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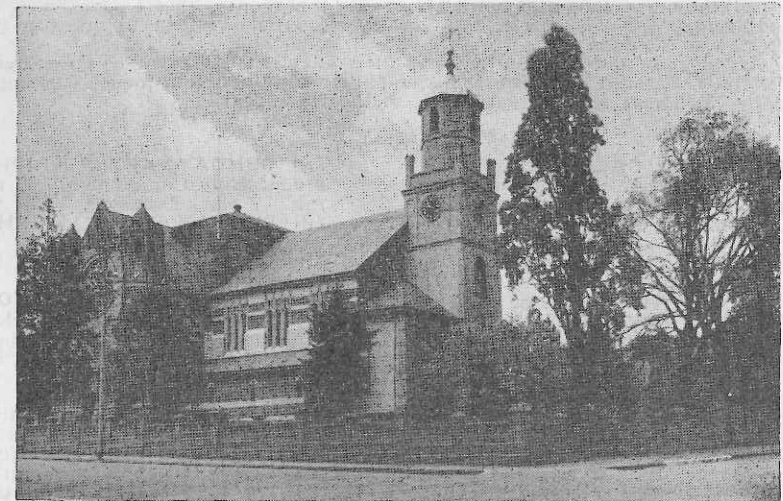
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DECEMBER, 1959

CLERGY

VEN. ARCHDEACON L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), on leave.
REV. M. L. HUGHES, Th.L., Acting Rector,
The Rectory, 157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone 2 3186.
REV. T. H. DICKS, Th.L.,
4 Elizabeth Street, Launceston. Phone 2 2918.



LAY OFFICERS:

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. F. J. Jones, F. H. Cookman and M. M. Easther.
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R. D. Barr, D. Goodwin and T. G. Cowell.
HON. LAY READERS: Messrs. A. G. Hart and E. L. Thomas.
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: 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.

DIVINE 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.

THE ACTING RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The happy season of Christmas is fast approaching and we are all becoming busier and busier, and many end-of-the-year parties and meetings of a number of organisations engage our attention. "Santa" can be seen in the City even before the beginning of Advent. The stores won't let us forget Christmas, but I do feel that we must make sure that we who are church people do not forget the spiritual significance of this great festival and that we do not lose our sense of wonder that God should come into the world in His Son Jesus Christ and show His great love to us by sharing our human life, experiencing our joys and sorrows and even death itself for our sakes. Life would be much happier if we would all try to show the Christmas spirit of kindness and goodwill to those about us during the next twelve months.

The annual singing of Carols by Candlelight is to take place this year in Princess Square on Sunday evening, 20th December. Arrangements are being made to relay music from St. John's organ to lead the singing of the carols. Once more we are glad to have our part in this popular event and trust that all who take part in it may do their best to make it a reverent act of worship.

We are all most grateful to the Revd. G. H. Codrington, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton, Victoria, for coming to us for our Patronal Festival and for helping us by his inspiring preaching. We must also say "thank you" to his own people at Brighton for sharing their Vicar with us for that time, in spite of the fact that he had been away from his own parish for two Sundays before, in order to take a mission in another church. I

would also like to thank all those who helped to make the Parish Festival such a happy success. The weather was kind to us and the whole week-end was a joyful and encouraging time.

The Rector and Mrs. Sutton left England by the Fair Sea on Wednesday, the 18th November, and we are all looking forward to welcoming them home again on Christmas Eve. We do trust that they will have a happy voyage and will return to the parish refreshed and in the best of health.

The Revd. Terence Dicks has been with us for nearly three years and on the 16th January next he leaves Tasmania to return to his native New South Wales. The Archbishop of Sydney has appointed him as Curate in Charge of the Provisional District of Abbotsford and Russell Lea in Sydney. We are all very sorry to lose Mr. Dicks from the parish where he has done so much good work, especially with the young people. He has endeared himself alike to young and old and we shall all miss him and Mrs. Dicks and their son John. We wish them every happiness and blessing in their new life in Sydney.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your co-operation and for the many kindnesses shown to me during these few months that I have been with you in your very happy and busy parish. It has been a great privilege to share in the work of the ministry at St. John's.

The Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton send their affectionate Christmas Greetings to you all and the Revd. Terence and Mrs. Dicks and their son John join me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Yours sincerely, M. L. HUGHES.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion. 7.15 p.m., Kindergarten Prize-giving and Christmas Tree.
- 3 Thursday, 8 p.m., Adult Confirmation.
- 4 Friday, 8 p.m., Handel's Oratorio "The Messiah", in St. John's Church.
- 5 Saturday, Kelso Working Bee.
- 6 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Broadland House School Service (Broadcast). Preacher, The Revd. Bryan Taylor, B.A., Superintendent and Chaplain of The Mission to Seamen, Hobart. 5 p.m., C.E.M.S. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 7 Monday 7.30 p.m., Sunday School Prize-giving in Parish Hall.
- 8 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Young Wives' Group, Christmas Party.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 12 Saturday Kelso Working Bee, 7.45 p.m., Youth Christmas Party.
- 13 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins—Preacher: Mr. D. V. Selth, B.A., Headmaster of The Launceston C. of E. Grammar School. 5 p.m. Youth Guest Tea, 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 16 Wednesday 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 20 4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, followed by Youth Breakfast. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols.
- 21 Monday, St. Thomas' Day. 7 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 6 a.m., Holy Communion, 7 a.m., Holy Communion, 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 10.30 a.m., Matins which will be a Family Service followed by Holy Communion.
- 27 1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, ST. JOHN'S DAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins, 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 31 Thursday, 11.15 p.m., Watch Night Service.
- JANUARY, 1960.
- 3 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion., 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 10 1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins, 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 17 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins, Broadcast Service, 7 p.m., Evensong.

- 24 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins, 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 31 4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins, 7 p.m., Evensong and Holy Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., and 8 a.m., and after Matins at 10.30 a.m., which will be a Family Service. There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on 20th December, at 7 p.m. There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.15 p.m. in St. John's Church.

CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Acting Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. We would be grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations will be most welcome. They should reach the Church on Thursday morning, 24th December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian Families to place on the Christmas dinner table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work in refugee shelters, hospitals and churches.

Contributions are used for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in areas of distress abroad and are distributed without question of race, colour or creed.

Funds contributed provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in emergency situations, long term health and nutrition programmes, social counselling, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, self-help projects and vocational training and other ministries to the homeless and destitute.

A separate leaflet with envelope will be distributed nearer Christmas. Such donations may be placed in the Collections or left with the Rector or Churchwardens.

CHOIR NOTES

St. John's Choir was well represented at the Southern Annual Festival of the Royal School of Church Music held in St. David's Cathedral, on Saturday, 21st November.

Nineteen of our members were present and I'm sure they would all agree that this corporate visit to Hobart proved to be a memorable experience, both in matters of music and motoring.

We are now busy preparing for the annual service of the Nine Lessons and Carols,

to be held on unday, 20th December, at 7 p.m.

Following a plan adopted last Summer, and to ensure that there will be an adequate number in the Choir Stalls to lead the singing at services during the holiday season, I should be pleased to hear of any members of the congregation who can sing in tune, and would be willing to assist at any or all services from 27th December to 17th January.

If you can help in this way—DO NOT leave it to the "other fellow", but, without delay, contact me so that we shall be able to draw up a choir roster for those Sundays.

Lindsay O'Neill.

YOUTH NEWS

THE YOUNG ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP, catering for young people sixteen years and over, meet every Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.45 p.m. The programme is four square. Y.A.F. will meet on Tuesday, 1st, 8th and 15th of December.

All young people are asked to attend "The Messiah", which is being presented in St. John's this year, on Friday, 4th December, at 8 p.m.

The Youth Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 12th December, at 8 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All young people and their friends are invited to the Party.

There will be a CHRISTMAS GUEST YOUTH TEA on Sunday, 13th December, beginning at 5 p.m. A Buffet Tea will be served and a musical programme is being arranged.

The Final Youth Corporate Communion and Breakfast for 1959 will be on Sunday, 20th December, at 8 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Kindergarten Christmas Tree Evening will be held on Wednesday, 2nd December, at 7.15 p.m.

