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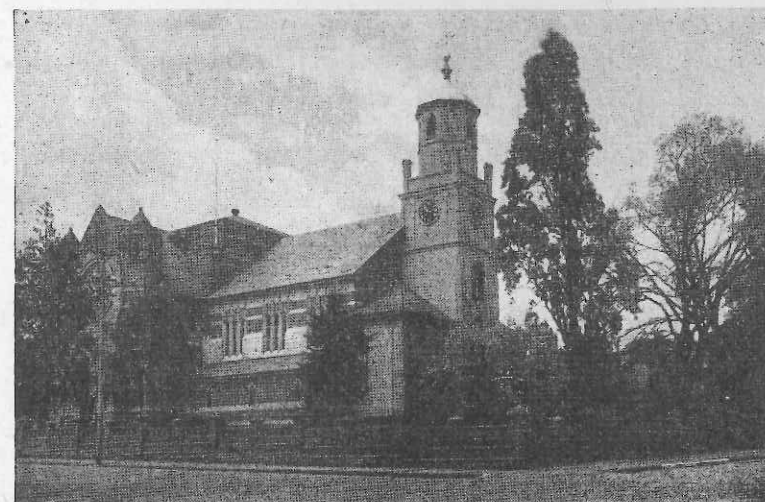
NOVEMBER, 1959

**CLERGY**

VEN. ARCHDEACON L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon.), on leave.

REV. M. L. HUGHES, Th.L., Acting Rector,  
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REV. T. H. DICKS, Th.L.,  
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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.

**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.

**THE ACTING RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

On the morning of Sunday the 11th October, the Assistant Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to 37 candidates from this parish and from Broadland House School, and we do welcome all these young people into full communicant membership of our Church. I hope that parents, witnesses and friends will encourage these young people by example and understanding to become effective members of the church and to be regular communicants. The Prayer Book teaches us the importance of coming to the Holy Communion frequently and also of preparing ourselves by self examination and repentance to receive the Blessed Sacrament worthily. By doing so we shall become increasingly aware of God's presence to help and guide us day by day in our lives.

On Sunday the 18th October, St. Luke's Day, at the eight o'clock celebration, the newly-confirmed made their first communion. It was good to have Bishop Barrett with

us to celebrate the Sacrament on such an important occasion. After the service there was a happy breakfast in the parish hall. We had with us at Morning Prayer, the Mayor, Aldermen and the Town Clerk and their wives. The preacher at this Civic Service was Bishop Barrett. In the evening the annual hospital service was held. We are grateful to Dr. Godfrey-Smith for his address and it was a pleasure to be able to welcome a large number of members of the medical and nursing professions to our service.

In another place in this paper there are the details of the plans for the St. John's Festival. We all look forward very much to having with us the Rev. G. H. Codrington, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton, Victoria. He plans to arrive on the Saturday morning and to stay in Tasmania until Tuesday so that he will have the opportunity of seeing Hobart on this, his first visit to the island.

The Sunday School Festival Services will be held on Sunday, the 22nd November, and we look forward to having Mr. D. V. Selth, headmaster of the Launceston Church Grammar School, and Bishop D. B. Blackwood as our special preachers on that day.

You will have heard with pleasure of the election of a new Primate for the Church in Australia. Dr. Hugh Gough, the Archbishop of Sydney, was elected by the Archbishops and Bishops in conference at Menangle, New South Wales. He succeeds the former primate, the late Dr. Howard Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney. The Most Rev. Hugh Gough has been Archbishop of Sydney since early this year. I know that we will all remember our Primate in our prayers.

The last news of Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton was that they were enjoying a very happy time in Ireland. Just prior to their trip to Ireland, they had spent a pleasant week-end with the parents of Mrs. Lance Thomas. Also they had been able to visit the Rev. Bryan and Mrs. Green at Birmingham. During November they will leave for Australia and we all wish them a pleasant and happy voyage home.

Yours sincerely,  
M. L. HUGHES.

#### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

##### NOVEMBER—

- 1 All Saints' Day, 23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins followed by Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 2 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Senior G.F.S.
- 3 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., Medical Missionary Auxiliary in the Kindergarten Hall.
- 4 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group in the Rectory.
- 5 Saturday, St. John's Festival, 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Garden Party in the Rectory Garden.
- 6 24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Festival Services. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, preacher, the Rev. C. H. Codrington, M.A. Ceremony of "Clipping the Church" at conclusion of Service; 3 p.m., Recital, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, organist, and Mr. Neil Tippet, tenor; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Festival Evening, preacher, the Rev. G. H. Codrington, M.A.
- 7 Monday, 2.30 p.m., St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road are holding an AMERICAN TEA.
- 8 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Young Wives Group Social in the Kindergarten Hall.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion, M.U. Corporate Communion, Beresford House Street Stall in Brisbane Street, outside National Bank.
- 10 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study in the Rectory; 8 p.m., Women's Guild Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. I. Limb, 259 York Street, West L'ton.
- 11 25th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins, followed by Holy Communion; 3 p.m., Holy Baptism; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 12 Wednesday, 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 13 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sunday School Festival; 3 p.m., Festival Service, preacher Mr. D. V. Selth, B.A.; 5 p.m., Y.A.F. Tea; 7 p.m. Family Service, preacher, the Rt. Rev. D. B. Blackwood, M.A.
- 14 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 15 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union Christmas Party.

- 29 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, preacher, the Rev. Canon H. W. Arrowsmith; 7 p.m., Evensong, followed by Holy Communion.
- 30 Monday, St. Andrew's Day, 7 a.m., Holy Communion.

##### DECEMBER—

- 1 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 2 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Broadland House School Service, broadcast over the A.B.C., preacher, the Rev. Bryan Taylor, B.A., of the Missions to Seamen, Hobart; 7 p.m., Evensong.

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 7.—3 p.m.—4.30 p.m., Garden Party in the Rectory Grounds.

Sunday, November 8.—

- FESTIVAL SERVICES.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion.—Corporate Service for all parish organisations. Past parishioners specially invited.
  - 11 a.m., Morning Prayer.—Preacher, the Revd. G. H. Codrington, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton, Victoria. Sunday School Children, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, G.F.S., C.E.B.S., to parade in uniform for the ceremony of "Clipping the Church" at the conclusion of the service.
  - 3 p.m., Recital.—Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., organist and Mr. Neil Tippet, tenor.
  - 5 p.m., Youth Tea.
  - 7 p.m., Festival Evensong.—Preacher, the Revd. G. H. Codrington, M.A. Special music will be sung. The Service will conclude with Processional Hymn for Choir and Congregation.

#### YOUTH NEWS

The Junior Group will meet on Friday, 6th November. This will take the form of an "Olympic Games Evening." This group meets every Friday evening in the kindergarten hall. A Youth Service is held in the Chapel as part of the programme each Friday.

A Festival Youth Tea has been arranged for Sunday, 8th November, at 5 p.m. All young people are invited. Our guest preacher will give a youth talk at the Tea. The next Youth Corporate Communion and Breakfast will be on Sunday, 15th November, at 8 a.m.

On Sunday, 22nd November at 5 p.m., the Young Anglican Fellowship will have their 16th meeting for the year. All young people 16 years and over are welcome.

#### THE ANGLICAN YOUTH CENTRE AT KELSEO

During the month encouraging progress has been made with the building at Kelseo—windows and doors have been put into place, more painting has been done and almost all the flooring laid down. With further working bees each Saturday, it is expected that the building will be able to be used by Christmas.

Street Stall.—Last month's street stall and doll competition raised £37/10/-, making a total of £61/3/6 for the two stalls held this year. Many thanks to all the ladies who made this possible.

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

#### CHOIR NOTES

Interest at Choir practices is now being directed towards the annual St. John's Festival, when special music will include the anthems "O Thou the Central Orb," by Charles Wood and Brahms' "We Love the Place Where Thine Honour Dwells."

