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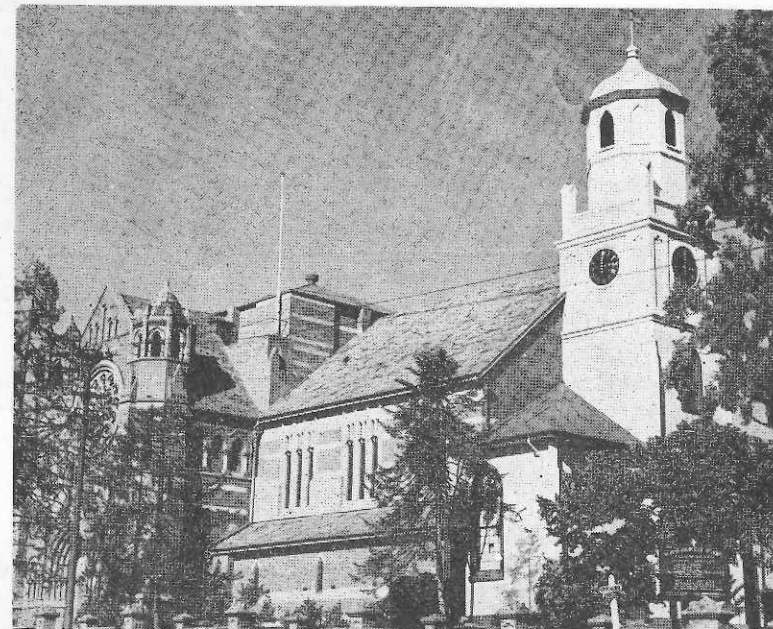
FEBRUARY, 1957.

Rector: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory,

157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B3186.

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. Easter 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,

This month our Parish Organisations resume their meetings after the January recess. I hope this year will be a happy time of fellowship and service for our church. There are many who worship with us but do not share our social meetings I am sure that we would all benefit by an increase in the membership of our organisations. Synod is to meet in Launceston this year in September. St. John's will be a central gathering place for services and meetings. This will mean much planning and preparation but we are privileged to have the responsibility of

providing all that is necessary for the convenience and comfort of our visitors from the other parts of the diocese. Every organisation will have a part to take and I am quite sure that with the co-operation of other parishes Launceston Synod will be successful and enjoyable in every way.

As the mother parish of Trevallyn we extend a warm welcome to the Revd. J. R. Brown and Mrs. Brown and their family as he begins his ministry as Rector of St. Oswald's. It is remarkable what has been accomplished there in the last six years to make it one of the most vigorous parishes in Launceston.

The sudden death of Mr. Willis John Williams came as a shock to his many friends although he had been in indifferent health for a considerable time. He was an outstanding layman of our church and Vice-President of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He also held high office in the Masonic Order. Until coming to Launceston about eight years ago he lived in Sydney. Our sincere sympathy is with Mrs. Williams and the family.

The Bishop of Tasmania has licenced the Revd. M. L. Hughes as assistant priest to the Archdeacon of Launceston to enable help to be given in parishes and districts without a resident minister. Mr. Hughes will receive the licence at Evensong on Sunday, 3rd February.

Mr. Lindsay O'Neill has written from England to say he expects to be returning to Launceston in October. He is pursuing his musical studies at the Royal College of Music and the Royal College of Organists.

The diocese has acquired a large building at the "Hydro Village," Pitt Ave., Trevallyn, formerly used as administrative offices. It will be furnished as a Conference and Retreat Centre. In memory of a former Rector of St. John's and Archdeacon of Launceston, it has been suggested that it should be named "Beresford House." It is planned that the parishes in the northern part of the diocese should co-operate in providing the furnishings and equipment.

During the first week in February I shall be in Sydney attending the meeting of the Federal Council of the Church Missionary Society. Several matters of importance are to be discussed relating to the Primate's recent visit to China, and the diocese of Tanganyika. I shall return for the Sunday services.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

YOUTH GROUP

Members and intending members of St. John's C.E.F. are invited to attend a meeting at the Rectory after evensong on Sunday, 3rd February. Time of meetings and type of programmes are among the important matters to be considered.

This month the Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, 10th February, after the 8 o'clock service, and the Fellowship Tea at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 17th February. However, commencing next month, it is proposed to have the Communion Breakfast on the first Sunday in every month so in March it will be on the 3rd instead of the 10th.

We are sorry to hear that Gregory Bradford has moved to Melbourne. We shall miss him from our Youth Group. Our best wishes are extended to him and his family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School commences again on Sunday, February 3rd at 9.45 a.m. This year there will again be keen competition between leading scholars in the various classes for places on the Prize List, which of course is made up at the year's close.

It is most important that a good start should be made and regular attendances maintained throughout the year. Secular education, now so ably carried on in our State by the Government as well as

the Church is a heritage that has been passed on to the State by the Church.

