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## St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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## CLERGY

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## 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,

Our responsibility for taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of New Guinea and other nearby lands was strongly stressed at the General Synod of the Anglican Church which I attended in Sydney last month. It was also pointed out that our attitude to the problem of Racial Discrimination was being closely observed in these countries. There is little doubt that the future of Australia depends on fostering and maintaining friendly relationships with the millions of people living in North East Asia. Our late Primate, Archbishop Mowll, often expressed this opinion. He said we had a European tradition but an Asian destiny. For this reason it seems to me that it is God's will and purpose that we should be active in taking the Christian way of life to those lands so close to our own. The Church Missionary Society is working in Borneo and Malaya and the Australian Board of Missions has given great help to the dioceses of New Guinea, Melanesia and Polynesia. We in Tasmania support both these agencies through our own diocesan Overseas Department and I trust that we shall keep well informed about their activities so that our prayers and missionary giving may be directed by a knowledge of need and urgency. Both A.B.M. and C.M.S. produce missionary magazines and I shall be very glad to arrange for you to receive them. In that way you will know what your Church is doing to help our near neighbours overseas through Christian schools, hospitals and churches.

At the Ruridecanal Conference last month it was suggested that an interchange of pulpits between Launceston rectors should be arranged. The idea is a good one and I have invited four visiting preachers for the evening services in November. They are the rectors of St. Leonards, St. George's, Invermay, Longford and Latrobe. The rector of St. Aidan's will preach at the morning service of our Sunday School Festival, on Sunday, 13th November.

We welcome into the full communicant membership of the church all those who were confirmed last month. Their names are printed on another page. May I urge all to encourage them by their own example and friendship to be faithful and regular in their worship. Confirmation is the beginning and not the completion of our religious and spiritual growth and experience.

Speaking to a visitor to St. John's Church some while ago, who had been coming to services here for several weeks during her stay in Launceston, I was distressed to hear that her opinion was that St. John's was one of the most beautiful churches she had worshipped in but also one of the coldest from the point of view of friendship, because no one spoke to her either before or after church. I hope that this is an isolated case and that it is the exception that proves the rule. Let us all do our part to welcome newcomers to our services and make them feel at home. It may well be that many are tourists making only one visit, but even so they will remember their visit to our church because they were noticed as visitors and welcomed.

When I was in Sydney I had the opportunity of spending an evening with Rev. T. H. Dicks and Mrs. Dicks at their Rectory at Abbotsford. They and their two boys are very well and happy in their new work. They send warm greetings to their many friends in Launceston and would be very glad to see any visitors from Tasmania.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

#### NOVEMBER—

- 6 21st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong. Preacher: Rev. E. Esling, Rector of St. Leonards.
- 9 Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Vestry; 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 10 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 13 22nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; Sunday School Festival Services at 11 a.m., Rev. K. C. Nancarrow and 3 p.m., Rector; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Youth Service, Canon Atkins.
- 14 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 15 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., M.S.L.
- 16 Wednesday, 3 p.m., Women's Missionary Rally at C.M.S. House.
- 19 Saturday, Sunday School Picnic at Kelso.
- 20 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong, Canon K. J. Hughes.
- 24 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 26 Saturday, 10 a.m., St. Luke's Hospital Fete.
- 27 ADVENT SUNDAY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong. Preacher, Archdeacon W. Walters.
- 30 Wednesday, St. Andrew's Day. Choir visits Westbury for Evensong.

#### ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS

When we are asked the question, "Have you made your will?" we often think, quite wrongly, that our early decease is implied. The Book of Common Prayer directs the clergy to admonish every parishioner to make his will for "the quietness of his Executors," and further states that "men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates whilst they are in health." This is very wise. If every person on reaching the age of twenty-one made a will under proper legal direction and revised it at least ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS it would give him peace of mind and relieve his relatives of a great deal of worry. Normally we expect to live for at least "three score years and ten" but the unexpected sometimes happens. Have you made your will?

