

# St. John's Parish Messenger

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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. Easter 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.

Mr Dear Friends,

The season of Lent which begins this month reminds us of the Forty Days Our Lord was in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. It was a time when He was apart from the distractions of the busy world; a time when He had opportunity to ponder and pray and plan. We are told that when it finished "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit." May we so use the next six weeks by making time to ponder and pray and plan that we, like Him, may be strengthened to face the future "in the power of the Spirit."

Let us be more faithful in our Bible reading and Prayers and Worship during the Lenten season, and so form habits of devotion which will continue for the strengthening of our spiritual life.

Reference is made in another paragraph to the death of Mr. Harold B. Brownrigg whom we shall all greatly miss. Another devoted parishioner who has passed away was Miss Ada Mary Harrap, who was a regular wor-

shipper and generous supporter of our Church and Sunday School. In recent years she has been an invalid, but was always keenly interested in the activities and welfare of St. John's. We express our sympathy to their loved ones and also to the families of the late Mr. Harold R. Cox and the late Mr. A. P. Findlay, and all others bereaved.

Before leaving on extended leave Mr. Lindsay O'Neill our Organist and Choirmaster was presented with a travelling clock by Choir members and a suitcase from the Wardens and Vestry as tokens of appreciation and good wishes. We shall follow his doings with interest. Mr. A. H. Wills has already made many friends as he carries on as Mr. O'Neill's deputy. He would be very glad to welcome new choir members.

I am glad to announce that Mr. R. W. J. Hart has accepted nomination as my Churchwarden in Mr. Brownrigg's place and that Mr. K. A. Findlay has accepted the nomination of the Vestry to be one of their number.

Great satisfaction has been expressed at the arrangement of our new kitchen in the Parish Hall. It has modern appointments and will be a great convenience to all providing refreshments for parish functions. We are most grateful to Mr. M. L. Cox and others for the interest they have taken in planning it. We hope to have a "Social Hour" after service on Sunday evening 19th February, to mark its completion.

Our Sunday School and Junior Church has resumed after the January vacation. We ask parents to encourage the children to be regular and punctual in attendance.

With all good wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

#### HAROLD BLAKE BROWNRIGG

Loyal and devoted Churchman, Rector's Warden for many years, Harold Blake Brownrigg passed to his rest after a long illness at the age of 81 on Thursday, 26th January. He was the youngest son of the late Canon Marcus B. Brownrigg, who was Rector of St. John's for almost twenty years. As a boy he lived at the present Rectory when it was first built and then began an association which continued all his life.

He was a member of the Choir for more than forty years and a great lover of Church music. He was largely responsible for the additions to St. John's organ over the past 18 years. This work included building the console and the new western and southern fronts of additional speaking pipes. Mr. Brownrigg was long associated with the Sunday School as teacher and Superintendent. He was also an active member of the Church Missionary Society and for many years a member of the board of Broadland House School.

During his years of retirement from the Postal Department he spent much of his time at the Church and delighted to show hundreds of visitors over the historic building. For many years he read the lessons at the Sunday Services and as Churchwarden was of greatest assistance to Rectors in many ways.

In his younger days he was a good tennis player and a keen amateur photographer many of his photographs of St. John's preserve early views of the church. He was the first to show moving pictures in Launce-

ton: the screenings took place in St. John's Parish Hall.

At the Funeral Service which was choral the Rector spoke of our thankfulness to God for the long life of service and friendship which has been a blessing to so many.

#### JUNIOR CHURCH

On Sunday, 5th February the Junior Churchmen had their first meeting for 1956. It was decided to continue the morning services in the Chapel twice a month—once Morning Prayer and once a celebration of Holy Communion.

On Sunday, February 26th. Mr. Lawrence Denham will give a devotional commentary during the service.

There will be a Workshop and Question Time period on one Sunday and on the other Sunday we shall conduct the Junior Church service with the Sunday School. Members taking part on February 12th will be: Service—Barry Easter; Lesson—Elaine Merrington; Prayers—Roger Duncan and Joy Poole. Music—Lorraine Wells.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The first Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, 12th February, and the Fellowship Tea on Sunday, February, 19th at 5 p.m. to which all our Young people are invited. The Chaplain of the Grammar School, The Revd. E. C. Rowland, will give the address.

Members of the Fellowship are invited to come with the Youth of Launceston to the great meeting at the National Theatre on Sunday 19th February at 2.30 p.m. when the distinguished Czech leader, Dr. Josef

Hromadka, and the Dean of Yale Divinity School, U.S.A., Dean Liston Pope, will speak. The Dean will preach at St. John's at the morning service at 11 a.m.

#### "The Telescope"

Copies of this monthly Children's publication are available from Colleen Lawes of the Junior Churchmen. Place your order now. 3d. a copy.

#### -LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday. — 15th February, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. There will be Evening Prayer at 7.30 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Members of the Bible Study Group are specially asked to attend as the book to be read and the evening of meeting will be considered.

On Sunday February 26th the Revd. A. V. Maddick will commence a series of studies at the morning service on "Eternal Questions and their Answers." At the Evening services the Rector will take as his subject: "Letters to Young Churches."

#### WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday 17th February. In Launceston the services will be in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Paterson St. Short intercessions will be taken at 11 a.m. 12 noon and 1 p.m. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. There will be a Youth Service at 7.45 p.m. This year the theme is "One Flock, one Shepherd." All Welcome.

