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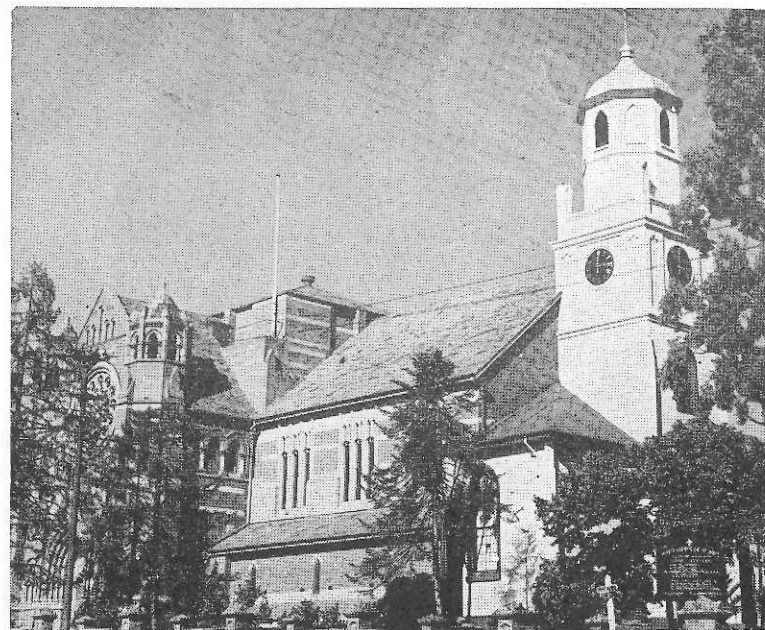
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

I received a booklet from England last week in which a prominent clergyman, the Revd. D. R. Davies, reminded his readers that the world in which we are living is a "new and different world" from that of fifty years ago. Political changes have altered the lives of people in every land. Social conditions, economic development, scientific discoveries, rapid communications, national tensions, mass education are all interrelated and no one living a normal life is unaffected by them.

Our church, together with other churches, is fundamentally conservative. We "stand upon the old paths" and tend to follow the patterns which our fathers set. We may feel that this is the best way to preserve the basic spiritual truths of our Christian belief in the world where changes have swept away so much of real value. On reflection, however, we cannot but realise that this is a defeatist outlook and indicates a lack of faith in Him who came that we might have life more abundantly. Unless religion is related to every day problems, men and women in the modern world will see very little use for it.

For this reason the meeting of some 300 bishops of the world wide Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference is of great importance. Many of them, including our own Bishop, are in England already. The Conference commences on 3rd July, and among the subjects to be considered are Church Unity, Reconciling

of conflicts between and within nations, and the Family in Contemporary Society. The findings of the bishops on these and other important subjects will help us all to relate our Christian faith to the needs of the modern world.

In another column I have printed a special prayer which our bishop has asked us to use for the Conference.

At the last meeting of the Mothers' Union, the annual meeting, Mrs. D. West resigned the office of Sick Visitor which she has held for thirty years. This is a wonderful record of faithful service and I would like to thank her for all that she has done over the years not only in the M.U. but also in the M.M.A. and in the life of St. John's generally. We would also express our sincere sympathy with her in the recent and sudden death of her husband.

The introduction of the "speech rhythm" method of chanting the psalms and canticles was explained by Mr. A. H. Wills to members of the congregation who attended a special practice in the Kindergarten Hall after church last Sunday. The canticles have been printed on leaflets for the use of the congregation at the services.

While we do not always think well of changes I think it is generally agreed that the new arrangement is a marked improvement on the old. We do hope that all will co-operate and make our services really congregational.

This month we are to commence Confirmation Classes in preparation for the service which is to be held in October. I hope all who wish to join will hand in their names to me without delay. Normally candidates should not be less than thirteen years of age. Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

PRAYER FOR LAMBETH CONFERENCE

O God, who dost send thy Holy Spirit to guide and defend thy Church: Be present, we beseech thee, with the Bishops of the Anglican Communion now (to be) assembled in conference. Unite them in bonds of sincerity and love; give them strength to be steadfast in the faith delivered unto them, and bold to follow where thou shalt lead them; and enable them as faithful stewards to bring from the rich storehouse of thy Gospel things new and old, for service of this day and generation; to the glory of thy great Name and the salvation of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

MOTHER'S UNION

The Annual meeting was held on 22nd May. The Annual Reports and Balance Sheet were read and the following officers were elected: Enrolling member, Mrs. L. N. Sutton; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames F. H. Cookman and R. Page, Secretary, Mrs. M. M. Easther, Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Watson, Magazine Sec., Mrs. Clark, Sick Visitor, Mrs. C. L. Beech, Queen Victoria Hos. Visitor, Mrs. Denholm, Link Branch Correspondents, Mesdames Kent and Carlstrom, Rest Room Representative, Mrs. W. H. Verrall, Executive Committee, Mesdames White, Bear, Denholm, Commin, J. Atherton and Clark.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26th at 2.45 p.m. when the guest speaker will be Deaconess Peggy Spry.

Corporate Communion service will be held on Wednesday, 11th June at 10.15 a.m.

