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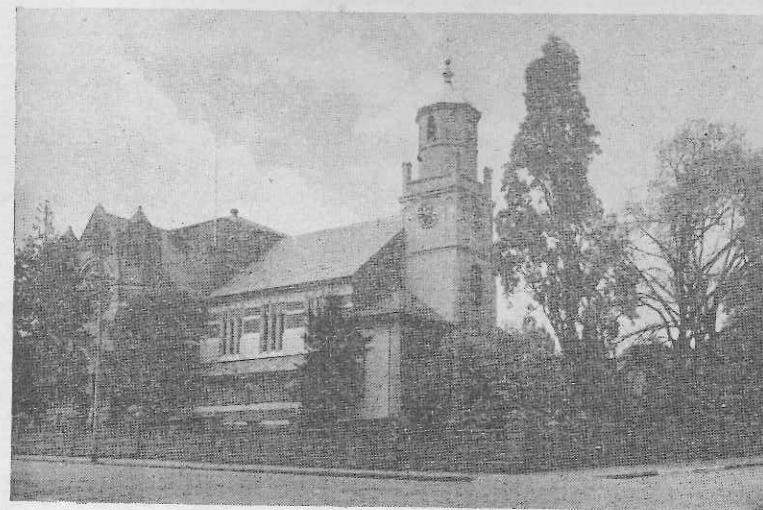
FEBRUARY, 1959

**CLERGY**

Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), The Rectory,

157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone 2 3186.

Rev. T. H. Dicks, Th.L., 4 Elizabeth Street, Launceston. Phone 2 2918.

**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 am., 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,

A few days ago, under the heading, "Challenge to Christianity," the Press reported a statement said to have been made by a "distinguished Soviet scientist" that the very fact of the launching of artificial earth satellites and space rockets casts doubt on the existence of God. Rockets and satellites had encountered no angels nor discovered a supreme being. Such talk is really very foolish. Surely no one with any sense would seriously suggest that we should go looking for God in a space rocket or artificial satellite. I think of Heaven as being where God's Presence is very real because His will is supreme and nothing is contrary to His wishes. It is not a place located "above the bright blue sky" which could possibly be discovered by some aerial explorer. Spiritual truths are not to be confused with material things. Of course they are sometimes difficult for us to understand but we must realise the limitations of human intelligence. Because we cannot understand something it does not mean that it is not true. Let us distinguish between Truth which can only be discerned spiritually and scientific discoveries knowable through human experiment and reason.

This year the season of Lent begins earlier than usual. Ash Wednesday falls on 11th February. It is a time for the deepening of the spiritual life and as such prepares us for Good Friday and Easter. I plan to have special courses of addresses at the Sunday services and also I hope that another series of "Know your Church" addresses will be arranged for evenings in Lent. Details of these will be published in a separate leaflet.

I am most grateful to the Revd. E. C. Rowland for taking the services for the first two Sundays in January. Not only were these much appreciated but many were glad to see his pictures of North Queensland which were screened in the Parish Hall on Sunday evening after service. As the holiday month is over parish organisations will resume their meetings in the next two or three weeks. I hope that all members will make this year one of progress by interesting others in their activities and introducing new ideas into their programmes. Our groups and societies should be centres of Christian fellowship where friendships are formed and our Christian faith and way of life shared with others.

Next month we are to have two distinguished visitors. On 17th March the world famous evangelist Billy Graham is to be in Launceston and address public meetings. A few days later the African Bishop from Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Yohana Omari accompanied by Mr. Festo Kivingere, will arrive. He will preach at St. John's at one of the services on Palm Sunday. He will also address week day meetings. I hope that we shall support these visitors much in prayer, that their messages may be a great blessing to all who hear them.

It has been suggested that a class be formed for those who would like to do some serious study for the Th.A. diploma of the Australian College of Theology. It would be opened for all interested in the parishes of Launceston. Subjects would include the Bible, Prayer Book, Church History and Doctrine. The Rector would be glad to give further particulars.

