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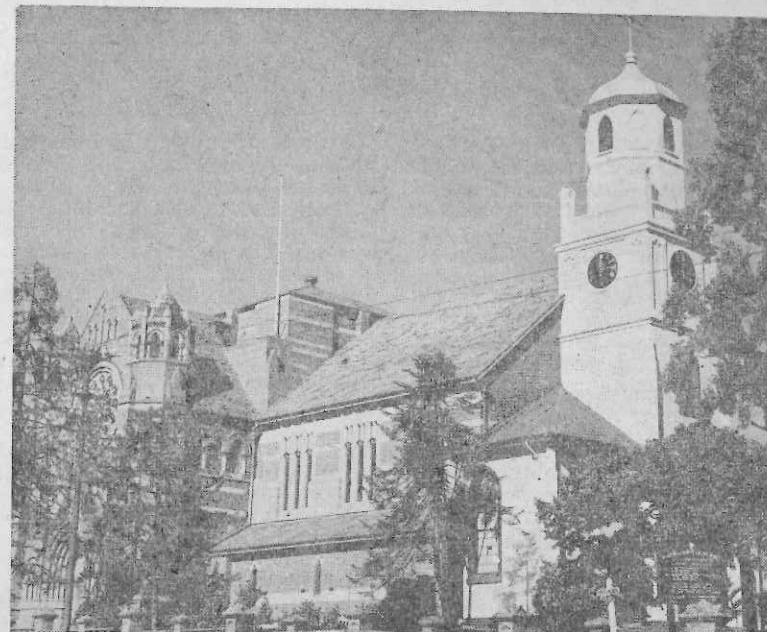
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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. 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. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,
 For many years the leaders and members of all Christian Churches have been greatly concerned about the differences which separate them from each other. The season of Whitsuntide which we observe this month is specially appropriate for considering the problems for Whitsunday, 20th May, is thought of as the Birthday of the Christian Church. At the evening service on that Sunday I have invited the Rev. G. D. Brimacombe, Minister of the Paterson Street Methodist Church to preach in St. John's, and he has asked

me to preach in his Church. Such an interchange of pulpits emphasises the basic truths which the Churches share. From Ascension to Whitsunday May 10-19, is being widely observed as a week of prayer for the Unity of all Christian people. It is hoped that a great number of congregations of all denominations all over the Commonwealth will take part in this common act of prayer. Intercession leaflets with suggested Scripture Readings and Psalms will be placed on the table near the main Church door.

In another paragraph a statement covering the "Every Member Canvass" has been printed at the express wish of the Vestry. I have already spoken of it in the notices given out at Sunday Services. I shall refer to it more fully next month. In the meantime let us pray that it may be the means of bringing us all more closely together in the fellowship of our Church.

With all good wishes, Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Every old Church—and St. John's is no exception—finds as it grows older that each year an increasing amount of money is needed to maintain its buildings, and continue its services week by week.

But to be worthwhile, even an old Church must be young in heart, ready to expand and eager to meet the needs of each succeeding generation. And this too requires money, for there must be adequate full time staff, suitable premises and equipment, and somebody to look after them.

For many months the question of finance has been uppermost in the discussions of the Vestry, whose members are anxious that St. John's should not only maintain the place it has held in the life of Launceston for 130 years, but also widen its membership and extend its influence. Over the last year the Weekly Free-will Offering Scheme has helped considerably in providing funds, but more money is needed if our witness is to be really effective.

The Vestry has therefore decided that, so as to put the needs of our Church before the Parish, and to gain the interest of all those who are in any way connected with St. John's, they will carry out an Every Member Canvass during the month of June. Further details about this Canvass will be made available nearer the time, but meanwhile the Vestry would like all St. John's people to keep themselves as free as possible during the month of June so that all will be able, to the best of their ability, to assist in carrying out the Canvass, which will be a real Parish effort—and a very worthwhile challenge too.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 17th May, at 8 p.m. We hope to have a guest speaker and films.

On April 18th we held a very successful Variety Evening in St. John's Hall. Approximate £20 was raised

and this amount will go towards furnishing the new kitchen. We wish to thank everyone who helped to make the evening a success.

Last month we held our annual meeting and the officers elected were as follows: Mrs. L. N. Sutton, President; Mrs. M. Easther, Vice-President; and Mrs. C. H. Targett, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our Membership is now about 20 and we would extend a welcome to any ladies of the Parish wishing to join.

W. TARGETT,
Hon. Secretary.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 24th May.

On Wednesday, 30th May at 3 p.m. the Mothers' Union will hold a Musical Market in St. John's Hall, the proceeds of which will go to the Clarendon Children's Home. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We were happy to welcome three new scholars on Sunday last. A competition for 100% attendance is in progress between the various classes, and we look forward to welcoming still more scholars.

