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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.  
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: Mr. T. E. Burns 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,

May I ask you to pray for God's blessing on the Mission to take place under the leadership of the Rev. Alan Walker in Launceston from 20th to 27th March. Let us resolve not only to go ourselves but also to bring one other person with us. Few would deny the great need for the community to recognise in a very real way the Christian standards of living. I believe that Mr. Walker has a message for each of us in these unsettled days especially if we have been out of touch with the Church.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Slim expressed appreciation of St. John's Church and our service when they worshipped with us on Sunday, 13th February. The Sunday following we were glad to welcome the Girl

Guides in the morning for their "Thinking Day" service, and the Rotarians at night. These occasions help to remind us that the influence of our Church is much wider than our parish.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### BROADCAST HYMN SINGING

We have been approached by the A.B.C. to arrange for a broadcast session of Community Hymn Singing to be given over National Radio Stations at 6.30 p.m. on Easter Day, 10th April. Owing to the Mission to Launceston being held by Rev. Alan Walker on Sundays, 20th and 27th inst., it will be necessary for us to make the recording for the broadcast on Sunday, 13th March, at 8.30 p.m. We hope that members of choirs and congregations from other parishes will come that evening after their own services and join with us in making the broadcast worthy of the Anglican Church in Launceston. Members of St. John's are specially asked to remain after service on Sunday, 6th, to practice the hymns which will be old favourites to well known tunes. It is proposed to relay the broadcast over the loud speaker system in St. John's Church on the evening of Easter Day, from 6.30 p.m. till 7 p.m.

#### DIOCESAN WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, 14th March, 7.45 p.m., G.F.S. Council.

Tuesday, 15th March: Quiet morning conducted by Archdeacon Sutton at St. John's Church.

9.45 a.m.: Holy Communion  
11.30 a.m.: Intercessions with address.  
12.30 p.m.: Lunch.  
1.30 p.m.: C.E.C.W. meeting.  
8 p.m.: Leader Training Lectures (open meeting).

Wednesday, 16th March:  
9.45 a.m.: M.U. meeting.  
11.30 a.m.: Young members Dept. of M.U.

1 p.m.: Lunch.  
2 p.m.: Women's Guilds.

#### N.S.W. FLOODS

"All have been deeply stirred at the suffering and loss caused by the disastrous floods in N.S.W. There is no need to ask you to pray that God would comfort and relieve the afflicted. But I am sure our congregations will also want to send financial assistance to those many thousands in deep need and distress.

"What ever your people may give can be sent through any state or local government fund that may be opened, or direct to the Diocesan Office, Church House, Macquarie St., Hobart."

W. R. BARRETT,

Archdeacon, Administrator.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

Some months ago parcels were sent by St. John's branch of the M.M.A. to the Northern Territory C.M.S. Missions, and also to Sister Ruth Jackson at a C.M.S. hospital in Tanganyika. Letters of thanks have been received by Mrs.

M. Carlstrom, our secretary. The following extract speaks for itself: "It was really a lovely surprise a couple of weeks ago to receive a parcel from the kind ladies of St. John's M.M.A. and a real joy to open it. . . . The next day I took some of the things over to the hospital and to see the joy on the African nurse's face would really compensate you for any sacrifice you might have given. . . . There was a woman in the ward who had just had twins the day before, so I gave her two of the very pretty bright wool shirts. She was thrilled to bits and said: Tell the people who sent these pretty things "Asante muno"—thank you very much.

Our present needs include small sheets for bassinets, mosquito nets, and nappies. How we appreciate what you are doing for us; without such help we couldn't carry on." The M.M.A. meets on the first Wednesday in every month in the Kindergarten at 2.45 p.m. New members will be warmly welcomed. Donations in kind or money for parcels gratefully received.

#### MOTHERS' UNION QUIET DAY

The annual Quiet Day for Mothers' Union members will be held this year on Thursday, 24th March, at St. John's, at 2.30 p.m., with Intercessions and Address. For St. John's branch there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Chapel at 11 a.m., followed by a basket lunch in the Kindergarten each member bringing enough for herself. Tea will be provided. After lunch all will join members from other branches in the church service.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

What is your objective for your children? The best, of course! How important therefore is regular and punctual attendance at Sunday School in early years, combined with regular family worship and Christian home life.

This year it is planned to hold children's services on the second Sunday in each month at 9.45 a.m., to be conducted by the Rev. A. V. Maddick and his group of "Junior Churchmen." All parents welcome.

Sunday School is in full swing, and it is always a joy to see new scholars, as well as the faces of teachers and scholars regularly present.

The work and influence of Mr. T. E. Burns, Superintendent for several years past, has been greatly appreciated. We are very sorry that owing to pressure of circumstances he has been unable to continue.

