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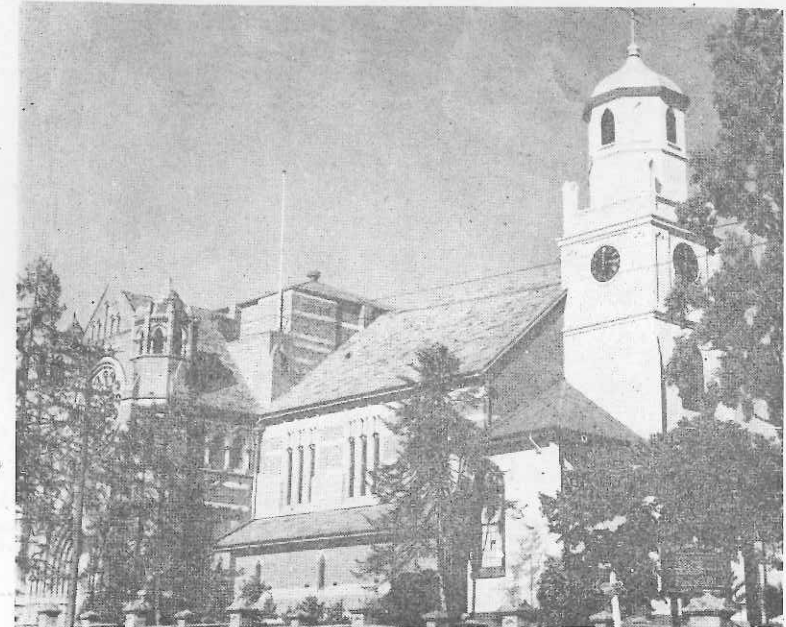
# St. John's Parish Messenger

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 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 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,

The troubled international situation has been in our minds very often during the past month and I hope that we have all prayed for those who have the great responsibility of national government, and leadership in the U.N.O. It is very difficult for us to have a clear and unbiassed picture of events but it appears to me that there are grounds for hoping that relationships are improving. May we continue to pray that a solution of the many problems may be found.

The success of the Olympic Games in Melbourne shows that it is possible for men and women of many countries to compete together in the spirit of understanding.

ing and goodwill. This is one aspect of the Christmas message but it is too often forgotten that if this "peace and goodwill among men" is to be lasting and real it must be founded on a principle more basic and permanent than a common interest in athletic prowess. As Christians we believe that that principle is the truth that Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Saviour of all mankind. If we leave Him out of Christmas then the season is made a time of shallow sentimentality. But if we put Him first then Christmas has a meaning and purpose: the birth of the One who truly said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

We welcome our Bishop back to his diocese after his visit to China. He is to speak at a Public Meeting in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, December 12, at 8 p.m. when we shall hear of his impressions and experiences. His subject will be "REPORT ON CHINA." I hope all will keep the evening free and attend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Flood have taken up residence in the Verger's cottage and we welcome them to St. John's. The Church and Rectory grounds are looking very neat and well kept.

Before Christmas our daughter Patricia, who has been a Sister at the Launceston General Hospital, is leaving for a two years' visit to England. We shall miss her at the Rectory but feel that she will have a very helpful time away.

The Rectory family joins me in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Masses at 10.30 a.m., which will be a Family Service. There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on December 23, at 7 p.m.

There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.15 p.m. in St. John's Church.

### CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be most welcome. They should reach the church on Monday morning, December 24. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian families to place on the Christmas Dinner Table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work in Refugee shelters, hospitals, and churches.

Contributions are used for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in areas of distress abroad and are distributed without question of race, colour or creed.

Funds contributed provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in emergency situations; long-term health and nutrition programmes, social counselling, resettlement and rehabilitation

of refugees, self-help projects and vocational training and other ministries to the homeless and destitute.

You can take your offering to Christmas Day Church Services, or on a subsequent Sunday, or send your donation direct to the Rector.

### REPORT ON CHINA

At a Public Meeting in Launceston on Wednesday, December 12 in St. John's Hall at 8 p.m. the Bishop of Tasmania (the Rt. Rev. G. F. Cranswick) just returned from China will tell of his experiences as a member of the Delegation from the Church in Australia. Admission free. All invited.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Anniversary services on Sunday, November 18, were enjoyed by all. The hymns sung by the children themselves were specially appreciated. We would like to thank the Rev. J. E. Atkins (St. George's, Invermay), Rev. M. R. Stanton (Beaconsfield), and Miss K. M. Bourne (City Mission) for their helpful and interesting talks. We would like too, to thank Mr. A. H. Wills for training the children in singing and the Parents and Friends for arranging the special seating in the church.

Our Sunday School Picnic was held at Gravelly Beach on Saturday 24th and though the weather was uncertain, there were lots of eats and the hall provided good shelter, and we had lots of fun. All who attended the Sunday School Social arranged by the Parents and Friends on Friday, November 30, enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank all who helped us at the Picnic and Social.

