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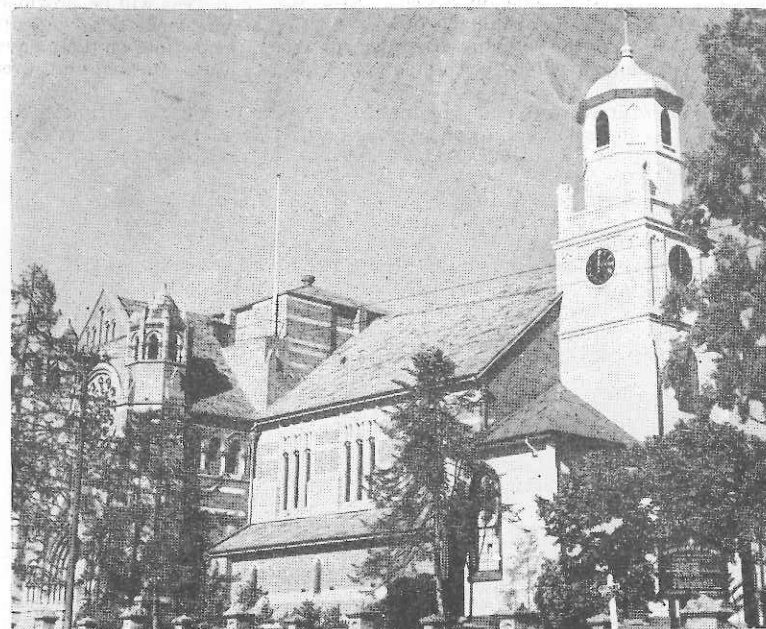
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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,

The meeting of Synod in Launceston this month will be of special interest to all Anglicans. Few have had the opportunity of visiting Hobart, where Synod usually meets, to attend its meetings, so for most this will be a new experience. I hope many will avail themselves of the provision made for the public to be present at the Sessions and listen to the business matters of our church being arranged and its activities discussed.

Synod will begin with a service in St. John's Church, on Monday evening, 9th September, at 7.30 p.m., at which the Bishop will give his opening address or "charge." After this service which I hope you will all try to attend, Synod will assemble in St.

John's Hall for business. After the calling of the roll and other preliminary matters have been dealt with, reports of committees and organisations will be given and motions of sympathy recorded. Special reference will be made to the 100th Anniversary of the first synod of the diocese which was held in Hobart Town, on 29th September, 1857. Bills referring to Church investments and the age of vestrymen will be introduced and also a Resolution concerning the leasing of Church lands. Other matters on the business paper concern parish canvasses and finance, and religious education. It usually happens that important matters not already on the Agenda are brought forward and these are of wide interest.

During Synod week the meetings of Church women's organisations will be held in Chalmers Hall. These include Church of English Council of Women, Mothers' Union, Women's Guilds and Girls' Friendly Society. Breakfasts and Teas will be provided for Members of Synod on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Kindergarten Hall where Buffet Lunch will be served for the delegates attending the Women's meetings on those days.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each morning after Matins, and Evening Prayer said daily.

Mainland visitors to Synod will include Mr. Val Brown (the Director of the General Board of Religious Education), Archdeacon Hewett (Federal Secretary of the Church Missionary Society), and the Rev. Frank Coaldrake (Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions).

We are very grateful to parishioners who have offered hospitality to members of Synod from other parts of Tasmania. Their help is greatly appreciated.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. H. Pittam whose husband passed away on the last day of August after being ill for some weeks. Mr. Pittam was a sidesman at St. John's for many years and was very interested in the organ. He gave assistance to the late Mr. Hopkins in his reconstruction of the instrument. He loved St. John's where he was a regular worshipper. We also express our sympathy with Mrs. C. Carlstrom in the sudden death of her sister Miss Anderson who was a very helpful member of St. John's.

In view of the special services being held next month it is felt that November would be more appropriate for time for our St. John's Festival. Details of the arrangements will be given next month.

There has been much sickness among parishioners and we hope that the warmer weather will soon bring relief.

May I commend to your special attention the services and meetings arranged in connection with the Mission to Launceston to be held at the end of this month under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Orr. Information is given in another paragraph and further pamphlets will be issued. We pray that the Mission will be a blessing to all who attend.

With all good wishes, Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Tasmanian branch of C.M.S. will be held this year in Launceston, on Friday, 13th September, at 8 p.m. in the C.M.S. Hall, 92 St. John Street. The Federal Secretary, the Rev. R. J. Hewett, who will be in Tasmania for Synod, will be present. At the conclusion of the meeting a valedictory service will be held to bid farewell to the Rev. Harlin Butterley, who is leaving to become Chaplain at St. Stephen's College Hong Kong. Mr. Butterley is looking forward to the opportunity which the meeting will afford of saying goodbye to the many friends he has made in all parishes in Launceston.

The annual C.M.S. Convention will be held in Launceston from Saturday, 12th October to Thursday, 17th. Details of the services and meetings will be published next month. The Chairman will be the Rt. Rev. Gordon Arthur, Assistant Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Missionaries attending will include Archdeacon Oliver Cordell and Mrs. Cordell, (Tanganyika) and Dr. J. Cranswick (India).

#### BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Launceston branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held on Wednesday, 11th September, at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Hall, Paterson Street. The speaker will be Rev. Young Bin Im, the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Korea. All friends of the Bible Society are warmly invited to be present.

#### MISSION TO LAUNCESTON

Sponsored by the Combined Churches of Launceston and under the Leadership of Dr. J. Edwin Orr, a Revival Mission is to be held in Launceston from Sunday, 22nd September, to Sunday, 6th October. The theme of the Mission will be "A Dynamic Church for a Developing Community." Members of the Revival Fellowship Team supporting Dr. Orr are Rev. W. A. Dunlap, Mr. R. B. Doing, Mr. Max Bushby, and Miss Corrie ten Boom.

Dr. J. Edwin Orr will preach in St. John's Church at 7 p.m. Evensong on Sunday, 29th September and Miss Corrie ten Boom will speak at a United Youth

Rally in St. John's Hall at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd September. Details of the week day and evening meetings will be given in a special leaflet. These will be held in the Paterson Street, Methodist Church.

#### YOUTH

A family tea will be held on Sunday, 8th September at 5 p.m. All young people and their families are invited. C.E.F. will meet after church.

The Saturday Youth Group meets on the third Saturday evening this month, 21st September at 7.45 p.m. All youth are invited to come and bring their friends.

On Sunday the 22nd September a combined Youth Rally is to be held at St. John's. The gathering will begin at 4.30 p.m. Miss Corrie ten Boom, a member of Dr. Edwin Orr's revival team will be our speaker. Young people from the churches in Launceston will be present.

Our Youth Camp begins on Friday, 27th September. Have you filled in your application form yet?

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND BOYS' SOCIETY

A Camp for boys was held at Perth from Friday, 30th August till Sunday, 1st September.

A programme catering for the spiritual, physical and mental needs of the boys was arranged, with hikes, sports activities, stalking, indoor games, flannel-graph stories, films, slides and singing. Miss Kingsmill and Victor Clark cooked for us. Mr. Gayne Watson, Mr. Bill Hill, Robin White were leaders, also Mr. and Mrs. Dicks were present.

The boys joined in wholeheartedly in every activity including conducting morning prayer for the whole group.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations. Mrs. E. Cunningham, 3/-; Church Boxes, 10/-.

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

Mothers' Union. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 26th September, at 2.45 p.m. The speaker will be the Rector.

C.E.M.S. The Church of England Men's Society will meet on Sunday, 6th October, at 4.45 p.m. when the Guest Speaker will be Capt. Jones, of the Salvation Army.

St. Luke's Hospital. The annual meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held on Thursday, 3rd October, at 8 p.m. at the Rectory.

Confirmation Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 6th October, at 11 a.m.

Change of Address. As indicated on the front page the Revd. T. H. Dicks and Mrs. Dicks have moved from the flat in St. John Street, and are now living in a house at 109 Lawrence Vale Road, Sandhill. The phone number is J 2172.

Women's Guild. Because of Synod our meeting this month is to be held a week later than usual. It will be at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett Street, West Launceston, on Thursday, 19th September at 8 p.m. All women are invited to become members.

G.F.S. We greatly appreciated the screening of coloured slides by Miss M. Mack taken on her trip abroad. Members are preparing for our annual Fair in aid of the Carpet Fund, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, 9th November, in the Kindergarten Hall.

Sunday School Teachers will meet in the C.M.S. House, St. John Street, on Monday, 16th September at 7.30 p.m. when a talk will be given by the Director of the General Board of Religious Education from Melbourne, Mr. Val Brown. All Sunday School teachers are urged to attend. The meeting has been arranged by the S.S. Teachers' Association.

Junior G.F.S. members will be admitted at an Enrolment Service at Evensong at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 22nd September.

Missionary Service League has arranged an Evening to aid Missions at C.M.S. House, 92 St. John Street, on Tuesday, 17th September, at 7.45 p.m. Films on New Guinea and Korea will be screened and there will be Trading Table. Supper will be served.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Michael Anthony Dewis, Gail Lesley Squires, Judith Ann Reid, Pamela Ivy Hayes, Helen Janette Lewis, Joanne Margaret Evans, Susan Elizabeth Morrison, Ronald Gordon Bassett, Deborah Lorraine Allan.

#### MARRIAGES

John Leonard Bohdal and Margery Svana Scott. Jack Dead Bradford and May Diane Barker. Dugald Aubrey Skeggs and Pauline Allison Newman. Brian Thomas Smith and Phyllis Patricia Bellchambers. Ronald George Leonard and Cynthia Janet Robinson. Maxwell John Garwood and Marie Jones. Colin George Henry Weedon and Dawn Moore. Derwen James Ogilvie and Maureen Ethel Rowell.

#### AT REST

Thomas Rex Lee, William Henry Burns, Marjorie Amelia Mitchell, Kathleen Edna Lyell Arnold, Henry Vinson Pittam, Martha May Anderson, Violetta Elenor Brown, Nina Grace Rock.

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