#### CONFIRMATION

The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Tasmania on Sunday, 16th October, at 11 a.m. in St. John's Church. There were 51 candidates of whom 26 were from Broadland House School, two from the parish of St. Leonards, and four from Scotch College.

Those confirmed were: William Herbert Atkinson, Robert George Blyth, John Robert Hayes, Roger Paul Lohrey, John Henry Myers, Gregory Bruce Phillips, Richard Edward Prevost, Allen Graeme Rigney, Geoffrey Richard Earnshaw Roberts, Donald Ernest Shepherd, Desmond Austin Clark, Marlene Faye Blyth, Beverley Bronwyn Butler, Diane Frances Campbell, Elizabeth Faye Cassidy, Jacqueline Dutton, Janet Patricia Gee, Denise Ann Harrex, Judith Nancy Hudson, Mae Jeanne, Jennifer Maisie Olding, Sara O'Neill, Diane Patricia Roberts, Margaret Joan Clark, Phillipa Jane Maxwell Chapman-Mortimer, Sandra Kathleen Allanby, Susan Campbell McRae Archer, Jill Viveen Brooke, Elizabeth Maria Castley, Elizabeth Ann Connor, Elizabeth Anne Ferris, Caroline Mary Fletcher, Sandra

June Goy, Elizabeth Anketell Henderson, Elizabeth Agnes Henry, Susan Ernestine Marguerite Hume, Barbara Elizabeth Ibbott, Margaret Elizabeth Inglis, Prudence Howard Jackson, Cynthia Margaret Jarvis, Helen Mabel Johnston, Robin Jeanne Marsden, Roberta Nicholls, Alison Margaret Padman, Vivienne Sanderson Porteous, Helen Amanda Radcliff, Helen Mary Sadler, Suzanne Leslie Sternberg, Jennifer Eleanor Sanderson, Jillian Heath Thomas, Mary Ana Wordsworth.

#### VISITING PREACHERS

On Sunday evenings in November, at 7 p.m. NOVEMBER—

- 6 Rev. E. Esling, Rector of St. Leonards.
- 13 Canon J. E. Atkins, Rector of St. George's, Invermay, Rural Dean.
- 20 Canon K. J. Hughes, Rector of Longford.
- 27 Archdeacon W. Walters, Rector of Latrobe, Archdeacon of Darwin.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL

The annual Sunday School Festival will be held on Sunday, 13th November, at 11 a.m. The address will be given by the Revd. Keith C. Nancarrow, Th. L., of St. Aidan's Church, Launceston. At 3 p.m. the talk will be given by the Rector. At 5 p.m. there will be a Youth Tea. At 7 p.m. there will be a Youth Service with admission of members to the Y.A.F.

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY RALLY

On Wednesday afternoon, 16th November, at 3 p.m. there will be a Women's Missionary Rally at C.M.S. House, 92 St. John Street, when the speaker will be Mrs. Warren, the wife of Canon M. A. C. Warren, M.A., D.D., the General Secretary of C.M.S., England. The Canon is making a brief visit to Launceston to confer with the clergy and meet the C.M.S. Committee.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

Members of the Women's Guild will be holding their last meeting for the year on Thursday, 10th November, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easter, 13 Wyett St., West Launceston. This will take the form of a Christmas Party. We will be very pleased to welcome new members. Corporate Communion will be held on Sunday, 20th November, at 8 a.m.

#### CHOIR NOTES

We are all delighted with the progress being made on the rebuilding of our organ. Mr. Jones tells us that his work is well in hand and is proceeding to schedule. However, it is thought that the final shipment of parts, which had been expected to arrive early in December, may now be delayed, owing to the present shipping strike in the United Kingdom. It is possible then that we shall have to wait a little longer before our wonderful organ once more fills the church with its golden sounds.

A warm welcome is extended to three new choir members. Miss Brenda Knight, who has recently arrived from England, Miss Joan Hicks and Miss Janet Baker, who have come from Melbourne.

We have been invited as a choir to participate in two St. Andrew's Tide Festival Services, when on Wednesday evening, 30th November, we go to Westbury Church, and the following Sunday afternoon, 4th December, to St. Andrew's Church, Evandale.

#### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The October meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman. Some of the members volunteered to help with the running of the canteen at the Hospital from 7th—13th November and thereafter at intervals, for a trial period.

A Fete will be held in the Hospital grounds on Saturday, 26th November, opening at 10 a.m., and members and friends were asked to support a mixed stall, combined with a "white elephant" stall. Any help, large or small, will be appreciated.

The next meeting and the last for the year, will be held at the home of the President on Monday, 14th November, at 2.45 p.m.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The final meeting for the year of M.M.A. will be held on Wednesday, 2nd November, in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m.

As this is the last meeting for 1960 it will be a social gathering only.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the invaluable help of the Diocesan Sunday School organiser, Deaconess Peggy Spry, a great deal of re-organisation has taken place in the School in recent weeks and Teachers' Preparation Classes, meeting each third Sunday afternoon have been commenced. Two very welcome additions to the staff have been Rev. John Goldsworthy as Superintendent and Mr. Lindsay O'Neill as pianist. Mr. Goldsworthy is also taking all the boys' classes in a group with the assistance of our younger teachers in supervising expression work, marking rolls, etc.

The children are at present practising for the Sunday School Festival on 13th November and the picnic is to be on Saturday, 19th November. This year we are going to the new Anglican Youth Centre at Kelso and hope to secure sufficient private transport with the help of parents and other parishioners. Any parishioners who can help are asked to contact the Rector, Mr. Goldsworthy or other officers of the school.

Our great need in the school at the moment, as always, is for men and women who are willing to train as teachers. To bring home this need and remind us of our responsibility to the little ones of our Saviour's flock, the sermon at Evensong on 2nd October was preached by Deaconess Spry. If God is calling YOU to offer for this task please tell the Rector or Mr. Goldsworthy.

#### LAUNCESTON MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

In place of the October meeting members attended the Missionary Rally addressed by Rev. Philip Taylor and Dr. Kathleen Taylor.

In November we will meet as usual on the third Tuesday (15th) and this will be our final meeting for 1960.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

The Annual Mothers' Union Festival will be held at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, on Thursday, 3rd November, at 2.30 p.m.

The last Corporate Communion for this year will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 9th November, at 10.30 a.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend this service.

The Christmas Break-up will be held on Thursday, 24th November, at 2.45 p.m.

#### YOUNG WIVES

Our sincere thanks to every member who made the Crazy Hat Parade on 19th October such a success. Many visitors expressed their enjoyment of the evening and are looking forward to entertaining us in the future.

The meeting on the 9th November will begin with the Mothers' Union Admission Service (page 9 of the M.U. Book) to be held in the chapel. Our guests for the evening will be members of our own Mothers' Union and personal friends wishing to share this occasion with us. Mrs. Pat Jones will be our guest speaker.

#### YOUTH NEWS

A successful Youth Tea was held on Sunday, 9th October. In place of a speaker, six members of the Y.A.F. spoke on the Y.A.F. Rule of Life.

We were glad to welcome to the tea Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, who has taken over the musical side of these teas. You are warmly invited to the next tea on Sunday, 13th November, at 5 p.m.

The Bible Study on Sunday afternoons has been discontinued and you are urged to attend instead the study held at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in the Rector's vestry. This ends sharp at 7.50 p.m. for the benefit of choir members and others with 8 o'clock engagements.

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY, 13th November: Youth Tea at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 20th November: Communion and Breakfast at 8 a.m.

SUNDAY, 4th December: Y.A.F. Study Circle in the Rectory after Evening Service.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

MISSIONARY BOXES. At the last quarterly opening of Missionary Boxes £18/2/11 was received for the Church Missionary Society, and £3/11/1 for the Bush Church Aid Society.

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Mrs. Hales, 5/-; Church Boxes, 10/-.

CITY MISSION: The members of the City Mission Ladies' Auxiliary are holding a stall outside the National Bank Brisbane Street, on Thursday, 24th November. Any donations will be gratefully received.

C.E.M.S.: The next meeting of the Church of England's Men's Society will be held on Sunday, 13th November, at 4.45 p.m., when the speaker will be Mr. A. Jones, the organ builder who is at present working on St. John's organ.

