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CLERGYVen. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), The Rectory,
157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone B3186.

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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 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 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. 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,

Those of you who went to see "Salad Days" at the National Theatre will remember the bright song, "We're Looking for a piano, a P-I-A-N-O" We at St. John's, the Sunday School, the Choir and all organisations using the hall for musical entertainment are LOOKING FOR A PIANO at the present time. We do not expect to be given one, but we are anxious to hear of a parishioner who has a piano in good order and condition, and would be willing to sell it to the church for a fair price. As many people know we have two pianos in the halls. One is in need of reconditioning and the other should be replaced by a better instrument. Can you help us? It may be that you have a piano which is very seldom used! "WE'RE LOOKING FOR A P-I-A-N-O"!

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners of St. John's Church will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 30th July, at 7.30 p.m. Before the meeting there will be a Parish Tea in

the Hall at 6 p.m. to which all parishioners are invited. Arrangements for the Tea will be announced later. We hope a large number will attend. At the meeting the Churchwardens will present their Report and Financial Statement for the past twelve months and the reports of the parish organisation will be circulated. The Churchwardens, Vestrymen and Auditors for the next year will be elected together with other Church officers. Matters of general concern may be brought forward for discussion. I hope that opportunity will be taken to show our appreciation of the work done by our Church officers in looking after the business affairs of our parish. They spend a great deal of time and undertake much responsibility on our behalf and they will be greatly encouraged by our real interest.

Last month we heard that the Rev. Keith A. Kay, who has been the Rector of St. Aidan's Church, Launceston, for the past nine years, has accepted nomination to the Parish of Burnie. We would like to extend to him our very best wishes as he undertakes his new work. He is well known at St. John's, where he helped for three months during Canon Greenwood's absence in 1947. He has taken a very active part in the work of the C.M.S., of which he is the State treasurer, and has been Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital, as well as a member of the Hospital Board. During his ministry at St. Aidan's the church has been enlarged by the addition of a chancel and sanctuary. We shall miss him in Launceston, where he has been Rural Dean since 1953. He leaves to take up his new appointment early in August, and his successor, the Rev. Keith Carl Nancarrow, Th.L., of Melbourne, will be inducted a few days later.

We welcome as priest-in-charge of the new Parochial District of St. Mark's Sandhill, the Rev. R. D. Tyson, formerly Rector of Scottsdale and Rural Dean. He will be instituted on Friday evening, 11th July, and some of his friends from St. John's will no doubt attend the service. As the first minister of this new and growing parochial district we pray that his ministry will be richly blessed. It will be noted that the name of the church has been changed from St. Peter's to St. Mark's. This has been done to avoid mistakes, as there is another and much older church called St. Peter's, founded in 1847 at St. Leonards, a few miles away in the adjoining parish.

Confirmation classes have begun and candidates have been taught that there are four essentials in their preparation. Prayer, Bible Reading, Church-going and Thinking about instruction received. I do hope that parents and others will help the young people to do these four things.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of St. John's Church in the parish of Launceston is intended to be held at Launceston on Wednesday, 30th July, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the purpose of electing CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRYMEN and AUDITORS and for the other purposes of an Annual Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Vestries Act, 1947.

LEONARD N. SUTTON, Rector.

ELEANOR CHILD MURRAY

After a long and very active life during which she was closely associated with St. John's Church and the Church Missionary Society, Miss Eleanor Murray passed to her rest on Sunday, 8th June, at the age of 90. For very many years she was the Superintendent of our Kindergarten Sunday School and a keen member of St. John's G.F.S., Medical Missionary Auxiliary and Missionary Service League. Her great interest in Missions, together with her outstanding business ability, was shown in the establishment of the first C.M.S. Tea Rooms and Depot upstairs in the present Bank of N.S.W. building on the corner of St. John and Brisbane Streets. She was later instrumental in securing the present property in St. John Street, where the "Home Industries" was started. Her great work for C.M.S. was recognised in England when in 1928 she was made Hon. Life Governor and Vice-President of the Church Missionary Society. She resigned from her post as C.M.S. Secretary in Launceston in 1948 after 33 years of most faithful service.

She was also active in her support of the Red Cross Society, being on the Executive Committee of that body as well as a Hospital Visitor. She was also a keen supporter and worker for the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' League, acting for a time as matron of the Anzac Hostel. In recognition of this work she received the Gold Badge of Merit in 1932.

The funeral service was held in St. John's Church, where she had been a devout worshipper for so long. Her favourite hymn, "Sun of My Soul," which was sung, reflected her love and faith in her Lord and Master into the joy of whose Presence she has passed. We thank God for her life of love and service.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Time goes quickly and it hardly seems two years since we were busily engaged in conducting the Every Member Canvass at St. John's. As in many other churches, the canvass meant a great step forward in the life of the parish, and the financial response has relieved the Vestry of the constant struggle to "make ends meet." A great deal has been done this last year at St. John's, and it has also been possible to increase our giving for the wider work of the church in Tasmania and overseas.

Although quite a number of folk have left the Parish in recent months, there have been many new arrivals for us to welcome, some of them members of freewill offering schemes in their previous churches. To give all new families an opportunity to join in the St. John's scheme a smaller canvass will be conducted at the beginning of August, when all new parishioners will be visited.

This canvass will be launched at the tea preceding this year's Annual Meeting on July 30.

C.E.M.S.

The speaker at the next meeting on Sunday, July 6, will be Mr. C. Munden, Secretary of the Launceston Marine Board.

