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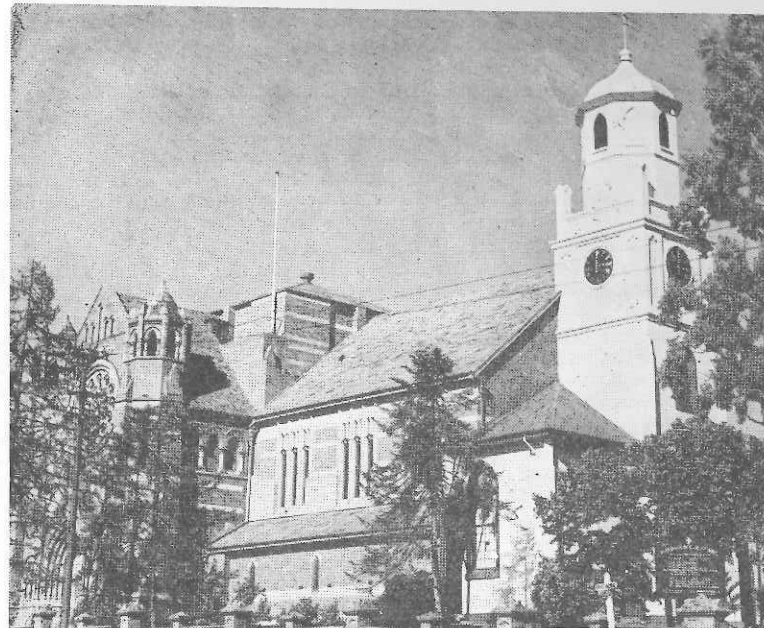
MAY, 1958

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).

Vestry: Messrs. Frank Ikin (Hon. Treasurer), L. Denham, M. M. Easter, 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,

Last month began with the solemn commemoration of our Lord's Passion and glorious Resurrection. In the middle of this month we remember his Ascension and ten days later the coming of the Holy Ghost on the feast of Pentecost or Whit Sunday. Like others, William Barclay has pointed out that the Ascension was an absolute necessity. "First, it was necessary that there should be one final moment when Jesus did go back to the glory which was His. The forty days of the resurrection appearances had passed. Clearly that was a time which was unique and could not go on for ever. There would have been something quite wrong if the resurrection appearances had just slowly faded out. It was necessary that as Jesus in a moment of time had arrived in the world, so in a moment of time he should leave it."

In the second place it was necessary that Jesus should give his followers unanswerable proof that he had returned to His Glory. When "the cloud" received Jesus from their sight they knew that that cloud was a sign of God's Presence. Jesus had returned to the Glory of the Eternal Godhead, but in another sense He had not gone away from them for God was ever present with them in spirit. So we read that "they returned to Jerusalem with great joy" sure that the Master they loved was with them for ever more. His last words to them, and indeed to us, were that they and we should be His witnesses to the farthest bounds of the earth. To enable His followers to do this the Holy Spirit was promised as the Power of God to guide them and to make them wise and strong. He came upon the waiting disciples on the Feast of Pentecost and so when Whitsunday comes ten days after the Ascension we are assured, year by year, that God's Power is available for us to use.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our friends at Ravenswood as their church, very largely built by voluntary workers, is nearing completion. Our vestry decided to offer to them the cedar Communion Table which was used for many years at the Canning Street Mission Hall. It is a beautiful piece of work which has been kept at the Rectory since the Mission closed. When it is placed in All Saints' Church, Ravenswood, it will be a link between them and the old mother church of St. John's.

We also offer our best wishes to our friends at St. Barnabas' Church, Newnham in the parish of St. George's, Invermay. They are building a new Church Hall largely by voluntary workers and it is hoped that the foundation stone will be laid early this month.

Another project being undertaken by voluntary workers is the new Anglican Youth Camp at Kelso. The young people, assisted by older folk are working keenly and the concrete foundations have been raised to floor level. All the Launceston parishes with Beaconsfield, are co-operating in the work.

As is generally known, since I last wrote to you, I have been in hospital again for treatment. However, I am assured that my condition is much improved and I am feeling better. I am most grateful to Mr. Dicks and all others who have helped during my absence. I would also thank all who remembered me in prayer and expressed their good wishes through Mrs. Sutton. Hoping to be quite well again very soon,

Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

All members of St. John's will be interested to learn that application has been made by the choir for affiliation to the Royal School of Church Music, the headquarters of which is at Addington Palace, Croydon, on the outskirts of London and at which Mr. Lindsay O'Neill is now taking a residential course. Although the geographical factor precludes the choir from availing itself of many of the privileges and advantages of membership, the School offers several that should prove of great benefit. The choir, for its part, is expected to adhere to certain principles as to the standard of singing and music. In this connection, early this year the choir adopted the Parish Psalter which was recommended by the School's Director, Mr. Gerald Knight, on the occasion of his visit to us in February, 1956. The pointing in this psalter is more conducive than is that in the psalter previously in use, to the speech-rhythm method of singing the psalms and canticles in which the natural flow of the words is preserved. As with almost any new method, in whatever sphere, there are difficulties to overcome, particularly when one has been accustomed to an older method for many years. The canticles present, perhaps, most difficulty, particularly the Te Deum, but the changes in pointing will

soon become familiar and all will come to appreciate the more natural and intelligent rendering of the words. New members for the choir are needed and anyone interested in serving in this way is cordially invited to see our organist, Mr. Wills, either after a service or at the weekly practice which is normally held at 8 p.m. on Thursday evening. It is not necessary to possess a "solo" voice. If you can sing in tune, you can be of assistance.

