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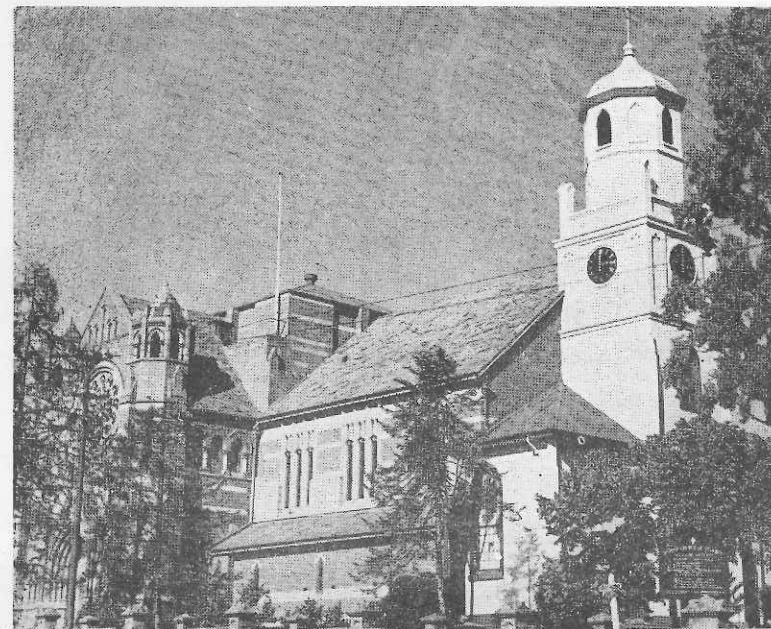
# St. John's Parish Messenger

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,

At the beginning of this month I commenced my eighth year as Rector of this parish. Mrs. Sutton and I are very grateful for all the friendship and encouragement you have extended to us and humbly thankful to God for his blessing. Every clergyman is conscious of a feeling of frustration rising from his own limitations and the opportunities for ministry which are passed by. The members of the Vestry are most anxious for me to secure as soon as possible an assistant priest to help in this large parish. No replies were received from an advertisement

in the "Anglican" and when one hears of the great shortage of clergymen on the mainland one is not surprised. It may be that a less experienced assistant would be available to come. May we pray that the needs of the parish will be supplied.

Last month with Mr. Dowse and Mr. Verrall, I attended Synod in Hobart. Several matters of legal importance took up a lot of time. "The Constitution of the Church of England in Australia" was accepted and plans for meeting the financial needs of the diocese were considered at length. It was decided to recommend to the Bishop that Synod be called to meet in Launceston next year. Motions concerning Gambling, Drunken drivers and Evictions from dwellings were passed and State Aid for Non-State schools was debated. Reports of all Church Organisations were presented and excellent and inspiring addresses were given by C.M.S. and A.B.M. missionary secretaries from Sydney. It was a time of good fellowship and useful discussion marked by greater participation on the part of the laity.

This month on Friday, 12th October we are to have our yearly Confirmation service. The Bishop of Tasmania will confirm about 45 young people of whom half will come from Broadland House School. This will be a very important day in their lives and I trust many of you will be at the service to support them by your prayers and welcome them into communicant membership of the church on the following Sunday when they make their first communion.

The C.M.S. Missionary Convention will begin on Sunday, 14th October when the preachers at St. John's will be Bishop Cranwick at 11 a.m. and the Rev. E. Bellingham of Hyderabad at 7 p.m. A special leaflet has been printed giving full particulars of the meetings to be held at C.M.S. House. The final service will be at St. John's on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. I hope that you will be able to attend.

Our congratulations to St. John's C.E.B.S. and the senior G.F.S. for winning shields in competition with other branches. Such success results from much care and effort.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

#### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The missionary Service League is organising an Interparochial Tea on the opening night of the C.M.S. Convention, Monday, October 15th, at 6 p.m. in the C.M.S. Tea Rooms. A simple meal of cold meat and salad, bread, butter, jam, and scones is planned. Meat will be bought and cooked in bulk, and we will be glad of donations of lettuces, bread, butter, jam, scones and hard boiled eggs. We are hoping that a number of church families will be able to come and that we will have a happy time meeting and hearing the Missionaries who are coming to us from overseas, as well as parishioners from other parishes. There will be no charge for the tea, but during the evening there will be an offering for the work of the Mission. In order to facilitate catering, and to provide adequate seating accommodation parishioners are requested to contact Miss E. Kingsmill (Phone E 4753) Organiser for the Tea. We are looking forward to a happy time of fellowship.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have a fresh sheet of Hymns printed for our Anniversary this year, and want our three Anniversary Services on November 18th to be specially good, and well attended by both parents and Scholars. Keen scholars are arriving early and practising hymns before Sunday School. Mr. Wills comes to

help us from 10.25 - 10.45. We are very grateful to him.

