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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 OFFICERSChurchwardens: 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. Hills.**RECTOR'S LETTER.**

My Dear Friends,

At the end of this month we remember once again, on Good Friday and Easter Day, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The assurance they give of God's forgiveness of sin, and of the victory of Life over Death, meet Man's greatest spiritual needs. While God freely offers us those blessings, it is for us to receive them joyfully by accepting Jesus as our Saviour and by following His way of life. This is no easy or formal matter. It calls for self-sacrifice and the living of a God-centred life. It demands courage and faith of a high order. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

To those who accept our Lord's invitation, life in this world and hereafter has a new meaning. Good Friday and Easter Day are not holidays, but holy days, when we strive to realise afresh the meaning and cost of Redemption and re-dedicate ourselves to that kind of living over which, as Christ's Resurrection shows, death has no final power.

Special services will be held on Good Friday and Easter Day and I hope that all will attend one or other of them. Easter Day is one of the great festivals of the Church when every confirmed Anglican should take Holy Communion. For this to be an act of worship acceptable to God and a blessing to the communicant there must be prayerful preparation with repentance and the sincere resolve to live a new life "walking from henceforth in God's holy ways." Careless and infrequent communions may mean very little.

With every good wish for a Holy and Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Special Services

On PALM SUNDAY "The Crucifixion" (Stainer) will be sung in St. John's Church at 7 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7 a.m. on Wednesday at 10.15 a.m. and on Thursday at 8 p.m.

There will be a devotional service with Bible Study on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

12 noon to 3 p.m. Devotions on "Seven Words from the Cross." Rev. A. V. Maddick.

7.30 p.m. At St. Johns. UNITED SERVICE. Address: Rev. Kenneth MacLean (Hon. C.F.) Minister of Chalmers Church.

EASTER DAY

7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Junior Church Service.
10.45 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion.

7 p.m. Evensong.

PRIVATE EASTER COMMUNIONS

The Rector would like to know early of sick and aged parishioners desiring celebrations of Holy Communion in their homes.

EASTER DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers will be gratefully received at the church on Saturday, Easter Eve.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union held their first meeting for the year on Thursday, 23rd February, 1956. The service was conducted in the Chapel by Archdeacon Sutton.

The Quiet Day will be held at St. George's Church on Wednesday, 21st March, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

On Sunday 25th March a Corporate Communion Service will be held at 8 a.m. at St. John's Church.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd March, when the Speaker will be Mrs. O. Dent a visitor from Sydney.

C.E.M.S.

On Sunday, 4th March, at the invitation of the Revd. G. D. Brimacombe, members attended a combined meeting of men at the Paterson

Street, Methodist Church Hall for tea and fellowship. The Hon. J. J. Dedman, Director of the Resettlement Department of the World Council of Churches, gave an interesting account of his work. Mr. Dedman later gave the address at St. John's evening service.

Please note that owing to Easter Day being on Sunday, April 1st next, which would be the normal meeting day, our monthly meeting will be deferred till the following Sunday, April 8th, when there will be a discussion on "Modern Evangelism."

WELCOME TO

ASSISTANT BISHOP

The Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, The Right Reverend W. R. Barrett and Mrs. Barrett will be coming to live in Launceston towards the end of this month. Their home will be in Stewart St. To welcome them parishioners and their friends are invited to a service in St. John's Church on Thursday, 22nd March, at 8 p.m. at which the Bishop will give an address. Afterwards there will be a Social gathering in St. John's Parish Hall. Supper: Ladies are asked to bring a basket. Church people from all Launceston parishes and country districts are warmly invited to attend.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital spent a very enjoyable evening on Thursday, 1st March, when they entertained members of St. Oswald's Guild at the Rectory. Items were given by Mesdames J. McGowan and K. Brown and Misses E. Abra and V. Brown. A "Gift Table" realised the amount of £5 which will go towards the Auxiliary funds.

Members will commence their "Sewing Afternoons" on Monday, 12th March at 2.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. K. Brown, 73 Elphin Road and thereafter on the first Monday of every month. We would like to welcome any new members.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th April at 8 p.m. at the Rectory.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held at Mrs. Johnstone's Home at 5 Batman Ave.,

our Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Blackburn.

At our last meeting, we arranged to hold a Variety Evening and "Musical" in St. John's Hall on April 18th. Proceeds to help defray cost of additional equipment for our new kitchen and Toilet Rooms.

We hope that the various Organisations within the Church will give us their wholehearted support in our effort.

W. TARGETT, Hon. Sec.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is in full swing again after the school holidays. We are happy to report the addition of two new teachers, Mrs. Campbell: the mother of one of our scholars, and Miss Saunders: a student teacher who has recently come to Launceston. Miss Brownrigg has taken up her duties as Secretary with enthusiasm, and the teachers who were with us last year are back in full force. In this important sphere we are aiming at high grade teaching and punctuality and regularity of scholars—the Church Leaders of the future. We are grateful also to Misses Plaister and Kingston and Mr. Vernon who are happy to relieve from time to time.