Our prize giving will be held on Monday, December 10, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall and we hope that not only parents, but all friends will endeavour to be present.

Sunday School will resume again on Sunday, February 3, 1957, and we hope

all children will return and bring new scholars with them.

### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The closing meeting for the year was held at St. Aidan's Rectory on Tuesday, November 20. The meeting was preceded by a service of intercessions for missions in St. Aidan's Church taken by Rev. K. Kay, who was the chairman for our closing meeting. Mr. Kay also showed us strip films of C.M.S. stations in Borneo and Malay. Mrs. Bryant reported that £10 had been donated towards C.M.S. work as a result of M.S.L. efforts during the year. Supper was served. Twelve members were present.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss B. Weymouth, 4/-; Church Boxes, 10/-; Mrs. H. Cox, 10/-.

Broadcast Service: On Sunday, December 23, 1956, the 11 o'clock service, Morning Prayer, will be broadcast over national stations.

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

The next issue of the "Parish Messenger" will be in February.

C.E.M.S.: Christmas music replaced the usual talk by a visiting speaker at our December meeting. There will be no meeting in January. The first meeting for 1957 will be on Sunday, February 3, when the speaker will be Mr. T. Calver. All men of our congregation are asked to share in the fellowship of C.E.M.S.

✕ **New Microphone:** An improved microphone given to St. John's by the Launceston Church Grammar School nearly two years ago has just arrived from England. It has been placed on the lectern. A microphone of the same type has been in use on the pulpit for about three years.

✕ **New Stained Glass Window:** A new window to be placed in the south ambulatory in memory of the late Mrs Sarah Stebbeings has arrived from Melbourne. The subject is "St. Luke." Mrs. Stebbeings was a very regular worshipper at St. John's for a great many years and with her family was actively associated with parish organizations.

✕ **History of St. John's Leaflet,** made available for the many visitors to our historic church, has been rewritten and printed with more and new illustrations. The cost will be met by the contributions of tourists and others to the Church Boxes.

**Adult Confirmation Service** will be held at St. John's on Thursday, December 13, at 8 p.m. The Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, Rt. Rev. W. R. Barrett, Th.D., will preside.

**Ordination Service:** There will be an Ordination Service in St. John's on Fri-

day, December 21, St. Thomas' Day, at 10.30 a.m., when the Rev. B. Langford and the Rev. R. Fox will be ordained to the priesthood.

Charles St. School will hold their prize giving in St. John's Hall this year on Tuesday, December 11, at 8 p.m. At 11 o'clock on Wednesday, December 19, the children will come to St. John's Church for a short Christmas Service of hymns and carols.

Victorian C.E.B.S. will visit Launceston on December 28, and January 4 and 5. They will make St. John's Hall their Headquarters.

**Old Folk's Tea:** This annual gathering will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, December 13, at 5 p.m. As usual the Launceston Mission will be responsible for the arrangements under the direction of Sister I. K. M. Bourne. Donations towards expenses will be gratefully received.

**Assistance Needed:** The choirmaster and the Sunday School Superintendent would be pleased to hear of anyone who could give assistance as a teacher or member of the choir in the New Year.

**Youth Group:** Our Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, December 9, and the Fellowship Tea the following Sunday at 5 p.m. On Tuesday, December 18, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall we are to have our Christmas Social. This will be our last gathering for the year. We shall resume meetings again in February, 1957. Our Tennis Club is going very successfully.

### HOLY BAPTISM

John Frederick Williams, Lynette Ruth Targett, Bernard Collins, Graeme John Parker, Randall Martin Abbott, Penelope Anne Pratt, Peter Reginald Jones, Graeme Anthony Hodge, Noel Elaine Johns, Mark Roy George Howlett, Keith Francis Quarrell, David William Quarrell, Sharyn Stacie Penno, Jonathan Hugh Warren, Leigh Antony Curwen, Adrienne Beth Curwen, Peter John Roberts, Suzanne Louise Preece, Dianne Margaret Walters, Ruth George.

### MARRIAGES

David Charles Bowen and Patricia Marie Barker. Graeme Clyde Ford and Lila Felmingham. Harold Noel Apted and Lorna Mary Newman. Charles David Bell and Violet Esma Catlin. Garth Barry Fraser and Betty Evelyn Taylor. Harry James Williams and Janice Helen Evans. Rex Percy Bell-chambers and Elaine Ruby Lister. Roy Henry Mansfield Gadd and Betty Edith Styles. Colin Lindsay Davies and Edna Maud Hawkins. James Moss Ellen and Dorothy June McCafferty.

### AT REST

Doris Irene Madg. Marriott, Florence May Chadwick, Philip Desmond Nunn, Grace Adele Newman. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.