Though Miss Brownrigg is unable to continue teaching this year, we are very happy that she is to be with us part-time as Secretary. The Lenten Missionary Boxes have been given to all

scholars, and we hope parents will encourage the children to use them so that when they are handed in on Palm Sunday there may be a generous donation for Missionary work.

E. KINGSMILL.

#### C.E. BOYS' SOCIETY

There was a good attendance of members at our opening meeting on Monday, 28th February. We meet every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the room underneath the Rector's vestry, which will be used in future as our general club room. All Church of England boys, between the ages of 8 and 13, who would like to become members should contact the Rector of the Leader, Gayne Watson.

#### ST. JOHN'S YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Club meets every Saturday at 7 p.m. We hold a Communion breakfast on the second Sunday in the month, after the 8 a.m. service, and a Fellowship Tea on the third Sunday at 5 p.m. Take advantage of these opportunities to meet other young people and enjoy their fellowship in prayer and recreation.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations—Mrs Crawford, 2/-; Church Boxes, £1.

MISSIONARY BOXES should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

—As a result of last year's Christmas Appeal for inter-church welfare work among refugees in Europe and the Middle East, £1000 has been sent from Tasmania to the Head Office in Melbourne. This work is sponsored by the World Council of Churches.

ADULT CONFIRMATION—The Bishop has arranged for a Confirmation service to adults, to be held in Launceston about Thursday, 2nd June. All adults who wish to be confirmed are asked to let the rector know as soon as possible.

C.M.S. "SUMMER SCHOOL" — The annual C.M.S. Missionary Rally, known in the past as the "Summer School," will take the form of a Missionary Convention, to be held in Launceston from Sunday, 16th October, to Thursday, 20th October.

C.E.M.S.—The Rev. K. B. Leaver will be the speaker at our meeting on Sunday, 6th March, at 4.45 p.m. All men will be welcomed.

G.F.S. opened the year on Tuesday, 1st March, with prayers and short business talk. We will attend the united Intercession Service at St. George's in Holy Week. G.F.S. annual meeting will be held in the Kindergarten on 3rd May after a short service in the chapel.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meeting in the Rector's vestry every Thursday evening at 8 p.m., is continuing the study of the Gospel according to St. John. All welcome.

DURING LENT Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m., and also as usual at 10.15 a.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD PROPOSAL was considered by those who attended the meeting on 24th February. It was felt that another meeting should be arranged for Tuesday, 8th March, at 8 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall, when all interested are urged to attend. It will be decided then if another organisation which meets in the evening would be supported by women who, for family, business, or other reasons, cannot attend in the afternoons.

REV. ALAN WALKER, who is to lead the Mission in Launceston from March 20th to 27th, will preach at St. John's on Sunday morning, 20th March, at the 11 o'clock service. He will also speak at a Youth Rally in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 26th March, which will commence with a tea at 6 p.m., and be followed by a great Youth Meeting in the Parish Hall. All young people are urged to come. There will be after-church meetings in the Albert Hall on Sunday evenings and week-day gatherings as announced on leaflets.

#### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

will not meet this month owing to the Diocesan Women's Meetings and the Mission to Launceston gatherings arranged for the third and fourth week in March. The next meeting of M.S.L. will be on Tuesday, 19th April, at 7.30 p.m. in the C.M.S. House, 92 St. John St.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES for this parish are to be elected this month. Nominations should be in writing and reach the Rector not later than 20th March.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Kerry Jon Adams, Julie Anne Cabalzar, Cherise Anne Reinmuth, Louise Frances Reynolds, Denise Anne Woodfield, Edward Francis Kretowicz, Guy Thomas Scott, Christine Janice Elizabeth Dunn, Jennifer Anne Lewis, Michael Alan Green, Robyn McCaskill, Kerry John Dabner, Helen Jean Chandler, Gregory John Alexander.

#### MARRIAGES

Alex Ross McKinnell and Margaret Daphne Johnson, Henry Archibald Mott and Shirley Stephens, William Rimmer McMahon, and Betty May Radford, Peter Clive Hamlet Taylor and Dinah Vivyan Pitcairn Smith, Eric O'Toole and Margaret Grace Campbell, Arthur Edward Upton and Juanita Anne Phillips, Ronald Kenneth Evans and Patricia Margaret Wells, Maxwell Ernest Wenn and Jessie Edith Challis, Ivan Robert Edward Weedon and Beverley Athletia Stewart Henry Morrison Green and Kathleen Styles, Robert Whitton Eastoe and Shirley Mayall Scarborough, William Edwin Franklin and Phyllis Jean Wright, Neil Desmond Grainger and Betty Margaret Rusden.

#### AT REST

Ellen Alice Jones, Mary Bradley, Alfred Kelty, Austin Ormsby Clay, Albert Alfred Richardson. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.