MOTHERS' UNION

The annual meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, May 22, following a short service in the Chapel commencing at 2.45 p.m.

A Musical Market, which is an annual event held in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home, will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, May 28, at 3 p.m.

The Mothers' Union Corporate Communion is held in the Chapel on the second Wednesday of each month, the next one being on May 14, at 10.15 a.m.

C.E.M.S.

The C.E.M.S. will be holding their next meeting in the kindergarten hall, on Sunday, May 4, at 4.45 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Mayor of Launceston, Alderman J. S. T. McGowen.

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, May 14, at 8 p.m. to which all young wives will be cordially welcomed. Our aim is to bring young 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 in May will be Mrs. Butler. Subject: Cake decorating.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

An Admission Service will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday, May 6, at 7.30 p.m. to be followed by the annual meeting at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room. Following the annual meeting, coloured slides will be shown by Miss Doreen Poole and the evening will close with a cup of tea. Parishioners are invited.

A camp for Junior G.F.S. members is being held at Beresford House from May 12 till Friday, May 16.

YOUTH NEWS

Thirty young people spent Anzac weekend at Sidmouth Presbyterian Youth Centre, down the West Tamar.

A Youth Tea has been arranged for Sunday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m. The theme will be, "The Call to the Ministry."

There will be a camp reunion on Saturday, May 17, at 7.45 p.m., for all the young people who attended the camp at Sidmouth. All other young people are invited as well.

Our monthly corporate communion with breakfast following, will be on Sunday, May 18, at 8 a.m.

A Fellowship Tea for seniors will be held on Sunday, May 25, at 5 p.m. Subject: "Christian Plays."

The tennis club meets Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. The badminton club meets each Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Kelso — There has been much activity at the youth site at Kelso. Foundations have almost been completed. Men are still needed to help at working-bees. If you are able to help, contact Miss Marny Poole, phone B4730, or Mr. Dicks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Church boxes, £1; Misses Sutton, £1; Miss I. Evershed (Hobart), 10/-.

Harvest Festival: Our thanks to all who sent donations of produce for our Harvest Festival. These were distributed to St. Luke's Hospital, St. Giles' Home for Crippled Children and the Launceston Girls' Homes.

Annual Bankers' Service will be held in St. John's Church on Tuesday, May 13, at 5 p.m. All bank officers are invited to attend with their families.

Confirmation Service for Adults will be held in St. John's Church on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m.

Missionary Boxes: At the last quarterly opening of Missionary Boxes £37/3/10 was received for the Church Missionary Society.

Ascension Day: Thursday, May 15, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. In the evening at 7.30 p.m. there will be a service of special intercessions for the missionary work of the Church, followed by a screening of slides with supper in the Kindergarten Hall.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Rd., on Monday, May 12, at 2.45 p.m.

Women's Guild: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. G. Dodery, 42 Ramsay St., East Launceston, when films will be shown by Mr. Laurence Denham. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Church of England Council of Women: The C.E.C.W. members will meet in the Kindergarten Room on Thursday, May 15 at 3 p.m.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

May—

- 4—Miss M. Bennett.
- 11—Mrs. F. J. Huston.
- 18—Mrs. R. H. Watson.
- 25—Mrs. F. J. Jones.

Note:—If date is inconvenient please arrange with someone else.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR MAY

Mornings—

Messrs. F. Crow and R. H. Watson.

Evenings—

Messrs. M. M. Easther and R. J. Hoyle.

HOLY BAPTISM

Vicki Anne Smith, Christopher Wayne Jones Brooks, Steven Harold James Turner, Vicki Maree Carter, Gary Stephen Curran, Anne Maree Braken, John Tasman Bruce Birch, Richard Kenneth Levis, Garry James Gibson, Helen Lorraine Shepherd.

MARRIAGES

Ronald Norman Brown and Patricia June Smith. Alwyn George Gee and Marilyn Frances Crawford. Desmond Clark Turner and Patricia Margaret Hughes. Geoffrey John Hawkey and Joan Gillian Read. Brian John Hinds and Wendy Joy Parker. Patrick John Binns and Margaret Joyce Watkins. Clarence Leonard Boon and Leslie Mary Sturzaker. Kevin John Sing and Gwenneth Jean Muir.

AT REST

Alfred Greet Odgers, Mervyn Henry Summers, William Whelm Stewart, George Greaves, Maxwell Henry Triptree, Aubry William George Stanley.

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