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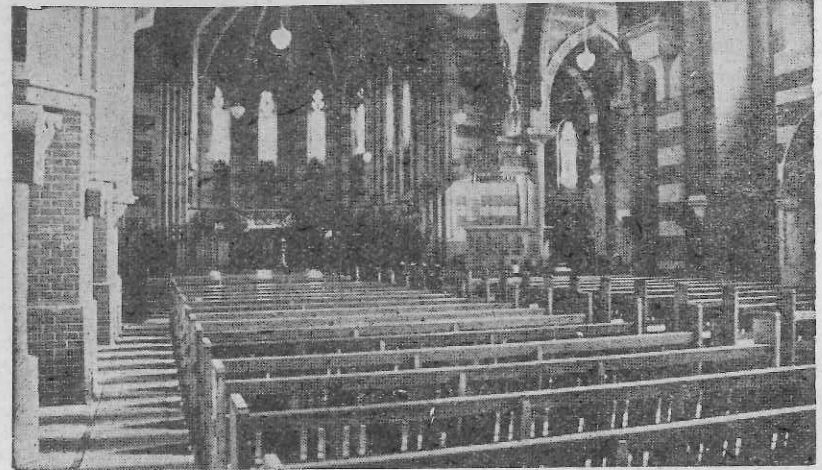
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"Caterham Lodge," Gravelly Beach. Phone Tatana 230.



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 beforehand).—Sundays at 3 p.m.

Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

LAY OFFICERS

Churchwardens: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart, 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 K. A. Findlay.

Hon. Lay Reader: Mr. A. G. Hart.

Sunday School Superintendents: Miss E. Kingsmill and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle
Deputy Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. H. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends.

The Easter season speaks to us not only of our Lord's resurrection nearly two thousand years ago, but also of His abiding Presence in the life of His Church down through the ages. It has been truly said that if the living Christ had not been in His Church it would never have survived the vicissitudes which history records. The Church is the Body of Christ in the world today. But we must never forget that the Church is made up of individual Christians like ourselves. Christ lives in His Church only to the extent that we allow Him to live in our hearts and use our lives for the extension of His Kingdom. Too seldom do we pause in the rush and bustle of life and be conscious of His Presence.

Let us remember that He lived the same kind of life as we do with its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, its successes and failures. He understands our problems and our needs for He has faced them too. As we go on from day to day let us remember that He wants us to sense Him near us. Then will our lives be radiant and unselfish and we shall find our true free-

dom in His Service.

At the last meeting of our Vestry it was decided to invite parishioners to contribute towards a memorial in the church for the late Harold Blake Brownrigg. He was so widely known and beloved that it is unnecessary for me to repeat what was written concerning him in this paper two months ago. In view of Mr. Brownrigg's great love of Church music and of our beautiful organ in particular, we feel that it would be very fitting if an additional stop could be added to the organ in his memory. The Churchwardens will gratefully receive donations.

Letters from Mr. Lindsay O'Neill report his safe arrival in England after a very enjoyable trip. He has visited many churches and cathedrals already and planned to make his Easter Communion in York Minster. He sends his greetings to all.

Bishop and Mrs. Barrett were greatly encouraged by the warmth of the welcome extended to them in our Parish Hall following the church service attended by so large and representative a congregation. Not only were most parishes in the north represented but the principals, boards, teachers and many scholars from Broadland House School and Launceston Church Grammar School were also present. St. Luke's Hospital was represented by board members, Matron and nurses. The Bishop and Mrs. Barrett are now in their new home at 4 Stewart Street, Phone B 3418.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, 26th April, 1956, at 2.45 p.m., beginning with a short service in the Chapel and later in the Kindergarten Hall, when the Speaker will be Mrs. M. Parker.

On Wednesday, 30th May, 1956, the annual Musical Market will be held in the Sunday School Hall at 3 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be holding their next meeting in the Rectory on Thursday, 3rd May, 1956.

"Sewing afternoons" will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. R. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd., every Monday afternoon and not only on the first Monday of every month as previously stated.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD

To help provide equipment for our new kitchen St. John's Women's Guild has arranged a "Musicale" and Variety Evening to be held in St. John's Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th April. An interesting and entertaining programme will ensure a happy time for all. Home-made supper will be served. Donation 4/-. All parishioners and friends are invited.

