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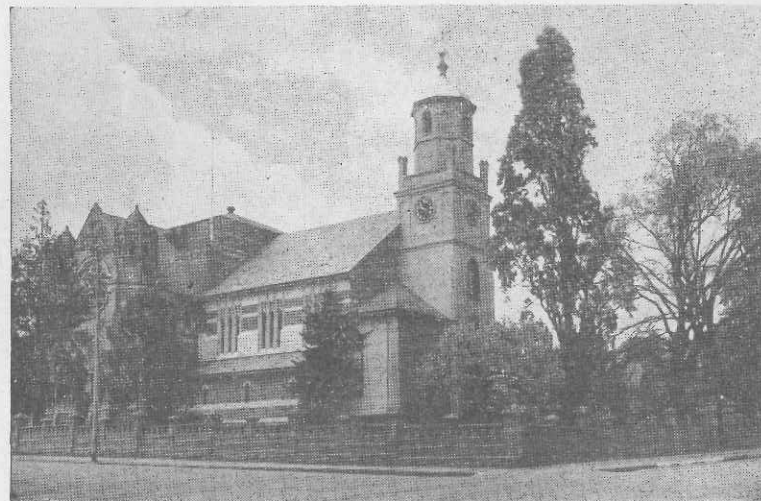
Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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JUNE, 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.



DIVINE 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, 10.30 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,

The first Sunday in June is Whitsunday when we remember the gift of God's Holy Spirit to the early Church. Those first Christians had a mighty task set them; they had to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the whole world in the face of opposition and active persecution. In their own strength this would have been impossible but with the help of God they succeeded. In many ways Christians today have an even more difficult task, for they have to contend with apathy and materialism without, and divisions within. How much more then do we need God's Holy Spirit if we are to witness effectively for the faith which we profess. May we pray not only that He will guide and inspire us, but that we may sincerely seek for and be conscious of His Presence with us.

The Revd. and Mrs. John Goldsworthy and their two children, Andrew and Jennifer, have arrived safely from Melbourne, and are settling into their new home at 8 Spencer Street. Mr. Goldsworthy will be returning to Victoria for part of this month to fulfil engagements in connection with his former appointment, but he will be with us on Sundays. I have asked him to write a short letter for this issue.

Many parishioners have expressed appreciation at receiving copies of the diocesan "Church News" together with "St. John's Parish Messenger" by post. This month we hope they will be in circulation before the first Sunday in June so that parish happenings may be known in good time.

Mrs. Sutton will be in Sydney for the first part of the month, visiting her ageing parents. Her father, Rev. Edward Walker, has just celebrated his 87th birthday and Mrs. Walker is not in very good health. They are living in retirement near Parramatta.

We have been very concerned to learn of Bishop Cranswick's illness. We assure him and Mrs. Cranswick of our prayers and hope soon to hear of his restoration to health. He is to be the preacher at the Combined Choirs' Festival at St. John's on Saturday evening, 18th June, at 6.45 p.m. Full details are given in another paragraph.

This month Confirmation Classes are to commence. I hope that all who wish to be confirmed will hand their names in to me without delay.

We extend our congratulations to our two Church Schools in Launceston on the completion of new buildings. At the Grammar School the Warren McDonald Science Build-

ing was opened on the last Saturday in May, and at Broadland House School a new block of four rooms including a Commerce Room, Science Room and two class-rooms are to be opened and dedicated by the Bishop on Saturday afternoon, 18th June, at 3 o'clock. These are to be named after Miss M. L. Rooney, who has given such long and faithful service to the school as Headmistress.

May I call your attention to the series of addresses and discussion arranged under the heading of "The Church and People's Problems." They are listed on another page. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

With every good wish, Yours sincerely, LEONARD N. SUTTON.

MR. GOLDSWORTHY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As I write, it is just over a week since we arrived in Launceston. The process of settling in is almost complete and No. 8 Spencer Street now looks and feels very much like home. Today I restored the door-bell to working order and we trust you will not hesitate to use it. Please do not be worried by the dog — she is all bark and positively no bite.

My wife and I are delighted to be in Launceston. We believe this is to be God's appointed place for us for the time being and know that He has called us here for a purpose. We look forward to a useful ministry among you and hope to be able to make a special contribution to the youth work of the parish and among the young marrieds.

