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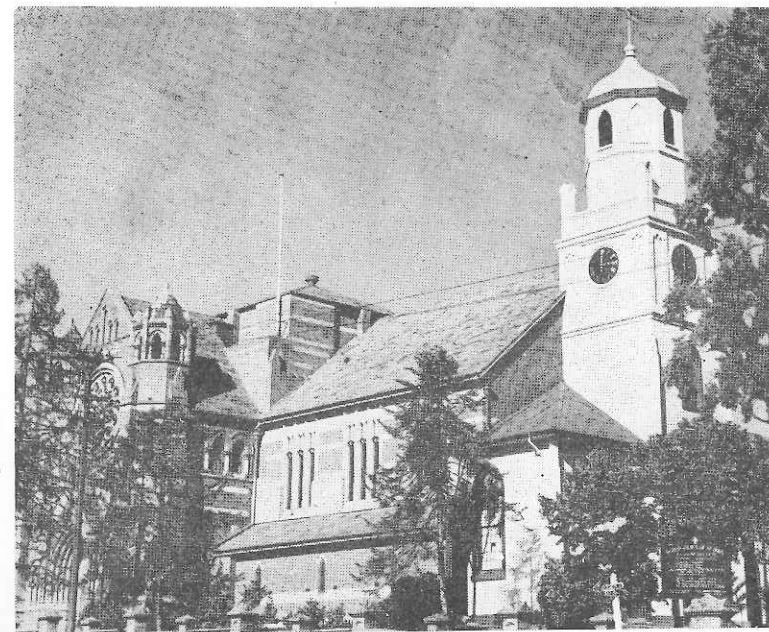
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Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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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. Easter 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,

The spirit of victory over sin and death which marks this season, was once again an inspiration to all who worshipped with us at our Easter services. This spirit of peace should always be with us, for every Sunday is a weekly celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection and an assurance of His Living Presence with us. What greater encouragement can we have than to remember, believe and experience the truth of His last promise "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Youth Camp held at Sidmouth Presbyterian Youth Centre on the weekend after Easter was very much enjoyed by some thirty young people and several others, young in spirit, who attended. We are very grateful to Mr. Dicks who organised it and to Mesdames Easther, Watson and Kingsmill and their helpers who attended to the cooking arrangements. A Re-union of all who were there will be held after the school vacation. Some are already asking when we are to have another camp.

Our very best wishes go to the Rev. T. H. Dicks and Miss Janice Edlin who are to be married in Sydney on 1st June. We are looking forward to giving them a very warm welcome on their return to Launceston about 12th June. They will be living in a flat at 179 St. John Street.

On Palm Sunday evening after the Revd. E. C. Rowlands had concluded his course of Lenten sermons on "Christianity in the Modern World" members of the Vestry with their wives met at the Rectory for supper when Mr. F. H. Cookman made a presentation to Mr. Rowland in appreciation of his help to St. John's. He expressed the thanks of the congregation to him for his challenging addresses and said how sorry we all were to learn that he was leaving Tasmania. He has been appointed the Chaplain of All Saints' Grammar School, Charters Towers, Queensland. We extend to him our very best wishes.

I was very sorry to learn that ill health has caused the resignation of the Revd. Angus Palmer as rector of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston. We hope that medical care and rest will soon make him fit again, and enable him to continue his ministry in another parish.

The appointment of the Revd. Anthony McDonald as Mr. Palmer's successor has just been announced. We extend to him our best wishes and pray that his ministry at Holy Trinity may be greatly blessed.

After a long period of sickness Mrs. Hilda May Lakin has passed away. We extend our sincere sympathy to the members of her family. For a great many years she was a most regular worshipper at St. John's and an active member of the Mothers' Union, The Medical Missionary Auxiliary, of which she was secretary, and the Flower Guild. She was also a keen worker for the Diocesan Children's Homes. Her late husband, Mr. Leslie Harold Lakin who was a Vestryman and Sidesman, died in July, 1948.

We congratulate St. John's Boy Scout Troop, on their success in gaining the coveted "Ernest Clark Trophy" in competition with scouts from all parts of Tasmania. We are grateful to the Scoutmaster, Mr. Kevin Jack and his assistants for the time they give in training the lads.

"Beresford House," the newly acquired Diocesan Conference Centre at Pitt Avenue, Trevallyn, is to be used for the first time for a Clerical Conference from May 13th to 15th. The Bishop of Tasmania will dedicate the building on Monday afternoon, 13th May at about 3.15 p.m. when afternoon tea will be served. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. St. John's has undertaken to furnish a room at a cost of £50. Donations for this purpose may be sent to me.

The Launceston Branch of the World Council of Churches has arranged an Ecumenical Service to be held at St. John's on Wednesday, 22nd May, at 8 p.m. It will be attended by members of other congregations as well as Anglicans. After the service there will be a gathering in the Kindergarten Hall for discussion and supper.

All are invited to attend and help the cause of fellowship in worship.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 23rd May following the service in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m.

On Wednesday, 22nd May, the ANNUAL MUSICAL MARKET will be held in St. John's Hall at 3 p.m. in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home at Kingston. This is a Diocesan Home and we hope that parishioners will give us their generous support. Musical items will be given. Useful articles will be on sale and afternoon tea will be served.

