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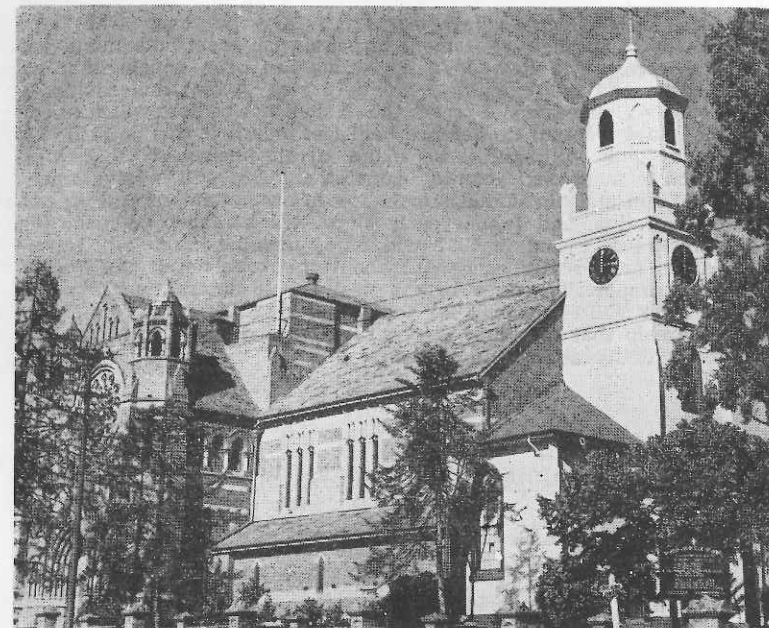
AUGUST, 1956

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157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B3186.

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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. Easter and R. H. Watson.

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,

A full report of the Annual Parish Meeting is given over the page. I think the attendance was encouraging and a happy and friendly spirit prevailed. We do not always remember the amount of work and the responsibility of business administration undertaken by the Church officers on our behalf. The "Every Member Canvass" entailed a tremendous amount of time and effort shared by a not very large number. On my own behalf and on yours I would again thank them for what they have done and what some are continuing to do.

As has been announced, Mrs. Sutton and I have been asked by the Vestry to take a holiday on the mainland this month. It is some years since we had a complete rest free, from meetings and services, and we greatly appreciate the Vestry's action in making it possible for us to go away. We plan to spend at least two weeks in Queensland and another week in Sydney. We shall return at the end of the month. While I am away, Rev. A. V. Maddick will be responsible for the services on two Sundays and Bishop Barrett has kindly offered to officiate on Sunday, August 26. I am most grateful for their kind help. Messages left at the Rectory will be attended to.

Last month I presided at the farewell to Canon and Mrs. F. H. Lansdell, who have been at St. George's, Invermay for twenty-one years. They are going to live at Bridport in their retirement and we wish them both many years of health and leisure. The Rev. John E. Atkins has been appointed to succeed Canon Lansdell, and we extend to him and Mrs. Atkins and family a very warm welcome to Launceston. I regret that I shall not be here when he comes.

At the Rural Decanal Conference held last month it was decided to advise the Bishop of our willingness to make arrangements so that he could summon Synod to meet next year in Launceston. This will involve much work for the parishes in and near Launceston. It will necessitate careful organisation and full co-operation, and I hope early steps will be taken to make plans so that all members of Synod in 1957 will enjoy meeting here.

All of us are greatly concerned about the problem of the Suez Canal. Events of less importance have in the past led to international tension and crisis. May I ask you all to pray for those who have the great responsibility of national leadership that they may always seek for and be guided by God's Holy Spirit in their deliberations and action.

With all Good Wishes,  
Yours Sincerely,  
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

### ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting took place on Tuesday night, July 31, and great interest was shown in the affairs of the Church by a large, in fact, possibly a record, gathering of parishioners. The Rector and Church Wardens, in presenting their Annual Report, spoke of the encouraging happenings during the year, which showed that St. John's was very much alive. Church attendance has been well maintained, well over 300 services have been held in the Church, and the number of communicants during the year rose to over 3000.

Reports were presented from the Sunday School, Youth Group, Mothers' Union, Men's Society, and all the other Church organisations. These showed a most active membership and keen interest in all these groups.

The Treasurer, Mr. Frank Ikin, presented a very clear and improved form of Financial Statement, which showed that, while income had considerably increased during the year to June 30—largely due to the Weekly Freewill Offering scheme—it was still below annual expenditure. This underlined the need for the measures recently taken to put the Church on a better financial basis.

