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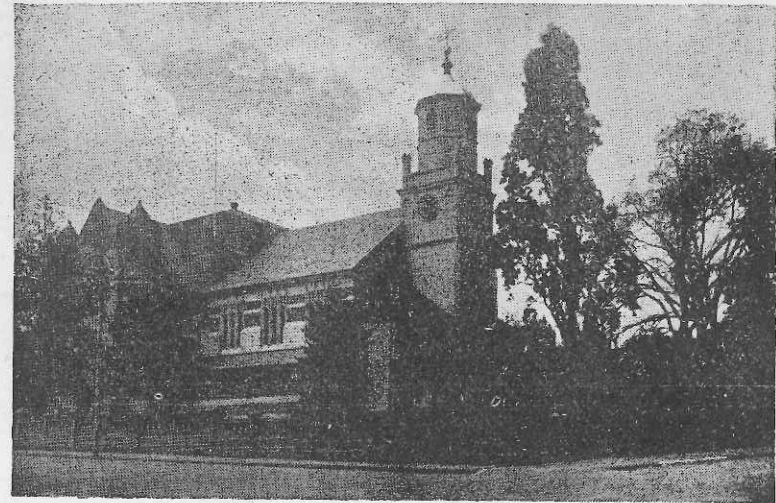
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**CLERGY**Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), The Rectory,  
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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 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.

**RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate three great Festivals of the Church year: Ascension Whitsunday, and Trinity. The first marks the conclusion of our Lord's earthly ministry, and his final charge to his disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." The second records the gift of the Holy Spirit in whose power they were enabled to obey that charge. The third teaches us the completeness of Christ's revelation of God. May we strive to understand more fully the real significance of these seasons and so enrich our spiritual experience and knowledge.

Recent services in St. John's Church and others planned for this month indicate the responsibility and privilege we share in the corporate life of our community. When our large church is crowded for a special Youth Service such as that at which the Girl Guides' Standard was dedicated or on the occasion of the Commonwealth Youth Sunday Service, or the annual service for our combined Church Schools, we realise how important it is to have everything arranged and organised so that there may be the greatest degree of reverence and inspiration. As the city grows there will come a time when the enlargement of our church by completion will be a necessity. In the meantime let us preserve the fabric of our present beautiful building with the utmost care and see to it that there is nothing lacking in making it a shrine worthy of Him whom we seek to glorify.

As is mentioned in another paragraph plans have been completed to hold our second Every Member Canvass next month. As one who has, like a great many others, participated in the scheme, I believe that few would like to return to the former method of managing the business side of our church life and I am sure that we shall all co-operate with our vestry in making the Canvass a success from every point of view.

Warmly commended by our Bishop, an attractive little booklet called "Come and see Your Church" is available for sale at the nominal price of one shilling. Copies may be purchased at the table near the church porch. It includes an outline of the Holy Bible, Prayer Book, Church History and Sacraments. Every parishioner should secure a copy and study it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dicks and John are going to Sydney for their annual holiday on 13th May. We wish them a very happy time and a good rest. Mr. Dicks will be back on 3rd June.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.



## MAY CALENDAR

## MAY—

- 3 **5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 3 p.m., British Commonwealth Youth Sunday Service; 4.45 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 5 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 6 Wednesday, 3 p.m., M.M.A.; 7.30 p.m., Vestry.
- 7 Thursday, ASCENSION DAY. 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Missionary Intercessions; 8 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 8 Friday, 7.45 p.m., Film Evening for Kelso.
- 9 Saturday, 10 a.m., Sunday Teachers' Conference.
- 10 **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Broadcast Service; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 11 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 12 Tuesday, 5 p.m., Bankers' Service.
- 13 Wednesday, 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 14 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 17 **WHITSUNDAY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 18 Monday, 8 p.m., Adult Confirmation.
- 19 Tuesday, 6 p.m., M.S.L.
- 24 **TRINITY SUNDAY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Royal Commonwealth Society attending; 5 p.m., Y.A.F. Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 28 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., M.U. Annual Meeting, 8 p.m., Annual Meeting of City Mission.
- 29 Friday, Children's Homes Button Day.
- 31 **1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.

## EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Most people who read this Monthly Parish Messenger will quickly recall the first Every Member Canvass, which was undertaken at St. John's nearly three years ago. The Canvass put new life into the Church by reawakening enthusiasm and, of course, by instituting a regular system of contributing through weekly envelopes, which has made things possible that could never otherwise have been undertaken.

We are approaching the end of the three-year period for which the Canvass was held, and the Vestry decided a little while ago to hold a second Every Member Canvass during the month of June this year. This will provide a wonderful opportunity of again getting in touch personally with every family known to have any association with St. John's Church, whether they are regular worshippers, parents of Sunday School children, or folk who, while not frequent attenders still regard St. John's as their Church.

