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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.
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. Fasther 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 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 to become faithful and regular communicants. Quiet example and understanding has greater influence than many words.

Last month we were greatly privileged to have visits from some of the missionary leaders of our church. I am sure that we all have a clearer idea of the challenge of East Africa, and South-East Asia than before. May we pray, work and give in support of those in the mission field.

Plans for Christmas gatherings have been made and parish organisations are having their final meetings for the year. I would like to express our thanks to those who have accepted the responsibility of leadership and organisation during the past twelve months and assure them of our appreciation.

We are glad that progress is being made with the building of the new kitchen and improvements to the lavatories. We hope the alterations will soon be completed.

With all good wishes,
Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CONFIRMATION

The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop on Thursday, 27th October, at 8 p.m. in St. John's Church. Ten candidates were presented from the parish and thirty-four from Broadland House School. Those confirmed were: Sandra Loraine Bell, Pamela Jean Davies, Judith Anne Fawkner, Patricia Lorraine Fawkner, Shirley Dawn Hosken, Gregory Russell Bradford, George Henry Chandler, Graeme John Dineen, Christopher Robin Olding, Robin John White, Judith Anne Anderson, Yvonne Mary Atkinson, Susan Jane Austin, Thane Alison Beattie, Annabelle Wendy Brown, Julianne Islay Brownning, Geraldine Campton, Helen Margaret Clarke, Diana Pearson Clemons, Isabel Anne Coupe, Pamela Jean Cox, Marilyn Joyce Dangerfield, Julie Ann Evans, Margaret Janet Fletcher, Sally Tarrant Gallo-way Gibson, Marcia Carmen Groom, Barbara Louise Loane, Gillian Lindsay Lord, Elizabeth Mary Napier, Suzanne Pierce, Rosemary Ellen Pitchford, Dyandra Judith Prevost, Sandra Louise Ramsay, Marleen Joan Stokes, Susan Stone, Jannifer Rosamund Tasker, Wendy Joan Tisdall, Adrienne Ades Travers, Susan Lillian Walker, Sterry Elizabeth Wallis, Carole Ann Wallom, Elizabeth Anne Ward, Gwedolyn Isabelle Irene Youl, and Linda Louise Viney. Candidates were also presented from the parishes of St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, Holy Trinity, Launceston, and St. John's, Devonport.

MOTHER'S UNION

The annual Launceston Mother's Union Festival will be held this year at St. John's Church on Thursday, 17th November, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. G. F. Cranswick will be our guest speaker. Would all members make an effort to be present and please bring a basket. This will be our last meeting for the year. There will

be no meeting of our branch on the fourth Thursday this month.

PATRONAGE OF PARISH.

At a meeting of parishioners called for the purpose it was decided to vest the patronage of the parish in the Patronage Board. Messrs. F. H. Cookman, R. W. J. Hart, and F. J. Jones were elected as St. John's parochial representatives on the Board. Messrs. F. R. Dowse and W. H. Verrall are also members as our Synodsmen. Messrs. A. G. Hollingsworth, M. M. Easther and R. C. Sutton were elected as substitute members to act if required.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

With the change over to automatic exchange St. John's Rectory telephone number is now B3186. Please note that all Launceston Anglican Clergymen are listed on page 89 in the Telephone Directory under "Church of England Rectories."

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Christmas party for the senior children of the Sunday School has been arranged by the Parents and Friends' Association to take place in the Parish Hall on Friday, 18th November, at 7.30 p.m. The Sunday School Festival will be held on Sunday, 20th November, when the Revd. A. V. Maddick will give the address in the morning, and the Revd. H. Butterley, C.M.S. Secretary, of Hobart, will speak in the afternoon and evening. The Sunday School picnic will be at Gravelly Beach on Saturday, 10th December. The Senior School Prize Giving will be on Tuesday, 6th December, and the Kindergarten Christmas Party on Thursday, 8th December.

We are very grateful to Mr. J. E. Bingham for erecting a rack for the Kindergarten chairs and repairing breakages. He also put castors on the tables which is much appreciated. Thank you very much.

