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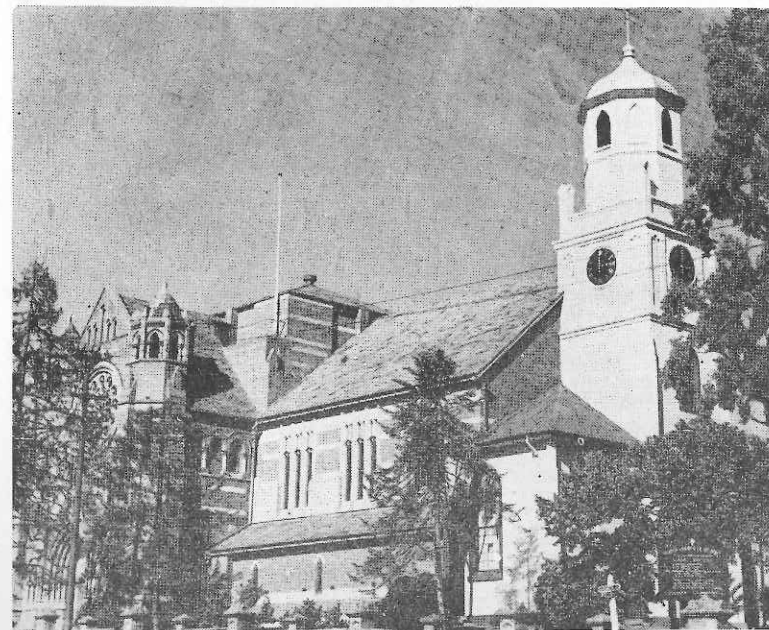
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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 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,

We welcome into full communicant membership of our church all who were confirmed last month. I hope that parents, witnesses and friends will encourage these young people by example and understanding to become regular communicants. Our Prayer Book teaches us the importance of coming to Holy Communion frequently and also of preparing ourselves by self-examination and sincere repentance to receive the Blessed Sacrament worthily. By so doing we shall become increasingly aware of God's Presence to help and guide us day by day in our lives.

All who attended the meetings of the annual C.M.S. Convention held last month must have received a wider vision of the Church's task in the world and a deeper experience of spiritual power. We are most grateful for the visit of the three missionaries and will uphold both them and their work in prayer. We shall also remember our Bishop and all those who are with him in the delegation which the Primate is leading on a visit to the Church in China. He expects to be home again by the end of the month and we look forward to hearing the account of his experiences and impressions.

Mrs. G. M. Galloway, who has taken a very active part in the life of St. John's for many years past, has moved to Frankston, Victoria, where she is to live with her daughter. We will miss her happy and helpful friendship and would take this opportunity of thanking her for all she has done as a Choir member, Sunday School teacher, member of the Mother's Union, Flower Guild, St. Luke's Auxiliary and other organisations. Before leaving, a gift of a handbag was made to her as a token of our appreciation and goodwill. Rather unwillingly we acceded to her wish that there should be no farewell gathering.

Mr. L. Denham, a member of our Vestry, is in England on a short business visit. While in London he met Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, who has written to say how glad he was to see someone from St. John's again. They attended several concerts and church services together. Mr. Denham will return before the end of the month.

In the next few weeks we are to have several Youth gatherings in connection with our Sunday School and Church School Prize Givings. Last month we had our Confirmation service. These remind us of the opportunities which we have as a Church in influencing young people for Christ. You will, I am sure, be glad to know that an excellent site has been donated to the Church of England for a Youth Camp at Kelso by Mr. G. R. Gardner. We hope that the C.E.M.S. will assist us in our plans to develop the site and erect buildings. I shall be glad to receive offers of help in building materials, transport lorries, voluntary work or donations of money, etc. We hope that it will soon be possible to commence our plans. We are most grateful to Mr. Gardner for his interest and help, which we hope will make possible a much-needed Diocesan Conference Centre in the North.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CONFIRMATION

The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Tasmania on Friday, 12th October, 1956, at 8 p.m. in St. John's Church. There were 44 candidates, of whom 24 were Broadland House girls. Those confirmed were: Joanne Jill Abey, Diana Wordsworth Archer, Patricia Kaye Archer, Sally Rose Bain, Pamela Anne Barton, Jacqueline Ruth Bowen, Geraldine Denise Campbell, Faye Chester, Penelope Sue Cocker, Rosemary Jeanette Collins, Joyln Margaret Fenton, Mary Elizabeth Hall, Robin Anne Harris, Jacqueline Ward Ikin, Barbara Kennedy Lees, Petalyn MacIiver, Roslyn Page, Margaret Hamilton Room, Elizabeth Gwynnyth Stuart Sanderson, Dianne Isabel Smith, Susan Carolyn Stevens, Duane Elizabeth Thomas, Susan Margaret Holmes Travers, Roslyn Anne Willis, Anne Lorraine Brammall, Alma Doris Fowler, Jane Elizabeth Hoggins, Colleen Ann Lawes, Elizabeth Loy Massey, Dorothy Emily Reeves, Dianne Kay Smith, Barry Raymond Apted, Royce Thomas Bell, Brian Winston Davenport, Ian Leslie Eadie, John Charles Glock, John Lachlan Gollan, Anthony Douglas Jarvis, Donald Hugh Jestrinski, Philip Lindsay Lane, Ian Matthew Monkhouse, Donald Douglas Napier, Brian Ian Scholes, Anthony John Stevens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We were very sorry to say good-bye

to Mrs. Galloway, who has been a most regular and faithful helper and teacher for the past 18 months. Our good wishes go with her.