KELSO YOUTH CENTRE: A successful working bee was held at Kelso last month and another will be organised early in November. Those willing to assist please tell the Rector.

GIRL GUIDE SERVICE: On Sunday, 4th December at 7 p.m. there will be a special service of Thanksgiving at St. John's in connection with Girl Guide Jubilee Year.

ADULT CONFIRMATION will be held in St. John's Church on Friday, 2nd December. Those desiring to be confirmed should notify Rector at once.

#### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

##### MAIN ALTAR

- NOVEMBER—
- 6 Miss D. Davis.
- 13 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
- 20 Miss M. Bennett.
- 27 Mrs. F. J. Huston.

- DECEMBER—
- 4 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.
- CHAPEL

- NOVEMBER—
- 6 Mrs. W. McMahon.
- 13 Mrs. H. Atherton.
- 20 Mrs. G. Crawford.
- 27 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.

- DECEMBER—
- 4 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

#### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

MORNINGS: Messrs. T. White, F. J. Jones.

EVENINGS: Messrs. F. B. Stevens, D. Dyer.

#### HOLY BAPTISMS

Beverley Anne Hill, Leanne Dawn Sibley, Lynne Margaret Squires, Michael Valentine Smith, Kim Maria Haywood, Bronwyn Margaret Dakin, Maree Iris Stebbins, Peter Dugald Skeggs, Gavin James Dawe.

#### MARRIAGES

John Adrian Campbell and Janice Ruby Wingrove, Kenneth Bruce Hawksley and Patricia Dawn Clayton, David Robert Bunton and Fay Evelyn Watson, John Everard Olding and Antonia Frances Targett, Colin David Ricketts and Marlene Patricia Brown, Barry Allen Bunton and Suzanne Elvina Furley, Robert Brian Dargavel and April Anthea Barber, Kevin Anderson Scott and Nancy Margaret Clark.

#### AT REST

Charles James Viney, Albert Erle Brain, John Frederick Johnson, Norman Charles Russell, Austin Francis Gerald Holloway, Helena Podshary, Jessie Taylor Clark, Mary Jane Rainbird, Beatrice Weymouth, Marie Jeanette Sellars.

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

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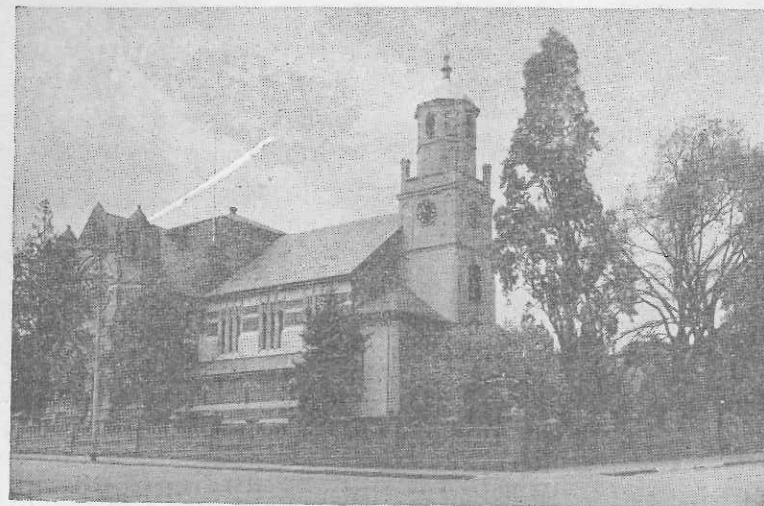
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**RECTOR'S LETTER**

My Dear Friends,

Following the suggestion made at the Annual Church Meeting in July the Vestry has given some consideration to the best ways and means of keeping in touch with church members whose associations with the church have become less frequent. Mr. Goldsworthy and I spend a great deal of time visiting schools, hospitals and the homes of people who are aged or unwell. In addition we call on the parents of our Sunday School children and young people and all whose names are on the parish roll as far as we are able. Unfortunately we find many people not at home at the time of our visit and so are unable to make the contacts we plan. In many parishes the work of the clergy is being supplemented by lay people effectively organised and helpfully trained. Some may remember the visit of the Rev. John Stott to Launceston more than two years ago. He is a Chaplain to the Queen, and Rector of All Souls' Church, Langham Place, London, which I visited last year. He is exercising a very vital ministry, especially among young people, and makes a great feature of "Lay Evangelism."

The Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, the Rev. K. B. Skegg, is using Mr. Stott's plan in his own parish and finds that it is doing a great deal to increase the interest in and witness of the Church. I have invited Mr. Skegg to come to St. John's on the afternoon and evening of Sunday, 11th December. At 5 p.m. he will speak at the Youth Fellowship Tea, he will preach at Evensong at 7 p.m. and after service will meet parishioners in the Parish Hall where a cup of tea will be provided and opportunity given for questions. The main purpose of his visit will be to tell us about the way "Lay Evangelism" is working in his Hobart parish. I hope that you will all come and meet Mr. Skegg and hear his message.

I would like to thank our visiting preachers last month. Their messages have been greatly appreciated and we have enjoyed their fellowship. As Canon Hughes reminded us we are members of a very large family much, much greater than any one parish or collection of parishes. The visits of overseas missionaries make this clear to us, and the visits of neighbouring rectors teaches us the same truth on the local level.

Much interest is being taken in the new Organ Console which arrived from England last month, together with new pipes and mechanism. Unfortunately some of the pipes were damaged in transit but Mr. Jones, the organ builder, has been in touch with London by phone and replacements are being sent out by air. It is now expected that the organ will be completed some time in February.

Mrs. Sutton and I expect to be in Melbourne for the first three weeks in January. Archdeacon and Mrs. Codrington, of Brighton, Melbourne, are exchanging Rectories with us. He will be remembered as the visiting preacher for our St. John's Festival last year. The Archdeacon will take part in the Sunday services on January 8th and 15th but parish matters will be attended to by the Revd. John Goldsworthy during the week.

Once again the Christmas season is drawing closer. The special postage stamp now in use shows a lighted candle illuminating the pages of a Bible open at the text, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." The symbolism of the candle is explained by reference to St. John 8, verse 12; St. John 1, verse 5; and Luke 2, verse 32. Look up these passages and ponder them. The true significance of Christmas is understood not by looking at the big "Santa" on the corner of Cox Bros. new building, but by asking ourselves if Christ is dwelling in our hearts by faith.

Mrs. Sutton joins me in wishing you all a very happy Christmas and every blessing during the coming New Year.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON,

Rector.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

### DECEMBER—

- 4 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. Preacher, Mr. A. Wallace (Bible Society); 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Girl Guide Service. Preacher, Rev. R. H. Dean, B.A.
- 7 **Wednesday, 7.15 p.m.,** Kindergarten and Sunday School Prize Giving.
- 11 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Broadland House School Service, Preacher, Canon Atkins, R.D.; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong, preacher, Rev. K. B. Skegg, Th.L. After Service meeting in Parish Hall.
- 12 **Monday, 7.45 p.m.,** Senior Sunday School Prize Giving.
- 14 **Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.,** Vestry Meeting.
- 15 **Thursday, 5 p.m.,** Old Folks' Tea.
- 18 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast; 9.45 a.m., Sunday School Family Service; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Carol Service of the Nine Lessons.
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY.** 6, 7, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong with Carols.

During January Sunday Services will be as usual; Wednesday morning celebrations of Holy Communion will not be held.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., and after Matins at 10.30 a.m., which will be a Family Service.

There will be Evensong with Carols at 7 p.m.

On the Sunday before Christmas, 18th December, the annual Carol Service of the Nine Lessons will be held at 7 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. We would be grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations will be most welcome. They should reach the Church on Saturday morning, 24th December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian Families to place on the Christmas dinner table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work in refugee shelters, hospitals and churches.

Contributions are used for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in areas of distress abroad and are distributed without question of race, colour or creed.

