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CLERGY

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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. F. J. Jones, F. H. Cookman and M. M. Easter.

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.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

On 1st October I commence my tenth year as Rector of St. John's Church. Five of my eleven predecessors have held office longer than I, so I have a long way to go before approaching the record set by Archdeacon W. H. Browne, who was Rector for more than forty years! Mrs. Sutton and I are very happy at St. John's and we are most grateful for the many friendships we have made and for all the help and support given us in our ministry here. It is a great privilege and responsibility to be Rector of a church so rich in traditions of worship and influence. May we pray continually that God may guide and enable us all to be faithful in our witness to Him and bless our ministry for the extension of His kingdom.

After Evensong on Sunday, 14th September parishioners met in the Kindergarten Hall to extend a welcome home to Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., on his return from England. He looks well and was very pleased to meet his many friends at St. John's. On behalf of the Churchwardens, Vestry and Congregation I had much pleasure in expressing our grateful thanks to Mr. A. H. Wills, who has acted as Deputy Organist and Choirmaster for nearly three years. Not only has he maintained our music at a high standard, but he has always been ready to play at special services and assist at musical functions whenever called on. As a token of our appreciation I asked Mr. Wills to accept the gift of a leather attache case. Mr. R. C. Sutton voiced the thanks of the Choir and handed Mr. Wills a musical volume on behalf of the members. In reply, Mr. Wills said that his association with the choir and organ of St. John's had been a happy privilege.

On Sunday morning, 12th October, the Bishop of Tasmania, who has just returned from England where he has attended the Lambeth Conference, will hold a Confirmation Service. More than forty candidates from the parish and Broadland House School have been attending preparation classes. We who have been giving instruction are very conscious of the need for children to have the help and encouragement of a Christian home if their Confirmation vows are to be sincerely made and kept. It is widely stated that "The family which worships together stays together." I do hope that every family represented at the Confirmation Service will take this as their motto.

The C.M.S. Missionary Convention held last month was a time of spiritual refreshment for all who attended the special services and meetings. At the last moment almost, Rev. R. Ash replaced the Rev. S. R. Warren, who was unable to leave his mission station in the Northern Territory. The Rev. M. M. Thomas gave many of us a new understanding of the Christian Church in South India. Miss Jeffreys gave us a recent picture of the scene in East Africa. We thank them all for their messages of Christian brotherhood and inspiration.

The Diocesan Synod begins on Monday, 29th September, and Mr. Dicks and I shall be away in Hobart for the greater part of that week. Important matters are to be brought forward and we hope you will remember us all in prayer that our deliberations may be guided by God's Holy Spirit.

On Saturday, 1st November, All Saints' Day the new church at Ravenswood which has been built almost entirely by voluntary workers, is to be opened and blessed by the Bishop. We extend to our friends at Ravenswood our warmest congratulations and good wishes and are pleased that St. John's has been able to help them by donating the Communion Table which was made from cedar from our old pews and used for many years at the Canning St. Mission House.

The annual Agricultural Show is to take place this month and will remind us again of the pastoral and industrial wealth of our favoured land. We should be truly thankful for God's blessings and not boastfully say: "My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it He that giveth thee power to get wealth." These words come from Chapter 8 of the Book of Deuteronomy. May I suggest that you read this whole chapter on the morning of the day you go to the Show. It has a timely message for us today in this troubled world.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

"YOUNG WIVES' GROUP"

The Young Wives' Group will meet at St. John's Rectory on Wednesday, 8th October at 8 p.m. Our special speaker will be Deaconess Collier who has been working for many years in China and Singapore. A warm welcome is extended to any new members who would come to join in the fellowship of this group. A "Brains Trust" is being arranged for the November meeting and could all questions be in at the Rectory by the end of October.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of the Guild have received an invitation from St. Oswald's Guild to join them at their next meeting, which will be held in

St. Oswald's Hall, Trevallyn, on Wednesday, 15th October, at approximately 3 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett St., West Launceston, on Thursday, 16th October, at 8 p.m. There will be a guest speaker. Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 19th October.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL SERVICE

On Sunday, 19th October, at 7 p.m., our annual Hospital Service will be held in St. John's Church in connection with the observance of St. Luke's Day. Members of the medical profession will read the lessons and give the address. Matrons and nurses from the Launceston hospitals will be invited to attend. We

extend a warm invitation to all parishioners and their friends to be present. Members of the B.M.A. are co-operating in the arrangements.

ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL

This year St. John's Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th November. There will be a Garden Party in the Rectory Grounds on the Saturday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. On Sunday special services will be held, when the Preacher will be the Dean of Melbourne, the Very Reverend S. Barton Babbage, M.A., Ph.D., Th.D. Dr. Barton Babbage, who was formerly Dean of Sydney, is also Principal of Ridley College, Melbourne. He is a well-known preacher and we are looking forward to his visit.

On Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m. there will be an Organ Recital given by Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. Vocal music will be included in the programme.

YOUTH NEWS

The young people have arranged a social cabaret style for Saturday, 4th October, at 8 p.m. All young people are invited to bring supper as well as 2/-. The profit will go towards Kelso Youth Centre.