On Thursday afternoon, 26th February at 2.30 p.m. the Elderly Citizens' Club is to be opened in rooms at the Tamar Street entrance to the Albert Hall. I have been a member of a committee responsible for its establishment. The Mayor is chairman and Dr. Mary Kingsmill vice-chairman. I hope many parishioners may attend the opening and take an interest in the venture by giving support. In Victoria clubs of this kind are meeting a real need in community life and I am sure that our club will soon become popular.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| <p>Feb. 1. SEXAGESIMA. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 4.45 p.m. C.E.M.S. 7 p.m. Evensong. SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES at 9.45 a.m.</p> <p>4. Wednesday. 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.</p> <p>5. Thursday. 8 p.m. St. Luke's Auxiliary at Rectory.</p> <p>7. Saturday. 2 p.m. Tennis Club resumes.</p> <p>8. QUINQAGESIMA. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 5 p.m. Youth Tea. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>11. Ash Wednesday. LENT BEGINS. 7 and 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 7.30 p.m. Devotional Service. 8 p.m. Young Wives at Rectory.</p> <p>12. Thursday. 8 p.m. Women's Guild. 7.15 p.m. Bible Study Group.</p> | <p>13. Friday. 7.30 p.m. Youth Club. WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER.</p> <p>15. 1st SUNDAY IN LENT. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Youth Breakfast. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> <p>17. Tuesday. 7.45 p.m. M.S.L., C.M.S. House.</p> <p>22. 2nd SUNDAY IN LENT. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. 5 p.m. Y.A.F. 7 p.m. Evensong</p> <p>26. Thursday. 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union. 2.30 p.m. Opening of Elderly Citizens' Club.</p> <p>Mar. 1. 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion. 4.45 p.m. C.E.M.S. 7 p.m. Evensong.</p> |
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## CHOIR NOTES

Choir Practices have resumed on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock and a full and interesting programme of activities for 1959 is being arranged. In July we plan to hold a Royal School of Church Music Festival at St. John's, and choirs as far distant as Burnie will be joining with us.

A Boys' Choir has been formed and rehearsals are held each Saturday morning from 9 till 9.30 a.m.

I should be very pleased to hear from any singers (particularly sopranos!) in the parish who would care to link up with the adult choir; also from parents of boys interested in joining the junior section of the choir. Lindsay O'Neill.

## YOUTH NEWS

Our Tennis Club begins again on Saturday, 7th February. All interested people are asked to turn up at 2 p.m.

Our first Youth Tea for 1959 will be on Sunday, 8th February at 5 p.m. It is hoped that every young person will be present.

Youth Club for those between 13 years and 16 years begins again on Friday night 13th February and every Friday night at 7.30 p.m. Bring Supper.

Our corporate Communion will be held on Sunday, 15th February at 8 a.m. followed by breakfast.

Y.A.F. will meet for Fellowship Tea on Sunday, 22nd February at 5 p.m. and will plan their programme for 1959.

## LAUNCESTON MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

Rev. K. Nancarrow will speak at the first meeting for 1959 on Tuesday, 17th February, at C.M.S. House. This will be an important meeting as we will have two important visitors in March in Launceston. — Dr. Billy Graham on Tuesday, 17th March and Bishop Omari on Friday, 20th March. We cordially invite new members and urge all regular members to be present.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten, Junior and Intermediate Sunday School resumes on the first Sunday in February. We hope all parents will encourage their children to attend regularly and be punctual. Opening is at 9.45 a.m.

The Rector will take the members of Junior Church in his Vestry at the same time when there will be special study of the Bible and Prayer Book. A class is being formed for young people who have been confirmed and wish to be teachers in the Sunday School. Mr. Dicks will be glad to give full information.

