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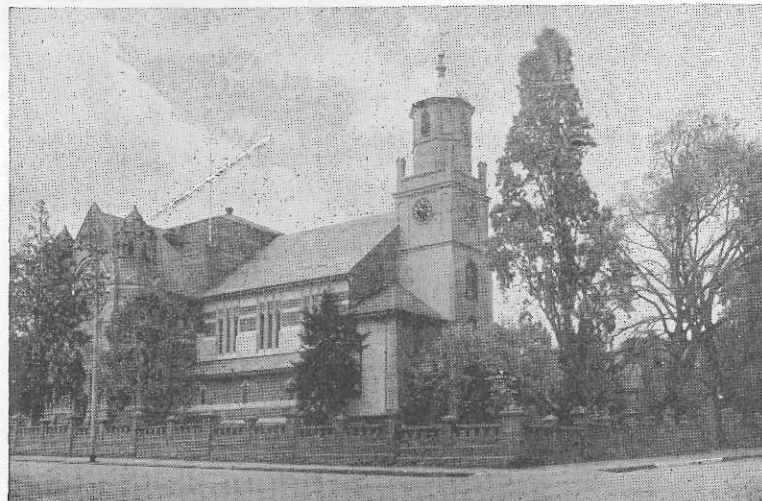
AUGUST, 1960.

**CLERGY**

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

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

Rev. J. L. Goldsworthy, 8 Spencer Street, Launceston. Phone 2 3980.

**LAY OFFICERS:**

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. F. J. Jones, F. H. Cookman and M. M. Easter.

VESTRY: Messrs. V. H. Good, T. P. White, R. W. J. Hart, J. Sheldrick, L. Denham, R. Barr, F. Ikin, R. Hoyle and R. J. Roberts.

HON. LAY READERS: Messrs. A. G. Hart and E. L. Thomas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: Mr. H. Vernon 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 p.m.—Evening Prayer, with Holy Communion on Fifth Sunday.

St. John's Sunday School, 9.45 a.m. Junior Church, 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday, 10.30 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.

**RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

I have been thinking lately of the importance of making our church services really congregational in the sense that every worshipper takes part not only spiritually but vocally. This is the intention of our Prayer Book as the rubrics clearly indicate. The minister is to read with a loud and audible voice distinctly so as he may best be heard by all present. The people shall answer AMEN at the end of all prayers thereby making the prayer offered their own in a very personal way. What an inspiration it is to worship in and with a congregation when this is done! Of course, everyone joins audibly in the General Confession and the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Responses, the Psalms, the Te Deum, Benedictus, Magnificat, and Nunc Dimittis and other canticles, and the Hymns. The Choir leads the singing of the congregation, but would be delighted if they were "drowned" by them! In the service of Holy Communion it is specially important that the people should take their part audibly by saying AMEN at the end of the prayers, particularly the Prayer of Consecration. At the reading of the Commandments the people respond, "Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law." Before the Gospel, "Glory be to Thee, O Lord," and after the Gospel, "Thanks be to Thee, O Lord." The Nicene Creed is recited by all. The General Confession, the Responses after, "Lift up your hearts," and the "Sanctus," beginning with "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, . . ." and finally, just before the Benediction, the "Gloria," are all to be said by the congregation audibly and clearly. I do hope we shall all take our part in worshipping together in this way and make our church services "alive."

I am emphasising this matter especially at this time because, as is mentioned in two other paragraphs, before the month is over our organ, on which we sometimes rely too much, is expected to be silenced. Thus there is greater need than usual for everyone in the congregation to sing heartily and pray audibly so that the temporary absence of our beautiful organ may not be noticed so much.

We are very sorry to learn that both our Bishops have been laid aside by sickness. We pray that they may soon be restored to health and assure them of our sympathy and

prayers. As one of the three archdeacons in the diocese I hope in some measure to lighten the episcopal duties as far as I am able.

We extend to the Revd. M. L. Hughes our congratulations and prayerful good wishes on his appointment to the parish of Westbury as Rector. The induction will probably be on Wednesday, 10th August, when we hope that members of our choir and other friends from St. John's will attend the service at St. Andrew's, Westbury.

We offer Mr. Kevin Jack, our Scoutmaster for some twelve years past, our congratulations and best wishes on his promotion in the service of the E. S. & A. Bank. However, we are very sorry that this means he will be leaving Launceston to live in Melbourne. Together with St. John's Scout Troop and Cub Pack we wish to thank him for all that he has done for our church and scouting during his long association of twenty-one years with St. John's Troop. We have been very fortunate in having him for so long and assure him that he will be remembered by boys and parents.

