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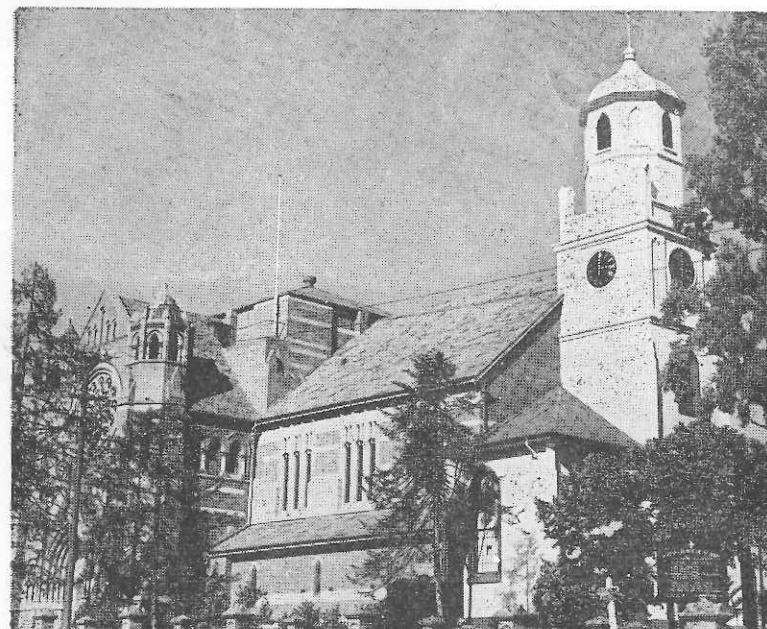
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CLERGYVen. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory,
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This month begins with the solemn commemoration of our Lord's Passion which teaches us that the God whom we worship and to whom we pray is a God who has entered into the deepest experience of human mental and physical suffering. But the truth is that this cup of suffering which he drank was for our salvation. That we, through faith in his sacrifice on the Cross, could be restored to an AT-ONE-MENT with God. Our sins have separated us from our Heavenly Father and it is only by accepting that which Jesus has done for us—that which we are powerless to do for ourselves—that that separation can be changed to Fellowship. As St. John says, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." Scholars have written books without number to try and explain all this, but I always feel that the words of the old hymn, "There is a green hill far away" state in simple words what Christians have experienced down through the centuries. On Easter Day the sorrows of Calvary are overshadowed by the triumph of Life over Death. His Resurrection teaches us that this world with all its sins and sorrows is not our only experience of life. There is a richer and fuller life ahead which God has prepared for those who have faith in his Love.

The sacrament of Holy Communion presents these great truths in the form of the highest act of Christian worship. May we not fail to make our Communion at Easter as our Prayer Book directs.

At Eastertide, as usual, there will be visitors in our midst, many from the mainland. Members of the Apex Clubs of Australia are holding a Conference in Launceston at this time and many of them plan to attend St. John's Church as a group for the Easter night service. Also to be present at that service are members of the C.E.B.S. from Victoria. The Assistant Bishop will be the preacher.

Just after Easter Bishop Cranswick and Mrs. Cranswick are leaving for England to attend the Lambeth Conference. We extend to them our best wishes. They are due to return in September. During their absence the Diocese will be administered by Bishop Barrett.

It is hardly necessary for me to say how disappointed I am that my complaint has lasted longer than I expected. It has prevented me from taking part in so many of our Lenten services and meetings. Unfortunately it is still with me but I hope, gradually diminishing. I would like to thank and pay tribute to the Reverend Terence Dicks for the splendid way in which he has taken my place. I am most grateful to him and others who have assisted by their kindness to me and Mrs. Sutton during the period of my illness.

May I conclude by extending to Mr. and Mrs. Dicks our sincere congratulations on the safe arrival of John Terence. The happy event occurred less than an hour before the proud father had to preach at Evensong!

With every good wish to you all for a blessed and happy Eastertide,

Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER Special Services

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Tuesday at 7 a.m., on Wednesday at 10.15 a.m. and on Thursday at 8 p.m.

There will be a devotional service with Bible Study on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m., Litany and Ante-Communion.
10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer.

12 noon to 3 p.m., Devotions on "Seven Words from the Cross." Rev. Anthony McDonald (Rector of Holy Trinity Church).

7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.

EASTER DAY

7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m., Junior Church Service.
10.45 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion.

7 p.m., Evensong. Preacher, The Assistant Bishop of Tasmania.

PRIVATE EASTER COMMUNIONS

The Rector would like to know early of sick and aged parishioners desiring celebrations of Holy Communion in their homes.

EASTER DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers will be gratefully received at the church on Saturday, Easter Eve.

MOTHERS' UNION

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union it was decided to have a Corporate Communion on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 10.15 a.m. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 24, at 2.45 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

At the Annual Hospitals' Button Day, the Auxiliary was responsible for raising £64/3/9. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 14, at 2.45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd. There will also be a meeting on Thursday, May 1, at 8 p.m. at the Rectory.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The third Annual Meeting of St. John's Women's Guild was held on Thursday, March 14. The Report showed that a

very successful year's work had been achieved. The following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. M. Easther.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. L. N. Sutton, Mrs. C. H. Targett.

Secretary: Mrs. M. H. Summers.

Treasurer: Miss M. Gregory.

Committee: Mesdames C. H. Targett, T. P. White and R. H. Watson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Scott, 20 Granville St., West Launceston, on Thursday, 10th April, at 8 p.m. when the guest speaker will be Miss Scott, of the Red Cross.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The G.F.S. United Intercession Service will be held at the Church of the Holy Family, Inveresk, on Monday in Holy Week, 31st March, at 7.30 p.m.