A "bring a guest" youth tea will be held on Sunday, 12th October, at 5 p.m. Boys to bring savouries, girls to bring cake. Regular members are asked to bring a guest. New confirmees will receive a welcome at this tea.

Our Corporate Communion Service and Breakfast will be on Sunday, 19th October, at 8 a.m. This will be the first communion service for the new confirmees. There will be a Youth Committee meeting after Evensong.

Y.A.F. will meet on Sunday, 26th October, at 5 p.m., for the beginning of their course of study on "mobilisation of the church for evangelism."

Application forms for Diocesan Summer School are now available from your Rector. Date: December 26th-January 1st, at Beresford House, Launceston.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our annual Sunday School Festival has been arranged for Sunday, 23rd November. The Sunday School Picnic will be held on the following Saturday, the 29th November.

The Kindergarten Sunday School will hold their "Christmas Tree" on Wednesday, 3rd December, and the Senior Sunday School Prize Giving will be on Monday, 8th December. Please keep these evenings free.

KELSO

Working bees will be held at Kelso Youth Centre every fine Saturday in October. If you are able to assist with transport or in helping in any other way, phone Mr. Dicks 2 2918.

TENNIS CLUB

The Annual Meeting and commencement of play for the coming season will be held on Saturday afternoon, 4th October, at 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members and intending members are asked to attend. Towards the end of last season there were fewer players than usual and it is hoped that this season we will start with a larger membership and increased interest. All young people and older players will be made welcome.

DIOCESAN CHURCH NEWS

Do you subscribe to this paper? It contains a monthly letter from the Bishop. News from the parishes. Articles of general interest on church matters. Reports from the Mission Fields and activities of Youth Groups. Correspondence and Women's columns, etc. Annual Subscription is 8/- posted. Owing to lack of subscribers it is in a difficult financial position.

Some 3000 new subscribers are needed. Will you be one? Please say 'Yes' if asked! Better still send 8/- to the Archdeacon or Launceston with your name and address.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations.—Mrs. A. H. Hogarth, £1. Mr. F. J. Jones 5/-. Church Boxes 10/-. Miss r. Siebbings 5/-.

Mothers' Union.—The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Thursday, 23rd October, at 2.45 p.m. The Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday, 8th October, at 10.15 a.m.

C.E.M.S.—The next meeting will be on Sunday, 5th October, at 4.45 p.m., in St. John's Kindergarten Hall. The guest speaker will be Rev. K. C. Nancarrow.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.—There was no general meeting in September, but members will meet at the home of Miss Bennett, 31 Riverdale Grove, Newstead, on Monday, 13th October, at 2.45 p.m.

The Annual Old Folks' Tea will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, 11th December, at 5 p.m.

Broadland House School Service will be held on Sunday, 7th December, at 11 a.m. The service will be broadcast over station 7NT.

Adult Confirmation.—A service for the confirmation of adults will be held on Thursday, 4th December, at 8 p.m. Parishioners who have not been confirmed are invited to speak to the Rector, who will be glad to give full particulars.

Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 12th October at 11 a.m. The Bishop of Tasmania will administer the sacred rite. All parents Witnesses and Friends are asked to be in church ten minutes before the service commences.

Archdeacon H. B. Atkinson will be the preacher in St. John's Church on Sunday morning, 5th October at 11 a.m.

The Annual G.F.S. Fair, will be held on Saturday afternoon 15th November, in support of the carpet fund, members plan to recover and renovate the kneelers at Communion rails.

"Hymn Writers" will be the subject of a short course of three addresses to be given by the Rector on Sunday evenings.

September, 28—Rev. Henry Lyte.

October 5—Rev. Charles Wesley.

October 12—Mrs. Cecil Francis Alexander.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

October 5th: Mrs. L. N. Sutton, 12th: Mrs. C. H. Targett. 19th: Mrs. M. M. Easter. 16h: Miss D. Davis

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR OCTOBER

Mornings: Messrs. L. Cato and F. J. Jones. Evenings: Messrs. A. Hollingsworth and R. J. Hoyle.

HOLY BAPTISM

Leighann Teresa Scott, Naniene Jane Curtis, Philip James Walker, Michael James McCann, Craig Anthony Cobern.

MARRIAGES

Peter Ernest Ellis and Janice Aileen Boag. John Barry Crooks and Necia Jeanette McDonald. Terence Maxwell Bowerman and Coralia Judith Johannesburg Dalton. Kevin John Johns and June Pemberton. Victor Paul Liddy and Jill Hazel Lunn. George Ross and Helen Harper. Desmond John Williams and Marlene May Rowlings. John Peter Wyndham Harbin and Nancy Reid Scott. Maxwell Harold Geard and Pamela Estelle Schell.

AT REST

George Alfred Brown, Thomas William Williams, Joan Frances Clarke Hoskins, Howard Martin, Florence Isabel Scott, Elvin Berkley Chandler, Ethel Maud Von Alwyn, Ann Henrietta Tyson.

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

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