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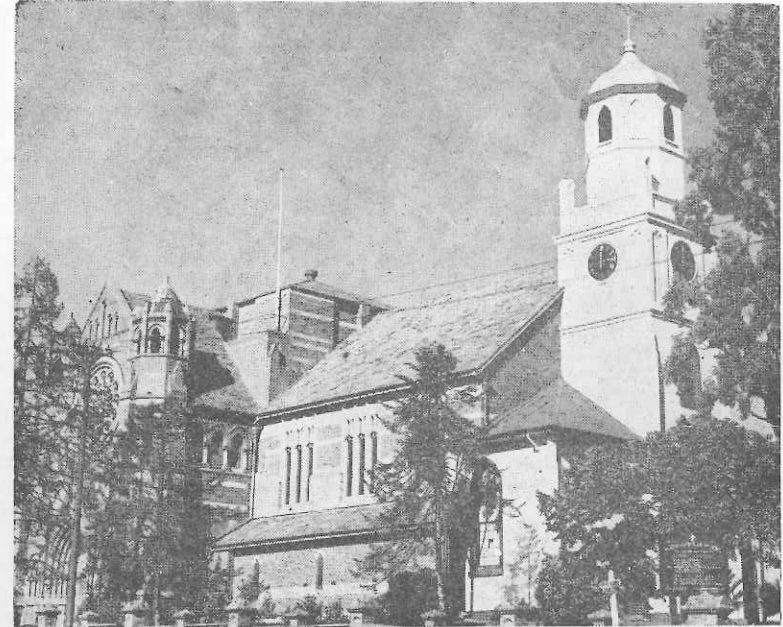
St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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Clergy: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory.
157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B3186.
Rev. T. H. DICKS, 179 St. John St., Launceston. Phone B3422.
Assistant Priest: Rev. A. Maddick, B.A., Dip. Ed.
"Caterham Lodge," Gravelly Beach, Phone Tatama 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' Day 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), L. Denham, M. M. Easter, A. G. Hart, R. J. Hoyle, H. J. Lowe, R. H. Watson, T. P. White and T. J. Wing.
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,

All who attended the Annual Church Meeting and the Dinner held earlier the same evening were greatly encouraged by the interest and good will of all present. As a report of the meeting is printed over the page I need only say here how glad we are to welcome on to the Vestry five new members, some of whom are well known to all, while others are more recent comers. We do appreciate all that our Church officers are doing in attending to the business affairs of the parish and assure them of our willing co-operation and support.

The repainting of the Parish Hall has made a great difference to the building and we feel that it is now more attractive for our own purposes as well as for the meetings of Synod next month. The renovation of six rooms at the Rectory is very much appreciated. The new curtains in the Sanctuary are a great improvement as is the carpeting of the Baptistery carried out by the G.F.S.

The suggestion that a St. John's Festival should be held later in the year is being carefully considered and more definite plans will be announced next month.

The meeting of Synod in Launceston on September 9 will create wide interest in Church affairs and I hope that many parishioners will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending and seeing how the business of the Tasmanian Church Parliament is conducted.

May I conclude by extending a warm welcome to the Rev. Anthony McDonald, the new Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, who has just been inducted by the Bishop of Tasmania. We hope that he may have a very happy and fruitful ministry.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting took place on Wednesday, July 31. A Parish Dinner was held at 6 p.m. at which some 160 people sat down to a three-course meal served in a most attractive way. This was arranged by the women of the Parish and was very much enjoyed by all. The Assistant Bishop and Mrs. W. R. Barrett were present and spoke of their associations with St. John's when he was an assistant minister in the parish some forty years ago. In welcoming the guests the Rector said how pleased we were to have the Bishop and Mrs. Barrett living in the parish once again.

Following the meal there was a happy time of fellowship when parishioners chatted together before moving to the Kindergarten Hall for the meeting.

The Churchwardens' Report and the Financial Statement, which have been widely circulated, were unanimously adopted.