Senior G.F.S. meet on Tuesday, 8th April, at 7.30 p.m. for the Annual Meeting, to be followed by a Missionary Hour and Supper.

Junior G.F.S. meet on Thursday afternoons at 5.30 p.m. under the leadership of Miss Margaret Morrah. New members, from 8 years of age and upwards, will be welcomed.

YOUTH NEWS

There will be a working bee at the Anglican Youth Centre at Kelso on Saturday, 12th April. Cars will leave at 8.15 a.m. from St. John's Church. For any information phone B2918.

A youth tea has been arranged for Sunday, 13th April, at 5 p.m. All young people 14 years and over are invited to this tea.

The youth group will meet on Saturday, 19th April, starting at 7.45 p.m. The youth breakfast will be held on Sunday, 20th April, following Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Our youth camp will be held at Sidmouth, Anzac weekend, 24th April-27th. Send your application form in now. For information phone B2918, Rev. T. Dicks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is pleased to report that three young men are now taking

boys' classes in the senior Sunday School, Mr. Max Clarke, Mr. Wally Morrison, and Mr. Geonrey Candler. There have been new additions to the Sunday School each week.

C.E.B.S.

A C.E.B.S. camp is being arranged for some time in May.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

The Sunday School Parents and Friends' Association will meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Friday, 11th April, at 8 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to attend. On the following Friday, 18th April, they are organising a Social for the children of the Sunday School.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The Annual Meeting was held in C.M.S. House on Tuesday, 15th March, at 7.15 p.m. The annual report and bank statement were presented and the following officers elected for the ensuing year.

President: Bishop Barrett. Vice-Presidents: Archdeacon Sutton, Miss S. Brownrigg, Mrs. W. Whitmore. Chairman: Miss S. Brownrigg. Secretary: Miss E. Kingsmill. Treasurer: Mrs. Bryant.

The report of the past year showed progress. Appreciation of Miss Oates' interest and services was expressed.

Bishop Barrett will speak on "Lay Evangelism" at our next meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, in C.M.S. House at 7.45 p.m. Come and join us. A welcome awaits you!

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

A Young Wives' Group has been started in the parish to help young wives and mothers to understand the spiritual value of wifehood and motherhood, the great responsibility of parents for their children, and the power of prayer and example. Monthly gatherings will be held and the next meeting will be at St. John's Rectory on Wednesday, 9th April, at 8 p.m. to which all young wives will be cordially welcomed. Our aim is to bring the younger married women into the fellowship of the Church to get to know one another. From time to time Parents' Groups will be arranged where both husbands and wives can come to a meeting together. Our special speaker April, will be Mrs. Bill Shepherd: Subject — Floral arrangements.

C.E.M.S.

The next meeting will be held on Easter Sunday at 4.45 p.m. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will combine with the C.E.B.S. for tea and strip films will be shown. All men of the parish are welcome.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Confirmation Service for Adults will be held in Launceston, probably at St. John's Church on Friday, 16th May, at 8 p.m. Adults who wish to be confirmed are asked to see the Rector or Mr. Dicks as soon as possible.

Anzac Day, Friday, 25th April, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m.

Badminton Club. The Annual Meeting of St. John's Badminton Club will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 9th April, at 7.30 p.m. when the annual reports will be presented and arrangements made for the coming season. The club meets in the Parish Hall every Wednesday night and parishioners interested in the game are invited to join. Miss Dare Snott, 60 George St. (phone B4649), is the secretary and will be glad to give information.

Synod Representatives: Mr. Russell James Hoyle and Mr. Maxwell Mason Easther have been nominated as lay representatives in Diocesan Synod for the parish of St. John's.

Bush Church Aid Society. The Revd. John Green Greenwood, N.S.W. secretary of the B.C.A. Society, will be visiting Tasmania in April and will preach in St. John's Church on Sunday morning, 20th April, at 11 o'clock service. In Tasmania the B.C.A. is working at Tarraleah and Bronte Park hydro villages and on the mainland is serving in nine dioceses. In addition to pastoral work in thinly settled areas it is responsible for school hostels and flying medical services connected with five modern hospitals.

Harvest Festival. Our Annual Harvest will be held on Sunday, 20th April. Donations of fruit, vegetables, produce and groceries will be received at the church on Saturday morning. There will be a special children's service at 10 a.m. when each child of the Sunday School will bring a piece of fruit or vegetable. On Monday the gifts will be taken to St. Luke's Hospital and the children's homes.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

April 6th, Flower Guild; 13th, Mrs. C. H. Targett; 20th, Mrs. M. M. Easther; 27th, Miss D. Davis.

May 4th, Miss M. Bennett; 11th, Mrs. F. J. Huston; 18th, Mrs. R. H. Watson; 25th, Mrs. F. J. Jones.

NOTE: If date is inconvenient please arrange with someone else.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR APRIL

MORNINGS: Messrs. T. White and T. J. Wing.

EVENINGS: Messrs. J. Sanderson and F. Stevens.

HOLY BAPTISM

Deborah Fae Richardson, Vicki Lesley Hambridge, Lynette Gwen Patmore, Steven Victor Nelson, Ian Christiansen, Irene Lesley Merrington.

MARRIAGES

Clifford Herman Saunders and Elvie Jean Boyd; William George Reynolds and Coralie Valmai Lee; John Reyecraft Moore and Jean Mary Cowley; Alfred James Richardson and Patricia Anne Walker; William Brian Cochrane and Gloria Ellen Pinner; Thomas William Davey and Daphne Christina Jane Quale.

AT REST

Richard Morrison; Eric Roy Auld. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.