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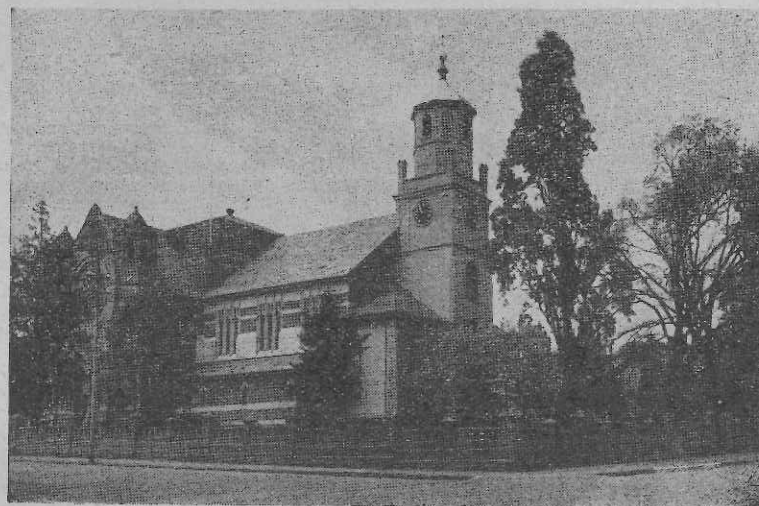
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CLERGY

VEN. ARCHDEACON L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), Rector.
The Rectory, 157 St. John Street, Launceston. Phone 2 3186.



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,

Easter changed the lives of Our Lord's disciples. After they had seen the Crucifixion they were filled with despair, shame, fear and loneliness. But when they were confident of His Risen, Living, Unseen Presence with them their despair gave way to renewed and certain hope; shame at their desertion faded because they had another chance to show their loyalty. Fear was replaced by courage in the face of persecution and death; loneliness was felt no longer because He had said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." And above all this, they knew that the Cross brought to them God's forgiveness for Sin. It was not a sign of defeat but of victory. Death had been conquered by Life; Darkness had faded away. As we go through life we sometimes feel like the disciples felt on the first Good Friday. But if we really believe the Easter message we "shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

The Vestry has decided to post copies of the "Diocesan Church News" and its supplement, "St. John's Parish Messenger" to all parishioners on our parish lists. If you do not receive yours would you please let the Churchwardens know and they will see that you receive them in future.

I am expecting the Revd. and Mrs. John Goldsworthy and their two children to arrive in Launceston on Monday evening, 16th May. They will be staying at the Rectory until their furniture comes over from Melbourne. After a day or two they will move into their home at 8 Spencer Street, which is off St. George's Square, near High Street. We assure them of a very warm welcome to St. John's. Because of engagements arranged before he knew that he was coming to Tasmania, it will be necessary for him to return to Victoria for part of June.

We send our congratulations to the Revd. and Mrs. Terence Dicks on the birth of a second son, Stephen Mark. We learn that they are very happy and busy in their Sydney parish at Abbotsford.

Mr. V. H. Good has been elected a member of the Vestry in place of Mr. D. Goodwin whose resignation was received with regret. Mr. and Mrs. Good came to Launceston from Warrnambool, Victoria, more than a year ago and have taken an active interest in St. John's.

We extend our congratulations and good wishes to the church people of Norwood in building St. Catherine's Church Hall and notice that Mr. D. Gilmore, formerly of St. John's, took a leading part in the project. Our good wishes also go to another former member of St. John's, Mr. Peter Radford, who has been appointed schoolmaster and Lay Reader at Cape Barren Island. With Mrs. Radford he moved to his new home at the end of April.

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

CALENDAR FOR MAY

- MAY—
- 1 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. (Harvest Festival). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer (Broadcast Service); 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.
 - 3 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
 - 4 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.; 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting.
 - 6 Friday, 8 p.m., Adult Confirmation.
 - 8 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Military Parade, 12th Battalion, 6th Field Regiment, Preacher, Rev. R. D. Tyson; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong; Youth Service, Rev. L. Harvey Perkins (Aust. Sec. W.C.C.).
 - 9 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
 - 10 Tuesday, 5 p.m., Annual Bankers' Service.
 - 11 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 p.m., Young Wives.
 - 12 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
 - 15 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Bishop Barrett.
 - 17 Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., M.S.L.
 - 18 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
 - 22 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong.
 - 25 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
 - 26 Thursday, ASCENSION DAY. 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union; 7.30 p.m., Missionary Intercessions.
 - 29 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.
- 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.

