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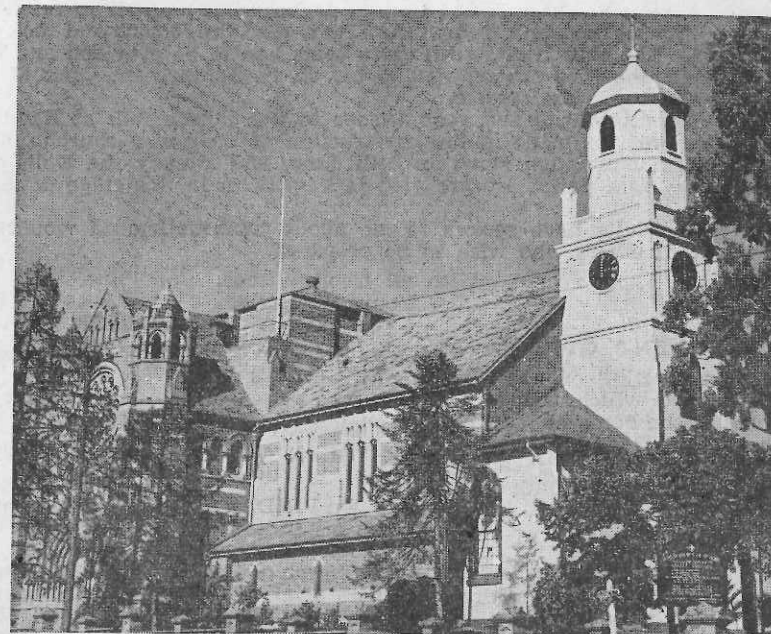
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

My Dear Friends,

At the end of this month on July 31st at 8 p.m., we are to have the Annual Church Meeting of the parish when the Churchwardens' report will be presented and Church Officers elected for the next twelve months. This year I feel it is specially important that a large number of parishioners should be present and show their real interest in the business of their church. Last month we had the beginning of our "Every member canvass" about which there is a statement in another paragraph. I would only say here, on my

own and on your behalf, how grateful we are to all who worked so hard in organising and conducting the canvass. I am particularly glad to feel that in their visits our men found the spirit of co-operation and goodwill. This is most encouraging. As our Churchwardens and Vestry face the responsibility of using the additional financial resources which will come to them as one result of the Canvass I hope you will show them by coming to this meeting that they can count on your continued interest and support.

On the last Sunday in June we had a very inspiring Church School Service when the Bishop of Tasmania gave us a challenging message on our Faith in A MAN, in A PLAN and in A CLAN. Christ our Saviour, God's Will for us, and our membership of His Church are all vital realities in religious experience. School members formed the Choir, read the lessons and took up the offertory. The church was full; extra seats had to be provided and the gallery was in use. We are grateful to Mr. B. H. Travers and Miss M. L. Rooney for arranging the service.

Our congratulations and good wishes to the church folk at Ravenswood on the progress made in the construction of their new church. The Bishop laid the foundation stone on 24th June, and already the walls are taking shape. As a parish we are glad to help them in this stage of their development.

Several adults have spoken to me about confirmation. I would be glad to hear of others who wish to be prepared.

With all Good Wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild which was to have been held at the home of Mrs. Keith Brown, Elphin Road, is now to be held at Mrs. White's residence, 21 Maitland Street, on the 12th July, at 8 p.m. New members will be made very welcome.

C.E.M.S.

Mr. F. Marriott, M.H.A. addressed our last meeting giving a very interesting account of his recent visit to South Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya and Bombay. At the September meeting Mr. Marriott will show films taken on his trip. The Pater-son St., Methodist Men's Fellowship have received an invitation to attend our meeting on Sunday, 5th August next. C.E.M.S. Members are asked to bring along extra food for this meeting. An address on musical appreciation will be given by Mr. J. E. Bingham whose topic will be G. F. Handel.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 19th July at 8 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

Members of all branches of the Mothers' Union in the north attended a service in St. John's Church on Thursday, 28th June, conducted by the Rector. After the service members gathered in the Kindergarten Hall where the guest speaker was Mrs. J. W. Davison, Diocesan Pres. of the Mothers' Union. A presentation was made to Mrs. F. H. Lansdell who

with Canon Lansdell is retiring from St. George's parish.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th July at 2.45 p.m.

"GLEN VIEW HOME" BUTTON DAY.

On FRIDAY, 27th JULY, there will be a Button Day for "Glen View Home" for the aged. "Glen View" is a Church of England Home but members of all denominations are admitted from all parts of the state. It is situated on the Main Road, in Moonah, Hobart, and at present is embarking on a major building programme. To meet the cost funds are urgently needed. The Commonwealth will help on a £1 for £1 basis. The Board of management is most anxious to make this appeal a success and helpers willing to sell buttons or assist on a street stall are asked to attend a meeting in the Kindergarten on Tuesday 10th July, at 2.30 p.m. to make arrangements.

