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**CLERGY**

Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), The Rectory,  
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Rev. T.H.Dicks, Th.L., 4 Elizabeth Street, Launceston. Phone B2918.



**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays.

7 pm.—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 am., 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. F. J. Jones, F. H. Cookman and M. M. Easther.

Vestry: Messrs. F. Ikin, L. Denham, A. G. Hart, R. J. Hoyle, R. H. Watson, T. P. White,  
T. J. Wing, K. Findlay and R. D. Barr.

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,

We were all greatly encouraged by the large attendance at our Annual Church Meeting and the Parish Tea held the same evening. As a report of the meeting is given in another column I will only say again how grateful we are to the officers of our church for all that they are doing in attending to our business matters and keeping our buildings in good repair. This is no light task and they, on their part, appreciate the confidence and support of the parishioners.

Last month I attended the dedication of the new Lutheran Chapel in Launceston, situated in Frankland Street, near the top of St. John Street. At the service the Pastor publicly expressed the thanks of the congregation to us for allowing them to hold their services at St. John's for several years past as well as providing the Parish Hall for their Sunday School. I assured them that we felt it a privilege to have them worship in our church when they had no church of their own.

I was present at the Induction of the Rev. E. B. Robinson as Minister of Chalmers Church. At the social gathering after the service I extended to him a welcome on behalf of St. John's Church and our best wishes for a happy ministry.

News has come to hand from London that Mr. Lindsay O'Neill has passed the examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists. We congratulate him very warmly on gaining this high distinction. There are very few organists in Australia who have this honour and to have gained it in the limited time at his disposal was a splendid achievement. He left Tasmania in January, 1956, and plans to sail from England on his return early this month.

Our daughter Patricia who has been away in England for more than eighteen months dined with Bishop and Mrs. Cranswick in London where the Lambeth Conference has been held. They will be returning in time for Synod next month. Patricia may be home again before the end of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Dicks and John are going to Sydney for a holiday during the school vacation; we wish them a happy time.

There is a distinction between the proclamation of the Gospel ("kerygma") and teaching Christian truth ("didache"). Both formed part of Christian preaching in the early Church. Both words are found in the Greek New Testament. "There must be an element of both in all effective preaching," writes Canon G. W. Ireson of Newcastle, England. I feel it is also true to say that there must be an element of both in our worship. Our devotions should come from our minds as well as from our hearts. Our prayers will not be as real as they should be unless we understand the meaning of what we are saying. It is also most helpful to know why our services are arranged as they are. I think this is the reason why I have been asked to give a course of addresses on the "Book of Common Prayer." This I plan to do at the evening services this month. Details are given in another paragraph.

May I say here how ready I am to receive suggestions for sermon subjects. It has also been mentioned to me that a group could be formed for the more serious study of the Christian Creeds, Church History, or some other similar subject. If sufficient interest is shown I would be glad to arrange it.

Mrs. Sutton and I are most grateful to the Vestry for the repainting of the Rectory kitchen and the installation of a modern electric stove. The housewife spends so much time in this part of the house that convenience and colour lighten her tasks.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting took place on Wednesday, 30th July. A Parish Tea was held at 6 p.m. at which some 200 people sat down to a three-course meal served in a most attractive way. This was arranged by the women of the Parish and was very much enjoyed by all. The Assistant Bishop was present and said he was pleased to see such a large gathering. The Mayor and Mayoress, Ald. and Mrs. J. S. T. McGowen were also present.

Following the meal there was a happy time of fellowship when parishioners chatted together before moving to the Kindergarten Hall for the meeting.

The Churchwardens' Report and the Financial Statement which have been circulated, were unanimously adopted.

The Vestry's management of the business of the church was very favourably received and the clergy thanked for their ministry. The Rector thanked the Church officers for their loyal support during the year, and expressed the regret that after 20 years as a Church officer at St. Oswald's and St. John's, Mr. Rupert Hart had decided not to stand for election.

The following were elected to office:-

Rector's Warden: Mr. M. M. Easther; People's Wardens: Messrs. F. J. Jones and F. H. Cookman; Vestrymen: Messrs. Frank Ikin, L. Denham, A. G. Hart, R. Hoyle, T. White and R. H. Watson; Rector's Nominees: Messrs. T. J. Wing, K. A. Findlay and R. D. Barr; Representatives to the World Council of Churches: Miss E. Kingsmill and Mr. R. J. Young; Representatives to Broadland House Committee: Mesdames L. N. Sutton and F. Ikin and Messrs. F. J. Jones and R. H. Watson; Representatives to Church of England Council of Women: Mesdames F. Stevens, R. Hoyle, F. H. Cookman, F. Ikin, K. Huston and Miss I. K. Murison-Bourne; Auditors: Messrs. F. Stevens and A. W. Jones.

Also a number of sidesmen were elected.

#### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

M.S.L. Annual Effort for C.M.S. and B. & F. Bible Society will be held in C.M.S. House on Tuesday evening, 19th August, at 7.45 p.m. There will be a Stall, Film and Supper. Besides supporting C.M.S. general fund we aim to help provide libraries for workers and mission trainees overseas. Our last meeting, at which Rev. T. Dicks showed slides of Kenya

and led our intercessions, was one of very happy fellowship. E. Kingsmill (Sec.).

#### BERESFORD HOUSE FAIR

The Committee of Beresford House are arranging a Fair to aid their funds. The function is to be held on FRIDAY, 8th AUGUST, in ST. JOHN'S HALL from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All the city parishes are taking part, including St. John's, who intend having a miscellaneous stall. Any donations or gifts of kind towards the stall would be much appreciated. These may be left at the Rectory or sent to Mrs. F. H. Cookman, 6 Brougham Street.

#### ANGLICAN WORSHIP

A Course of addresses will be given on Sunday Evenings in August explaining that the services in the "Book of Common Prayer" are:

August 3: CONGREGATIONAL.

August 10: SCRIPTURAL.

August 17: CATHOLIC.

August 24: TRADITIONAL.

#### YOUTH

On SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST, there will be a working bee at Kelso, there will be work for both boys and girls. If you are able to come 'Phone B 2918.

All young people are invited to the "Bring a Guest" Youth Tea to be held on SUNDAY, 10th AUGUST, at 5 p.m. Film, Item, Singing, Tea.

A Youth Social is to be held on SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, at 7.45 p.m. There will be Dancing, Items, Supper (bring your own), bring your friends. Cost, 2/-. Proceeds to Kelso Youth Project.

Our monthly Corporate Communion will be held on SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST, at 8.00 a.m., make certain that you let Miss Celia Pennicott (Phone B 2056) know that you are coming.

#### ANGLICAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

MONDAY, 18th AUGUST, 6.30 p.m. Dinner in Parish Hall, Tickets 6/-, are available from Celia Pennicott.

TUESDAY, 19th AUGUST, 7.45 p.m. there will be a Batinton Competition at St. George's Invermay.

SATURDAY, 23rd and SUNDAY, 24th, a weekend Youth Leadership Camp at Beresford House. Members of Y.A.F. will visit camp on the Sunday afternoon.

MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 7.45 p.m. Drama competition in Holy Trinity Hall, Launceston.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Missionary Boxes:** As a result of the opening of Missionary Boxes last quarter, £47/12/4 was received for the Church Missionary Society.

**Broadcast Service:** On Sunday, 14th September, the 11 a.m. Service, Morning Prayer, will be broadcast over A.B.C. stations.

**Diocesan Synod** will meet in Hobart on Monday, 29th September.

**C.M.S. Annual Convention** will be held in Launceston from Sunday, 14th September till Thursday, 18th September. The visiting speak-

ers will be Rev. M. M. Thomas, (India), Rev. R. Ash (Aborigines) and Miss I. Jeffries (South Aust. Sec.).

**Girls' Friendly Society (Seniors):** will meet on Tuesday, 5th August in the Kindergarten Hall at 7.45 p.m. when Sister Heather Cummings will give a talk and screen coloured slides of her work in Fiji. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED. The evening will close with supper.

**Parents and Friends of the Sunday School** will hold their next meeting on Friday, 8th August at 8 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson, 11 Gloucester Street. A social evening and birthday party has been arranged for all parents and parishioners on Thursday, 21st August, in the Kindergarten Hall at 8 p.m. Please keep this evening free.

**Mothers' Union:** At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union, an Admission Service was held, when four new members were admitted Mesdames Jones, Viney, Barr and Henderson. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 28th August, at 2.45 p.m. and the Speaker will be Rev. Anthony McDonald.

**Women's Guild:** The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 14th August at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 21 Maitland Street, when Mr. White will show films. New members will be warmly welcomed.

**St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary:** The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, will be held at the Rectory, on Thursday, 7th August at 8 p.m. The visiting speaker will be Mrs. J. French. Members will meet at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road, at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, 11th August. A warm welcome will be given to new members.

**Piano Wanted for the Parish Hall!** We have so far not heard of any piano in good order and condition which we would be willing to buy at a fair price. Can you help us?

#### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

August 3rd. Miss M. Bennett. August 10th Mrs. F. J. Huston. August 17th. Mrs. R. H. Watson. August 24th. Mrs. F. J. Jones. August 31st. Mrs. D. R. Campbell

#### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR AUGUST

**MORNINGS:** Messrs. J. Sanderson and C. W. Calver.  
**EVENINGS:** Messrs. J. Roberts and T. McClymont.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Victoria Louise Letitia Cox, Caroline Green, Gregory Leslie Maynard, Kaye McNaney, Penelope Jane Dent, Jan Louise Gardiner, David Charles Jones.

#### MARRIAGES

George Campbell Hinman and Agnes Elsie Collins. Vincenzo Spurio and Margaret Jane Garwood.

#### AT REST

Frank Edwin Coles, Emmeline Louisa Clifford, Lionel Gordon Mason.  
Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.