CHOIR NOTES

Plans are now well in hand for the next annual Festival of the Royal School of Church Music, to be held in our church on Saturday, 18th June.

A large quantity of music, specially ordered from England for a choir, which we expect will exceed 150 voices, is now being circulated amongst church choirs in Burnie, Devonport, Deloraine, and the Launceston parishes. His Lordship, the Bishop of Tasmania, has kindly consented to be our preacher, and it is anticipated that an even greater congregation will fill our church this year. The R.S.C.M. Festival is really an important musical event in the church life of Launceston as well as being a notable occasion for St. John's.

We should be grateful if all parishioners will give us their utmost support by making the Festival as widely known as possible.

Be sure to keep the evening of Saturday, 18th June, free, and bring your friends to this great service.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 26th May, at 2.45 p.m., which will be the Annual Meeting. Corporate Communion will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, 11th May, at 10.30 a.m. The Annual Musical Market will be held in St. John's Hall, on Wednesday, 29th June, at 2.30 p.m. Please remember the date.

On behalf of our branch Mrs. W. H. Verrall, together with Mrs. C. H. Targett and Mrs. H. Targett have arranged the programme and refreshments for two afternoons during the year at the Old Folk's Group which meets weekly at the Paterson Street Methodist Hall on Thursdays. All Launceston churches participate in the roster. We are most grateful to these members for their splendid work in bringing enjoyment to the thirty or so elderly people who attend.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The 5th Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild took place on Thursday, 21st April, at the Rectory. Archdeacon Sutton was in the chair.

The report showed that a very successful year's work had been accomplished.

Members were responsible for the catering for the Choir Festival and helped generously with the Mannequin Parade in aid of the Kelso Anglican Youth Centre and Christmas Party for the aged and less fortunate folk.

Donations were made to the Clarendon Children's Home and the Kelso Anglican Youth Centre.

Many beautifully knitted garments have been made by members for the children at the Clarendon and Roland Homes.

Election of Officers

Patron, Mrs. L. N. Sutton; President, Mrs. M. M. Easter; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. G. Doderry and Mrs. F. White; Secretary, Mrs. I. Limb, 259 Upper York Street; Treasurer, Miss E. Scott; Committee, Mesdames Targett, Hoyle and Morrah.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th May, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. W. H. Verrall, 189 St. John Street, Launceston. New members very welcome.

YOUTH NOTES

The monthly Youth Tea will be held on Sunday, 8th May, at 5 p.m. The programme will include News Review, Quiz, Hymns, etc. Evensong will be a Youth Service. We look forward to seeing all our young people at the Tea and also at the service. Our Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, 15th May, at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast in the main hall. Those able to come please notify Miss Doreen Poole, phone 24730.

The Badminton Club is warming up to this season's play. We hope it may be possible to enter two pennant teams for the competitions. All prospective players will be welcomed. Miss W. Murgatroyd is the secretary.

Y.A.F. meetings are held in the Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 p.m. All young people over 16 are invited to join us.

Kelso Youth Centre was used by St. John's Company of Girl Guides over the Anzac Day week-end when 28 girls found it very comfortable and enjoyable despite the weather. Some fifty parents and friends visited the camp and were impressed by the site and the work so far completed. Two buildings have been acquired from the Hydro village at Trevallyn and the material from these will enable more building to be done towards the completion of the dormitories and wash rooms. Working bees are to be soon organised for the removal of the Trevallyn buildings. Will you help us even for a few hours on a Saturday morning or afternoon? Tradesmen specially welcomed. Hand your names to the Rector or Church Officers.

The Youth Movements in the parish are looking forward to giving a warm welcome to the Revd. John Goldsworthy and Mrs. Goldsworthy when they arrive during the third week in May. They are to live at 8 Spencer Street.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The next meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. K. F. Brown, on 9th May, at 2.45 p.m.

