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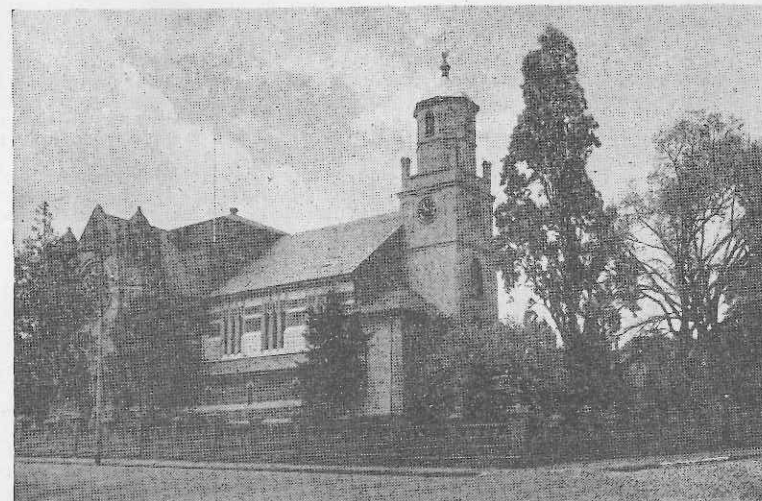
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**CLERGY**

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

**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,  
Last month Mr. Dicks, Mr. Easter, Mr. Hoyle and I attended the Diocesan Synod. Decisions were made on a number of important subjects. Perhaps one of the most important decisions was the passing of a new Vestries Act, after some spirited discussion. Reports of all Church organisations were presented. It was a time of happy fellowship and I'm sure all the visitors are most grateful to our Hobart friends for their generous and gracious hospitality. Next year we hope to have the opportunity of returning their kindness as the Bishop has intimated his intention of summoning Synod to meet in Launceston.  
On the Second Sunday in this month—the 11th October—the Assistant Bishop will take our annual confirmation. About 40 candidates from the parish and Broadland House School have been attending preparation classes. If their confirmation vows are to be sincerely made and kept, it is vitally necessary for the children to have the help and encouragement of a Christian Home. The communicant members of our Church are urged to do all they can to encourage those who are being confirmed by setting a good example of regular attendance at the services of the Church and especially at the Holy Communion.

On Sunday the 6th September, it was a great pleasure to have the Rev. A. V. Maddick with us as the preacher at both Matins and Evensong. I know that we all profited by his sincere and skilful preaching of God's Word. After Evensong the congregation had the opportunity of meeting Mr. Maddick over the tea cups in the Parish Hall.

At Evensong on Sunday, the 17th September, a parade of Guides and Brownies was held. With the State and District Commissioners, the Chief Commissioner for Australia, Miss Eleanor Manning, O.B.E., was present at the service. There was also a parade of A.T.C. officers and members, the President and Members of the R.A.A.F. Association. Some members of the British Settlers' Association were also present. The Chaplain of the A.T.C., Rev. Guy Harrison, preached the sermon and we were honoured to have the Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. W. R. Barrett with us in the Sanctuary. At the close of the service Bishop Barrett gave us the Blessing.

On Sunday, the 18th October, St. Luke's Day, the Annual Civic Service is to be held in St. John's, at 11 a.m. — the preacher is to be the Assistant Bishop, and in the evening the Hospital Service will be held when members of the Medical and Nursing professions will attend—the preacher at Evensong will be Dr. R. A. Godfrey-Smith.

Plans for our Annual St. John's Festival are being completed. The Festival is to be held on Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th November. The Rev. G. H. Codrington, M.A., the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Brighton, Victoria, has kindly consented to be the preacher at both services on our Festival Sunday. Mr. Codrington was formerly the assistant to the Rev. Bryan Green at the famous parish church of Birmingham, England. We intend having a garden party in the Rectory grounds on the Saturday afternoon and there will be an Organ and Violin Recital by our organist, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill and Miss Elspeth Erskine on the Sunday afternoon. Full details of the Festival will appear in the next issue of the "Messenger."

From time to time we receive welcome letters from the Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton and it is good to know that they are enjoying their holiday. We all look forward to bearing the news of the wedding of Miss Patricia Sutton to Mr. Desmond Davidson, which was celebrated at the Parish Church at Esher, Surrey, on Saturday, 26th September. Good wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson.