Funds contributed provide food, clothing, medicine and other supplies in emergency situations, long term health and nutrition programmes, social counselling, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees, self-help projects and vocational training and other ministries to the homeless and destitute.

A separate leaflet with envelope will be distributed nearer Christmas. Such donations may be placed in the Collections or left with the Rector or Churchwardens.

The Tasmanian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Rev. L. B. Browning, of Cressy, wishes it known that donations of £1 and over are allowable deductions for taxation purposes provided that the name of the donor is given to enable a receipt to be issued. For the twelve months just ending approximately £100,000 was received by the World Council of Churches in Australia through the 1959 Christmas Bowl Appeal and Refugee Year Fund.

### CHRISTIAN DRIVING

In view of the large number of cars on the road during the holiday season, and the high accident rate, the Archbishop of Sydney (who is an experienced driver), has commended the following prayer for the daily use of motorists who are willing to join in a CRUSADE for CHRISTIAN DRIVING. He writes:

"If large numbers of people will pray this prayer daily and place the prayer card in their car where it will frequently catch their eye, I believe there may be great results. The words of the prayer are as follows:

Grant me a ready hand, a watchful eye,  
That none may suffer hurt as I pass by.  
Thou givest life—I pray no act of mine  
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.  
Shield those, dear Lord, who bear me  
company,

From fools, and fire and all calamity  
Teach me to use my car for others' need,  
Nor miss through lack of wit or love of  
speed,

The beauties of Thy world—that thus I  
may,

With joy and courtesy go on my way.  
If church people will give the lead in this  
matter of careful driving it will greatly  
strengthen our hands as we seek to influence  
the Government to introduce legislation to  
enforce safer standards."

### CHOIR NOTES

The annual service of the Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday evening, 18th December. Preparations for this service are well in hand and we hope to present again an interesting and varied collection of carols and Christmas hymns for both choir and congregation.

As the summer holidays approach and the normal weekly choir practices are suspended, I should again like to appeal to members of the congregation who feel that they could help by occupying the choir seats for Sunday services from 1st to 15th January. If you feel that you are able to assist in this way, would you kindly see me as soon as possible.

LINDSAY O'NEILL.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

A very successful Sunday School picnic took place for the first time at the Kelso Youth Camp on Saturday, 19th November. The weather proved kinder than it appeared at first, and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

We are grateful to all those who loaned cars or helped with the provisions, lighting fires, etc., and especially to the catering committee—the Misses Kiddle, Brownrigg and Andrews, who did a wonderful job as usual.

The Sunday School classes are at present being reorganised to bring them into greater conformity with the Day School group-

ing. This, we hope, will prove beneficial to the children. We are still looking for additional teachers, especially men teachers.

The Sunday School Prize Giving will be held in St. John's Sunday School on Monday, 12th December, at 7.45 p.m. There will be two short plays, "Moses," by the Junior G.F.S. and "The Defender," by members of the Sunday School; an item by the Boys' Choir and a film of Pakistan.

The Kindergarten Prize Giving and Christmas Tree will be held on Wednesday, 7th December, at 7.15 p.m. Sunday School will conclude with a Family Service on Sunday, 18th December at 9.45 a.m. in St. John's. Resumes again on Sunday, 5th February, 1961.

### YOUTH NEWS

The year's activities are drawing to a close and the highlight for December will be the Youth Tea at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 11th December. This will be followed by a Youth Service at 7 p.m. We are very fortunate to be able to have as our speaker at both Tea and Service the Rev. K. Skegg, Rector of Holy Trinity, Hobart. Mr. Skegg has a very vital church and youth group and we are confident that his visit will be both stimulating and interesting.

Other meetings for December will be the senior youth discussion group after Evening Service on 4th December and the Youth Breakfast and Communion at 8 a.m. on 18th December.

