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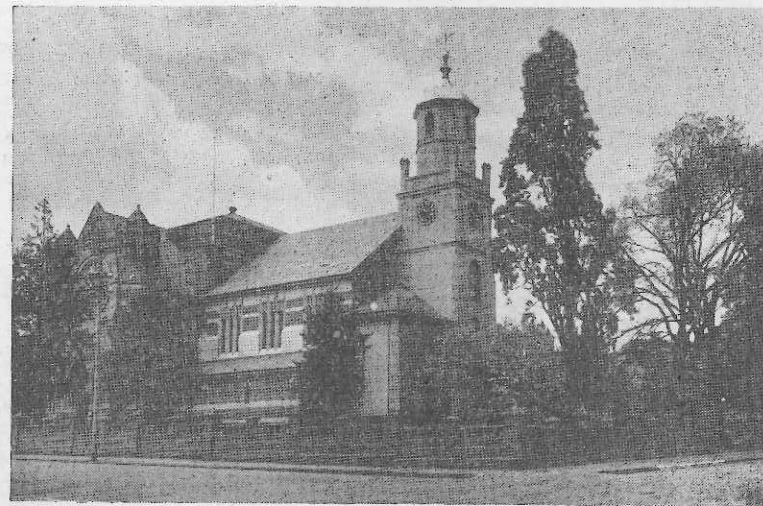
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CLERGYVen. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), The Rectory,
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Last month will long be remembered by us as a time of inspiration. After much prayer and preparation the great rally at York Park to hear the American evangelist, Dr. Billy Graham was attended by probably the largest crowd of people ever to assemble in Launceston. I believe that the Spirit of God was present at that meeting and a very large section of the huge crowd were conscious of a deep experience. Not everybody was moved in the same way but most people I have met at least acknowledged that "It must do a lot of good." Others, numbering approximately 1800 came forward as Inquirers and Mr. Dicks and I have already met many of these in their homes and at church who have re-affirmed their Christian Faith. It is for us to extend a very sincere friendship to all fellow Christians. I am sure that we all have much to share together and by so doing we shall receive that Divine blessing which I believe Dr. Graham's visit has once again offered us.

One significant feature of the gathering was the excellent organisation. Many commented on the orderly way in which the crowds assembled and left the grounds. This indicated what can be done by the churches when there is full co-operation between ministers and lay people, choir members and church officers, young people and adults. All worked together to plan the arrangements. We extend to them all our congratulations and thanks. Unity is strength.

We all profited by the visit of Bishop Omari and Mr. Kivengere. Their deep religious experience and simple faith has been an inspiration to all who heard and met them. In other paragraphs reference is made to the missionary work of our church. May I specially draw your attention to the statement about "The Overseas Department" of our diocese which was formed to co-ordinate the witness and support of A.B.M. and C.M.S. in Tasmania. I am sure that it will do much to organise increased support for the whole missionary task of the Church.

Mrs. Sutton and I have been greatly encouraged by the many good wishes expressed concerning our plans to visit England for Patricia's wedding. The present indications are that we shall leave Melbourne on 8th July and sail from England on the return journey on 18th November, arriving home just before Christmas.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

THE OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the Overseas Department of the Church of England in Tasmania is to place before all members of the Church in Tasmania the whole of the missionary task of the Church. To do this it will promote and organise support for this important and urgent work.

It will endeavour—
TO carry out this purpose by providing up-to-date information concerning the various mission fields in which the Church in Australia is co-operating.

TO stimulate prayer for Australian workers in these fields.

TO encourage regular contributions for the support of this work in order to fulfil our obligations to our two agencies, the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society

TO arrange and organise visits by missionaries and other speakers.

TO supply films, film strips and other materials to parishes.

TO recommend and supply pamphlets, magazines and books giving up-to-date information about the changing scene in Asia and Africa.

TO encourage people to offer for missionary service.

Monies that are given for specific purposes will be passed on either to A.B.M. or C.M.S. for the particular person or work for which it is donated.

APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL—

5 1st SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Choir Sunday. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 5 p.m., Men's Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.

7 Tuesday, 7.15 p.m., G.F.S.

8 Wednesday, 5.30 p.m., G.F.S. Welcome to Mrs. Barry at St. George's; 7.30 p.m., Badminton Club Meeting; 8 p.m., Young Wives.

9 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.

10 Friday, 2.30 p.m., M. U. Welcome to Mrs. Powell; 7.45 p.m., Sunday School Teachers' Course at C.M.S. House.

12 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; Harvest Festival; 10 a.m., Sunday School Service; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong; 8.30 p.m., Th.A. Study Group Meeting at Rectory.

13 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.

17 Friday, 7.30 p.m., Y.A.F. Sports and Social Evening.

18 Saturday. Week-end Junior Youth Camp at Sidmouth.

19 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Rev. E. G. Bevan.