Next month, we are to have the Diocesan Synod in Launceston commencing on Monday, 12th September. Considerable planning has already begun and we shall be glad to hear of parishioners willing to assist by offering hospitality to synod representatives attending from other parts of the State.

Mrs. Sutton and I wish to thank the many friends who have thought of us and our daughter Patricia and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davidson, whose little daughter did not live. Patricia has been greatly helped by the many Launceston friends who have written to her in England.

At the end of this month Mr. and Mrs. Lance Thomas and Jane will be returning to England. We are very sorry that they are leaving and wish to thank them for their help to St. John's Church. As a Layreader and member of our choir, Mr. Thomas has assisted me a very great deal and I am most grateful. They leave many friends behind in Launceston who wish them every happiness and future success and hope they will some day return.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

### CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- AUGUST—
- 2 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.  
3 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.; 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting.  
7 8th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 4.45 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.  
8 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary Annual Meeting.  
10 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 p.m., Young Wives; 8 p.m., Rev. M. L. Hughes' Induction at Westbury.  
11 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.  
12 Friday, 8 p.m., Annual Meeting of Kelso Youth Centre.  
14 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.  
16 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., M.S.L.  
17 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
21 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.  
24 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
25 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.  
28 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong.  
31 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- SEPTEMBER—
- 2 Friday, 8 p.m., Ruridecanal Conference at C.M.S. House.  
4 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.

### CHURCH HALL KITCHEN

At its July meeting the Vestry expressed thanks to the Kitchen Committee, a husband-and-wife team of four, the Hoyles and the Easters, for all their work over the last few months. In contrast with last year, the kitchen is now reasonably equipped to serve a meal for 150 people, and has enough crockery and cutlery for all the usual church functions during the year. Much careful shopping was needed to obtain all this equipment at a reasonable cost, and St. John's is grateful to these four church folk for their energy and ingenuity.

### THE ORGAN

Many months ago it was announced that the church organ had reached a stage where

major repair work had become an urgent necessity. A contract for the restoration and rebuilding of the organ was placed with Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons Ltd., of London, one of the world's best organ-builders. It was decided at the same time to proceed with the electrification of the action and keyboards, and also to complete the organ by installing what is called the "Choir Organ"—a group of pipes to be played from the third keyboard, which, up to now, has been useless.

Work has been proceeding in England, and now the Walkers' representative, Mr. A. Jones, is on the sea and due in Launceston about mid-August. He will live in a house near St. George's Square, and will be working in St. John's for four months. This means that from late August we shall be without the use of the organ, which will have to be completely dismantled; but it is confidently hoped to have the rebuilt organ available for an opening recital and rededication before Christmas. It will then be one of the finest instruments in Australia.

A kind parishioner has offered a small reed organ for use during the next few months, and this will be gratefully accepted. The choir will be on its mettle, and members of the congregation will also have a wonderful chance to make their voice heard—in good singing.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Kindergarten have already collected a number of gifts for the Aborigines Christmas box, and we are still collecting and will welcome pencils, paints, crayons, books, beads, soap, washers, or suitable toys.

The Refugee collection of £1 sterling from 10 girls for the month was sent to Rev. Harold Butterley, Hong Kong, with a covering letter from Jan Walker also asking for correspondents of school age.

We now have a warning bell rung at 9.40 a.m. which is helping us to arrive in time, but there is a good deal of traffic entering our yard and a special warning is made to motorists and children, to beware when entering the yard or when Kindergarten comes out. The Upper School will use the front entrance.

Our new issues of Bibles and Hymn books are a great joy, especially to the teachers. We intend to take great care of them and ask all boys and girls to do likewise. Other equipment is gradually being repaired or renewed under the management of Mrs. Holyman, and teachers can now borrow scissors or paste among other items. A good table is urgently needed for Class 4 girls and one of the other tables needs repair.

Miss Morrah has tried the new partition and reports favourably on it. It lessens the distractions from seeing other classes and slightly dulls their voices.

Our picnic this year will be held towards the end of November at the Kelso youth Camp. We hope for conveyance in private cars.

We would like to thank those who played the piano, or led the opening for us, when Miss Brownrigg or Mr. Vernon were unable to be present. We would also like to thank Mr. K. Rosevear for making fourteen metal boxes for class equipment.

### LAUNCESTON MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

Members are preparing for their annual Missionary Evening on Tuesday, 16th August. It will be in C.M.S. House, 92 St. John St., at 7.45 p.m.

There will be a Trading Table for which saleable gifts would be welcome and a film on C.M.S. work in Africa will be shown, also slides sent recently from Pakistan by Miss Edith Kingsmill. Supper available for 1/6. YOUR interest will help.