On Tuesday, May 8th there was a "get-together" of parents and scholars of the two senior boys classes at Mrs. Churcher's home, 120 Margaret Street. We hope that there will be more of these as time goes on and that thereby personal friendship between Church families will be strengthened.

The next meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd May.

ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

At the last meeting of the Auxiliary it was agreed that £60 be passed to purchase Pillow cases and Towels for the Hospital.

The next meeting will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 7th June, at 8 p.m.

C.E.M.S.

At the C.E.M.S. Meeting on May 6th, Bro. C. Calver gave a talk on the recent Dental Congress in Melbourne. It will be continued at our next meeting on June 3rd, which will also be the Annual Meeting when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Members are reminded of a combined meeting at St. Paul's Hall on Monday, May 21st, at 8 p.m., when we hope our Branch will be well represented.

M.S.L.

At our last meeting it was decided that each member would endeavour to donate something to be sold under the M.S.L. number at C.M.S. Shop towards our funds each month, and that each member would also write to a Missionary and let them know of our prayerful interest in them, as part of our Missionary Service. At our Annual Meeting in March the following officers were elected: President: Archdeacon Sutton; Vice-Presidents: Revs. K. Kay, M. Hughes, and Miss E. Kingsmill. Joint Secretaries: Mesdames, R. Hart and R. Garner. Treasurer: Mrs. L. Bryant.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at 7.45 p.m. in C.M.S. House. All interested in Mission work are invited to attend.

C.M.S. HOME INDUSTRIES

The C.M.S. Shop and Dining Room at 92 St. John St., not only provides excellent meals at very moderate cost and sells home made cakes, knitted goods, bibles, prayer books, etc., but also affords an opportunity to anyone wishing to supplement her income by making at home, goods for sale on commission. The Secretary, Miss C. K. Eberhard writes;—"We are anxious to secure some more members for our Home Industries Section. We have a ready sale for first class cakes and biscuits, cheese bubble bread, date and nut loaves, marmalade and other jams; also hand-knitted baby-wear and bed jackets. We also have frequent enquiries for knitters to make garments to order, patterns and wool being supplied by the customer. To become a member a 10/- Joining fee is charged and thereafter 25% is deducted by C.M.S. from all goods sold. The proceeds from Commission goes to help the work of the Church Missionary Society overseas. Further information is available at the shop.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

"Parish Messenger" Donations:—Mr. F. J. Jones, 4/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 2/-; Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Mrs. Morgan, 10/-; Mrs. E. Cunningham, 3/-; Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Whitelaw, 5/-; Church Boxes, £1.

G.F.S.

A special meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 29th May, at 7.30 p.m. to which all parishioners are invited. The speaker will be Mrs. J. W. Cohen who will speak of her work among the deaf, dumb and blind, and also her recent visit to Tonga. Next month we shall meet on Tuesday, 5th June, when Miss Groves will continue her demonstration of making articles of plastic string. All interested are invited to come.

C.E.B.S.

We are glad to welcome three new members to our branch. Gayne Watson has written to say that he plans to return soon and resume as our Leader. We are most grateful to Mr. Bruce Proverbs for taking charge while Gayne has been away. We are looking forward to the Diocesan C.E.B.S. Rally which is to be held at St. John's on the first weekend in June. As boys will be attending from the South, North-West and East of the State billets will be needed for their accommodation. Families willing to help in this way should get in touch with Mr. Bruce Proverbs (Phone B 1141 business hours) or the Rector.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP

At the Annual Meeting last month the following were elected:—President: Ray Watson. Vice-President: Dorothy Reeves. Secretary: Julie Lowe. Treasurer: Barry Easther. Committee: Lorraine Wells, Jim Hart and Roger Duncan.

The speaker at our Youth Fellowship Tea on Sunday 20th May, will be the Rev. M. J. Allen, B.A., of Sandhill Methodist Church.

HOLY BAPTISM

Louise Green, Joanne Peggy Tyler, Gail Patricia Shipp, Richard Kenneth Davis, Linda Mary Slater, Anne Jeanette Johnston, Peter John Wagland, Andrew Stephen Dale, Peter Ronald Rushby, Wendy Janet Davis, Rhonda May Clark, Elizabeth Ruth Rice.

MARRIAGES

James Stewart George Turner and Irene Fay Abra. Arthur James Lindus and Beryl Eileen Daphne Clarke. Brian Gordon Kerrison and Audrey Florence Tuting. Ross Stewart Dennis and Noreen Martha Eeles. Vernie William Foster and June Violet Bonney. Keith Raymond Watt and Thelma Parker.

AT REST

Cecil Thomas Stephens, Jane Findlay, James Edward Thyne, Alfred Claude Hammond, Victor Eden Ernest Plummer, Charles Ives Suter.

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