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Assistant Priest: Rev. A. V. Maddick, B.A., Dip. Ed.
"Caterham Lodge," Gravelly Beach. Phone Tatana 230.**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: Rev. T. H. Dicks and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.
 Deputy Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. H. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We are very glad to welcome to St. John's as my assistant the Revd. T. H. Dicks, who began his ministry on the 10th March. Although he has been here barely four weeks he has already arranged a Youth Camp to be held at Sidmouth Presbyterian Youth Centre on the weekend after Easter. Details are given in another column. I am sure a very happy and profitable time will be enjoyed by all who attend. Mr. Dicks is most anxious to meet the young people of our parish and we assure him that we shall help him in every way.

This Lenten season has been marked by a most encouraging interest in

the Sunday courses of sermons and in the Tuesday evening addresses on "Know Your Church." We are most grateful to the Revd. E. C. Rowland for giving us the challenging talks on "Christianity in the Modern World" which we shall not soon forget. Our knowledge of our Church has been deepened and widened by those who have spoken in C.M.S. House. We thank all responsible for these talks. I feel that knowledge of and loyalty to our own branch of the Church Catholic is essential if we are to make our special contribution to the Ecumenical movement which the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, described as "the great fact of our time."

With the passing of Mrs. Katherine M. Genders at the great age of 93, we remember how much St. John's Church owes to the family of the late Canon M. B. Brownrigg, Rector for nineteen years, 1868-1887. Mrs. Genders was the eldest daughter of the Canon and in her younger days was an active church worker. We thank God for her faithful witness and long life. She was the last surviving member of her generation.

I commend to your careful notice the services arranged for Holy Week and Easter. Two United Services are to be held on Wednesday, 17th April at 8 p.m. in the National Theatre when Dr. Barton Babbage, the Dean of Melbourne, is to speak, and on Good Friday night in the Methodist Church, Paterson Street, at 7.30 p.m. when Rev. A. V. Maddick will give the address. The mid-day devotions based on the Seven Words will be in Holy Trinity Church this year by the arrangement of holding this Good Friday service alternately in the two city parishes.

May this solemn season of Passiontide and joyful Easter Festival be a time of rich spiritual blessing for us all.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Special Services.

PALM SUNDAY, 14th April.

Concluding addresses in Lenten series.

11 a.m. "Those who stood by the Cross." Rector.

7 p.m. "Which will ye have?" Rev. E. C. Rowland.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7 a.m.

Wednesday at 10.15 a.m. and on Thursday at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 17th April in NATIONAL THEATRE at 8 p.m. Great Combined meeting. Speaker: The Dean of Melbourne.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

12 noon to 3 p.m. IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CAMERON STREET. Devotions on "Seven Words from the Cross"

7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

7.30. In Paterson Street. Methodist Church. UNITED SERVICE. Address: Rev. A. V. Maddick, B.A.

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. Preacher: The Assistant Bishop of Tasmania.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of St. John's Moth-

ers' Union will be held on WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL at 2.45 p.m. instead of their usual day, Thursday, 25th April which is Anzac Day.

A Leader Training Class is being held at the Rectory on Wednesday, 24th April at 8 p.m. when the speakers will be Dr. Devenish-Mears and Mrs. M. Parker.

There will be a Women's Rally in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 1st May at 3 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Mrs. T. Armour, who is the Commonwealth President of the Mothers' Union.

Our Annual Musical Market in aid of the Diocesan Children's Homes is being held on Wednesday, 22nd May, in St. John's Hall.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the St. John's Women's Guild will be held at the home of the Misses Scott, 20 Granville Street, on April 11th, at 8 p.m. An invitation is extended to ladies of the Parish.

Mavis Cox (Secretary),
Phone J 1573.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital meet at the Rectory on the first Thursday in every month at 8 p.m.

