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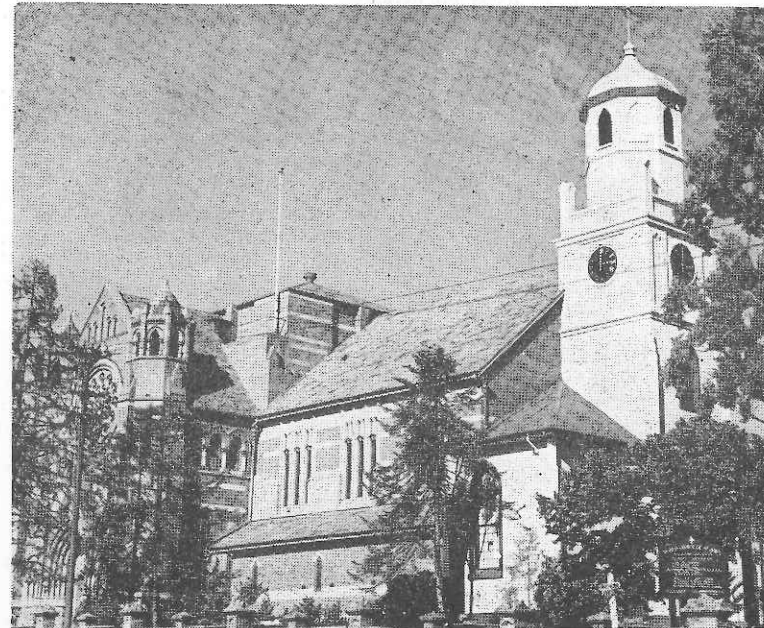
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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' 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 Superintendent: Rev. T. H. Dicks and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.
Deputy Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. H. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

There are not wanting signs that every year the spiritual meaning of Christmas is being pushed more and more into the background to make way for Commerce and Carnival. The new seasonal issue of postage stamps is to be commended for its message. The child kneeling in prayer before the "Star of Bethlehem" should remind us that the real purpose of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour; "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace among men of goodwill." This hymn of praise and joy has a meaning only when we remember that it echoes the words of the Angels to the shepherds announcing the birth of the blessed Child. May we all strive to put "Christ back into Christmas."

In a separate paragraph a report is given of the success of St. John's Festival Week. We are most grateful to all who made it such a happy time of corporate worship and social fellowship.

Before he leaves for his new appointment as Chaplain of Mentone Grammar School, Melbourne, the Rev. A. V. Maddick will be preaching several times in St. John's. His last service will be on Sunday evening, 26th January, at 7 p.m., after which there will be an opportunity to bid him and Mrs. Maddick farewell in the Kindergarten Hall when supper will be served. We hope all will endeavour to attend.

I was asked by the Bishop how many parishioners of St. John's subscribe to the "Church News," the diocesan monthly magazine. If you do not do so, will you become a subscriber at 8/- a year including postage. This paper gives us a monthly letter from our Bishop and contains articles of general interest and in addition tells us what is going on in other parishes. I shall be glad to supply copies and give full information.

We shall be glad to welcome the Rev. E. C. Rowland to St. John's again when he will be staying at the Rectory and taking services during the middle part of January, when we hope to be away on holidays.

Mrs. Sutton and David join me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and after Matins at 10.30 a.m., which will be a Family Service. When the preacher will be the Assistant Bishop of Tasmania.

There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on December 22nd at 7 p.m.

There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.15 p.m. in St. John's Church.

CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be most welcome. They should reach the church on Tuesday morning, December 24. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian families to place on the Christmas Dinner Table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work in Refugee shelters, hospitals, and churches.

Contributions are used for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in areas of distress abroad and are distributed without question of race, colour or creed.

Funds contributed provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in emergency situations; long-term health and nutrition programmes, social counselling, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, self-help projects and vocational training and other ministries to the homeless and destitute.

A separate leaflet with envelope will be distributed nearer Christmas. Donations may be placed in Church collections or left with the Rector or Church officers.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL WEEK

"How very enjoyable and how very worthwhile was our Festival." That was the opinion of everyone who took part, and many are already talking of "next year's Festival!"

From the Garden Party at the beginning to the Family Service at the end,

everything went with a swing and there are many happy memories. And what a joy to have so many past as well as present members of St. John's joining in the celebrations.

The picturesque ceremony of Clipping the Church, the Corporate Communion, the delightful concert and parish party, the gatherings for old folk and young, the G.F.S. fair and the Sunday School Anniversary all blended into a happy and memorable week.

St. John's folk who organised the various functions need no further thanks but a special word of appreciation must be given to Rev. Anthony McDonald, who so splendidly spoke at Evensong and on social occasions; and to our own Rev. Victor Maddick from whose inspiration the idea of the Festival Week arose.

ST. JOHN'S AUX. TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Members of St. John's Aux. to St. Luke's Hospital are ending the year's activities with a "get together" at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road, on Wednesday, 4th December, at 2.30 p.m. There will be a trading table and afternoon tea. Any new members will be warmly welcomed.

MOTHERS' UNION

In place of their usual November meeting, members entertained patients of the Evangelical nurse, and deaf, dumb and blind folk under the care of Sister Molloy and Mrs. J. W. Cohen, with musical items, carol singing, and afternoon tea in the Kindergarten Hall.