Christian influence is an invaluable contribution that can be made in our day and generation to the world in which we live by the Christian minority, and the influence of keen young people trained in Sunday School and Christian homes is realised only as we look at such influence in retrospect. Positive Christianity is the answer to boredom and apathy which results today in aimless crime for want of something helpful and constructive to do.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The first meeting of the St. John's Women's Guild for 1957 will be held at the home of Mrs. Dodery, 20 Raymond Street, East Launceston, on Thursday, 14th February, at 8 p.m. Any ladies wishing to join the Guild will be made very welcome and are asked to communicate with the Secretary, Mrs. C. Targett, 17 Gloucester St., Phone B4018 for further particulars.

"CHURCH NEWS"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. L. Lakin, 10/-; J. R. 10/-.

"Christmas Remembrance Bowl." The Appeal for Inter Church Aid for refugees at Christmas time resulted in £42/15/6 being received by the Church treasurer. Other amounts were forwarded direct to the Secretary of the World Council of Churches in Launceston. £3 was received for Hungarian Relief.

Missionary Boxes opened in December contained £31/5/6 for the Church Missionary Society.

Mothers' Union, St. John's Mother's Union will hold their first meeting for the year on Thursday, 28th February, 1957, commencing with a service in the chapel at 2.45 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital, Owing to the Hospitals' Annual Button Day being held on Friday, 1st February, St. John's Auxiliary met on Thursday, 31st January. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th March, 1957.

C.E.M.S. The first meeting of St. John's C.E.M.S. for the year will be held on Sunday, 3rd February, at 4.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. There will be a visiting speaker. All men of our congregation are invited to attend our meetings. To those bereaved by the home-coming of the late Mr. W. J. Williams we extend our sincere sympathy.

Broadcast Service. The 11 o'clock service will be broadcast on Sunday morning, 17th February over the national stations.

The Memorial Window erected to the memory of the Mrs. Sarah Stebbeings will be dedicated at Evensong on Sunday, 3rd February at 7 p.m.

St. John's Choir is seriously reduced in numbers as several members have left Launceston. The Choirmaster is most anxious to fill vacancies, especially sopranos, so that the music of our services may be maintained at the usual high level. Choir Practices are held on Thursday evenings. If you are able to help would you kindly approach the Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. A. H. Wills or the Rector. They will gladly give any information.

G.F.S. will resume meetings in March.

C.E.B.S. Mr. R. J. Roberts has taken over leadership of St. John's C.E.B.S. They will resume meeting on Monday, 11th February at 7 p.m. when all present and new members, from 8 years of age, will be welcomed.

HOLY BAPTISM

Robin Charles Clark, Geoffrey Reginald Jones, Jennifer Margaret Catlin, Faye Maree Shipton, Colleen Anne, Shipton, Sally Maree Griffiths, Peter Geoffrey Crawford, Geoffrey Gordon Barker, Ross Maxwell Eastburn, Robyn Elizabeth Harris, Sallianne Targett, Richard Carl Mino, Julie Christine Atherton, Joanne Louise Atherton, Bronwyn Sheelagh Spencer, Fay Cheryl Boyd, Dianne Mary Boyd.

MARRIAGES

Aleksandra Sulcs and Dawn Pamela Crawford. Waldemara Theodors Zingbergs and Phyllis Maud Abbott. Allen Vernon Curran and Jean Mary Richardson. Frank Billington Gibbons and Julie Alice Jacobs. Edward William Morling and Margaret Jean Burrows. Allan John Wilson and Beverley Joy Dimsey. Peter Alan Winter and Margaret Patricia Jones. Donald Stanley Patterson and Lynette Marie Holloway. Ronald Rex Martin and Iris Jean Delanty. Graeme William Loynd White and Zerlina Joan Keil. Horace Albert Viney and Irene Summers. Harold Cedric Keith Knee and Betty Doreen Smith. Albert George Cottingham and Nancy Florence Sibley. Allan John Wilson and Heather Dawn Williams. Reginald Charles Sutton and Phyllis Penelope Hamilton. Stanley Samuel Bennett and Noel Elaine Johns. Donald Graeme Bird and Pauline Jean Sawford. Terence Darrell Pinkard and Barbara Anne Packard. Douglas Raymond Harold Lunn and Lorna Marion Pattison. Keverall John Peter and June Margaret Saltmarsh. Clarence William Down and Shirley Carleen Margaret Williams. Kenneth Cameron Smith and Shirley Jean Atkinson. Geoffrey John Cresswell and Shirley Wendy Brown. Barry Lionel Henry Olding and Winifred Cathleen Dennis. Noel Gibbins and Marjorie June Walters. Desmond John Yorlie and Margaret Jean Duncan.

AT REST

Leslie Arthur Brain, Nellie Claudeen Chick, Willis John Williams, Robert James Gray, Paul Robert Johns, Hilda Ruth Easter.

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