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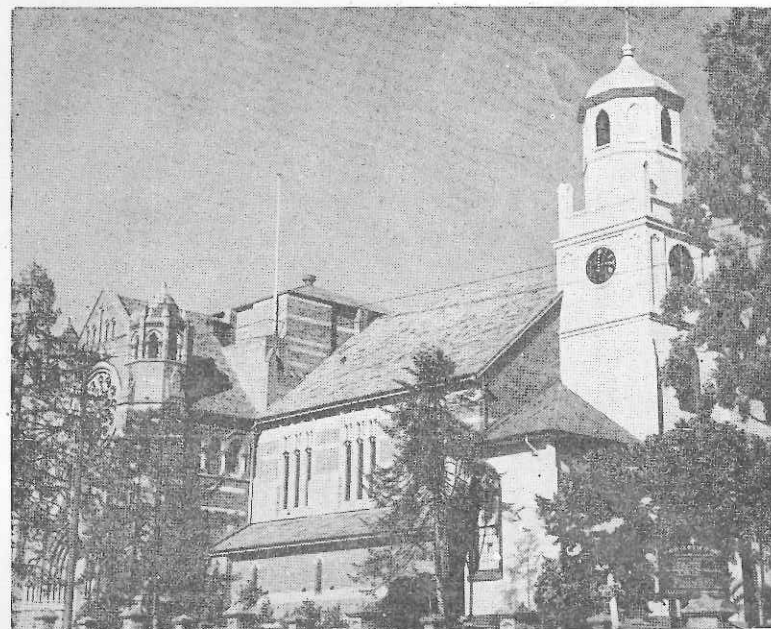
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SUNDAY SERVICES

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. Easter and R. H. Watson.
 Hon. Lay Reader: Mr. A. G. Hart.
 Sunday School Superintendents: Miss E. Kingsmill, Th.L. and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.
 Deputy Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. A. H. Wills.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This week, on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, the season of Lent begins. That morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. In the evening at 7.30 p.m. a Devotional Service will be held when a recorded sermon by the Revd. Dr. Peter Marshall will be heard over our amplifying system. Many will remember the book and film, "A man called Peter." Few clergymen in recent years have been more widely publicised and we believe that many will be glad of the opportunity of hearing Peter Marshall's message in his own voice. We are grateful to Rev. E. C. Rowland of the Grammar School for making the record available.

Every Tuesday evening in Lent, commencing on the 12th March, a series of talks has been arranged under the title, "Know Your Church." The meetings will be held in C.M.S. House, 92 St. John Street, except the first one which will be in St. John's Hall. Details are given in another paragraph. I hope many will attend.

On Sunday evenings in Lent a course of addresses will be given under the general title "Christianity in the Modern World" by the Revd. E. C. Rowland. On Sunday mornings devotional addresses will be given on "Actors of the Passion" by Mr. Maddick and myself.

I am very glad to be able to announce the appointment of an assistant clergyman in the parish. He is the Revd. Terence H. Dicks who is to be ordained deacon in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on Sunday, 3rd March. Mr. Dicks has completed two years as a student in Moore Theological College, Sydney, and when he comes to St. John's, he will continue his studies for the priesthood. For several years, and more especially since the "Every Member Canvass," I have been seeking an assistant who could share with me in the pastoral work of the parish. Owing to the shortage of clergy, particularly on the mainland, where there are so many vacant parishes, I have been unable to make an appointment. However, I am very happy that the Bishop, after meeting Mr. Dicks in Sydney, has agreed to licence him, and arranged for his ordination by the Primate. I expect Mr. Dicks will come to St. John's some time this month, and we shall welcome him after service one Sunday evening.

We all extend our warm congratulations to Miss E. Kingsmill upon receiving her Th.L. diploma from the Australian College of Theology. For some time Miss Kingsmill has been quietly studying for examinations which she has passed year by year. She has now completed the course and her many friends extend their best wishes.

It has been a keen disappointment to us all that the C.M.S. Dining Room has had to close down for financial reasons. The same thing has happened in Hobart. In days past C.M.S. Tea Rooms were staffed by voluntary workers and were a source of steady income for missions. Today conditions are very different. The rising cost of provisions and the payment of staff together with the limited hours of trading have made it uneconomical to continue. At the time of writing it is not clear whether the dining-rooms will continue under other management or be let for some new kind of business. We are most grateful to the Dining-Room and Depot committees for all that they have done to help. Especially would we pay tribute to Miss C. K. Eberhard and the Revd. K.A. Kay. Circumstances beyond our control have prevented us carrying on. The Church Missionary Society office and Book Depot will be transferred to two offices on the first floor in the front of the building above the shop. These will be open on weekdays from 12.30 to 4.30 p.m., when visitors will be welcome.

It was a great privilege and inspiration to attend the meetings of the Federal Council of C.M.S. in Sydney last month. Reports from the various mission fields told of remarkable progress in building up indigenous churches in many lands. Among the aborigines in the Northern Territory constructive work on C.M.S. mission stations has brought spiritual and material blessings to the natives. The visit of Bishop and Mrs. Stanway of Central Tanganyika to Launceston from 3rd to 6th March will give us an opportunity of hearing at first hand what great things are happening in the Church in East Africa today. The Bishop is to preach at St. John's on Sunday night and address a Missionary Rally in C.M.S. House, on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Stanway will speak to our Sunday School on Sunday morning and address a Women's gathering on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in C.M.S. House.