In conjunction with the Parents and Friends' Association it has been planned to hold a Fair in August next, proceeds for the P. & F. Fund, C.M.S. and the new Parish Kitchen. We are hoping that interested parents will take charge of the various stalls in conjunction with scholars. We aim to raise £150. Some parents may be able to hold gatherings in their homes and thus create further interest and effort towards this objective. The matter will be discussed further at the next P. & F. Meeting at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room on the first Friday in April when all interested will be warmly welcomed.

E. KINGSMILL, Supt.

C.E.B.S.

Members of St. John's branch joined with boys and leaders from St. Leonard's in a camp at Deloraine Show Ground over the New Year week end. The following is an account of how New Year's Day was spent.

"The boys rose at 6.45 a.m. and at 7 a.m. after cleaning up, were given 15 minutes outdoor exercises. The hall was then cleaned, beds made and breakfast was served at 7.45 a.m. At 9.15 the boys were taken for a hike and a swim and after this returned to the pavilions for lunch. After lunch the boys had a free hour and after enjoyed an organised cricket match. At 4.45 all members went

for a short walk along the Great Lake Highway. After tea all members changed into uniform and at 7 p.m. left for St. Marks Church of England — Deloraine — where there was a church parade at 7.30 p.m. evensong. As it was raining again, members of the congregation, in response to a request from the Rector, supplied transport for the boys to the Showground after the service.

Lights out at 9.15 p.m."

We wish to thank Mr. Gayne Watson and Mr. Bruce Proverbs for organising the camp. Mr. Watson will be away from Launceston for a few months visiting Victoria and during his absence Mr. Proverbs will be looking after St. John's branch which meets every Monday evening at 7 p.m. New members will be welcomed before Gayne left he was presented with a writing case by the Youth Group as a token of appreciation and good wishes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations — Church Boxes, £1; "J. R." 6/-; Miss F. Stebbeings, 10/-; Mrs. G. M. Galloy, 10/-; Mrs. N. Donaldson, 5/-; Misses Sutton, £1; Mrs. Beech, 10/-. Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

Missionary Service League. The first meeting of the Launceston Missionary Service League for 1956 will be held in the C.M.S. Rooms, St. John Street, on Tuesday, 20th March at 7.45 p.m. Members and all persons interested are cordially invited to attend. Supper will be served.

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.

Bishop George Chambers, formerly Bishop of Tanganyika and Chaplain of the British Embassy in Paris, will preach at St. John's Church on Palm Sunday, 25th March, at 11 a.m.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 18th March at 5 p.m. when the speaker will be the Headmaster of the Scotch College the Revd. R. H. Dean. All young people warmly welcomed.

Badminton Club annual meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 13th March at 8 p.m. All members and parishioners interested in the game are invited to attend.

Harvest Festival: Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 15th April. Donations of fruit, vegetables produce and groceries will be received at the church on Saturday morning. There will be a special children's service at 10 a.m. when each child of the Sunday school will bring a piece of fruit or vegetable.

HOLY BAPTISM

Philip Ross Richardson, Kim David Henry, Christopher Geoffrey Holt, Peter Arthur Holt, Craig Michael Faulkner, Evelyn Mary Bassett Colleen Anne Bassett, Jennifer Louise Cox, Sandra Denise von Stieglitz, Stephen Anthony Craig Hooper, Rex Arthur Marshall, Maxine Fay Morrison, John Geoffrey Steven, Susan Maree Phillips, Leslie Norman John Reynolds, Gail Lesley Reynolds, Stephen Brent Rainsford, Craig John Whitcombe, Crosby Lyne Youl, Vicki Ann Blyth, Rhonda Denise Sparkes, Garry Leonard Temple, Deborah Schwamm, Norman Thomas Tilley, David Collingwood Tilley, David John Clark, Christine Joy Gordon, Pauline Sheila Waters, Donald Leslie Squires.

MARRIAGES

Joseph William Richardson and Pamela Yvonne Furley. William John Richardson and Beverley Elizabeth Furley. Robert William Jones & Barbara Maud Jenkins. Lester Douglas Lehman and Helen Gwenda Rapp. William Antony Cameron Seddon and Julia Alice Caroline Lade. Anthony John Griffith and Yvonne Fay Porter. Brahm Cook and Irene Matilda Ruby Browning. John David Shaw and Colleen Ada Barnard. Trevor John Wing and Marie Lillian Murgatroyd. Kevin Jack and Gwendoline May Bishop. Alan Charles Byrne and Patricia Ann Russell. John Frederick Leonard Slater and Dorothy Joan Montague. Roger Kemsley Walters and Merle Beverley Wrankmore. Maxwell Henry Bird and Noel Margaret Atkinson. Hugh D'Arcy Arthur Street and Margaret Gwendoline Doyle. Jack Hind and Beryl Margaret Dummett. Stanley Baldwin Penfold and Jean Marcia McHugh. Barry Nolan Allan and Barbara June Hawes. Thomas George Layton and Faith Geraldine Docking. Gordon Ross Stephenson and Margaret Cooper.

AT REST

Daisy Josephine Stanley. Elliott Wilfred Woolley. Cecil Thomas Stephens.

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