Yours sincerely M. L. HUGHES.

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- OCTOBER—**
- 1 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group in the Rectory.
  - 3 Saturday, 2.30 p.m., G.F.S. Exhibition in the Parish Hall.
  - 4 **19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 2 p.m., Confirmation Class; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S. Tea and Meeting, speaker, Mr. D. V. Selth, Headmaster of the Launceston Church Grammar School, subject "The Task of the Schools To-day"; 7 p.m., Evensong.
  - 7 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., Medical Missionary Auxiliary in the Kindergarten Hall.
  - 8 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group in the Rectory.
  - 11 **20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Confirmation Service, the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop; 5 p.m., Youth Guest Tea. The film "Seventeen" will be screened; 7 p.m., Evensong.
  - 12 Monday, St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road.
  - 14 Wednesday, 8.30 a.m., Street Stall in aid of the Anglican Youth Centre at Kelso, to be held outside the National Bank in Brisbane Street; 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion—Corporate Communion of Members of the Mothers' Union; 8 p.m., Young Wives' Group meets at the Rectory.
  - 15 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group at the Rectory; 8 p.m., the Women's Guild meets at the home of Mrs. C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester Street.
  - 18 **ST. LUKE'S DAY, 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Civic Service, preacher, the Rt. Rev. the Assistant Bishop; 7 p.m., Hospital Service, preacher, Dr. R. A. Godfrey-Smith.
  - 21 Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.45 p.m., Evensong, service for members of the Insurance Institute.
  - 22 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union; 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group in the Rectory.

- 25 **22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Y.A.F. Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 28 Wednesday, St. Simon and St. Jude; 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Meeting of the Vestry with executive members of Church Organisations.
- 29 Thursday, 7.15 p.m., Bible Study Group at the Rectory.

#### NOVEMBER—

- 1 **All Saints' Day, 23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.

#### A PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

O God who through the teaching of Thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech Thee, the hearts and minds of Thy servants who at this time are seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of His divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### CHOIR NOTES

Since our last after church Congregational practice, I have noticed a certain measure of **ADDED ENTHUSIASM AND HEARTINESS** in the singing of hymns and canticles. At a recent Sunday evening service when the congregation was augmented by a large number of Girl Guides, Brownies and members of the Air Training Corps, it was a thrill to head such a **VOLUME OF ORGANISED SOUND** coming up from the nave, blending with the voices in the chancel and—answering a challenge from the organ loft!

The Prayer Book services which we use are purposely and directly **CONGREGATIONAL** in character. Therefore the music of St. John's Church becomes very largely **YOUR CONCERN**. Let's keep up the good work so that in time we shall become known as a "Singing Church"—a title to a very good book on the subject written by C. H. Phillips.

LINDSAY O'NEILL.

#### YOUTH NEWS

The Junior Youth Group meets every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. till 9.45 p.m. There will be a Youth Guest Tea at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 11th October. The film "Seventeen" will be shown, a buffet tea will be served. Come yourself, bring a friend. A Youth Service will follow at 7 p.m.

The next Corporate Communion for youth will be on Sunday, 18th October, following the 8 o'clock celebration. New confirmees will be invited. Make sure you fill your form in, please.

The Y.A.F. Tea will be on Sunday, 25th October, at 5 p.m. All those sixteen years and over are welcome.

#### ANGLICAN YOUTH CENTRE AT KELSO

Work has progressed considerably on the Anglican Youth Centre at Kelso. The iron roofing has been put in place covering the whole of the first section, the living and dining area, the kitchen and the first bedroom which will hold ten people. Floorboards have been laid, upright boards have been laid, upright boards have been nailed on and oiled. Toilet blocks are in the course of construction. Doors and windows will soon be put in place.

There will be working bees at Kelso every Saturday in October. We meet at St. John's at 8.30 a.m.

There is to be a **STREET STALL** in aid of funds for Kelso on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th**, outside the National Bank, Brisbane St., from 9.30 a.m. Gifts of cakes, jams, sauces, pickles, eggs, vegetables, fruit, flowers and plants, in fact, any small saleable articles, particularly those suitable for Christmas presents, will be most welcome. Please bring goods direct to the stall on the Wednesday morning or leave them the previous day at St. John's Rectory, with Mrs. Sheldrick, 1a Clementina St., or Mrs. Hoyle, 45 West Tamar Road.