At the Annual Meeting held on the 1st June the following officers were elected; President, Bro. F. B. Stevens; Secretary, Bro. M. M. Easter; Treasurer, Bro. B. Irvine; Auditor, Bro. F. J. Jones.

Plans are being made to assist the Anglican Youth Centre at Kelso.

MISSION TO LEPERS

The Mission to Lepers, founded in 1874, is an Interdenominational and International Society engaged solely in work among sufferers from leprosy and their families. It establishes and maintains homes and other institutions where inmates are provided with Christian instruction and receive medical care. The Mission is now working at 104 stations in 21 different countries. It is estimated that there are over five million lepers in the world. Mrs. M. MacLeod is to speak on the work of the Mission to Lepers at the Family Tea on Sunday afternoon, 13th July, at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. After service the same evening a film will be screened in the same hall, showing the work being done on the "Island of Happy Healing" near Hong Kong. All are invited to attend. Supper will be served.

YOUTH

A Family Tea has been arranged for Sunday, 13th July. This will be in place of the usual Youth Tea. All young people and their families are invited to attend. A programme catering for all the family has been arranged. After evensong members of Y.A.F. will provide supper and a short film will be shown on Mission Work amongst Lepers.

Saturday Night Youth Club will meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, 19th July, at 7.45 p.m.

Our Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, 20th July. Following Holy Communion at 8 a.m., every young person should make the effort to be at this service.

Y.A.F. meet for their monthly tea at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 27th July. Worship, study and discussion.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

At our last meeting on June 17th a most informative talk was given by Mrs. L. Bryant concerning the Mau Mau problem. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd July, at 7.45 p.m. in C.M.S. House, when the evening will be devoted to Missionary intercession. Slides of C.M.S. work will be shown by the Rev. T. H. Dicks and intercession offered for the needs portrayed. Remember, every THIRD TUESDAY at 7.45 p.m. at C.M.S. House is M.S.L.

BERESFORD HOUSE

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.

G.F.S.

The Junior Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meet each Thursday evening at 5.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall at St. John's Church. On Thursday, 10th July, 1958, Miss Elizabeth Kiddle, a member of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, will give a practical demonstration on life-saving. All girls of 10 years of age and over are cordially invited to join us.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" donations: Miss J. Ray, 10/-; Mr. F. J. Jones, 5/-; Mrs. L. Dineen, 10/-; Mrs. G. McDonald, 6/-.

Confirmation Classes are meeting in the Chapel every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Mothers' Union: The next meeting of the M.U. will be held on Thursday, 24th July, at

2.45 p.m. There will be an Admission Service, at which the speaker will be the Rector. Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday, 9th July, at 10.15 a.m. in the Chapel.

Young Wives' Group: The Young Wives' Group will be meeting at St. John's Rectory on Wednesday, 9th July, at 8 p.m., when the guest speaker will be Sister Booth, of the Baby Health Centre. Officers elected at the last meeting were: President, Mrs. L. N. Sutton; Secretary, Mrs. W. McMahan; vice-president, Mrs. T. H. Dicks.

Parents and Friends of the Sunday School will hold their next meeting on Friday, 8th August, at 8 p.m. 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.

Sunday School Teachers' Association will meet on Tuesday, 29th July, in C.M.S. Hall, St. John St. There will be Tea at 6 p.m., followed at 6.45 p.m. by business meeting and an address by the Chaplain of the Grammar School, the Rev. G. A. Harrison, M.A. His subject will be "Preparation of the Lesson."

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. K. P. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd., on Monday, 14th July, at 2.45 p.m. The annual meeting will be held at St. John's Rectory on Thursday, 7th August, at 8 p.m.

Women's Guild: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th July, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. Summers, 3 Wyett St., West Launceston. A demonstration of Cake-icing will be given by Mesdames Carter and Atherton. Corporate Communion Service will be on Sunday, 20th July, at 8 a.m.

G.F.S.: On Saturday, 19th July, a Street Stall will be held outside the Commonwealth Bank by all Launceston G.F.S. branches in aid of Kelso Youth Centre. Your help will be appreciated.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

July 6, Mrs. L. N. Sutton; July 13, Mrs. C. H. Targett; July 20, Mrs. M. M. Easter; July 27, Miss D. Davis.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR JULY

Mornings: J. Bingham and T. Brooks.
Evenings: B. Irvine and A. Hollingsworth.

HOLY BAPTISM

Raelene Anne Keygan, Michael Leslie Hodge, Philip Andrew Goss, Debra Patricia Murfett, Lee Catherine Olding, Katrina Joan McDonald, Lynette Gaye Murray, Catherine Margaret Corrick.

MARRIAGES

Allan James Garcia and Phyllis Adelene Jarman, Herbert Samuel Parkinson and Anne Lynette Harrington, Desmond Thomas Barker and Maureen Alice Padman, Ronald Ian Arnold and Janice Ann Kerr, Trevor Vincent Howard and Nerada Mae Smith, Bevan Lee and Kaye Ruth White, Geoffrey Allan Viney and Aileen Mary Gee, Warren John Weston and Jennifer Phyllis Maree Anderson, Brian James Leary and Daphne Pearl Howlett, Bertie Anthony Howard and Patricia Margaret Dean, Michael David Barnett and Margaret June Dean.

AT REST

Jean Sculthorpe, Eleanor Child Murray, Kenneth Waterhouse, Ellen Mary Drake, Walter Leslie Virieux. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.