A short Christmas message was given by Archdeacon L. N. Sutton and each guest was presented with a posy of flowers.

C.E.M.S.

The last meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, 1st December, at 4.45 p.m.

All men of the parish are welcome.

YOUTH NEWS

There will be a bus outing to Mole Creek on Saturday, 7th December. We meet at St. John's at 8.15 a.m. and arrive back 5 p.m.

On Sunday, 8th December, a youth tea has been arranged for 5 p.m. sharp. The Rev. A. V. Maddick will be the guest speaker. Y.A.F. will meet after church.

Our next Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, 15th December, at 8 a.m.

The Youth Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 21st December, beginning at 8 p.m. and finishing at 10.15 p.m.

The Y.A.F. Tea will be held on Sunday, 22nd December, beginning at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

Note that the letters "Y.A.L." stand for Young Anglican's Fellowship, which has replaced "C.E.F." Church of England Fellowship, and is used now throughout Australia.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Senior Prizegiving has been arranged for Monday, 9th December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Items have been arranged. All scholars obtaining 75 per cent. or more marks receive a prize. All parents are invited.

Kindergarten Prizes and Christmas Tree on Thursday, 5th December, at 7.15 p.m.

C.E.B.S.

The C.E.B.S. Break-up has been arranged for Monday evening, 6.30 p.m., 2nd December. At a service held in St. John's on Sunday evening, 24th November, Royce Bell, Ian Eadie and Bruce Eadie were admitted as full members and Kim O'Toole, Peter White, Kevin Smith, Wayne Atkins and Tony Clarke as associate members. Boys and leaders from other town and country branches attended the service with banners.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

Our final meeting for the year was held in C.M.S. House on Tuesday, 19th November. Mrs. Bryant gave a most interesting and informative talk on agricultural methods and conditions in foreign fields. Supper was served and a happy fellowship enjoyed by members. It was agreed to commence again in February, 1958, on the 3rd Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at C.M.S. House.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Parents and Friends' Association of the Sunday School held their last meeting of the year on Friday, 22nd November, when final arrangements were made for assistance at the Picnic and a donation was given to the Kindergarten towards their Christmas Tree.

Our Fifth Birthday Party held recently was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We thank all who helped make this function a success.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Friday, 7th February, 1958, at 8 p.m., when all parents will be welcomed.

F. B. STEVENS, Hon. Sec.

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR JANUARY!

During January we have a large number of visitors at our services, as it is a holiday month. For the same reason many choir members are away. Last year at this time we found the choir stalls empty at several services. To avoid this unfortunate and unsatisfactory situation we are asking for members of our congregation who are not going away in January to offer as temporary choir members. The Rector or Mr. Wills, our organist, will gladly give information. Will you help?

NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Mrs. Hope 2/-, Church Boxes 10/-.

BROADCAST SERVICE.—On Sunday, 15th December, the 11 o'clock service will be broadcast over the national stations.

MISSIONARY BOXES should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

THE NEXT ISSUE of the "Parish Messenger" will be in February.

ADULT CONFIRMATION will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, 11th December, at 8 p.m.

BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL Annual Service will be held on Sunday, 8th December, at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Anthony McDonald, the Rector of Holy Trinity. Speech Night will be on Thursday, 12th December, at 8 p.m. in the Albert Hall.

LADY BADEN POWELL will attend a special service for Guides, Brownies, Scouts, and Cubs in St. John's on Sunday, 15th December, at 7 p.m. Guides from many companies in Northern Tasmania will parade with their banners.

REV. E. C. ROWLAND will take the services and preach in St. John's on Sundays, January 12th and 19th. He will be remembered as Chaplain of the Grammar School in Launceston before going to Charters Towers, Queensland, last May. His course of addresses last Lent were greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to having him with us again.

OLD FOLK'S TEA: This annual gathering will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, December 12, at 5 p.m. As usual the Launceston Mission will be responsible for the arrangements under the direction of Sister I. K. M. Bourne. Donations towards expenses will be gratefully received.

G.F.S.: The annual Fair was very successful despite the inclement weather and we are most grateful to all who supported us in raising over £60. Our final gathering for the year will be an outing to Symmons Plains, Perth, on Saturday afternoon, 7th December. We will resume our meetings again next March.

WOMEN'S GUILD: Our final gathering for the year took the form of a Social Evening in the Kindergarten Hall, which all enjoyed. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th February.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jennifer Maree Alexander.
Kim Elizabeth Richardson.
Elizabeth Anne Gilbert.
Carol Anne Gilbert.
Rodney Mark Rainsford.
David John Tregurtha.
Vicki Maree Stone.
Christine Margaret Gall.
Peter Allan Seymour.
Denise Jessica Gray.
Judith Anne Burton.
Mark Steven Pinkard.
Wendy Faye Pearton.
Deane Vernon Foster.
Wendy Elizabeth Maddox.
Elizabeth Anne Smith.

MARRIAGES

Malcolm John Cato and Barbara Margaret Bailey.
David Bruce Miller and Janet Dawn Tregenna.
Graeme Keyran Cornish and Lynette Dawn Taylor.
Frederick Arthur McCarron and Brenda Margaret Partridge.
Peter Trudgian and Joan Doreen Buckney.

AT REST

Nellie Kely, Shane Greaves O'Byrne, Stephen Percy Hatherton Martin, Alfred Percy Whitelaw, Elsie Plummer.

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