21 Tuesday, 6 p.m., M.S.L.

23 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., M.U.

25 Saturday. Anzac Day, 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

26 4th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Y.A.F. Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong. Dedication of Guides' Standard.

MAY—

2 Saturday, Senior Youth Camp at Ulverstone.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Sunday, April 5th, marks the first of a series of "Choir Sundays," when special music will be sung at both services, and reference made to the important part which music plays in Public Worship. Also on the first Sunday of this month at the 11 o'clock service, you will, I'm sure, be pleased to see the reappearance of boy choristers in our choir

This is the beginning of a movement which, I hope, will lead to the development of a large and effective boys' choir—which we ought to have!

Plans are well in hand for the Royal School of Church Music Festival to be held at St. John's on Saturday, 27th June. We expect to have a choir of at least 100 voices—drawn from parishes in Launceston, Devonport and Burnie. Be sure to keep that date free, as it will undoubtedly be one of the musical highlights at St. John's this year. Further particulars will be given in the next Parish Messenger.

—LINDSAY O'NEILL.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st April, at C.M.S. Rooms. There will be a Basket Tea at 6 p.m., after which Rev. G. H. Harrison, Chaplain of the Grammar School, will lead a discussion on "Missionary Work and Christian Witness." All visitors welcome.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

G.F.S. will meet on Tuesday next, 7th April, at 7.15 p.m. and at 7.45 p.m. Miss Groves will give a demonstration of Cane Basket Making. Visitors will be welcome.

On Wednesday, 8th April, at 5.30 p.m., at St. George's Invermay, all G.F.S. members are asked to meet for tea to welcome Mrs. Barry, World Vice-President of G.F.S. and President of England. Mrs. Barry will speak, and items from each Junior branch will be given.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

St John's M.M.A. hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m. The secretary received a letter from Miss Joy Kendall of the Roper River Mission, N.T., acknowledging the receipt of the Box of Christmas gifts. The following extracts are of wide interest—

"Very many thanks for the wonderful collection of gifts we received for the natives this Christmas. Please convey the thanks of all the staff to the members of St. John's Medical Missionary Auxiliary who contributed. Mrs. Gilchrist, who looks after 20 girls in the girls' dormitory, was particularly thrilled with the girls' dresses. We had a very happy time on the Mission over the Christmas period. On Christmas Eve we had the Christmas story told by a set of six tableaux with about 25 of the natives dressed up and one of the missionaries as narrator. With the addition of a real black baby Jesus and a real bleating kiddie goat in the shepherd scenes it was most successful and I am sure that all present and especially all those who took part were blessed and understood better the meaning of the coming of Christ.

"Many thanks for your prayers and gifts and may you know God's richest blessings during the coming year."

YOUTH NEWS

The Junior Youth Club for those 13 years to 16 years meets every Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. There will be a Youth Tea on Sunday, 12th April, at 5 p.m. The coloured movie film on the Lambeth Conference will be shown. All young people are invited.

A YOUTH CAMP for those young people between 13 years and 16 years has been arranged at Sidmouth for the third week-end in April. Friday evening, 17th till Sunday evening, 19th. Application forms are available from Mr. Dicks. Leaders at the camp will be Miss Babs Newman and Mr. Trevor Cowell. Mr. Dicks will be Chaplain.

The Y.A.F. are arranging a Social and Sports evening on Friday, 17th April, at 7.30 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall for all young people, 17 years and over.

The Youth Breakfast will be held as usual on Sunday, 19th April, following Holy Communion.

The Y.A.F. Tea will be held on Sunday, 26th April, at 5 p.m.

A YOUTH CAMP at Ulverstone for all young people, 17 years and over has been arranged for the first week-end in May from Friday evening, 1st May till Sunday evening, 3rd May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS'

TRAINING COURSE

Conducted by Deaconess P. Spry, at C.M.S. House, commencing on Friday, 3rd April, at 7.45 p.m. and following Fridays, a course of lectures illustrated by coloured film strips will be given on Sunday School teaching. All teachers should take this course. All parishioners willing to help but without experience or the "know-how" should attend and learn the art of simple teaching.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations.—Mrs. A. Castley, 10/-; Miss I. Evershed, 10/-; Miss B. Weymouth, 5/-; Anon., 2/-.

Harvest Festival.—Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 12th April. Donations of fruit, vegetables, produce and groceries will be received at the church on Saturday morning. There will be special children's service at 10 a.m. when each child of the Sunday School will bring a piece of fruit, vegetable, an egg or other produce. On Monday the gifts will be taken to St. Luke's Hospital and the Children's Homes.

Anzac Day.—On Saturday, 25th April, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m.

