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

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"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. 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,

My wife and I greatly appreciated the many kind messages of con-
gratulations and good wishes which we received on the occasion of our Silver
Wedding anniversary. Thank you very much. Twenty-five years is quite
a long while, but as we look back and think of all that has happened the
time seems to have passed quickly. We are very thankful for the blessing
of happiness which God has given us.

We were very glad to welcome our Bishop and Mrs. Cranswick back
to Tasmania after their holiday in England. Already he has begun again
his strenuous round of duties.

This month the Synod of the diocese meets in Hobart to deal with
important matters. The proposed "Constitution for the Church of England

in Australia" will be considered again; members will be elected to Synod committees for the next three years; the laymen will be asked to make a report to Synod about Church Finance. Church Organisations will present their reports and many matters of importance will arise from them for discussion. Apart from the formal business the Synod gives opportunity for fellowship and inspiration when clergy and laity from all the parishes in the diocese meet together for this annual conference. We sometimes forget that as a parish we are members of the family of the diocese from which we receive help and guidance and to which we owe loyalty and support. The diocese in turn is part of the wider family of the "Church of England in Australia" for which a Constitution is planned. And the "Church of England in Australia" is a member of the world wide Anglican Church throughout the world. The Anglican Church is a branch of "The Holy Catholic Church" in which we pledge our faith when we say the Apostles' Creed.

The Primate of All-Ireland, the Most Rev. Dr. J. A. F. Gregg, Archbishop of Armagh, in his presidential address to the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, which met in Dublin a short time ago, gave a general definition of the Church Catholic which is worth repeating. The Archbishop said:

"The Church of Christ is that visible society which was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ to witness to Him as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, and to carry on this work of redemption for all mankind till the end of time. All those who have been validly baptised belong as individuals to the society of which the dead in Christ are still members, while its living members constitute the Church militant here on earth. Such a visible society must have doctrines and institutions, commonly spoken of as faith and order. During the early centuries of the Christian era, while the Church was one united whole, certain matters of belief and practice established themselves, as elements of universal acceptance, essential to full Church life. Four such fundamentals continued to be held everywhere in the Church even after the great break between East and West in 1054, and continued to be held everywhere in the Church until the 16th century, the age of the Reformation. These four were the Old and New Testaments, the Nicene and the Apostles' Creed, the two Sacraments of the Gospel and the threefold apostolic ministry of bishops, priests and deacons.

"When the national Churches of England and Ireland passed through the Reformation period, they carried with them all these four institutions, and as a sufficient number of their bishops conformed to the Reformation settlement under Queen Elizabeth, they carried with them the primitive method of continuing the succession of their ministers. The effect of this was that their Churches did not have to plan and constitute a new ministry to meet the emergency, but maintained unbroken the stream of men carrying on the ancient ministry derived from apostolic times—a ministry transmitted successively by those who had inherited the authority to transmit it."

Our congratulations and good wishes to the Church folk of St. Peter's Sandhill in their progressive move in building a residence for their own clergyman. St. Peter's is in the parish of St. Paul's, and the Rector, Rev. R. C. Brown, has asked me to represent the Bishop in laying the foundation stone of the new building on Saturday afternoon, 24th September.

With all good wishes,
Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

C.E.B.S.

The past month has proved a most eventful one. On 19th August I journeyed to Hobart for the annual C.E.B.S. Rally and Commissioning of Leaders. We celebrated our first birthday as a re-formed branch of St. John's C.E.B.S. on Monday, 5th September, when boys, parents and friends numbering some thirty in all, held a combined social evening. The Craft Shield made by Mr. R. Duncan was presented to the branch and the pole and stand for our new banner were on view. The banner is being made by Miss D. Poole. We

wish to thank these friends for their help. Plans are being made for holding a camp at Deloraine at the New Year week-end. G.W.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Our concert, held on 12th August, in aid of C.M.S. Funds, was a great success owing to the enthusiasm and hard work of Miss Kingsmill and the ready co-operation of children and parents who gave their full support, assisted by parishioners and friends. As a result of the effort £50 has been handed to the Church Missionary Society for the South-East Asia Appeal. Our grateful thanks

to all. The teachers met last month to plan for the end of the year functions. The annual Sunday School Festival will be held on Sunday, 20th December, picnic on Saturday, 3rd December, Kindergarten Christmas Tree on Thursday, 8th December, and Prize Giving on Friday, 9th December.

C.E.M.S.

St. John's C.E.M.S. held their tenth Anniversary meeting in the Kindergarten Hall at 5 p.m. on September 4th, in fellowship with members of other local branches and St. Mark's branch (Deloraine)

Bro. A. Castley, our first chairman, presided and warmly welcomed Bishop D. B. Blackwood, our speaker, and other visitors.

The Bishop gave reminiscences of the early days of C.E.M.S. before proceeding to his subject, "Manliness," which gave much food for thought.

Bro. Castley spoke in appreciation of the Bishop's address, being supported by our rector. The meeting concluded with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," after which those present adjourned for tea.

An admission service was held during Evensong. Bros. F. Stevens and J. Roberts being admitted. Members of the C.E.M.S. shared in taking the evening service, at which Bishop Blackwood preached the sermon.

Following Evensong an after-church social period was held in the Kindergarten Hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss J. Beck, 0/-; Mrs. Leach, 2/-; Church boxes, 10/-.

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

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

Mothers' Union will meet on Thursday, 22nd September, at 2.45 p.m., when the speaker will be Mrs. A. V. Maddick.

G.F.S. members are working for their annual Fair, to be held on Saturday, 22nd October, in the Kindergarten Hall. Keep this date free. St. John's Women's Guild will hold their next meeting on Thursday, 13th October. Ladies who wish to become members will be warmly welcomed. Phone 2299 | W. Targett, Hon. Sec.

M.S.L.: The next meeting of the Launceston Missionary Service League will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 20th September, 1955, at the C.M.S. Rooms, 92 St. John St. It will be preceded by a gathering for extemporary prayer at 7.30 p.m.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School will meet on Friday, 7th October, at 8 p.m., to plan for activities in November. All parents welcome.

The C.M.S. Convention, previously known as the "Summer School," will be held in Launceston next month. There will be meetings on Friday, 14th October, special services on Sunday, 16th October, other meetings on Monday and Tuesday, and the Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday evening in St. John's.

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. Please keep the date free.

World Council of Churches will hold their next meeting on Friday, 23rd September, at 7.45 p.m., in the Paterson St. Methodist Church school-room. After a short business session an address will be given by Principal Williams, M.A., of the Australian Churches of Christ Training College. Principal Wright, who attended Evanston, is a keen supporter of the Inter-Church Aid movement.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Diane Devonport Hoggins, Peter Charles Chugg, Anthony Ronald Simmonds, Christine June Armitage, George Tasman Shadwick, Suzanne Gaye Smith, Michael Kennedy Cooke, Wayne Peter West, Lynne Helen Randall, Robin Carter, Christopher Hudson Carter, Jane Elizabeth Atherton.

MARRIAGES.

Noel George Wheeler and Shirley Anne McCullam, Werner Max Arendt and Deirdre Marjorie Stewart, David Thomas Barnes and Shirley Catherine Purcell, Geoffrey Evans Brown and Lila Victoria Brown, Robert Geoffrey North and Vera Marie Brodie.

AT REST.

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