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 6th June at 8 p.m. at the rectory and members will meet at the

home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road on Monday, 9th June at 2.45 p.m.

C.E.M.S.

The Annual meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, 1st June at 4.45 p.m. when reports will be read and election of officers held. In place of a speaker a C.M.S. film, on the Church's work in Hong Kong will be shown. All men of the congregation are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Church will be held on Wednesday, 30th July, before the meeting a Parish Tea such as that of last year is being arranged, details will be announced next month.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of St. John's Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Verrall, 189 St. John St., at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 12th June.

Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Margot Parker.

YOUTH NEWS

On Sunday, 1st June, after evensong, in the Rectory the inaugural meeting of the Y.A.F. will take place.

A youth tea will be held on Sunday, 8th June, beginning at 5 p.m. During evensong we will have our first Y.A.F. admission service.

The corporate communion and breakfast will be held on Sunday, 15th June, at 8 a.m. On Saturday, 21st June, at 7.45 p.m. the youth group will meet.

The Y.A.F. Tea will be held on Sunday, 22nd beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be a Fellowship outing on Saturday, 26th June. All information from Rodger Duncan, B 5000.

Monthly Fellowship squashes are now being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dicks for those who are 16 years or under.

C.E.B.S.

St. John's branch together with other

Launceston branches are taking part in the C.E.B.S. rally in Hobart from the 13th—16th June. New members will be welcomed.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes in preparation for Confirmation, which will be held at St. John's early in October, are to commence this month. All who wish to be confirmed are asked to hand names and addresses to the Rector at once. The first class will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 22, at 2 p.m. in the Rector's vestry.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

A Service of Admission was conducted by Archdeacon Sutton in the Chapel on Tuesday, 6th May when Miss Margaret Morrah was admitted as a Working Associate, and Mrs. Val Thompson, Mrs. Joan Tyson and Mrs. Muriel Brain as Honorary Associates. We later had the Annual Meeting after which coloured slides were shown by Miss D. Poole. The evening closed with supper.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 3rd June and members are asked to meet on the Post Office corner at 5 minutes to 8 p.m.

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, 11th June, 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 this month will be Deaconess Peggy Spry.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

At our last meeting keen interest was manifest in support of vital Christian witness at home as well as abroad. Rev. T. Dicks, who gave the address, told how through the deepening of the spiritual life of one Sydney man a number of others had offered for full time Christian service, some going to assist the Church in Pakistan to evangelise their own people.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday, at 7.45 p.m. at C.M.S. House. At our next meeting Mrs. L. Bryant will speak from the book "After Mau Mau," by K. Cole.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Missionary Boxes: All parishioners who have Missionary Boxes are asked to return them for the quarterly opening before the end of June, when the financial year closes.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade will hold their annual parade service at St.

John's on Sunday, June 22, at 11 a.m.

Annual School Service — Broadland House School and Launceston Church Grammar School will hold their annual School service at St. John's on Sunday, June 29th, at 7 p.m. Members of the schools will form the choir and there will be a visiting preacher. All parents and friends are specially invited to attend.

Beresford House: A Fair in support of Beresford House has been arranged to take place in St. John's Hall on Friday, 8th August. All Launceston parishes are co-operating in the effort and country parishes are being invited to help. The Fair will open in the morning and continue till late afternoon.

Bible Study Group meets in the clergy vestry on Thursday evenings at 7.15 p.m. We warmly invite new members to join.

Book Markers: We wish to thank Mrs. H. Holyman for making several new bookmarkers for use at Easter. They have met a real need.

St. John's Choir: We welcome as new members Messrs. R. D. Barr and E. L. Thomas whose help we greatly appreciate. We would like to thank the ladies who have repaired some of our cassocks and surplices. Mr. Wills would be glad to meet and welcome new members to the choir.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

JUNE 1st. Mrs. D. R. Campbell, 8th Misses E. & E. Scott; 15th Mrs. J. A. Barrenger; 22nd Miss V. Sadler; 29th Mrs. C. A. Carlstrom.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR JUNE

Mornings: Messrs T. White and L. Cato.
Evenings: Messrs D. Sutton and R. W. J. Hart.

HOLY BAPTISM

Suzanne Mary Little, Gay Elizabeth Cox, Debra Anne Gooding, Rodrick Ian Hodge, Craig Philip Von Stieglitz, Lynette Mary Lewis, Lynette Ann Towell, Carol Annette Curwen, Ruth Elizabeth Wadley, Amanda Lorraine Elworthy, Dallas Clive Elworthy, Hazel Pauline Roberts, Philip Andrew Lynch, Nancy Ann Smith.

MARRIAGES

Brian Lowe and Ronda Joy Blacklow. Terence William Dargavel and Norma Patricia Adams. Rex Alfred Cubitt and Phyllis Evelyn Isabella Wright. Mario Da Res and Nancy Belchambers. Alfred John Moate Jefferies and Merle Julia Tolson. Ian Archer Drake and Janice Ellery Shields. Thay James Cox and Dorothy Pauline Barham.

AT REST

William Robert Couth West, Marrion Elizabeth Cooney, Charlotte Wells, Thomas George Frankcombe, Eliza Jane O'Brian.

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