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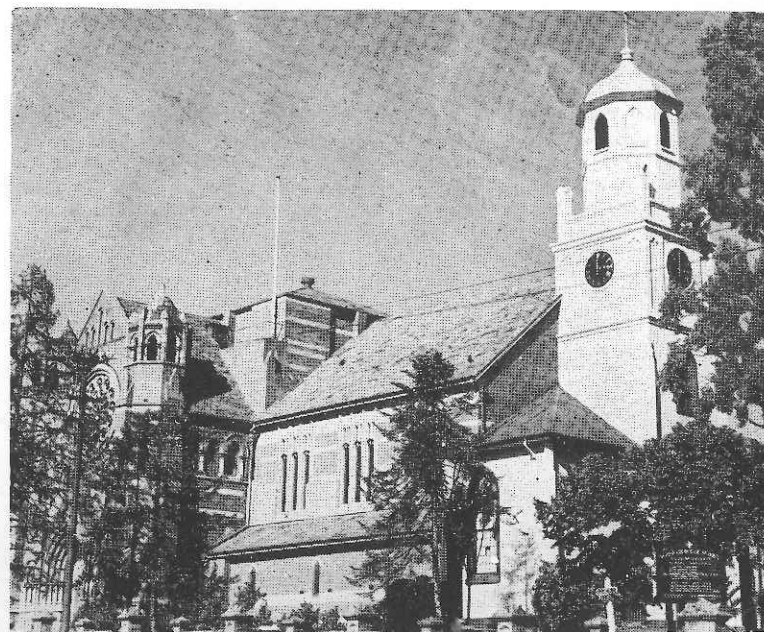
MARCH, 1958

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).

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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,

Recent weeks will be long remembered as the time when Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, visited us, Her gracious charm and natural friendliness have endeared her to all who have been privileged to meet her. When she attended divine Service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, the service was broadcast on the National network. The address was given by the Primate who referred to the great help she was to King George VI during the troubled years of his reign in the last world war, and how the family life of the Royal household was inspired by her christian faith and example.

The Primate also mentioned the significance of Australia's geographical position in relation to the densely populated countries near our northern shores. He pointed out that every child born in our land inherited "a western tradition and an Asian destiny." As a Christian Church we are closely linked in fellowship and responsibilities with christians in Asian countries. This truth has been underlined by the brief but significant visit of Bishop Chandu Ray to Tasmania. We were privileged to have him preach in St. John's and speak at a public meeting in our Parish Hall. We feel that we have a personal interest in Pakistan where the Bishop's diocese is and where Dr. Kathleen Blackwood Taylor has been at work for some time. May we remember them in our prayers. In the last eight years, you will remember how the late Bishop C. K. Jacob, of South India, Bishop Sinher, then of India, Miss Getsie Samuel and Sister Rachel Joseph also of India, all visited us at St. John's and reminded us of our fellowship with Christians in their country.

We congratulate the Rev. Terence H. Dicks, on his ordination to the priesthood which took place in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart on St. Mathias' Day, 24th February last. We pray that his ministry will be greatly blessed. I greatly appreciate his fellowship and help.

May I draw your attention to the paragraph on another page giving particulars of the meeting arranged for Lenten addresses on the theme "Know Your Church." Last year similar addresses were received with so much interest that it was felt that another series should be given. They will be on Tuesday nights in March at 8 p.m. The first in St. John's Hall, the other three in C.M.S. House. I hope many will be able to attend.

I would like to thank the many friends who have made enquiries and been helpful in so many ways during my recent attack of Sciatica. Especially am I grateful to neighbouring clergymen who have come to my assistance by taking services.

I hope to be quite well again in a few days.

During the Lenten Season there will be special courses of sermons given at the morning and evening services which will be planned to help us relate our Christian faith to everyday living in our modern world. Lent is the season for us to prepare for Passiontide and Easter and I trust that we shall all use it helpfully for that purpose.

The Rev. A. V. Maddick has written from Mentone Grammar School, Melbourne where he is happily settling down in his new work. There has been some delay in getting into their new home, but we understand that they will be moving there quite soon. He sends his greeting and best wishes to his many friends.

We extend our congratulations and prayerful good wishes to the new Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney, the Rt. Rev. Marcus L. Loane, who was consecrated in St. Andrew's Cathedral on St. Mathias' Day. Bishop Loane is a Tasmanian who was baptised in St. John's Church, Launceston. Mrs. Sutton and I have both known him personally for many years. He is the Principal of Moore College, Sydney and brings to his high office many gifts of scholarship and personality.

His many Launceston friends will be very sorry to learn of the continued illness of Canon C. Williams, for many years Rector of St. Paul's, Launceston. We assure him and his loved ones of our prayerful sympathy.

The next issue of the "Parish Messenger" will be published for distribution on Palm Sunday and will contain details of Easter Services. I hope that secretaries of parish organisations will send their reports in earlier than usual. With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

YOUTH NEWS

All young people are invited to attend our Youth Tea on Sunday, March 9th, beginning at 5 p.m. We shall be continuing our series "Know Your Church."