Guest Speaker at our April meeting was Mrs. Claire Duncan, who gave an interesting talk on her recent journey through Spain. We were pleased to have with us at our gathering, Matron Winwood and Sister Tucker, of St. Luke's Hospital, Mrs. R. D. Tyson, St. Mark's Church, representatives from the original Auxiliary and other guests.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We congratulate all who were successful in the Bible Eisteddfod held last month. St. John's Sunday School secured the first prize in the play for those 15 years and under. Suzanne James and Adrienne Hibbs gained the first prize for Dialogue Reading in their age group. Heather MacLaine and Suzanne James also gained individual prizes. We would thank Miss K. Kingsmill and Mrs. M. Hillyard for training the children and all who helped with the dresses and music.

C.E.M.S.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 1st May, at 5 p.m. All men are warmly invited to join in our fellowship and have tea with us. Last month our branch members took a number of parishioners for a car drive to the Longford and Perth districts.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

Under the direction of the Launceston Marriage Guidance Council three discussion groups have been arranged to be held on Friday nights commencing 27th May next.

The first night there will be a short talk, "The Physical Side of Marriage," by Dr. J. C. H. Morris, together with a film. This will be followed by discussion and questions. This will be held at the Adult Education Centre, 67 Brisbane Street. The two following Friday nights will be held in group leaders' homes and the discussions will centre around "Understanding Marriage and Each Other" and "Making a Home." The registration fee is 6/- per couple and we are anxious that both partners will attend together. Some of the subjects brought up will be:—

- What is the purpose of engagement?
- How long should it be?
- How serious is it if you don't agree on everything while you are engaged?
- How important are common interests?
- Advantages and Disadvantages of planned Parenthood.
- Mothers-in-Law.
- Budgeting.
- Insurance.

Privacy in Accommodation, Wife's Role Outside the Home.

Each couple attending will be given a copy of the booklet "Love That Lasts," by Dr. Mace, and it will be necessary to get in touch with the Secretary beforehand at Box 631 or phone 41413.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Mrs. L. Dineen, 10/-; Church Boxes, fl.

BANKERS' SERVICE. The seventh annual Bankers' Service for all bank officers, their families and friends, will be held in St. John's Church on Tuesday, 10th May, at 5 p.m. All associated with Launceston banks are invited to attend.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP. The next meeting of the Young Wives' Group will be held on Wednesday, 11th May. There will be a service in the chapel at 8 p.m. followed by a meeting in the Rectory.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES. Those who wish to join the Confirmation Classes, which will commence next month, are asked to hand their names to the Rector as soon as possible. The Confirmation service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 16th October, at 11 a.m.

G.F.S. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Rectory next Tuesday, 3rd May at 7.30 p.m. After the business has been transacted, a further demonstration in plastic weaving will be given by Miss Groves.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, 17th May at 7.45 p.m. in C.M.S. House. Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens will show slides of Afghanistan and speak of their experiences there during a recent visit. Mr. Stevens is an officer in the Department of Agriculture.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER MAIN ALTAR

MAY—

- 1 Misses E. and E. Scott.
- 8 Mrs. J. K. Barranger.
- 15 Miss V. Sadler.
- 22 Mrs. C. H. Targett.
- 29 Mrs. M. M. Easter.

JUNE—

- 5 Miss D. Davis.
- CHAPEL

MAY—

- 1 Mrs. W. McMahon.
- 8 Mrs. H. Atherton.
- 15 Mrs. G. Crawford.
- 22 Mrs. A. McCarthy.
- 29 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

JUNE—

- 5 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

Mornings:

- Messrs. F. Crow and V. H. Good.

Evenings:

- Messrs. R. W. J. Hart and D. Goodwin.

HOLY BAPTISM

Jane Louise Warren, David Lionel Whitchurch, Margaret Lavinia Whitchurch, Sharryn Lynne Smith, David Bruce Harcourt Pullan.

MARRIAGES

Albert Phillip Doolan and Gwenneth Elizabeth Walley, Robert Albert Sargeant and Carol Jean Hodges, Robert Francis McCarthy and Peggy Jane Parry, Eric Desmond Fraser and Janice Amy Keogh, John Stanley Smith and Iris Ruth Nichols, Robert Victor Skinner and Ann de'Linnell Stephenson, Hugh David Jones and Maureen Anne Watt, James William Saltmarsh and Jeanette Molly Campbell.

AT REST

Gertrude Mary Carrington Parramore. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.