Two Choir members who are State School teachers have come temporarily to our aid. Miss Marguerite Bender is taking Mrs. Galloway's class of boys and Miss Norah Watson is playing for us pro-tem. Their assistance is much appreciated.

Please remember the following—

Sunday, 18th November: OUR ANNI-VERSARY, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, 24th November: OUR PICNIC to GRAVELLY BEACH.

In regard to our picnic there will be a limited number of bus seats available at 5/- each from Mr. Watson for parents and friends who may wish to come and bring their lunch and join us at the picnic for fun and afternoon tea.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The Interparochial Tea, organised by the M.S.L. and held in the C.M.S. Tea Rooms on October 15 proved a great encouragement to all concerned, and resulted in extra seating being called for, not only in the Tea Rooms but also in the Upstairs Hall for the meetings that followed. There were over 110 persons present for the tea.

The slides and films shown during the Convention were most instructive, and the Bible readings and talks given by

the Convention speakers an inspiration to all.

BIBLE CLASS

Archdeacon Sutton has been conducting very helpful studies on the Book of Acts. Members appreciate very much the Christian fellowship and help experienced in this Group, which meets on Thursday at 7.15 p.m. We would gladly welcome others who would like to study with us.

MOTHER'S UNION

Our meeting last month commenced with an Admission Service, when Mesdames W. J. Williams, M. Parker, A. E. Hughes and T. P. White became members. We warmly welcome them into our fellowship. Mrs. A. V. Maddick gave a most helpful talk in the hall after the service.

The Mother's Union Festival will be held at St. George's Church on Wednesday, 21st November, at 2.30 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 22nd November, at 2.45 p.m. Mrs. Bruce Walker, of Longford, has been asked to be our guest speaker.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Summers, 3 Wyett St., West Launceston, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 8th November, when Mrs. H. P. Green will give a demonstration of Floral Art. This will be our last meeting for the year. We recommence again on Thursday, 14th February, 1957.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: John Arnold, 4/-; "Anon," 6/-.

Missionary Boxes: At the last quarterly opening of the boxes, £20/19/- was received for the Church Missionary Society.

C.E.M.S.: Our speaker for our C.E.M.S. meeting on Sunday, 4th November, will be Mr. Ian Holyman, whose subject is "Modern Aircraft." Slides will be used to illustrate his address.

Next month we shall meet on Sunday, 2nd December, at 4.45 p.m., when there will be appropriate Christmas music.

G.F.S. Annual Fair on Saturday, 10th November, will be opened by Miss M. L. Rooney, B.A. Suitable gifts for Christmas will be on sale, also cakes, sweets, produce, afternoon tea and hoop-la. The proceeds of the fair will be used to augment our Church carpet fund, and help the Diocesan Children's Homes and the Mail Bag Sunday school.

The annual G.F.S. united social evening will be held in St. John's Hall on Tuesday, 27th November, at 7.30 p.m.

Adult Confirmation will be held early in December. The Rector will be glad to hear of those desiring to be confirmed. Classes for preparation are now meeting.

Launceston Grammar Preparatory School will hold their third annual school service at St. John's at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 11th November, when the boys will read the lessons.

Broadland House Annual School Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, 2nd December, at 11 a.m. The preacher will be the Assistant Bishop of Tasmania, the Rt. Rev. W. R. Barrett, M.A., Th.D.

Ruridecanal Conference will meet in Holy Trinity Hall, Cameron St., on Wednesday, 14th November, at 8 p.m. to consider preliminary arrangements for Synod meeting in Launceston next year.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School will meet on Friday, 9th November, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. A Sunday School social is planned for Friday, 30th November.

Sunday School Festival Addresses will be given by 11 a.m., Rev. John Atkins (St. George's, Invermay); 3 p.m., Miss M. Murison-Bourne; and 7 p.m., Rev. M. Stanton (Exeter and Beaconsfield).

Kindergarten Sunday School: Prize-giving will be held on Thursday, 6th December, at 7.30 p.m., instead of a week later as previously arranged.

Youth Group: Young people are invited to attend our gatherings on Saturday evenings in the Kindergarten Hall. Our monthly Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, 11th November, after the 8 a.m. service. Youth Fellowship Tea on Sunday, 18th November, at 5 p.m. All come along.

Tennis Club: The annual meeting was held last month and was well attended by a keen group of young players. Mr. David Sutton was elected secretary (pro tem.) and Miss Lesley Monkhouse treasurer. Vacancies exist for new members, who will be welcomed on Saturday afternoons at the courts.

HOLY BAPTISM

Kim Lorraine Andrews, Denis John Gugliotti, Donna Kaye Wright.

MARRIAGES

Lance Gregory Keefe Crosswell and Margaret Fay Wynwood, Desmond George Salter and Marian Connelley, Barry James Barnes and Marie-Jose Jeanne Georgette de Souza Roque, Frederick Frank McNear and Shirley June Thompson, Barry John Turner and Jean Elizabeth Hortle, Douglas Everett Shields and Sandra Dawn Fleming, John Anthony Park Nelson and Margaret Lyne Cameron, Kenneth James Dixon and Patricia Ruby Kerr.

AT REST

Clara Gertrude Brown, Edith Annie Bushman. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.