We would like to say a hearty "Thank you" to all who have wished us welcome and a happy stay here. More especially are we grateful to the Churchwardens and Vestry for providing such a clean and comfortable residence for us and to those who prepared it for our arrival and left flowers and provisions.

We were glad of the opportunity to meet a number of you at the Welcome in the Parish Hall after Service last Sunday night. May I repeat the request I made then for your continued prayer support. Ours is primarily a spiritual work, or more correctly, a spiritual warfare requiring spiritual weapons and spiritual power. One of the great sources of this power is prayer — yours as well as ours. We are new and inexperienced additions to the team at St. John's and will appreciate all the help you can give us as we settle into the work here.

With best wishes, Yours sincerely,
John Goldsworthy.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

- JUNE —
- 1 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., M.M.A., 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting.
- 5 WHITSUNDAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S., 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 6 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Aux.
- 7 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Hall, "Divorce".
- 8 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion, M.U. attend. 3 p.m., Young Wives.
- 9 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 12 TRINITY SUNDAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, 5 p.m., Youth Tea, 7 p.m., Evensong, Youth Service.
- 14 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Clarendon Homes Matron, St. John's Hall.
- 15 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 18 Saturday, 6.45 p.m., Combined Choirs' Festival.
- 19 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. Youth Breakfast. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 21 Tuesday, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Hall, "Delinquency".

- 22 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 23 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 26 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 7 p.m., Church Schools' Service.
- 29 Wednesday, St. Peter's Day. 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion, 2.30 p.m., Musical Market.

JULY —

- 3 3rd 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

COMBINED CHOIRS' FESTIVAL

The Annual Choir Festival of the Royal School of Church Music will take place, as previously announced, on Saturday Evening, 18th June, at 6.45 p.m. This year nine parishes will be represented in a choir of between 160 and 170 voices — including some from as far distant as St. James, New Town, and St. George's, Burnie.

In our preparations so far for this great service, we have been particularly encouraged by the whole-hearted co-operation shown by local Launceston Churches. Attendances and enthusiasm indicated at combined rehearsals is an inspiration to all concerned.

May we depend on all our parishioners to again give their utmost support by ensuring that St. John's Church on this great occasion will be packed to capacity?

MOTHERS' UNION

Members of Mothers' Union will meet on Thursday, 23rd June, at 2.45 p.m., beginning with a short service in the Chapel.

Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Mary Walker, of Longford.

Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday, 8th June, at 10.30 a.m., in the Chapel.

On Tuesday, 14th June, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, Matron Golding, of the Clarendon Children's Home will speak and show slides of the children and the Home. Everyone welcome—there will be a cup of tea and a nice log fire.

The Annual Musical Market will be held on Wednesday, 29th June, at 2.30 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall.

C.E.M.S.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 5th June, at 5 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. The speaker will be Mr. Lance Thomas and his subject is: "The making of a book". All men are invited to attend. As this will be our annual meeting, reports will be presented, and officers elected.

The Rector has received the following letter expressing appreciation of the outing arranged by St. John's C.E.M.S. in April.

"Writing to let you know that I enjoyed every minute of that eventful drive given to a number of other parishioners as well as myself by the St. John's Men's Society.

It was a perfect day, and the countryside seemed to be all dressed up too, there were numerous bright green paddocks with the new season's oats shooting up; of course, there were very bare paddocks as well, but not as sorry as you would expect to see,

for the sheep on some of them were looking perky and in what I thought good condition.

But the highlight was a trip down by the South Esk River at Perth. The water was lovely with the sun shining on it. Across the river on the other bank was a long line of trees dressed in their autumn glory, it was indeed a glorious sight to behold.

Everyone was full of praise for the enjoyment given to us by your thoughtful and kind-hearted churchmen who had given up their afternoon's rest on our behalf. Mr. Targett said that probably there may be another trip later on, and, if so, I hope that group will enjoy it as much as we all did."

YOUTH NEWS

The next Youth Tea will be held on Sunday, 12th June, beginning at 5 p.m. The Revd. J. L. Goldsworthy will be the speaker. All young people will be warmly welcome. The evening service will be a Youth Service.

Our Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 19th June, at 8 a.m., followed by a Breakfast. Those attending please notify Miss Doreen Poole, phone 24730.