All parishioners of St. John's will be pleased to hear that Handel's Messiah will be presented by the Launceston Philharmonic Society in our Church this year. Be sure to keep free the evening of Friday, 4th December.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

##### Mothers' Union

Corporate Communion for members of the Mothers' Union will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 11th November, at 10.15 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 26th November, at 2.45 p.m. in the KINDERGARTEN HALL, when members will entertain the blind and less fortunate folk to a Christmas Party.

The Mothers' Union Festival will be held at St. Aidan's on Thursday, 19th November. St. Aidan's have invited our members to share the day with them. Commencing at 11.30 a.m. with a service and meditations led by Bishop Barrett. They are providing lunch, and especially ask our group to join them for the service. After lunch there will be a short Mothers' Union service and then we are to be entertained in the Parish Hall with a variety of musical items until afternoon tea time.

Please let Mrs. M. Easter know as soon as possible if you will be attending the luncheon.

##### Women's Guild

Members of the Guild are having a Christmas Party on Thursday, 12th November at the home of Mrs. I. Limb, 259 York Street, West Launceston.

##### Young Wives' Group

A social evening has been arranged for Tuesday, November 10th, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. An invitation has been extended to the Church of Christ, St. Aidan's, St. Oswald's and St. David's to join us. Our meeting on Wednesday has been cancelled owing to the social evening being held on Tuesday.

##### St. John's Auxiliary

St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital is holding an American Tea at the home of the President (Mrs. K. F. Brown), 73 Elphin Road, on Monday, 9th November, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. We do hope our friends will give us their support as they have always done in the past.

#### G.F.S.

The G.F.S. Annual Fair will be opened by Miss Rooney on Saturday 14th November, at 3 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. The proceeds will be used for additional carpet for the Church. Donations of vegetables, etc., will be welcome. Please come to the fair! A meeting of the members will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd November.

#### Medical Mission Auxiliary

The final monthly meeting for the year will be held in the Kindergarten Room, on Wednesday, November 4th.

#### Beresford House

The Committee of Beresford House is holding a Street Stall in Brisbane Street, on Wednesday, November 11th. Donations of cakes, produce, etc., will be thankfully received, and may be left at the Rectory the previous day, or at the stall on November 11th, outside the National Bank, Brisbane St.

#### Church Missionary Society

The amount received from the C.M.S. Boxes at the September quarterly opening was £16/3/11.

#### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER

##### Morning Prayer

F. Crow and F. Carnie

##### Evensong

F. Stevens and R. White.

8 a.m. Communion

1st Sunday in month: C. J. Sanderson.

2nd Sunday in month: M. Easter.

3rd Sunday in month: L. Denham.

4th Sunday in month: J. Roberts.

5th Sunday in month: R. H. Watson.

#### MISSIONARY SUMMER SCHOOL

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#### FLOWER LIST

##### MAIN ALTAR

NOVEMBER—

1 Mrs. M. M. Easter.

8 Miss D. Davis.

15 Miss M. Bennett.

22 Mrs. F. J. Huston.

29 Mrs. Watson.

DECEMBER—

6 Mrs. F. J. Jones.

##### CHAPEL ALTAR

NOVEMBER—

1 Mrs. T. Dicks.

8 Mrs. G. Crawford.

15 Mrs. McCarthy.

22 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

29 Mrs. H. Atherton.

DECEMBER—

6 Mrs. D. V. Boyd

##### HOLY BAPTISMS

Graeme Bruce Titley, Gregory James Johnston, Lucille Elizabeth Lambert Griffith, Dennis Raymond Bassett, Gregory Baden Squires, Geoffrey Donald Squires, Ann Mary Hellyer, Carolyn Louise Watson, Sperry John Pinner, Bronwyn Lee Stagg, David Allan Burton, Kym West

##### MARRIAGES

Desmond Guy Murray and Joy Lillian Wells, David John Goss and Margaret Nixon Gee, Bertel Sundstrup and Anne Margaret Mitchell.

##### AT REST

Brendan Steven McBain, Alfred Ernest Chick.

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