Trusting that we shall all use the season of Lent as a time of spiritual refreshment, and benefit by the series of special addresses to be given.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT at 7 p.m.

"Christianity in the Modern World."

March 10. "Radar, rockets, re-actors and religion."

March 17. "The Man who stood in the Gap."

March 24. "Facing the Facts."

March 31. "Anglicanism, dead or alive."

April 7. "A Royal Priesthood."

April 14. "Which will ye have?"

Preacher: Rev. E. C. Rowland.
F.R.A.H.S.

TUESDAYS IN LENT

C.M.S. House at 8 p.m.

"Know your Church."

March 12. "Our Glorious Heritage." Archdeacon Sutton (in St. John's Hall).

March 19. "Our Historical Development." Rev. E. C. Rowland.

March 26. "Catholic and Evangelical."

Rev. J. R. Brown.

April 2. "Our Missionary Strategy."

Rev. H. Butterley.

April 9. "Our Financial Administration." Leslie Partington (Diocesan Registrar).

Tea and Biscuits. Questions. No Collection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was good to see boys and girls in greater numbers on Sunday last and especially to welcome new scholars brought along by others already attending. Everyone is very keen about the project books, and for Lent there will be a C.M.S. Poster Competition between the classes. As we have fewer teachers the classes are larger; teaching however is by keen teachers and we would welcome still more scholars. Lenten Missionary Boxes have been given out and we hope all will have them full by Easter.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The Annual meeting was held at C.M.S. House on Tuesday, 19th February when the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year. President, Archdeacon Sutton, Vice-Presidents: Rev. K. Kay, Misses S. Brownrigg and E. Kingsmill. Joint Secretaries: Mrs. R. Hart and Miss I. Oates. Treasurer: Mrs. L. Bryant.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Remember the alteration in our plans from this month. Fellowship Tea on the SECOND SUNDAY and COMMUNION BREAKFAST on the THIRD SUNDAY. So Sunday, 10th March at 5 p.m. TEA. Speaker: Sister Murison Bourn: "The Work of the City Mission." Sunday, March 17th: Communion Breakfast.

C.E.F.

Sixteen members attended the inaugural meeting of the C.E.F. last month. After a Social Hour and Tea, members attended a short devotional service in the Chapel and took part in a group discussion on "The Catholic Practice of Lent." The next study period will be after Evensong on March 10th.

JUNIOR CHURCH at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday 3rd March when Mrs. A. Stanway of Tanganyika will talk to us about Africa. Parents of Sunday School children are invited to this service.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the Quarterly opening.

St. John's Mother's Union, will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, 28th March, beginning with a short service at 2.45 p.m.

St. John's Women's Guild. The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 14th March, at 8 p.m. We have been greatly encouraged by the number of new members who have joined us recently and we extend a cordial welcome to the Ladies of the Parish who wish to join this friendly organisation. W. Targett, Hon. Sec.

Beresford House: An American Tea will be held at the Diocesan Conference House, Pitt Avenue, Trevallyn, on Saturday, March 13th at 2.30 p.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday, 8th March Services will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Paterson Street, at 3 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. (Girls' Service). Short services of intercession at 11 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m.

World Council of Churches. The annual meeting of the Launceston branch will be held at the Chalmers Hall Guild Room on Friday, 8th March, at 7.45 p.m. An open invitation is extended to all interested to attend. Arrangements are well in hand for the Combined Service to be held in the National Theatre on Wednesday, 17th April, (Holy Week) at 8 p.m. when the Dean of Melbourne will be the guest speaker. This service will be preceded by a Procession of Witness in which all church people and organisations are specially asked to join.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. The next meeting of St. John's branch of the auxiliary to the hospital will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 7th March at 8 p.m. On the annual Hospital's Button Day held in February, St. John's Auxiliary raised approximately £27. Our thanks to all who helped.

G.F.S. will meet on Tuesday, 5th March at 7.30 p.m.

C.E.M.S. next meeting on Sunday, 3rd March at 4.45 p.m. Speaker, Bishop Stanway.

C.E.B.S. meet Monday nights at 7 p.m. New members from 8 years of age welcomed.

HOLY BAPTISM

David Peter Heyes, Leonie Maree Nash, Virginia Gilbert, Graeme David Gill, Susan Maree Wright, Gregory Basil James Dodd, Bronwyn Marie Shaw, Michael John Lehner, Roslyn Jane Richardson, Peter John Mills, Cheryl Christine Carroll, Yvonne Dianne Lehman, Raymond John Murfet, Peter Robert Grubb, Antony Colin Meek, Jonathan Edward Farquhar, Denise Mary Hungerford, Paul Ashley Fraser, Robyn Joan Simmonds.

MARRIAGES.

Darcy John Burn and Lorna Edna Phillips. Garth Grant Moore and Doreen Talbot. Peter Yates Williams and Rona Berris Rigby. Lloyd Thewlis Parry and Beryl Jones. Jeffries Orme Bushby and Alison Judith Fay Southby. Arnold Rudolph Billing Gunther and Fay Maree Vernon. Henry William Gooding and Norma Winsome Moore. Geoffrey Cecil Gibson and Valerie Mary McIntee.

AT REST.

Alexander Charles Parsons, Helen Estelle Watson, Esme Margaret White.

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