The Vestry's management of the business of the church was very favourably received and the clergy thanked for their ministry. The Rector thanked the Church officers for their loyal support during the year and expressed the regret of all that owing to pressure of work Mr. M. L. Cox and Mr. F. R. Dowse were unable to accept nomination for re-election. Both had served as Vestrymen for many years and had done a great deal for St. John's; however, they would continue to give their help in any way they could.

The suggestion to increase the number of the Vestry to nine was adopted and the following were elected to office:

Rector's Warden: Mr. R. W. J. Hart.
People's Wardens: Messrs. F. J. Jones and F. H. Cookman.

Vestrymen: Messrs. Frank Ikin, L. Denham, M. M. Easther, A. G. Hart, H. J. Lowe and R. H. Watson.

Rector's nominees: Messrs. R. J. Hoyle, T. P. White and T. J. Wing.

Representatives to the World Council of Churches: Mr. W. B. Beattie, Mrs. F. Cox and Miss E. Kingsmill.

Members of the Broadland House School Committee were re-elected.

The nomination of Sidesmen was left in the hands of the Vestry.

The reports of the Parish Organisations which had been printed were reviewed and all leaders thanked for their help.

The attendance of parishioners was the largest for very many years and all felt that the meeting was most encouraging in every way.

SYNOD IN LAUNCESTON

Sunday, September 8, will be Synod Sunday. The Preacher at the 11 a.m. service in St. John's will be the Ven. Archdeacon R. J. Hewett, of Sydney, the Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. The Assistant Bishop, Rt. Rev. W. R. Barrett will preach at Evensong at 7 p.m.

On Monday afternoon the Bishop and Mrs. G. F. Cranswick will entertain members of Synod and their wives together with parish representatives on the Church of England Council of Women, at a garden party in the Rectory grounds. Synod will commence with a service in St. John's at 7.30 p.m., after which members will assemble for the preliminary business in St. John's Hall. A section of the hall will be reserved for visitors who are not members of Synod.

As clergy and Lay representatives from parishes all over the State will be attending synod, hospitality will be extended to them while they are in Launceston. Parishioners able to help by providing this hospitality are asked to contact the Rural Dean, Rev. K. A. Kay, at St. Aidan's Rectory (phone East 4067), not later than August 15. During the meetings of Synod, from Monday, September 9 to Friday, September 13, no cars will be permitted to enter the Church grounds. Those who usually drive in by the Elizabeth St. entrance are asked to make other arrangements.

Delegates to the Women's meetings being held at the same time as Synod will require hospitality during their stay in Launceston. Those able to help are asked to get in touch with Mrs. F. Cox, 163 George St., Launceston. (phone B1404).

"GLEN VIEW HOME" BUTTON DAY.

On Friday, August 23, there will be a Button Day for "Glen View Home" for the aged. "Glen View" is a Church of England Home but members of all denominations are admitted from all parts of the state. It is situated on the Main Road, in Moonah, Hobart, and at present is in urgent need of funds to meet the cost of a new Sick Bay Wing which is nearing completion. The Board of management is proud of "Glen View" and feels that Church people in all parts of Tasmania will be glad to support this great work of caring for the aged. A stall will be set up in Brisbane St. outside the National Bank near Coles. Helpers willing to sell buttons or assist on the street stall are asked to contact Mrs. Sutton at the Rectory.

The same day buttons are to be sold for "Eskleigh Home" at Perth,—also a very worthy cause. It has been decided that supporters of each Home will collect independently so that the buttons sold by each group will benefit the institution the seller represents. Remember the date: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

YOUTH

Youth Tea—All young people are invited to our Youth Tea on Sunday, August 11, at 5 p.m. C.E.F. will meet at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dicks after Church.

Saturday Night Youth Group meet this coming Saturday evening, August 17, in Church Hall. We begin at 7.45 p.m. and finish at 10 p.m.

