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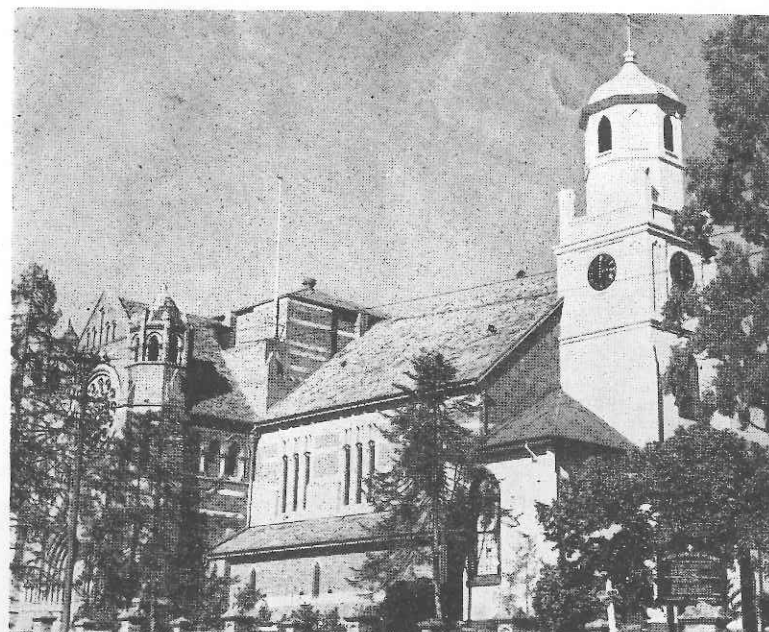
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Clergy: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory.

157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B 3186

Rev. T. H. Dicks, Th.L., 4 Elizabeth St., Launceston. Phone: B2918.

**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. Easther, A. G. Hart,

R. J. Hoyle, 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,

We offer our warm congratulations to the Revd. T. H. Dicks on successfully completing his examinations for the Licentiate in Theology. He worked consistently at his studies last year and at the same time did much constructive work in the parish, especially among the young people. I am most grateful to him for his help. The Bishop is to ordain him to the priesthood on St. Matthias's Day, 24th February, at 10.30 a.m. in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, and if any parishioners are in the South on that day we hope they will try and attend the ordination service. In any case we assure Mr. Dicks that we shall support him by our prayers. As announced in another paragraph, he has moved from the Sandhill and is now living at 4 Elizabeth St., the former residence of Miss E. Murray. Phone number: B 2918.

During January many of the regular Choir members were away on vacation and we are most grateful to members of the congregation who came into the choir for that period. We hope that they will be able to continue and so build up the choir to full strength.

I would like to thank the Rev. E. C. Rowland for taking services for the two weeks Mrs. Sutton and I were away on holidays. His addresses were greatly appreciated and we were glad to have the opportunity of meeting him again.

On the Sunday evening before Christmas members of St. John's and visiting friends farewelled the Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Maddick and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Lowe, who have moved to Melbourne. Expressions of regret at their leaving were coupled with sincere thanks for their services to St. John's, and good wishes for the future. Presentations were made on behalf of the congregation.

We have been very sorry to learn that Miss I. Oates has been transferred to Rosebery by the Education Department. Miss Oates has done a very great deal to help us in the Sunday School and G.F.S., as well as in the M.S.L. She was active in the Badminton Club and St. John's Ambulance Brigade. While we congratulate her on her promotion we hope that it will not be too long before she is transferred back to Launceston. A gathering of friends met at the Rectory to say goodbye.

Early in December Mrs. Helen Mary Kingsmill entered into rest after a long and very active life. We shall long remember her great and practical interest in missionary work overseas and her humble faith in God's Word. She was a most regular worshipper at St. John's and we thank God for her inspiring example of courage and love.

We extend our congratulations to Alderman J. S. T. McGowan on his election as Mayor of Launceston. He has done me the honour of asking me to act as his chaplain. We assure him of our support in his responsible position and we wish him and the Mayoress a very happy term of office. We are glad to have their assistance in the choir.

We welcome Deaconess Peggy Spry to Tasmania. She has just arrived from Victoria to work in the Diocese and is to reside in Launceston. Her special interest will be the ministry among mothers and children in more remote country areas and in Sunday Schools. We also are glad to welcome the new City Missioner, Mr. W. G. Walden. We trust that he and his wife and family will be happy and blessed in their work.

Sunday School resumed on 2nd. February and we ask all parents to help us by encouraging their children to be punctual and regular in attendance. The opening is at 9.45 a.m. for Kindergarten and Seniors.

As the season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday, 19th. February, I have arranged special series of addresses for the Sunday services. Details of these will be given on leaflets which will be printed later in the month. I hope we shall make the most of this sacred season as a time of preparation for Easter and an opportunity of deepening the spiritual life.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

## BISHOP CHANDU RAY

## C.E.M.S.

The Assistant Bishop of Lahore, Pakistan, the Right Reverend Chandu Ray, is to visit Launceston on Monday, February 24, when there will be a Public Meeting and Missionary Rally in St. John's Hall at 7.45 p.m. He is one of the leading figures in Asian Christian affairs today and his visit will give us a unique opportunity of meeting one so well acquainted with the Christian scene in India, Indonesia and nearby lands.