Each Monday afternoon members meet at the home of the President, Mrs. K. F. Brown, for a sewing-bee and a cup of tea. Any new members would be warmly welcomed.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The M.M.A. resumed its monthly meetings on 3rd April. The Minute Book records that the first meeting was held in St. John's School Hall on Tuesday, 24th March, 1931, over 26 years

ago! During those years hundreds of

parcels have been sent to the Mission fields. Some of the original members are still active, but many have passed away or moved from Launceston. Others have taken their places and the good work still goes on. At the present time there is urgent need for new members to help in carrying on this splendid practical aid to Medical Missions. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in every month at 2.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. Mrs. Carlstrom or Mrs. Sutton would be glad to give information.

YOUTH

In the Rectory on Sunday, March 31, 45 young people met for a sing song and supper after Evensong.

On Friday, April 5 young people from St. John's joined with others in a Missionary Rally at C.M.S. Hall.

Our next YOUTH TEA will be on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 5 p.m. Mr. Wills, our organist, is arranging an interesting musical hour. All are invited to this Tea and Evensong following.

C.E.F. will meet in the Chapel after service; emphasis will be on the Passion narratives.

AUTUMN YOUTH CAMP

Friday, April 26, to Sunday, April 28, will be a weekend to remember. Preparations are well in hand for the Youth Camp at Sidmouth. Applications are already rolling in. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Programme will include studies, hikes, sports, concert, prayers. For all information contact the Rector (B3186) or the Rev. T. Dicks (B3422).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All young people in the Senior Sunday School have received Scripture Union Cards which guide them in systematic reading of the scriptures. Teachers are encouraging pupils to take the notes also which are available at the rate of 7d each two month period. It is hoped that parents will encourage their children to read the Bible daily.

All pupils are reminded to bring in their missionary boxes on Palm Sunday, April 14, when we shall have our special service in the church. Please see that you are on time in the hall.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss B. Weymouth, 3/-; Church Boxes, £1.

Adult Confirmation: The Bishop is to hold a Confirmation Service for adults in Launceston on Wednesday, May 15. All adults who wish to be confirmed are asked to let the Rector know as soon as possible in order that classes of instruction may be arranged.

Harvest Festival: Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, May 5. 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, vegetable or other produce.

Badminton Club: The annual meeting was held last month when it was decided to commence play on Wednesday, April 3. During the season the club meets in the Parish Hall every Wednesday night and parishioners interested in the game are invited to join. Miss Dare Shott, 60 George St. (B4649) is the secretary, and will be glad to give information.

Annual Bankers' Service will be held in St. John's Church on Tuesday, May 14, at 5 p.m.

A Passion Play: "What think ye of Christ?" is to be presented in Holy Trinity Church, Cameron St., Launceston, on Monday, April 15 at 8 p.m. by the Church of England Boys' Society. Donation of silver coin to defray expenses.

C.E.M.S.: Our next meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall at 4.45 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, when the speaker will be the minister of the Frederick St. Congregational Church, the Rev. Mervyn Plumb, L.Th. Members are reminded that instead of past arrangements for food supplies, they are each requested to bring refreshments. Two admissions to full membership will be made during Evening Prayer next Sunday.

Anzac Day, Thursday, April 25, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jillian Joan Thompson, Vicki Maree Knowles, Craig Ronald Bryan, Deidre Maxine Standaloft, Eric John Walters, Jennifer Anne Capodici, Julie Elizabeth Shadwick, Cheryl Maree Chick, Noel John Button, Lynne Marie Button, Colin Frank Roberts, Barry Raymond Grant.

MARRIAGES

Charles Anthony Trollope and Sandra Hugill Hirst.

Harold James Jessup and Isabel Anne Davey.

John Gordon Lyons and Doris Shirley Freeman.

Cyril Anthony Hugh Tasker and Betty Rae Beams.

Graeme Arthur Carter and Janice Mary Katherine Clark.

Maxwell Henry Jamieson and Shirley Jean Carter.

Maxwell Douglas Cocker and Beryl Olive Davis.

AT REST

William Gordon Robertson Dawson, Clara Freeman Goodall, May Henry, Felicia Coy, Katherine Mabel Genders, Thomas Grylls.

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