Further details about the Canvass will be made available nearer the time, but meanwhile the Vestry would like all St. John's people to keep themselves as free as possible during the month of June, so that all will be able to help to the best of their ability. Many men will be required to help canvass and visit families, and, of course, many ladies will also be required to plan the St. John's Family Dinner and to act as Hostesses on that occasion.

The Canvass will be a real Parish effort and and very worthwhile challenge.

## ORGAN RECITAL

In response to many requests our Organist, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. has

arranged to give an Organ Recital on Sunday afternoon, 7th June, at 3 p.m. It is more than six months ago since he gave his last recital on the 9th November last, when a large number attended. We hope that parishioners will make this recital as widely known as possible so that music lovers from the country as well as the city may be able to keep the afternoon free and be present.

## ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

It is encouraging to watch the steady growth both in numbers and enthusiasm, and we look forward to the time when both sides of the choir will be filled for each service.

We are very grateful to a small group of women from the congregation who have undertaken to put the choir wardrobes in order. They are at present meeting regularly to make new surplises for the boys. Should there be others who would be prepared to help in this way, we should indeed be glad if they would contact Mrs. Sutton.

The ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL is drawing nearer, and we would ask you all to help us make this wonderful event as widely known as possible. The date is Saturday evening, 27th June, and we expect to have a combined choir of almost 150 voices—surely the largest ever to appear in our very fine church.

LINDSAY O'NEILL.

## YOUTH NEWS

JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB for all young people between the ages of 13 years and 16 years meets in the Kindergarten Hall every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

An American Tea has been arranged for Friday evening, 8th May, beginning at 7.45 p.m. Films will be shown. All funds raised will be given towards the Kelso Youth Centre. Our monthly Youth Tea will be held on Sunday, 10th May, at 5 p.m. A team of our young men will run this programme. The Corporate Communion and Breakfast for young people will be on Sunday, 17th May, at 8 a.m. Please return form to Miss Doreen Poole, 16 Canning Street.

The next Y.A.F. Tea will be held on Sunday, 24th May, at 5 p.m. The programme will include a debate, "Billy Graham."

There will be working bees at Kelso each fine Saturday. If you can come, phone 22918.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The 4th Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild was held on Thursday, 9th April. The report and balance sheet revealed a most satisfactory year.

The following officers were elected: Patron, Mrs. L. N. Sutton; President, Mrs. M. M. Easter; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. H. Targett, Mrs. G. C. Dodery, Mrs. R. H. Watson; Secretary, Mrs. E. Summers; Treasurer, Miss M. Gregory. Committee, Mrs. T. White, Mrs. R. J. Hoyle and Mrs. D. Johnstone. Archdeacon L. N. Sutton was in the chair. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th May, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 21 Maitland Street, when the guest speaker will be Mrs. M. Jorgenson.

## LAUNCESTON MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The Rev. G. H. Harrison, Chaplain of the Grammar School, gave a most inspiring and helpful talk at our last meeting on Christian witness in history, and in the world to-day in general. An interesting discussion followed. We were pleased to have Mr. Mee, of St. Mark's on the Hill with us, and also to welcome a new member from St. John's, Mrs. Flynn. It was agreed to continue meeting for tea at 6 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday at C.M.S. Mr. S. R. Robinson, of St. George's, Invermay, will address our next meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, and Archdeacon L. N. Sutton will chair

and address our annual meeting on June 23rd. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested; those who are not able to join us for tea and fellowship may be able to come at 7 p.m. when the meeting proper commences. We finish by 8.30 p.m.

## KELSO YOUTH CENTRE

There is to be a Street Stall in aid of funds on Thursday, June 4th, outside the Commonwealth Bank, Brisbane Street, from 8.30 a.m. Cans of cakes, jams, sauces, pickles, eggs, vegetables, fruit, towels and plants, in fact any small saleable articles, will be most welcome. Please bring goods direct to the stall on the Thursday morning. Those unable to get into town may leave them at The Rectory, with Mrs. Sneiderick, La Clementina Street, or Mrs. Hoyle, 45 West Tamar Road, on the previous day.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**BROADCAST SERVICE.** The morning service on Sunday, 10th May, at 11 o'clock, will be broadcast from St. John's Church.

**YOUTH SERVICE.** On British Commonwealth Youth Sunday, 3rd May, the united service will be held in St. John's Church at 3 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. R. D. Tyson.

C.E.M.S. will meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 3rd May, at 4.45 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. H. J. Hunkin, B.A., B.D., of Paterson Street Methodist Church.