As several of our teachers will be leaving at the end of the year, we will need new teachers to maintain the present standard of our Sunday School.

#### YOUTH GROUP.

September was quite an eventful month for the Youth Club. At a meeting held at Mr. Denham's home it was decided definitely to become a branch of the Church of England Fellowship. We hope that those who got to only one or two of our youth group activities will now join up with all three - Youth Communion Breakfast, Youth Fellowship Tea and Saturday Evening Functions. It was with regret that we received the resignation of our President, Ray Watson. Ray found that he had so many other commitments that he found it difficult to give necessary time. We hope that he will still come and assist us as much as possible, and we thank him for all that he has done to help the club.

#### TENNIS CLUB

The Annual Meeting and commencement of play for the coming season will be held on Saturday Afternoon, 13th October at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members and intending members are asked to attend. A number of younger players belonging to our Youth

Group have indicated their desire to join the club and it is hoped with their interest and co-operation the courts and tennis shed will be renovated. If you are interested in Tennis join your Church Club.

#### ANNUAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

On Sunday, 21st October, which follows St. Luke's Day, our annual Hospital Service will be held at St. John's Church at 7 p.m. Dr. W. H. Hill of Longford will give the address and matrons and nurses from all the Launceston Hospitals will be invited to attend. Members of the medical profession will take part in the service and we extend a warm invitation to all parishioners and their friends to attend.

#### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Diocesan G. F. S. Exhibition, held on Saturday, September 22nd, was opened by Bishop W. R. Barrett at 2.30 p.m. and was well attended both afternoon and evening. Programmes of folk dancing, Singing, Games, Choral work and a play were enjoyed. Needlework, Arts and Crafts, Poster Work, Cooking and Floral decorations were on display, some beautiful work was shown.

New members were keen and successful. The exhibition concluded on Saturday, September 29th in Hobart. The Junior Shield was won by Holy Trinity, Hobart. Intermediate Shield by St. Paul's Glenorchy, and Senior by St. Paul's Launceston. Individual trophies for most points went to: Junior, M. Paine, St. David's Coee; Intermediate, R. Harris St. Oswald's Launceston; and Senior, E. Kiddle, St. John's Launceston. ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL G.F.S. FAIR will be held on 10th November at 3 p.m.

#### G.F.S. ADMISSION SERVICE

On Sunday, September 16th at the evening service Archdeacon L. N. Sutton enrolled the following as Junior members of the G.F.S.- Lynette Olding Yvonne Wiltshire, Jeanette Coombes, Jennifer Olding, Rhonda Bell, Sandra Bishop, Averill Thomas, and Diane Campbell. The following Intermediates were also admitted: Duane Thomas, Susan Austin, Jennifer Isles, Helene White, Geraldine Campbell, and two Senior members: Lorraine Wells and Colleen Lawes. It was a very inspiring service and a suitable address was given by the Revd. A. V. Maddick.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Mrs. McDonald, £1; "M.C.", 4/-.

Mother's Union. The next meeting of St. John's Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 25th October at 2.45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. A. V. Maddick.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. The American Tea which was held on the 15th September realised the amount of £39. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 1st November at 8 p.m.

C.E.M.S. Our President, Bro. J. Sanderson will address the next meeting of St. John's C.E.M.S. on Sunday, 7th October, at 4.45 p.m. Next month our meeting will be on 4th November when our speaker will be Mr. Ian Holyman. His address on "Modern Aircraft," will be illustrated by slides.

St. John's Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester St., on Thursday, 11th October, at 8 p.m. Bible Study Group meets in the Rector's Vestry on Thursday evenings from 7.15 p.m. till 8 o'clock. The Acts of the Apostles is being read. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Adult Confirmation. The Rector will be glad to hear of adults desiring to join the class of instruction shortly to be formed. Several have already handed in their names.

H. B. Brownrigg Memorial Fund. This fund will be closed at the end of the year, anyone who wishes to contribute may leave their donations with the Church officers.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Neil Arthur Eadie, Elizabeth Anne Hewitt, Phillip Maxwell Cowley, David Ian Green, Peter Charles Noble, Jennifer Anne Dean.

#### MARRIAGES

Cyril Reuben Stocks and Gladys Ethel Carter. Robert Ford and Joyce Margaret Tattersall. Alan Lindsay Palliser and Beverley Caroline Curran. Trevor Denis Nelson and Barbara Florence Moore. Maxwell John Dawe and Marie Phyllis Potter. Clive George Parkinson and Pamela Christina Downey. Geoffrey Thomas Rigney and Judith Ann Booker.

#### AT REST

Selma May Colgrave, Joseph Samuel Fuller Martin.

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