YOUTH GROUP

Have you been attending the Youth functions lately? If not you should.

Come along and join in our games and fun and share with us the fellowship of worship. On the second Sunday each month we have a breakfast in the Kindergarten Hall after the 8 a.m. Communion service. The following Sunday (third in the month) we conduct a Fellowship Tea at 5 p.m., when we have a guest speaker or some special feature. Every Saturday evening, starting at 7.15 p.m. we have our fun and games. We would like to see you all coming along more regularly. If you haven't been to our functions before come along at the right time and the right place and Ray Watson or Mr. Denham or someone else will introduce you to the rest of St. John's Youth Group. Our programme is as follows: Saturday, 14th April, at 7.15 p.m. Dancing till 9.30 p.m., when we shall have a short church service. Sunday, 15th, at 5 p.m. Fellowship Tea with Mr. Wills to give us a short talk on "Church Music." Saturday, 21st, is a night when we hope to have something special. Saturday, 28th, is our ANNUAL MEETING which we expect all our members to attend.

C.E.M.S.

At our meeting on 8th April an interesting discussion was held on "Modern Evangelism" touching on methods, problems and results. It was pointed out that while Mission services are generally well attended, those present were often church members rather than those out of touch with the churches. Unfortunately there were not sufficient

priests to staff parishes effectively. Lay evangelism was needed today, as it has always been, if the Christian Gospel is to reach the man in the street. It is planned to continue the discussion at a later meeting. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 6th May, at 4.45 p.m., when Mr. C. Calver will give an address on the recent Dental Conference in Sydney. Plans are being made to have a working bee in the Church grounds.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

On Saturday afternoon, 7th April last, a meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association was held in the Kindergarten Hall. Miss M. Poole gave a helpful talk on Sunday School Worship. The next meeting of the Association will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26th June, in the C.M.S. Meeting Room.

DIOCESAN "CHURCH NEWS"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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Missionary Boxes.—As a result of the opening of missionary boxes last month £46/16/7 was received for the Church Missionary Society.

Broadcast Service.—On Sunday, 6th May, at 11 a.m. the service from St. John's Church will be broadcast by the A.B.C. in Tasmania.

Bankers' Service.—Arranged by Bankers' Institute of Australia there will be a service for bank officers, their friends and families to be held at St. John's Church at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th April, at 5 p.m. Similar services will be held throughout Australia in capital cities and other centres at the same time.

Adult Confirmation.—The Bishop has arranged for a Confirmation service for 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.

Badminton Club.—At the annual meeting held last month arrangements were made to commence play for the season. We meet in the Parish Hall every Wednesday night and parishioners interested in the game are invited to join. Miss Dare Shott, 60 George Street (B 4649), is the Secretary and will be glad to give information.

HOLY BAPTISM

Christine Louise Munro, Christopher John Roberts, Vicki Ann Dawson, Joanna Day Phillips, Karen Annette Scott, Jeffrey Leigh Wadley, Karen Ainsley Munro, Judith Amie Heazlewood, Robert Craig Derbyshire, Gregory Douglas Innis, Lorraine June Fessey, Michael William Ross, Tony Sydney Burgess, Peter Grueber, Fiona Linda Connolly, Sarah Catherine Dent, Julie Anne Kerkham, Denise Elizabeth Pickrell, Judith Dawn Burnie, Glenn Anthony Gower, Michael Wallace Grant, Lynn Thomas Richard, John Frederick Russell, Anne Patricia Rutland.

MARRIAGES

Donald Leslie Squires and Elaine Margaret Fitzmaurice. William Leonard Crow and Cynthia Anne Marriott. Graham Allen Peck and Doris May Walker. Lindsay Allan Gall and Shirley Margaret Jack. David Owen Tudor and Wendy Jenkins. Douglas Henry Lockhart and Lorna Clara Bransden. Robert Lindsay Blazely and Pamela Dawn Stanwix. Gordon James Mitchell and Norma Iris Moore. Kevin George Harding and Evelyn Ridley. Donald Raymond Pyke and Dorothy Jean Black.

AT REST

Craig Francis Ogilvie, James Coveney McMurrin, Norman Blake Brownrigg, Elizabeth Jack.

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