Badminton Club.—The annual meeting of St. John's Badminton Club will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 8th April, at 7.30 p.m., when the annual reports will be presented and arrangements made for the coming season. All past members and parishioners interested in the game are invited to attend.

Bush Church Aid Society.—The Victorian Secretary of the B.C.A., the Rev. E. G. Bevan, M.A., will be the preacher at St. John's at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 19th April. In Tasmania the B.C.A. is working at Tarraleah and Bronte Park hydro villages and on the mainland it is working in nine dioceses. In addition to pastoral work in thinly settled areas it is responsible for school hostels and flying medical services connected with five modern hospitals.

Broadcast Service.—The next broadcast service will be on Sunday, 10th May, at 11 a.m.

Young Wives' Group.—The next meeting will begin with a service in the Chapel on Wednesday, 8th April, at 8 p.m. After the service members will meet at the Rectory when our guest speaker will be Mrs. Coombe, cosmetician.

Th.A. Study Group.—All interested in forming a group to study Bible, Prayer Book, Church History and Doctrine are invited to meet at the Rectory after Evensong about 8.30 p.m.

Dedication of Guides' Standard.—At the evening service on Sunday, 26th April, the new Divisional Standard of the Launceston and Tamar Division of Girl Guides will be dedicated. A large number of Guide and Scout representatives will attend.

St. John's Scouts win State Trophies.—Our congratulations to St. John's Scouts and their Scoutmaster, Kevin Jack, on winning the State competitions for the Clark Trophy and the Meredith Trophy.

Women's Guild.—The annual meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 9th April, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. Dodery, 42 Ramsay Street, East Launceston. All members and visitors welcome.

St. Luke's Hospital.—Members of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will meet at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown on Monday, 13th April, at 2.45 p.m.

At the opening of the new wing of the Hospital our Auxiliary presented to the Hospital Board a cheque for £250 which covers the cost of a private ward. The proceeds of the stall held at this function realised approximately £20. Our thanks to all who supported us.

Mothers' Union.—A combined Mothers' Union meeting will be held on Friday, 10th April, in the afternoon, to welcome Mrs. A. G. Powell, of St. John's Rectory, Mudgee, N.S.W., editor of the M.U. Magazine, "Mothers in Australia and New Zealand." A service in St. John's Church, Launceston will commence at 2.30 p.m. and will be followed by a Social Hour in the Kindergarten Hall when members will have the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Powell. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd April, at 2.45 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. R. D. Tyson of "St. Mark's on the Hill."

C.E.M.S.—Members of C.E.M.S. are holding a Men's Meeting and Tea on Sunday, 5th April, at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. A Salad Tea will be served after which a coloured movie film on the Lambeth Conference will be shown.

FLOWER LIST

MAIN ALTAR

APRIL—

5 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
12 Mrs. F. J. Jones.
19 Mrs. D. P. Campbell.
26 Miss E. E. Scott.

MAY—

3 Mrs. J. A. Barrenger.

CHAPEL ALTAR

APRIL—

5 Mrs. T. H. Dicks.
12 Mrs. G. Crawford.
19 Mrs. A. E. McCarthy.
26 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

MAY—

3 Mrs. H. Atherton.

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER FOR APRIL

MORNINGS: Messrs. T. White and T. J. Wing.
EVENINGS: Messrs. J. Sanderson and F. Stevens.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Gregory Michael Davis, Dianne Margaret Gilbert, Anthony Douglas Rice, Kelvin Wayne McCarron, Brendon Keith Morrison, Anthony John Morrison, Paul James Walters, Pauline Maree Swain, Leanne Joy Smith, Bronwyn Mary Meek, Christopher Charles Crowden, Gabrielle Louise Spencer, Allan John Digney, Maree Joy McKay, George William Lynch, Philip Gordon Banfield, Lee Klinda Burgess, Stefan Donald Bochenek, Debra Maree Arnold, Cheryl Dawn Hart.

MARRIAGES

Neil Terence Lockett and Fay Beverley Coral Dawn Venn, Jeffrey James McCarthy and Janice Lorraine Reid, Jack Thomas Heald and Marie Jeanette Eeles, Gordon Ian Silver and Kaye Lynn Edmunds, Paul Ross Clarke and Barbara Moss, Alfred Charles Wicks and Margaret Noel Terry, Donald Bertram Smith and Judith Ann Parkinson, Kevin Lewis Brumby and Eileen Gwendoline West, Hugh Alan McKenna and Wilma Merle Johnson, David John Street and Fay Ackerly, Peter James Simons and Nola Jean Corkery, Glen Arthur Cusick and Lesley Kathleen Morris, Jack William Thompson and Shirley Jean Neil.

AT REST

Eric Anderson, George Henry Gridley, Clarice Louise McKenzie, Ellen Louisa Quale, Ernest Alfred Nunn.

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