The most noteworthy event during the year was the Every Member Canvass successfully carried out by the lay people of the Church during the last few weeks, when nearly 550

families associated in some way with St. John's were visited. One result of the canvass has been that over 370 families have pledged themselves to give a total of £20,000 over the next three years, thus increasing the annual income from collections by 3½ times compared with last year. The Canvass Committee Chairman gave a complete account, both of the reasons for the canvass and how it had progressed, and also mentioned the steps already taken towards securing an additional clergyman, paying off debts, and carrying out repairs, all of which were amongst the reasons for which funds had to be raised.

Representatives were appointed to the World Council of Churches, Broadland House School, and other local bodies, and the officers for the coming year were then elected. They are:

Rector's Warden: Mr. R. W. J. Hart.  
People's Wardens: Messrs. F. J. Jones and F. H. Cookman.

Vestrymen: Messrs. M. Cox, L. Denham, F. R. Dowse, M. M. Easter, F. Ikin, R. H. Watson.

The holding of an Annual Church Dinner was one of the many constructive suggestions which were made for guidance of the incoming Vestry.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF C.E.M.S.

The Annual Meeting and Conference of the Church of England Men's Society will be held this year at St. John's, Launceston, on Saturday, August 25, commencing at 2.30 p.m. It

will close with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. on Sunday. After the Annual Reports have been presented and officers elected, the conference will open with an address by the Rt. Rev. W. R. Barrett, Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, on the subject: "The Laity—The Christian in His Vocation." It will be based on the Evanston Report of the World Council of Churches.

The address will be followed by discussions. All C.E.M.S. members urged to attend. The Bishop of Tasmania will preside.

### "PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS

Mrs. W. Crawford, 4/-; Mrs. A. S. Kent, 2/-; Church boxes, £1.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, August 23, at 2.45 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Rev. R. C. Brown, who will also be the guest speaker.

### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will hold an American Tea in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, September 15. Please remember this date.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There has been a good attendance of scholars last month. We would like to thank children and parents for sending in so many gifts for the Christmas parcels forwarded to the C.M.S. Mission stations in the Northern Territory. The boxes were despatched early in August. We are needing another teacher to replace Miss Saunders, who has been unable to continue. Six scholars and three parents had a happy evening together in one of their homes. We are glad to have the storeroom under the new kitchen to keep our equipment in. The following dates have been arranged:

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL: Sunday November 18.

PICNIC: At Gravelly Beach, Saturday, November 24.

PRIZE-GIVING: Monday, December 10.

KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS TREE: Wednesday, December 12.

Note them in your diaries now.

### "GLEN VIEW HOME" APPEAL

We are very grateful to all who sold buttons and helped on the stalls and in other ways gave their support to this appeal. Thanks to all who gave donations in money and kind. So far some £243 has been received, but additional amounts are expected. This splendid result is most encouraging and will help the "Glen View" Home committee in planning extensions.

### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The last meeting of the M.S.L. was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Verrall, St. John St., on Tuesday, July 17. Miss E. Kingsmill gave a talk on "Service," relating it with prayer for missions and the necessity to use the whole armour of God, as St. Paul commanded us in his letter to the Ephesians, Chapter VI. We received £2/2/9 for the month's sales at C.M.S. shop. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Brownrigg, 25 Oxford St., on Tuesday, August 21, at 7.45 p.m. All interested in missions warmly welcome.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD

Will commence in Hobart on Monday, September 10, at 7.30 p.m. St. John's will be represented by Mr. F. R. Dowse and Mr. W. H. Verrall.  
A.B.M.

The Women's Auxiliaries of the Australian Board of Missions will hold their annual Christmas Gift afternoon in Holy Trinity Hall on Tuesday, August 14, at 2.30 p.m. The Rev. M. Ayres will be the speaker. There will be a collection for missionaries and afternoon tea will be served.

Youth Group: All young people are invited to our "Young People's Tea" on Sunday, August 19. This month we are arranging to show some interesting films.

On Tuesday, August 21, all those interested in C. of E. Fellowship are invited to the C.E.F. meeting at Deloraine. They have promised us a good time so let us have a good roll-up. We will leave the Kindergarten Hall at 7 p.m.

Also, don't forget our meetings on Saturday evenings at 7.15.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Elizabeth Anne Hudson, Darrell Leslie Wise, Michael John Lyons, Ronald Bessell, Leonard Anthony Grubb, Jennifer Lynette Cowan.

### MARRIAGES

Maxwell Denman and Betty May Deegan, Roy Henry Alfred Saunders and Nancy Dawn Boyd, Malcolm Arnold Geeves and Madeline Jenifer McNeair, Ross Edgar Coleman and Shirley May Maumill, Rex Eckford Smith and Shirley Joan Artis.

### AT REST

Maud Beatrice Shott, Wayne Victor McHenry, Edith Annie Hynaman Unsworth, Florence Helen Broadley, Tony McDonald, Alan James Thomson, Elizabeth Mary Octovia Thorn.

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