**MOTHERS' UNION.** The annual meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 28th May, at 2.45 p.m. After the chapel service members will gather in the Kindergarten Hall when the speaker will be Mrs. W. F. Rowlands, who lived for many years in China.

A Musical Market will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 3rd June, at 2.45 p.m., in aid of the Clarendon Children's Home at Kingston.

**ST. LUKE'S AUXILIARY.** The next meetings of the auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road, on Monday, 11th May, at 2.45 p.m., and at the Rectory on Thursday, 7th May, at 8 p.m. New members will be given a warm welcome.

**MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY.** The next monthly meeting of the M.M.A. will be held in the Kindergarten Room on Wednesday, 6th May, at 3 p.m. New members very welcome.

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.** On Tuesday, 5th May, at 7.30 p.m., a service of Admission will be held in the chapel. At 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten the Annual Meeting will take place, followed by coloured films shown by Miss Doreen Poole. The evening will close with a cup of tea. Visitors will be welcome.

**YOUNG WIVES' GROUP.** The next meeting for the Young Wives' Group will begin with a service in the chapel on Wednesday, 13th May, at 8 p.m. After the service members will meet at the Rectory when our guest speaker will be Miss Bull, Radiologist, Peter McCullum Clinic.

**MISSIONARY BOXES.** At the last quarterly opening of the boxes £15 was received for the Church Missionary Society.

**BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY.** We were glad to meet the Rev. E. G. Bevan, Victorian Secretary of B.C.A. last month. All Bush Church Aid Boxes should be handed in at the Church or Rectory as soon as possible for opening.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL GIFTS.** Letters have been received from St. Giles Home, St. Luke's Hospital, Launceston Girls' Home and Diocesan Children's Home expressing thanks for the Harvest gifts from St. John's.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION.** There will be a service of Confirmation for adults in St. John's Church on Monday, 18th May, at 8 p.m. The Rector will be glad to give full information.

**CHILDREN'S HOMES.** In support of the Church of England Homes for Children a Button Day will be held on Friday, 29th May throughout the State. These homes receive children without distinction of creed. They are situated at Kingston in the south and Sheffield in the north. At present they are in serious financial need and it is hoped that the sale of buttons will greatly relieve this unfortunate position. The Rector will be glad to hear of those willing to sell buttons. Will you help the children in this way?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.** A conference for Sunday School Teachers will be held in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 9th May, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. All teachers and prospective teachers and friends in the Archdeaconry of Launceston are invited. There will be Demonstrations, Lectures and Brains Trust. Deaconess Peggy Spry and the Launceston S.S.T.A. are in charge of the arrangements. All very welcome.

**BANKERS' SERVICE.** The sixth annual Bankers' Service for all bank officers, their families and friends in Launceston will be held in St. John's Church on Tuesday, 12th May, at 5 p.m.

**ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOLS' SERVICE** will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 21st June, at 7 p.m. Members of Launceston Grammar School and Broadland House School will attend.

**ASCENSION DAY,** Thursday, 7th May, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and Missionary Intercessions with address at 7.30 p.m.

**ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY** members will attend the 11 o'clock service at St. John's on Sunday, 24th May, "Empire Day." The preacher will be the Rev. R. D. Tyson, Rector of St. Mark's-on-the-Hill.

## FLOWER LIST

## MAIN ALTAR

## MAY—

- 3 Mrs. J. A. Barrenger  
10 Miss V. Sadler.  
17 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.  
24 Mrs. C. H. Targett.  
31 Mrs. M. M. Easter.

## JUNE—

- 7 Miss D. Davis.

## CHAPEL ALTAR

## MAY—

- 3 Mrs. H. Atherton  
10 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.  
17 Mrs. L. D. Smith  
24 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom  
31 Mrs. E. Grueber

## JUNE—

- 7 Mrs. W. McMahon

**SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR MAY MORNINGS:** Messrs. F. Crow and R. H. Watson.

**EVENINGS:** Messrs. M. Easter and R. J. Hoyle.

## HOLY BAPTISMS

Merveene Elizabeth Watts, Julie Ruby Chandler, Julie Anne Parker, Jo-Anne Louise Tanner, Gary Arthur Jones, Derek William Singline, Gale Singline, Dianna Lee Farquhar, Michael Hellyer, Judith Anne DeSoza, Carolyn Maye Billing, Meredith Caroline Reeve, Craig Francis Titmus.

## MARRIAGES

Barry James Apted and Lola Doris Charm Millwood, Lyle Ralph Causby and Judith Patricia Upton, Lewis Clifford Crack and Beverley Merle McCann, Ronald Leslie Abbott and Pamela Coombes, Kingsley Ralph Strochetter and Shirley Lauraine Stewart, Geoffrey Wright and Maxine Silva.

## AT REST

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