The same day buttons are to be sold for "Eskleigh Home" at Perth,—also a very worthy cause. It has been decided that supporters of each Home will collect independently so that the buttons sold by each group will benefit the institution the seller represents. Remember the date: FRIDAY, 27th JULY, next.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations—"M.I. J." £1; Mrs. Newton, 4/-; Misses M. and E. Gregory, 10/-; Parish Boxes, £1; Mrs. Hope, 2/-; Mrs. G. M. Galloway, £1.

Missionary Boxes.—As a result of the quarterly opening of the missionary boxes last month £47 was re-

ceived for the Church Missionary Society. The total received in this way for the past twelve months amounted to £157.

Confirmation Classes are being held in the Rector's Vestry every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Those who wish to be confirmed must apply to the Rector at once.

Visiting Preachers: On Sunday 22nd July at 7 p.m. the Diocesan Youth Organiser, the Revd. Andrew J. Schreuder will be the preacher. On Sunday, 29th July at 7 p.m. the Chaplain of the Launceston Church Grammar School, Revd. E. C. Rowland will preach.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The month of June 1956 will certainly go down as one of the most noteworthy periods in the recent history of St. John's, for the Every Member Canvass has made a great impact on the Parish.

It is little over a month ago that the first announcement was made in Church about the forthcoming Canvass, but since then there has been almost ceaseless activity. The recruiting of chairmen and canvassers, the training meetings, the gathering of hostesses to prepare for the loyalty dinner, and then the loyalty dinner itself, all indicated gathering enthusiasm. The dinner was surely a unique event and one to look back upon with great joy.

Since then the 2 dozen or so members of the Canvass Committee have spent many of their evenings and week ends visiting all the families in the Parish, and already have covered well over 400 of the 550 families on our list.

And has the canvass been a success? Without any doubt it has! A number of new folk have been drawn into active service with the Church and a lot of others have had their interest in St. John's reawakened. The Church has shown that it is very much alive, and the laymen have provided witness of their determination that St. John's shall go ahead in the future.

On the financial side too, even though the campaign is nowhere near complete, pledges have been made which will increase current income of the Church by about four times. This is a wonderfully encouraging thing, and will enable the new Vestry, which will be elected this month, to go ahead with plans for the future, which would have been well nigh impossible without this assured income.

Backed by the enthusiasm and

steady support of all St. John's families, the Church can look forward with confidence to another progressive chapter in its history.

YOUTH GROUP

ALL young people over the age of fourteen years are asked to make a special effort to attend a Youth Gathering in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 12th July. It will commence at 6 p.m. with a Tea. The guest speaker will be Mr. R. W. Jones (past Chairman of the Victorian Provincial Council of the Church of England Fellowship). Please bring a basket.

Our Monthly Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 15th July in the Kindergarten Hall at 5 p.m. when an illustrated talk "From Cradle Mountain to Lake St. Clair," will be given by the Revd. Vere Heazlewood. As the talk and films will be of wide interest an invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend the screening which will commence at 5.45 p.m.

Missionary Service League. The monthly meeting of the Missionary Service League was held at the home of Mrs. N. Bryant, Claremont Street, on 19th June. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Verrall, 189 St. John Street, at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th July. New members will be very welcome.

Left at the Loyalty Dinner, Blue and Green tartan umbrella and a pair of black kid gloves, can be claimed at the Rectory.

C.E.B.S. Rally. The Youth Organiser has written to thank all who helped in making the C.E.B.S. Rally and Church Service held last month a success.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jennifer Ann Lee, Silvanus Evan Shann Wilmot, Vicki Louise Petts, Daryl James Rowberry, Janet Lorraine Baker, Vicki Maree Hudson, Stephen Mark Welsh, Layne Hilton Gardiner, Raymond William Brimfield, Peter Maurie Stone.

MARRIAGES

Arthur Robert Garwood and Iris Lilian Walters, William Leslie Brown and Janette Caroline Lockett, William Raymond Goss and Beverly Anne Smith, John Walter Lee and Patricia Georgena McCullam, Joseph Stefan Gimpl and Beverly Merle Parkinson, Adrian Graeme Mayhead and Jennifer Chloris Amos, Maxwell Laurence Johnson and Janice Oliver, Robert William Henry Bayles and Barbara Joan Munden, Graham Alva Blake and Margaret Gillian Ellis, Alan Kingslie Smith and Esma Lilian Hammersley.