Arranged by the Launceston branch of the World Council of

Churches there is to be a combined Sunday School Christmas Pageant in the Albert Hall on Sunday afternoon, 4th December, at 3 p.m. All parents and friends are asked to come. A collection will be taken for Inter-Church aid.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations.—Miss E. Martin, 10/-; Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Church Boxes, £1. Missionary Boxes.—At the last quarterly opening of the boxes, £30/19/7 was received for C.M.S.

St. Luke's Hospital.—St. John's Auxiliary to the hospital would like to remind parishioners that they are having a stall at the 7EX Fair in the Albert Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd and 24th November. Come along and help us.

C.E.M.S.—For our next meeting on 4th December a Christmas programme is being planned. We are glad to know that Mr. Brownrigg has been able to return home from hospital.

G.F.S.—Annual Fair last month was a very successful function. £53 was raised. The money will be given to our Church Carpet Fund, Diocesan Children's Home, and Mail Bag Sunday School. We thank all who helped to make it such a happy and successful function. Our G.F.S. year closes with a picnic to Perth on Saturday, 19th November.

C.E.B.S.—Our membership now stands at 20, as we welcomed 4 new members at recent meetings. There will be an Admission Service at Evensong on Sunday, 27th November at 7 p.m. Plans are now definite for holding our camp at Deloraine in the New Year long week-end. David Bell is to be nominated as Assistant Leader for St. John's C.E.B.S. We hope to have our new banner soon.

Ecumenical Service.—Arranged by the World Council of Churches, an Ecumenical Service will be held in Chalmers Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, 15th November, at 8 p.m. Members of all church congregations are invited to attend. Following the service there will be supper and a discussion with questions. All St. John's parishioners and friends are cordially invited to attend. Ladies are asked to bring a basket.

Missionary Service League.—The final meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 29th November. There will be a Thanksgiving Ser-

vice at St. John's Church at 7.30 p.m. with Thanksoffering. After the service there will be a meeting at C.M.S. Rooms, when Rev. H. Butterley, C.M.S. Secretary, will show a missionary film and speak. The meeting will conclude with supper.

"Messiah" (Handel).—will be rendered by the Launceston Philharmonic Society in St. John's Church on Friday evening, 9th December.

Accountancy & Secretarial Institute. members will attend the evening service at St. John's Church on Sunday, 4th December. They will take part in the service. A similar service has been arranged for St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, on the same day.

Launceston Grammar Preparatory School will hold their second annual school service at St. John's at 11 o'clock on Sunday, 27th November, when the boys will read the lessons. All parents and friends are invited.

Youth Club has arranged a hike and barbecue for Saturday evening, 19th November. An open night on Saturday, 26th, and last meeting for the year will be on Saturday, 3rd December, break-up night, progressive tea and dance afterwards. Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 20th November, at 5 p.m., when there will be a quiz on the Prayer Book.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Janelle Kaye Robinson, Tony James Robinson, Dorothy Gail Robinson, Rodney Charles Oliver, Kristine Lorraine Quill, Edward Vernon Allan, Terry Elwyn Beckett, Lee George Hodge, Debra Joyce Prior, Bruce Hawkesford, Janine Carolyne Pickett, Scott Eric James, Toni Leah Bayles, Toni Lynne Morgan.

MARRIAGES.

Salvatore Langella and Joan Isobel Talbot, Ernest William Spencer and Margaret Nicholson, Sydney Frederick Reid and Ellen May Streets, Edward Douglas Keygan and Eunice Mary Brumby, Keith William Hepburn and Maureen Daphne Buck, Douglas Tasman Lowery and Ronda May Henderson, Ronald James Blackberry and Marline Edith Bartels, Norman Wallace Mountney and Shirley Annette Alexander, Roy Macrow and Dorothy Jean Lamb, Graham Llewellyn Pettman and Phyllis Mary Gibson, Colin Athol Wright and Marie Helen Knowles, Dietrich Kurt van Eckert and Veris Isabel Everett.