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# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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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. Fasher 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,

This month marks the commencement of the seventh year of my Ministry as Rector of St. John's. It is hard to believe that six years have passed since we came to live here for time seems to slip by very quickly. Mrs. Sutton joins me in expressing our thanks for all your friendship and help. May we as a parish go forward together humbly trusting that God may use us for the progress of His Kingdom.

Last month will be remembered as a month of Synods. First there was our own Diocesan Synod when the Bishop announced that Archdeacon W. R. Barrett is to be an Assistant Bishop, living in Launceston and giving

special oversight and help in the northern half of the island. We congratulate him on his elevation to the episcopate and welcome him back to Launceston where he began his ministry in 1916 as assistant curate at St. John's. Speaking as an Archdeacon I am looking forward to having one so experienced with whom I can share problems and matters of administration.

Introduced by the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. R. Paton, careful consideration was given to the whole question of Church Finance, both in regard to the diocese and the parishes. At a conference of the Lay Representatives, recommendations were made which synod accepted later after serious discussion. It was agreed that parishes should increase their payments to the diocese to meet increased expenses, and that, at the parochial level, "the minimum stipend of Rectors" should be raised. This means that, in every parish, EVERY PERSON who claims to be a member of the Church of England must face up to his financial obligations to his church and not leave the burden for the faithful few to carry.

Many other matters of importance were considered, but the two mentioned had special interest.

It will be noticed that this month the "Parish Messenger" has been published later than usual. The reason is that I have been in Sydney attending the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia as one of the Tasmanian delegates. I was very glad that Mr. F. R. Dowse, one of our Synod representatives, was another delegate. It would not be possible to give here even a summary of what took place, but I report that matters of the greatest importance for the future of our church were considered in a spirit of understanding and fellowship. It is one of the distinctions of the Anglican Church that it embraces among its loyal members people of different points of view. This was clearly seen in the debates in the General Synod. After long and careful discussion a form of Constitution was accepted which will now be submitted to the twenty-four dioceses of the Church of England in Australia for their consideration. When eighteen dioceses accept it and five State Parliaments authorise it, the Constitution will come into force.

Many are very hopeful that this approval will be given, for there appears to be a greater measure of agreement now than ever before.

I am very grateful to Mrs. A. G. Hodge for undertaking the arrangement of the Flower Roster in connection with Church vases. She would be glad to have offers of help from parishioners who would be responsible for the flowers about once every three months. Mrs. Hodge is doing this as a member of the Women's Guild.

We are very glad that the plans for our new kitchen and the re-arrangement of the lavatories has been approved. We hope the work will soon begin.

With all good wishes,  
Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### ANNUAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

On Sunday, 23rd October, which follows St. Luke's Day, our annual Hospital Service will be held at St. John's Church at 7 p.m. Dr. A. Pryde will give the address and matrons and nurses from all the Launceston Hospitals will be invited to attend. Members of the medical profession will take part in the service and we extend a warm invitation to all parishioners and their friends to attend.

#### ANNUAL G.F.S. FAIR

The annual G.F.S. Fair will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, 22nd. October, at 3 p.m. Many useful articles, and as well as cakes and produce will be on sale. Afternoon Tea will be served. Donations of vegetables, cakes, etc., will be gratefully received. The proceeds of the Fair will be for the Carpet Fund and the support of Diocesan Homes. All parishioners and friends are invited to support this yearly effort of G.F.S.

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The details of the meetings being held at the C.M.S. House, 92 St. John Street, from October 14th. to 18th., in connection with the C.M.S. Convention, are given in a separate leaflet. On Sunday, 16th. October, the preachers at St. John's will be—11 a.m., Rt. Vev. F. C. Hulme-Moir, Bishop of Nelson, N.Z.; 7 p.m., Rev. Canon R. J. Hewett, Federal Sec. of C.M.S.; Canon C. D. Maling, of Tanganyika will be the speaker at the Youth Fellowship Tea at 5 p.m. The Convention will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service in St. John's Church on Wednesday evening, 19th October, at 8 p.m., when the preacher will be Canon R. J. Hewett.

#### PATRONAGE MEETING.

A meeting of parishioners to determine the patronage of the parish (that is who will have the responsibility of electing a rector for the parish when a vacancy occurs), will be held in the Kindergarten Hall after evening service on Sunday, 6th November. All parishioners are urged to attend this very important meeting.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations—Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Miss J. Beck, 10/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 2/-; Mr. John Arnold, 4/-; Miss J. Hughes, 8/-; Mrs. E. Cunningham, 3/-.

Mothers' Union meeting will be held on Thursday, 27th October, at 2.45 p.m., when the speaker will be Archdeacon L. N. Sutton.

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luk's Hospital will meet at the Rectory on Thursday, 4th November, at 8 p.m. Any ladies who will join our "Sewing Afternoons," which are held every Monday at the home of the President, Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road, will be made very welcome.

Broadcast Service.—On Sunday, 30th. October, the morning service from St. John's Church will be broadcast over National stations at 11 a.m. The preacher will be the Revd. A. V. Maddick, B.A., Dip. Ed.

400th. Anniversary of the martyrdom of Bishop Ridley and Bishop Latimer will be commemorated in a broadcast over 7LA on Sunday, 16th. October, at 4.30 p.m.

Confirmation Service will be held at St. John's on Thursday, 27th. October, at 8 p.m.

Bishops of Singapore and Borneo are to address a combined meeting for all parishes in St. John's Hall on Friday, 21st. October, at 8 p.m. Challenging and inspiring messages will be heard. All will be welcome. Keep the evening free.

C.E.M.S.—Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th November, at 4.45 p.m., when we hope to have as a speaker a member of the Dutch underground. Some members have visited Mr. H. Brownrigg, who is in St. Luke's Hospital. We hope that he will soon improve. All men of the congregation are invited to attend our meetings and join in the fellowship thereof. J.E.B.

Sunday School Picnic has been arranged to take place at Gravelly Beach on Saturday, 10th. December, and not on the 3rd. as stated last month. Please note the change.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be on Sunday, 16th October, at 5 p.m. when the talk will be given by the Rev. Canon C. D. Maling, of Tanganyika. All young people are invited. Bring your friends.

Tennis Club.—The annual meeting and commencement of play for the coming season will be held on Saturday afternoon, 22nd. October, at 2 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All members and intending members are asked to attend.

#### HOLY BAPTISM.

Michael David Jackson, Grant Timothy Jackson, Mark Harold Andrews, Jennifer Mary Hutton, Derrick Gordon Brown, Jan Elizabeth Houstain, Sandra Lesley Clark, David Carlyle Cox, Noel Mervyn Davis, Pamela Frances Martin, Robert John Krushka, Wendy Robyn Clark, Sue Elizebeth Reid, Janice Dawn Box.

#### MARRIAGES

James Edward Scott and Pauline Ellen Parry, Kevin James Dilger and Barbara Joy Williams, Giuseppe Bartoli and Margaret Ann Chugg, Graeme Solomon de Jersey and Adonia Lesley Atkinson, Gordon David McNeill and Maureen Patricia Kearnan, Trevor William Pickrell and Lillian Margaret Barker, Geoffrey Samuel Lockhart and Delma Aileen Lockett, Brian McGovern and Shirley Dawn Fraser, John Ritchie Shepherd and Betty Constance Hart.

#### AT REST.

Clement William Dodery, Vivian Percy Jones, James Francis Huston.

Our sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.