It may be possible for him to preach in St. John's at one of the Sunday services if his programme in the south will permit. This will be announced later. It is hoped that not only will Anglicans from other parishes be present but that members of other churches will accept our invitation to attend.

The first meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, February 2, at 4.45 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. J. R. Brown (St. Oswald's). All men of the Parish are welcome.

## ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY.

Will begin their year's activities on Monday, February 10, at 2.45 p.m. at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd. The first general meeting for the year will be held at the Rectory at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

Any new members will be warmly welcomed.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, February 27, at 2.45 p.m., beginning with a short service in the Chapel and later in the Kindergarten Hall.

## GUILD

The Women's Guild will be meeting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Watson, 11 Gloucester St., West Launceston, on Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

Our first youth event for the year will be the Youth Tea on Sunday, February 9, beginning at 5 p.m. After Evensong Y.A.F. will meet at 4 Elizabeth Street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dicks.

The Saturday night Youth Group will meet on Saturday, February 15, starting at 7.45 p.m. The programme planned will be varied and interesting. All young people are invited. Our first Communion Breakfast for the year will be held on Sunday, February 16. Phone Doreen, B4730.

The Y.A.F. Tea for all young people 16 years and over will be held on Sunday, February 23, at 4.30 p.m.

A Youth Camp is being arranged for three days in April—Don't miss out!

The Tennis Club meet each Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. All young people welcome.

The Church of England Boys' Society resume their activities on Monday night, February 3, at 7 p.m. Our thanks go to Mr. Gayne Watson, who has retired from leadership of St. John's Group.

The Sunday School begins on Sunday, February 2, at 9.45 a.m. Our good wishes go with Miss I. Oates, who is being transferred to Rosebery.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. H. Cox, 10/-; Miss J. Beck, 10/-; Church Boxes, 10/-; Miss N. Donaldson, 5/-.

Missionary Boxes opened in December contained £34/14/6 for the Church Missionary Society. Miss M. Morrah has kindly consented to act as Missionary Box Secretary.

Broadcast Service. The 11 o'clock service will be broadcast over National stations on Sunday morning, February 23.

Used Stamps. Mr. C. J. Sanderson, 20 Welman St., is collecting stamps to be sold for the Church Missionary Society. Parcels may be left with the Rector or Mr. Dicks.

Ash Wednesday: February 19 marks the beginning of Lent. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. There will be an Evening Service at 7.30 p.m., followed by Bible Study. Members of the Bible Study Group are specially asked to attend as the book to be read and the evening of meeting will be considered.

Women's Day of Prayer. The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday, February 21. In Launceston the services will be in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of St. John and Paterson Streets. There will be a short service at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. when the address will be given by Mrs. Latham. There will be a Youth Service at 7.30 p.m. This year the theme will be "Bread of Life."

"Fiesta" Service. An open air church service is to be conducted in Princes Square on Sunday afternoon, February 23, at 3 p.m., as part of the Fiesta Week programme. The service will consist largely of community hymn singing led by the Salvation Army band and combined Anglican choirs with the assistance of choirs from other churches. All are asked to attend and join in the singing.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School are asked to attend a meeting in the Kindergarten Hall on Friday, February 7, at 8 p.m.

## FLOWER ROSTER

February 2—Miss V. Sadler.  
February 9—Mrs. C. A. Carlstrom.  
February 16—Mrs. L. N. Sutton.

## SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

February.

MORNINGS—Messrs. J. Bingham and L. Cato.  
EVENINGS—Messrs. R. W. J. Hart and F. Cookman.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Philip John Worker, Sylvia Colleen Tann, Debra Joy Burns, Jennifer Claire Meek, Deborah Louise Grey, Cheryl Anne Kearnes, Andrea Roslyn Connolly, John Robert Darby, Jill Margaret Dennis, Robert William Johnston, Christine Maree Lyons, Alan Geoffrey Downie, Anthony Robert Gough, David John Gough, Ian John Brain, Mark Imber, Donna Maree Morrison, Karen Anne Stokes, Neil Geoffrey Webb, Michael Andrew Lunn.

## MARRIAGES

Peter Davidson and Beverley Sherman. Alfred James Johnston and Pamela Dawn Stebbings. Terence Ernest Morton and Patricia Nell McGrath-Kerr. Tasman Roy Barrett and Clarice June Bassett. Kevan Banfield and Patricia Anne Mason. Fernando D'Alessandro and Marina McHugh. Maxwell Hartley Swain and Doreen Margaret McDonald. William Francis Gilmore and Barbara Jeanette Apter, Ronald Sydney Lynex and Margaret Rose Wood, Geoffrey Bernard Turner and Patricia Frances Campbell. Kenneth Edwin Walker and Velma Anne Peck. Gelvin Andrew Gall and Constance Christina Lowery, Allan William Jeffrey Johns and Lola Joyce Lowe. Robert Stanley Lack and Maureen Rose Woodgate. Thomas Richard Brown and Jacqueline Olga Dix. Alfred David Edwards and Nancy Isabel Peck. Raymond James Spencer and Roberta Ann Shaw. Jonathan Walter Tyson and Shirley Doreen Munro. Robert Henry Long and Valerie Gladys Speers.

## AT REST

Helen Mary Kingsmill, Leith Newell Harper, Olive Mabel Taylor, Steven Andrews, George Thomas Hamlyn Harris, Alice Maud Gillies, John Hadley, Emma Sarah Jackson, Robert Alexander Hamilton.

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