## TEACHER NEEDED FOR BORNEO

An appeal has come from Tawau, Borneo for a school teacher who can give secondary education to children who have completed their primary course. A number of children have passed their Grade VI examinations at the C.M.S. School and wish to continue their studies but unless a new teacher can be found they will have to leave. The Rector will give further information.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

C.M.S. Boxes: At the last quarterly opening £24/5/9 was received for the Society.

C.E.M.S.: The next meeting of C.E.M.S. will be held in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 1st February at 4.45 p.m. All men are invited to attend.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary: (St. John's Branch) will meet at the Rectory on Thursday, 5th February at 8 p.m.

Young Wives' Group: Our first meeting for the year will be at the Rectory on Wednesday, 11th February at 8 p.m. when our speaker will be Dr. Holden of the Peter MacCallum Clinic, General Hospital, Launceston.

Women's Guild: Members of the Women's Guild will resume their monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 12th February at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett St., West Launceston. Any new members will be warmly welcomed.

Mothers' Union: The next meeting of the M.U. will be held on Thursday, 26th February at 2.45 p.m. beginning with a service in the Chapel.

Ash Wednesday: February 11th, the first day in Lent, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. There will be an evening service at 7.30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Bible Study Group: The Rector will conduct a Bible Study Group in the Clergy Vestry on Thursday evenings in Lent from 7.15 p.m. to 7.50 p.m.

Women's Day of Prayer: The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday, February 13th. In Launceston the services will be in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of St. John and Paterson Streets. There will be a short service at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. when the address will be given by Mrs. W. Rowlands. Members of Women's organisations are specially asked to attend as groups. There will be an evening service at 7.30 p.m. for women unable to attend the earlier services. Young people are invited to come.

## FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

February 1st. Miss M Bennett. February 8th Mrs. F. J. Huston.

## SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY

MORNINGS: Messrs. J. Bingham and L. Cato.

EVENINGS: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart and F. Cookman.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Judith Ann Ngaire Bushby. Felicity Jane Adams, Kim Olga Joan Howlett, Mary Ann Dorothy Meystrik, Louise Richmond Smith, Judith Anne Bingley, Phillip John Grace, Bruce Cameron Nelson, Pauline Lillian Byrne, Mark Brian Trigg, Cheryl Lesley Blair, Janet Anne Targett, Maxine Veada Radford, Sara Macleod Connell, Michael James Roberts, Wayne Pestrucchi.

## MARRIAGES

Paul Rushton Johnson and Barbara Kay Watson. Donald James Brown and Betty Gillham. Lindsay James Bricknell and Vida Emmeline Gregory. Peter Ross Jones and Rosemary Christine Aschman. Denis Alan Mott and Marjorie Dawn Helen Blyth. Phillip Royston Hardwicke and Lillian May Dainer. Peter Alexander Watt and Leta Mason Aulich. Clifford Charles Hume and Patricia Lorraine Jowett. John Ernest Nunn and Sandra Rose McEachern. Gerald Samuel George Tuting and Valerie Elizabeth Stacey. Allan George Geard and Betty Ada Dewis. William Walter Brown and Elizabeth Irene Davies. Kelvin Arthur Underlin and Valma Joan Robinson. Ralph John Podolski and Rhonda Joyce Coogan. Robert Fraser Standaloft and Janice Anne Jordan. Maxwell John Williams and Janice Mary Stanwix. Trevor Francis Connelley and Lois Phyllis Leslie. Ernest Alfred Boxhall and Jennifer Gae Barringer. Hugh Laurence Revell and Margot Vivien Nancy Sydes. Maxwell Ronald Whitford and Faye Marlene Marston. Peter John Thyne and Mary Louise Leake Hudspeth.

## AT REST

Lyn Maree Burnie, Annie Kathleen Wright, Doris Williams, George Arthur Hope, William Foulkes, Burton Edward Glover Drake, Henry Stanley, Blanch Foulkes, Carol May Lamb, Muriel Estelle Wardlaw, George Gordon Penny-cuik.

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