ASCENSION DAY MISSIONARY SERVICE

On Ascension Day, Thursday, 30th

May, at 7.30 p.m. there will be a special Missionary service in connection with the Church Missionary Society. The preacher will be the Revd. G. Muston, Editorial Secretary from C.M.S. recently returned from Mission Stations in South East Asia. After the service Films and coloured Slides will be screened in St. John's Hall and Supper served.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Ascension Day at 7 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Youth Fellowship Tea will be on Sunday, 12th May beginning at 5 p.m. A Youth Team will arrange the activities for this tea which will include singing, missionary items, etc., etc.

COMBINED YOUTH TEA

On Sunday 26th May, we will join the Young people of other churches in Launceston when there will be a Tea at St. John's at 5 p.m. There will be a visiting speaker from the Father and Son movement.

CAMP RE-UNION

Our Fellowship Camp Re-union will be held soon to give all an opportunity to meet again and be reminded of the many activities of the Camp.

C.E.B.S.

PARENTS do you wish your son to join the Church of England Boys' Society? If you do, please contact the Rector or the Curate. The boys meet once a week, each Monday evening from 7 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger Donations: Mrs. Grubb, £1; Sister Jenkins, 10/-.

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

Missionary Boxes: At the last quarterly opening of Missionary Boxes £47/10/3 was received for the Church Missionary Society.

Adult Confirmation: There will be a Confirmation Service for Adults in St. John's Church on Wednesday, 15th May at 8 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital: St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will hold their next meeting at the Rectory on Thursday, 6th June at 8 p.m.

Harvest Festival: Our thanks to all who sent donations of produce for our Harvest Festival. These were distributed to St. Luke's Hospital, Girls' Home and St. Giles' Home for Crippled Children.

C.E.M.S.: The Annual Meeting of St. John's branch of the Church of England Men's Society will be held on Sunday, 2nd June. After the devotional opening at 4.45 p.m. the annual reports will be presented and the election of officers held. After the business part of the meeting has been dealt with a speaker will introduce a matter of general interest for discussion. It was decided last month that at future meetings speakers would give their address at 5 p.m. before Tea and that matters of business would be dealt with after Tea.

New Sanctuary Curtains: The Vestry has decided to replace the old curtains extending from the sides of the reredos to the communion rails at a cost of £50. It is hoped that the new curtains will be in position soon. The material has to be obtained from the mainland.

Rectory Renovation: A quotation has been accepted for the redecoration of six rooms in the Rectory. The Vestry hopes that the work will begin at an early date. It is many years since they were last renovated.

Week of Prayer for the Unity of all Christian People has been widely observed during the past few years, in Australia from Ascension Day to Whitsunday. This year the dates are MAY 30-JUNE 9. The week is organised in the capital cities and other centres by committees which exist for this purpose only. It is, as it ought to be, an unofficial effort; but it has the approval of the heads of the various Churches and also of the World Council of Churches. In the Northern Hemisphere the week is observed from 18th-25th January.

Christians of all traditions are therefore invited to observe the week both in their private prayers and in public worship.

A leaflet giving suggestions for intercessions will be available on the table near the church door.

G.F.S.: Annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th May, when the Rector presided. Reports and Financial Statement showed a very successful year with the growth of the Junior group and an increase in the Carpet Fund. Thanks were expressed to Miss Kiddle and Mrs. Vermay for their help as Secretary and Treasurer. The office bearers were re-elected for a further term. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, 4th June.

HOLY BAPTISM

Helen Myers, Lorraine Jean McHenry, Kaye Noelene Russell, Virginia Anne Rouse, Stephen Gordon Hubbard, Vicki Maree McCormack, Shane McHenry, Rae McCaskill, Anne Elizabeth Bird, Vicki Helena Turner, Jan Elizabeth Armstrong, Rowan Richard Joyce, Brian Maxwell Knowles, Ian Douglas McClymont, Alfred John Barnett, William Thomas Neil Archer, Linda Sue Grunnell, Craig Peter Burleigh.

MARRIAGES

Allan Mervyn Waddle and Margaret Ann Trinder, George Ivan Vidor and Mary Grace Muir, Mervyn John Hatch and Anne Jeanette Campbell, Russell Ernest Gittus and Rita Jocelyn Hodgman, Geoffrey Johnston and Marlene Jean Kiddle, Wallace James Budgeon and Barbara Rose Dean, Neville Royce Gray and Sylvia Holt, Jack Russell Longden and Lesley Mary Scarborough, Walter Alfred Davies and Margaret Lena Jean Banks, Alfred Barry Chivers and Lily Sproule Midgley, Athol Melville Pearton and Gwendoline Jean Reid, Richard Oxenburgh and Rachael Jocelyn Percy, Hilmer William Amos and Angela Joyce Kerrison, Arthur William John Colgrave and Barbara Joan Alfred, Alfred Paul Wise and Ada May Amiguet.

AT REST

William Charles Brown, Eustace Owen Rowlands, Walter Henry Boyd, Phillis Sylvia Joyce Wainwright, Hilda May Lakin.

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