#### CHILDREN'S FILMS

Many parents are unaware that there is an organisation which exists to stimulate and maintain public interest in the provision of suitable films for children and to arrange for the screening of such films. It is the Tasmanian Council for Children's Films. This body recommends to the public a series of eight programmes of children's entertainment films to be screened at the Star Theatre in Saturday morning programmes commencing Feb. 11th for 8 weeks. They have been shown successfully to hundreds of thousands of British children in the 7 to 13 age group and are notable for the fact that they feature plenty of wholesome zest for living without emphasis on violence. a spirit of adventure without frightening scenes. They appeal to the highest ideals of children and not their lowest instincts as do many

commercial films which children are allowed to see at present. These 8 programmes are an experiment in Launceston, and any repetition will depend on public support. In Australia, W.A. and Queensland are the only states so far to show them, and in W.A. "family theatre going" became popular while they were on. It is the aim of the Children's Film Council to sponsor a different type of film programme and we hope Launceston can show commercial exhibitors we appreciate the effort they are making on our behalf."

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger Donations."— Church boxes, £2; Mrs. L. Lakin, 6/-; Mrs. Crawford, 2/-; Mrs. J. S. Dineen, 10/-.

Missionary Boxes opened in December contained £30/5/9 for the Church Missionary Society.

Mother's Union.—St. John's branch of the Mother's Union will hold their first meeting for the year on Thursday, 23rd February at 2.45 p.m. beginning with Chapel Service. All members and visitors are asked to note that we are starting to meet a month earlier than usual.

Churchwomen's March Meetings, 1956, have been arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th and 14th March next. They will be held at St. John's, Devonport.

Visit of W.C.C. Leaders. On Sunday, 19th February two Church leaders of international fame will be in Launceston: Doctor Josef Hromadka (Czechoslovakia), and Dean Liston Pope (U.S.A.) They will speak at a United meeting in the afternoon, at 2.30 p.m. at the National Theatre. Dean Pope will preach at St. John's at 11 a.m.

C.E.M.S. will meet on Sunday, 4th March at 4.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. All men will be welcomed.

#### DISTINGUISHED CHURCH

#### MUSICIAN

Mr. Gerald Knight, M.A., Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., Director of the Royal School of Church Music, London, will visit Launceston on Tuesday 14th February. To enable organists and choir-masters, clergy and choir members, and all others interested to meet him. There will be a Basket Tea in St. John's Kindergarten Hall at 6 p.m., after which Mr. Knight will speak. All interested in Church Music are invited to attend.

## HOLY BAPTISM.

Rosemary Alice Joy Catlin, Philip  
Reginald Rice, Ronald David Tittley,  
Margaret Dawn Bassett, Carleen  
Anne Digney, Sally Digney, Debra  
Cathryn Robinson, Mark Cameron  
Opherty, Vicki Marie Pegg, Christine  
Meryl Carter, Gregory Shane Stew-  
art, Jennifer Kay Divall, Phillip  
Mark Dodd, Gary James Fisher,  
Steven Mark Abbott, Sallie Ann  
Abbott, Allan John Pennington, Ian  
Maxwell Gourlay, Anna Louise  
Dallas-Harros, Shirley Anne McKay,  
Susan Mary Jeffries, Bronwyn May  
Stone, Janette Ellen Neilson, Judith  
Cyllis Scurrah, Brian William  
McMahon.

## MARRIAGES

by Charles Bassett and Dorothy  
May Macrow. Albert Thomas Jen-  
nings and Marie Ellen Nash. John  
Thomas Barnes and Vera Janet  
Smith. Neil Alexander Stagg and  
Everley Yates. John James Coom-  
es and Elizabeth Anne Tyne. Clar-  
ance Edward Brown and Shirley  
Jane Ratcliffe. Donald Leslie Ham-  
bridge and Margaret Elizabeth Sing.  
Thomas Cooper Crawford and Sandra  
Dorothy Bedford. James William  
Anders and Doreen Nielsen. Guen-  
ter Scherer and Irmgard Meier,  
Neil John Frankcombe and Leila  
May Cusick. Noel John Shea and  
Patinka Huston. Ian Charles Whel-  
an and Gwendoline Marjory Mason.  
Christopher Percy Eyles and Ruth  
Doraine Munday. John Ferguson  
Gray and Elizabeth Ann Woolley.  
Allan Royce Gilbert and Margaret  
Jan Brakey. Valance Adrian Chellis  
and Margaret Ann Kerr. David  
Wilson Humphreys and Margaret  
Ann Bennett. Siegfried Keusch and  
Everley June Gee. George Athol  
Coke and Margaret Mary Eade.  
Lyde Edward Fraser and Margaret  
Elizabeth Mullins. Leigh Howard  
Dams and Gwenda Dargavel. Wil-  
liam Morris Bowen and Marjorie  
Louisa Bowen.

## AT REST

Allan Craig Sutor, Richard John  
Powden Batten, Jessie Ruth Amelia  
Harley, Rosina May Rose, Algernon  
Percy Findlay, Elizabeth Ada Morris,  
Euscilla Alberta Fitzallen, Robert  
Hettle, Dinah Saltmarsh, Elizabeth  
Mary Watts, Harold Blake Brown-  
rigg, Ivy May Fitzpatrick, Harold  
Robert Cox, Susan Alice Bassett,  
Ada Mary Harrap, Mary Ann Petrie.

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



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