The Junior Youth Group, catering for those between 13 and 16 years of age, meets every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. New members welcome. Working bees have taken one of the Hydro buildings to pieces at Trevallyn for removal to Kelso. The work is still going on, and we would be glad of additional helpers, especially tradesmen. Will you offer? Our thanks to all who worked to organise a second Jumble Sale which raised an additional £40 or more for Kelso, making a grand total of over £180, a splendid result.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes in preparation for Confirmation, which will be held at St. John's on Sunday, 16th October, at 11 a.m., are to commence this month. All who wish to be confirmed are asked to hand names and addresses to the Rector at once. The first class will be held on Sunday afternoon, 19th June, at 2 p.m., in the Rector's vestry.

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JUNE 7—8 p.m., Holy Trinity Church Hall. Subject: DIVORCE.

Speaker: Mr. R. J. Hoyle, Barrister at Law. JUNE 21—8 p.m., St. John's Church Hall.

Subject: DELINQUENCY. Speaker: Rev. A. McDonald, former Gaol Chaplain.

JULY 5—8 p.m., Holy Trinity Church Hall. Subject: BIRTH CONTROL.

Speaker: Dr. J. C. H. Morris, Marriage Guidance Council.

JULY 19—8 p.m., St. John's Hall. Subject: GAMBLING.

Speaker: Mr. P. R. Cranswick, Barrister at Law.

Full Discussion. All Welcome. Supper.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Missionary Boxes. At the last opening of missionary boxes, £28/12/9 was received for the Church Missionary Society, and £5/13/4 for the Bush Church Aid Society.

Medical Missionary Auxiliary. The Annual Meeting of the M.M.A. will be held in the Kindergarten Room on Wednesday, 1st June, at 2.45 p.m.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. Owing to the 13th June being a Public Holiday, members will meet on Monday, 6th June, at 2.45 p.m., at the residence of Mrs. K. F. Brown, 73 Elphin Road.

Women's Guild. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, 9th June, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. G. C. Dodery, 42 Ramsay Street, East Launceston. Speaker will be Mrs. W. St. C. Mitchell. New members very welcome.

Girls' Friendly Society. The Junior Branch of the G.F.S. are now meeting every Monday evening at 5.45 p.m. All girls from the age of 8 years and over are warmly welcome. We offer friendly Comradeship and opportunities for Service to others through Worship, Study, Work and Play. Branch Leader is M. Morrah.

Harvest Festival Gifts. Letters of thanks have been received from St. Luke's Hospital, St. Giles Home, Launceston Girls' Home, and Clarendon Homes for Harvest Festival gifts received.

Young Wives' Group. The next meeting of the Young Wives' Group will begin with a service in the Chapel on Wednesday, 8th June, at 8 p.m. After the service members will meet at the Rectory for our Annual Meeting.

Missionary Boxes. All parishioners who have missionary boxes are asked to return them, for opening before the end of June when the financial year closes.

Annual Church School Service. Broadland House and Launceston Church Grammar School will hold their annual combined School Service at St. John's on Sunday, 26th June, at 7 p.m. Members of the schools will form the choir and the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Launceston. All parents and friends are specially invited to attend.

Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Wednesday, 27th July, at 8 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

Please keep this date free.

Flower Guild Roster

Main Altar:

- JUNE —
5 Miss D. Davis.
12 Miss M. Bennett.
19 Mrs. F. J. Huston.
26 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.

JULY —
3 Mrs. T. White.

Chapel:

- JUNE —
5 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
12 Mrs. L. D. Smith.
19 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
26 Mrs. E. Grueber.

JULY —
3 Mrs. W. McMahon.

Sidesmen's Roster

Mornings: Messrs. A. Hollingsworth and L. Cato.
Evenings: Messrs. E. C. Ridley and F. B. Stevens

HOLY BAPTISM

Ellen May Bingley, Brett William Newman, Tamara Elizabeth Langford, Peta Vicki Bushby, Christopher Thomas Greenfield Barnes, Dianne Patricia Fewings, Nalla Lesley Burk.

MARRIAGES

Vernon Charles Bennett and Lorraine Kaye Stone; Bevan Winston Broadhurst and Margaret Rose Evans; John Mitchell Johnson and Elizabeth Louise Hannon; Colin Robert Cleary and Dianne Elizabeth McFarlane.

AT REST

Jessie Beatrice Chenhall, Robert Dowker, Frank Tasman Christmas, Malcolm Weld Fletcher, Cyril William Bonney.

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