Y.A.F. will meet after church at the home of a fellowshipper.

The Saturday night Youth Group will

meet on Saturday, March 15th, beginning at 7.45 p.m. The programme planned will be varied and interesting. All young people are invited. Communion and breakfast will be on Sunday, March 16th at 8 a.m. For information phone Doreen Poole, B 4730.

The Y.A.F. Tea for all young people

16 years and over will be held on Sunday, March 23rd at 5 p.m. The theme will be Communism and Christianity.

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

A Youth Camp has been arranged for the Anzac long weekend from 25th—27th April, destination being Sidmouth. The Rev. Kenneth Reardon will be study leader. Mr. Reardon is assistant priest at St. David's Cathedral in Hobart and has had wide experience with Young People's Camps Application forms will be available next week. All those who are interested in praying for the success of this camp are invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dicks each Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. as from the first Friday in March, for prayer and study in preparation for camp

C.E.M.S.

The next meeting of the C.E.M.S. will be held on Sunday, 2nd March at 4.45 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. T. H. Dicks.

MOTHERS' UNION

Members of the Mothers' Union will be having their next meeting on Thursday, 27th March, beginning with a short service in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Will be meeting at the Rectory on Thursday, 6th March, at 8 p.m. Owing to a public holiday on Monday, 3rd March, the "Sewing Bee" will meet at Mrs. K. F. Brown's home, 73 Elphin Road on Monday afternoon, 10th March.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

St. John's Medical Missionary Auxiliary will hold its first meeting this year in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 5th March, at a quarter to three. New members will be welcome to help the work of the interested few who carry this work on from year to year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss Weymouth, 3/-; Church Boxes, 10/-.

Broadcast Service: The 11 o'clock sermon Sunday, morning, 23rd March, will be broadcast over the National Stations.

Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening. Miss M. Morrah is now kindly acting as Missionary Box Secretary. Her phone number J 1385.

Girls' Friendly Society will meet on Tuesday, 4th March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall.

Visiting Preacher: The Rev. Harvey Perkins, the Australian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, will preach at St. John's Church on Sunday, 9th March at 11 a.m. The following day, Monday, 10th March, there will be a Public Meeting in St. John's Hall at 8 p.m. when the Rev. Harvey Perkins and the Rev. Alan Walker will be the

speakers. All will be welcome. We hope that many St. John's parishioners will attend.

Good Friday: "Three Hour Service" will be held in St. John's Church this year from 12 noon to 3p.m. It will be conducted by the Rev. Anthony McDonald, the Rector of Holy Trinity Church.

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"Know Your Church" (second series) on Tuesday Evenings in March at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th March, in St. John's Hall:
Subject: "Improving our Prayer Book."
Speaker: Bishop W. R. Barrett, M.A., Th.D. Chairman: Canon F. J. McCabe, B.A., Th.L.

Tuesday, 11th March, in C.M.S. House, 92 St. John Street, Launceston.

Subject: "Early Church Building in Tasmania" (Illustrated with slides).
Speaker: Mr. Roy Smith, F.R.I.B.A.
Chairman: Mr. K. R. von Steiglitz, O.B.E.

Tuesday, 18th March, in C.M.S. House.

Subject: "Sunday School to Synod." (Diocesan Organisation). Speaker: Archdeacon L. N. Sutton, M.A. (Oxon). Chairman: Mr. J. N. Gee, A.A.S.A., F.A.I.I.

Tuesday, 25th March, in C.M.S. House.
Subject: "Religious Plays." Speaker: Rev. Anthony McDonald. Chairman: Mr. R. J. Hoyle, LL.B. (London).

Questions and discussion. Tea and biscuits. All invited to attend.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER—MARCH

Mornings—Messrs. T. Brooks and F. Jones.

Evenings—Messrs. K. Jack and F. Radford.

HOLY BAPTISM

Karl Harold Habner, Glenys Louise Gourlay, Kim Louise Irvine, Bronwyn Jane Quill, Lance Stanley Bennett, Paul Gregory Rathbone, Timothy Neil Jackson, Jennifer Anne Stuble, Warren Lindsay Crack, Noelene Margaret Burston Linda Faye Henderson, Jennifer Anne Collyer, Susan Gail Morrison.

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James Darrel Williams and Margaret Rose Airey. Neil William Coates and Molly Jean Blake. David Kennington Nobes and Sylvia Joy Lunn. Brian Maxwell Patterson and Margaret Anne Martin. Mervyn Trevor Viney and Dolores Jean Bassett. Trevor Leon Burk and Pamela Olive Bowen. Ronald Bruce de Soza and Beverley Jean Nielsen. Hugh Christopher Bruce Moore and Lancelle Eleanor Ann Archer. William Lindsay George Turner and Hazel Florence Clayton. Darryl Osmond Chellis and Kaye Frances Johnson. Richard Percival Campton and Anne Harley Gee.

AT REST

Mary Edith Youl, Alice Alexandra Hardy.

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