Communion and Breakfast, 8 a.m. Sunday, August 18. Please let Miss Doreen Poole or Rev. Dicks know if you are coming.

C.E.F. Tea, Sunday, August 25, at 4 p.m. Recreation study, tea.

Youth Camp.—Application forms for Youth Camp in September are now available. Have you received yours? Information: Phone Rev. T. H. Dicks, B3422.

C.E.B.S.

All boys between the age of 8 years and 14 years are invited to the Boys' Camp arranged by St. John's Branch, from Friday, August 30, to Sunday, September 1. Application forms available at Church. Information: Phone Rev. T. H. Dicks, B3422.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Last month the G.F.S. were responsible for covering the floor of the Baptistery with carpet and placing a length of carpet in the aisle in front of the Baptistery. The cords have also been re-covered with velvet. This improvement to the church furnishings has been greatly appreciated and we wish to thank Miss E. Kiddle and G.F.S. members for their generous gift. When we remember that all the carpet in the church has been provided by G.F.S. over many years, we realise how much we are in their debt. At the last G.F.S. meeting Miss M. Mack showed many of her excellent travel slides which were greatly enjoyed. Miss Mack will show some more of her slides at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 3, at 7.45 p.m. All parishioners invited.

Six girls are to be admitted to membership of the Junior and Intermediate G.F.S.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donation: Miss F. Stebbeings, 10/-.

Mothers' Union: St. John's Mothers Union will hold their next meeting on Thursday, August 22, at 2.45 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital: St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital meet at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd., on the first Monday in each month at 2.30 p.m., and at the Rectory on the first Thursday in each month at 8 p.m. New members will be warmly welcomed. The hospital is to be enlarged and members of the Church of England are urged to take a helpful interest in the splendid work which it is doing.

Farewell: The Rev. Harlin Butterley, who after 3 years in Tasmania as C.M.S. General Secretary, is going to Hong Kong as a missionary, will preach at 11 a.m. on August 18th.

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Missionary Boxes: As a result of the opening of Missionary Boxes last quarter, £31/11/- was received for the Church Missionary Society.

Broadcast Service: On Sunday, August 25, at 11 a.m., the service from St. John's Church will be broadcast by the A.B.C. in Tasmania.

C.E.M.S.: The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 1, at 4.45 p.m., when there will be a visiting speaker. All men of the parish are invited to join us in fellowship and tea. The annual State Conference is to be held at St. George's, Hobart, on August 24 and 25.

Women's Guild: The last meeting of St. John's Women's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. K. H. Watson, where an enjoyable evening was spent by members. Any ladies wishing to join this organisation should contact the Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester St. (phone B4018) for further particulars. We normally meet on the second Thursday evening in the month in the home of a member.

Birthday Party: To mark the fifth year of the Sunday School Parents and Friends Association a Birthday Party is to be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, August 15, at 8 p.m. All parishioners are invited to this Social Evening, when a special programme of entertainment has been arranged. It is hoped that every parish organisation will be well represented as well as every family having children at the Sunday School. Keep the evening free, Thursday, August 15, at 8 p.m.

Sunday School Teachers' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening, August 27, at 7.45 p.m. in C.M.S. House, when a demonstration lesson will be given for discussion and criticism. All teachers invited.

M.S.L. will meet in the C.M.S. House on Tuesday, August 20, at 7.45 p.m., when a talk will be given on "How the Parish can help the Mission Field."

HOLY BAPTISM

Peter Grantham Lewis Maclaine, David Phillip Bardwell-Williams, Wendy Anne Frankcombe, Colin William McKay, David Maurice Hughes, Rodney Charles Beaumont, John Scott McArthur, Martin John Dawe.

MARRIAGES

John Alfred Franklin and Daphne Phyllis Palmer. Rex Charles Crowden and Maureen Ethel Dunn.

AT REST

Lilias Emily Whitfeld, Reginald Auger Davis, Margaret Duncan, Keverall John Peter, Charles Rickard Aherin.

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