The Sunday School Prize-Giving for Sunday School and Junior Church Scholars has been arranged for Monday, 7th December, at 7.30 p.m.

There will be SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES in the Church on Sunday, 13th and Sunday, 20th December, at 9.45 a.m. Parents will be welcome at these services. This will be instead of the usual Sunday School.

After the Holidays, Sunday School will resume on Sunday, the 7th of February, 1960.

THE ANGLICAN YOUTH CENTRE AT KELSO

Good progress continues to be made with the building.

There is to be a Special Working Bee on Saturday, 5th December, all willing workers welcome!

Old Clothes—Please save your old clothes and jumble for us. A Sale is planned for the New Year. If you cannot store these things, Mrs. J. Sheldrick, of 1A Clementina Street, (East 4922) will be pleased to arrange for collection.

THE BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

Those holding Society Boxes are asked to hand them in at the Church, or at the Rectory for opening. The Secretary is Miss Dawn Farrell.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The next meeting of the Young Wives' Group will begin with a service in the Chapel on TUESDAY, 8th December, 1959, at 8 p.m. After the service members will meet at the Kindergarten Hall for our Christmas break-up and Christmas Tree. Members are asked to bring a gift for the Tree for either a boy or girl, so as the gifts can be forwarded to the Children's Homes.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The Garden Fete, held at the home of the President, Mrs. K. F. Browne, was both a

social and financial success, over £40 was raised. The Auxiliary now goes into recess until the New Year, but Christmas Cakes are being made by members for the Hospital.

"BERESFORD HOUSE"

The Auxiliary is very anxious to hear from Parishioners willing to help paint St. John's bedroom.

All other Parishes have completed their rooms. The dining-room has been painted and attractive new curtains hung.

The transformation will, no doubt, be appreciated by members of the Overseas Mission and many other visitors expected at "Beresford House" in January.

MISSIONARY SUMMER SCHOOL

"Beresford House," Launceston
MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1959 to SATURDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1960

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FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

MAIN ALTAR—

- December 6—Mrs F. J. Jones.
December 13—Mrs. D. R. Campbell.
December 20—The Misses E. & E. Scott.
December 25—The Flower Guild.
December 27—Mrs. J. A. Barranger.
January 3—Miss V. Sadler.
January 10—Mrs. C. H. Targett.
January 17—Mrs. M. M. Easther.
January 24—Miss D. Davis.
January 31—Miss M. Bennett.

CHAPEL ALTAR—

- December 6—Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
December 13—Mrs. Smith.
December 20—Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
December 25—The Flower Guild.
December 27—Mrs. E. Gruber.
January 3—Mrs. W. McMahon.
January 10—Mrs. T. Dicks.
January 17—Mrs. G. Crawford.
January 24—Mrs. McCarthy.
January 31—Mrs. T. J. Stokes.

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER FOR DECEMBER

Morning Prayer
A. Hollingsworth and J. Sanderson
Evensong

F. Cookman and F. Radford

Sidemen to be in attendance no later than 15 minutes before the Service.

8 a.m. Communion

- 1st Sunday in month: C. J. Sanderson
2nd Sunday in month: M. Easther
3rd Sunday in month: L. Denham
4th Sunday in month: J. Roberts
Sidemen to be in attendance not later than 7.50 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Jennifer Maree Pfeiffer, Jean Elizabeth Robinson, Stephen Mark Faulkner, Jane Anne Ellis.

MARRIAGES

Ian Frank James and Jacqueline Targett, James Leontine Roy Carter and Jessie Madeline Lyne; Garry Norman Campain and Marlene Joy Burton; William George Huntington and Patricia Alice Geeves; Robert Anthony Lowe and Thelma May Cox; Robert Anthony Dawson and Dianne Elizabeth Georgina Doe; Graham Maxwell Turner and Marlene Patricia Baker; Ronald John Burke and Marilyn June O'Byrne.

AT REST

David Crombie, Gertrude Blanche Hodge, Doris Rita Webb, Henry Morris Taylor, Clyde Vivian Bower, Ernest Meerman.

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