible Society £5.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes in preparation for Confirmation, which will be held at St. John's early in October, are to commence this month. All who wish to be confirmed are asked to hand names and addresses to the Rector at once. The first class will be held on Sunday afternoon, 26th June, at 2 p.m. in the Rector's vestry.

#### YOUTH CLUB

Our annual meeting was held on 21st May, when the following office bearers were elected: President: Ray Watson; Vice President: Pat Burns; Secretary: Gill Read; Treasurer: Rodger Duncan. Committee: Judith Clark Arthur Duncan, and David Marsh. It has been decided to run our club on the four-square C.E.F. basis and later to take steps to form a branch of C.E.F. We are glad to welcome some members of the St. Peter's Youth Group who are combining with us in our C.E.F. planning. Our monthly Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, 12th June after 8 a.m. Celebration. At our Fellowship Tea on Sunday, 19th June at 5 p.m. we plan to screen a Film. All young people are invited to join us and are assured of a warm welcome.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held in the Kindergarten Hall on Friday, 6th May, 1955.

The attendance, although good, was disappointing considering the number of children attending school. We would like to see more parents at our monthly meetings on the first Friday of every month.

The Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure showed a successful year. Further amenities were added to the School and financial assistance was provided towards the Annual Picnic and Prize-givings. The election of Officers resulted in the unanimous re-election of Mr. F. H. Watson, President; Mr. F. B. Stevens, Secretary; Mrs. F. B. Stevens, Treasurer.

We propose holding an "At Home" on Tuesday, 13th July, in the Kindergarten Hall.

#### C.E.M.S.

The next meeting of St. John's Branch of C.E.M.S. will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday next, 5th June, at 4.45 p.m. Our visiting speaker will be Mr. Douglas Cossins of the TEX staff, whose subject is "The Church and Television."

Sunday July 3rd is the date of the following meeting which will be the Annual Meeting, including appointment of officers for the ensuing year. All men, young men from the age of 18 are cordially invited to attend our meetings, and join in the fellowship.

#### ST. JOHN'S GUIDE COMPANY

St. John's Guide Company have commenced again after the school holidays, meeting each Wednesday

evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Last Thursday evening we combined with the Brownies and gave a very enjoyable Concert in the Parish Hall. All items were provided by the Brownies and Guides. At the conclusion of the Programme supper was served in the Kindergarten Hall. Proceeds which amounted to £11 are for the N.S.W. Flood Relief and in particular for the Guides of Tamworth.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Misses Sutton, £1; Mr. F. B. Stevens, 5/-; Miss Cumming, 5/-; Mrs. Grubb, £1; "I.G." 5/-; Mr. H. B. Brownrigg, 4/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 2/-.

Missionary Boxes: All parishioners who have Missionary Boxes are asked to return them for the quarterly opening before the end of June when the financial year closes.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade will hold their annual parade service at St. John's on Sunday, 26th June, at 11 a.m.

C.E.B.S. The month just passed has been a very successful one. Uniforms have been purchased for seven members. A visit to St. George's C.E.B.S. has been arranged for the 27th June. A return visit will be made a fortnight later.

Launceston City Mission's 101st Annual meeting began with public Tea when St. John's provided a table arranged by Miss E. Kingsmill. We are grateful to all who helped. The Sister-in-charge, Miss I. K. Murison Bourn is a member of St. John's and would welcome any help parishioners can give her in the work of the Mission.

St. John's Women's Guild will hold their next meeting on Thursday, 9th June at the home of Mrs. G. C. Dodery, 20 Raymond St., at 8 p.m. New members will be welcome.

Glenview Home for the Aged will be supported by a BUTTON DAY on Friday, 8th July. Eskleigh Home will also participate in the appeal. Glenview Home is in Hobart. It is a Church of England Home and members of all denominations are admitted.

World Council of Churches has arranged an ecumenical service to be held at Paterson St., Methodist Church on Tuesday, 28th June, at 8 p.m. Members of all church congregations are invited to attend. Following the service there will be supper and a discussion in the School Hall. Ladies are invited to bring a plate.



**Annual School Service.** Broadland House School and Launceston Church Grammar School will hold their annual School service at St. John's on Sunday, 26th June at 7 p.m. Members of the schools will form the choir and the preacher will be the Venerable the Administrator, Archdeacon W. R. Barrett. All parents and friends are specially invited to attend.

**G.F.S.** Our next meeting on Tuesday, 7th June, will be devoted to Table Games and Work for our annual Fair. New members warmly welcomed.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Diane Jane Bassett, Christine Isabel Cunningham, Beverley Rae Merrington, Vicki Geraldine Lodge, Vicki Margaret Lonergan, Robert Ronald Russell, Gayle Lynette Stokes, Cherie Anne Weedon, Gregory Charles Scott Lawrence Duncan Gadsby Farquhar, Sheryl Jean Barker, Michael John Collyer, Wendy Elizabeth Morrison, Mark Geoffrey Houston, Michael Alan Porte, Warren Charles Tuckey, Sandra Joy Tuckey.

#### MARRIAGES

Darcey Cox and Aileen Jean Scott. Denzil George Eaves Crawford and Joan Elizabeth Morling. Bevan David McCulloch and Patricia Ruby Smith. Robert James Wilson and Veronica Burns. Peteris Nacals and Holly May Brown. Kenneth George Langford and Elizabeth Corrie Templeton.

#### AT REST

Gwyneth Evelyn West, Edna Darley, Marie Murgatroyd, Joseph Taylor, Cecelia May Johnson, William Thomas Harding.

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

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