### KELSO YOUTH CENTRE

The Annual Meeting postponed from last month will now be held at C.M.S. House, St. John Street, on Friday, 12th August, at 8 p.m.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement will be presented and also a proposed constitution brought forward and office-bearers elected.

An invitation is extended to all to attend and help the youth work of our Church by supporting this project.

### YOUTH NOTES

The next Youth Tea will be held on Sunday, 14th August, at 5 p.m., when there will be a visiting speaker. We are very grateful to the Rev. W. F. Rowlands for his helpful address at our last meeting, especially as he came at short notice to take the place of the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, who was unwell. Our Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 21st August, followed by breakfast. Those attending please notify Miss Doreen Poole, phone 24730.

We hope all our young people receive a copy of our Youth paper, "News Flash." There are always copies on the tables near the main church door.

### CHOIR NOTES

Towards the end of August, a gentleman from an English firm of organ builders will arrive in Launceston. He is Mr. Arthur Jones, representing Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons Ltd., who will proceed with the rebuilding and completion of our organ and, later on, will establish an Australian branch for his company.

It may be of interest to point out that this particular firm is among the top flight of organ builders in England to-day. One of their most recent contracts was the rebuilding of the famous organ in York Minster. There are several examples of Walker organs—some almost 100 years old—dotted about Tasmania, and may be found in such churches as Westbury, Deloraine, Hagley and Evandale.

We are indeed fortunate in being able to entrust our magnificent toned instrument to such a renowned firm of craftsmen and are confident that we shall have, in due course, one of the finest church organs in the Southern Hemisphere.

It is possible that the organ during reconstruction will be silent for several months, and we are very grateful to Miss Gee, who has graciously offered to lend us her fine German reed organ, which will be used to support the singing of choir and congregation in the interim.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Thursday, 11th August, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester Street. New members will be warmly welcomed. A Floral Demonstration will be given by Miss M. Tuck.

### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held on Monday, 8th August, at 2.45 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. C. Dodery, 42 Ramsay Street, East Launceston.

### MOTHERS' UNION

The Musical Market which was held on the 29th June, realised the amount of £62. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who helped us to make this event such a success.

Corporate Communion of Mothers' Union will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 10th August, at 10.30 a.m., and the next meeting will be on Thursday, 25th August, at 2.45 p.m.

### C.E.M.S.

The next meeting of C.E.M.S. will be held on Sunday, 7th August, at 5 p.m. All men of the Parish are welcome and a hot meal will be served. Mr. R. H. Watson will be showing films of winter scenes in Switzerland and France and a very interesting evening is assured.

Last month members had a working bee at the Church and re-covered eighteen kneelers with feltex. They are now tidy and neat.

We invite any man who would like to join the C.E.M.S. to get in touch with Mr. Max Easter or Mr. Cliff Targett any time. We need new members to help with the growth of this society and you will be most welcome.

### YOUNG WIVES

The next meeting of the Young Wives Group will be on Wednesday, 10th August. It will begin with a service in the Chapel at 8 o'clock followed by a meeting in the Rectory which will be an evening of "Getting to Know Members."

### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

G.F.S. will meet at the Rectory on Tuesday, 2nd August at 7.30 p.m., when a Floral Work Demonstration will be given by Mrs. G. Ramsden. Visitors are invited to come.

### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

#### MAIN ALTAR

#### AUGUST—

- 7 Mrs. C. H. Targett.  
14 Mrs. M. M. Easter.  
21 Miss D. Davis.  
28 Mrs. R. H. Watson.

#### SEPTEMBER—

- 4 Miss M. Bennett.

#### CHAPEL

#### AUGUST—

- 7 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.  
14 Mrs. L. D. Smith.  
21 Mrs. C. S. Carlstrom.  
28 Mrs. E. Grueber.

#### SEPTEMBER—

- 4 Mrs. W. McMahan.

### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

#### MORNINGS—

- Messrs. J. Sanderson and T. J. Wing.

#### EVENINGS—

- Messrs. J. Roberts and T. McClymont.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Jenny Anne McCormack, Donald Herbert Burgess, Scott Andrew Rainsford, Jacqueline Louise Smith, Cynthia Maree Tanner, Karen Louise Davis, Craig James Budgeon, Kaylene Joy Watts, Randall Arthur Wadley.

### MARRIAGES

Barry Newbury Jackly and Lois Merle Chandler, Ronald Terance Lewis and Dorothy Anne McKinnell, Frederick Peter John Van-der-Heide and Pamela Marie Spencer, Barry Crooks and Patricia Ann Ford, Ronald Adrian Goninon and Phyllis Dawn Young, Allan John Cassidy and Joanetta Kaye Trickett.

### AT REST

William John Gellie, Louis Fawcner Cato, Laurina Geale. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.