#### TOC H

Toc H is a movement with a strong link with our Church, the founder Padre is the Rev. "Tubby" Clayton, the Vicar of All Hallows Church, Barking—the Guild Church of Toc H. Much good work is being done quietly for many people by the members of Toc H. They are not engaged extensively in fund raising but render personal service. The work of Toc H in Launceston is greatly handicapped because of the lack of a suitable room as headquarters. If anyone knows of a room which the movement could hire at a low rental, it would be very much appreciated if news of it could be given to the Acting Rector who is an Area Padre of Toc H.

#### MEETING OF VESTRY AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

At a recent meeting of the Church Vestry it was decided that regular meetings be arranged quarterly between the Vestry and three executive members of each Church Organisation.

It is thought that at such meetings suggestions could be placed before the Vestry for their consideration, and the Vestry in turn could inform the representatives of the various organisations regarding matters of importance discussed or agreed upon at recent Vestry meetings.

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th, in the Parish Hall.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

##### Young Wives' Group

The next meeting of the Young Wives' Group will begin with a service in the Chapel on Wednesday, 14th October, 1959, at 8 p.m. After the service members will meet at the Rectory. New members will be warmly welcomed.

#### Women's Guild

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester Street, West Launceston, on Thursday, 15th October, at 8 p.m.

#### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will meet for Corporate Communion on Wednesday, 14th October, at 10.15 a.m., in the Chapel.

Their next meeting will be on Thursday, 22nd October, at 2.45 p.m.

#### C.M.S.

C.M.S. Boxes.—Will holders of Missionary Boxes please hand them in to the Rector or the Church Wardens for opening.

Mr. Sanderson reports that he has recently received £3, the proceeds of stamps. He will be pleased to receive gifts of stamps from you.

British and Foreign Bible Society Boxes.—Will holders please pass them in for opening to Miss Dawn Farrell, c/o The Rectory.

**St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital**  
The next meeting will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. K. F. Brown, Elphin Road, on Monday, 12th October, at 2.30 p.m.

A competition is being held for the best article handed in, which has not cost more than 2/- to make.

#### G.F.S.

There will be a combined G.F.S. service on Sunday, 4th October, at 3 p.m. at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for G.F.S.

The G.F.S. will meet on Tuesday, 6th October, at 7.30 p.m. The group will be working for the G.F.S. Annual Fair in November.

Would the holder of Envelope No. 129 please communicate with the Recorder (Mr. M. M. Easter).

#### FLOWER LIST MAIN ALTAR

#### OCTOBER—

- 4 Misses E. & E. Scott.
- 11 Mrs. J. Barrenger.
- 18 Miss V. Sadler.
- 25 Mrs. C. H. Targett.

#### NOVEMBER—

- 1 Mrs. M. M. Easter.

#### CHAPEL ALTAR

#### OCTOBER—

- 4 Mrs. Smith.
- 11 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
- 18 Mrs. E. Grueber.
- 25 Mrs. W. McMahon.

#### NOVEMBER—

- 1 Mrs. T. Dicks.

#### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER FOR OCTOBER

MORNINGS: L. Cato and F. Jones.

EVENINGS: A. Hollingsworth and R. J. Hoyle.

#### HOLY BAPTISMS

Alan Peplar, Allan Leslie Williams, Nicole Judith Gourlay, Christine Joy Murray, Nikki Charmaine Bruinewoud, Danny Maurice Hickey, Timothy Keith Dixon, Susan Frances Kennedy Cooke, Denise Anne Breen, Richard Charles Dennis Butler, Jeremy Rob Cox, Helen Patricia Morton, Julie Ann Mace, Brendon Steven McBain.

#### MARRIAGES

Phillip John Fisher and Sonia Isabella Roots. Dennis Laurence Porteus and Patricia Ann Ranson, Terence Michael Binns and Edna Louisa Venn, Henry Edward Barnes and Joyce Boland, Archibald MacKenlay and Louisa Flynn.

#### AT REST

Albert James Cobern, Cyril John Brient, Ruby Yost, John Dudley Ramsay, Alan Conway Miller.

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