### MISS DOREEN POOLE

The Rector has received an air mail letter from Miss Doreen Poole dated 14th November at New Delhi, India. As Miss Poole is so well known among our young people and other parishioners the news of her movements will be of interest to many. She had a pleasant trip by sea to Colombo and spent ten days in Ceylon. Then by air to Madras, followed by a two days' train journey to Agra where she saw the Taj Mahal. She spent two days in Delhi before going to Kashmir. Later she goes to Bombay. "The people of Ceylon were very friendly and helpful. We made contact with the Guide people and they were very good to us. It is very interesting to see how Guides function in other parts of the world. India is certainly a large and fascinating country. We have quite a lot of fun making ourselves understood. Once we were in a difficulty, but an Indian came along and sorted out the trouble. He was a very handsome Indian, complete with beard and beautiful red turban. Give my regards to the G.F.S. and all other friends. I will write to them soon but travelling all the time plays havoc with letter writing."

### A PRAYER FOR A CHURCH PORCH

"O God, make the door of This House WIDE ENOUGH to receive all who need human love and a Heavenly Father's care, and NARROW ENOUGH to shut out all envy, and pride, and hate, and its threshold SMOOTH ENOUGH to be no stumbling block to children or to straying feet, but RUGGED ENOUGH to turn back the Tempter's power. Make it the Gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ. AMEN."

This prayer was found in the porch of the Church of Holy Cross, Waltham Abbey, Essex, England, which the Rector visited twelve months ago. The first church at Waltham was built by Tovi, Canute's standard-bearer, about 1030 A.D. "In some sort, the History of Waltham Church is the Church History of England," Dr. Fuller.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Church Boxes, 10/-; Mr. F. E. Jones, 3/-; Mr. L. Vermsey, 7/-.

G.F.S. members wish to thank all who contributed in various ways to make the G.F.S. Annual Fair a great success. £53/10/- was realised for the Carpet Fund.

**BIBLE SUNDAY:** The Field Representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. A. Wallace, will give the address at the 11 o'clock service on the Second Sunday in Advent, 4th December.

**SCHOOL SERVICE:** The annual service of Broadland House School will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 11th December, at 11 a.m. The preacher will be the Revd. Canon J. E. Atkins, Th.L., R.D.

**GIRL GUIDE SERVICE:** To mark the Jubilee Year of the Girl Guide movement a Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 4th December, at 7 p.m. The address will be given by Rev. R. H. Dean, B.A., Headmaster of Scotch College and a member of the State Council of Guides.

**BROADCAST SERVICE:** The morning service on Sunday, 8th January, 1961, will be broadcast over the A.B.C. stations. Choir members not on holidays and members of our congregation who can assist them are specially asked to attend.

**MISSIONARY BOXES:** Those who have Missionary Boxes are asked to return them for the quarterly opening this month.

**OLD FOLKS' TEA:** The annual Old Folks' Tea, organised by the Launceston City Mission, will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, 15th December, at 5 p.m.

### FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

#### MAIN ALTAR

#### DECEMBER—

- 4 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.  
11 Mrs. T. White.  
18 Mrs. D. R. Campbell.  
25 (Christmas Day) Flower Guild.

#### JANUARY—

- 1 Misses E. and E. Scott.  
8 Miss V. Sadler.  
15 Mrs. C. H. Targett.  
22 Mrs. M. M. Easther.  
29 Miss D. Davis.

#### FEBRUARY—

- 5 Mrs. R. H. Watson.  
CHAPEL

#### DECEMBER—

- 4 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.  
11 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.  
18 Mrs. L. D. Smith.  
25 (Christmas Day) Flower Guild.

#### JANUARY—

- 1 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.  
8 Mrs. E. Grueber.  
15 Mrs. W. McMahon.  
22 Mrs. H. Atherton.  
29 Mrs. G. Crawford.

#### FEBRUARY—

- 5 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.

### SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

#### DECEMBER—

- Mornings: Messrs. J. Sanderson, L. J. Sheldrick.

Evenings: Messrs. R. J. Hoyle, F. Radford.

#### JANUARY—

- Mornings: Messrs. A. Hollingsworth, F. Carnie.

Evenings: Messrs. F. J. Jones, T. McClymont.

### HOLY BAPTISMS

Karen Rowena Briggs, Amanda Marie Smith, Andrew John Neil.

### MARRIAGES

Neil Geoffrey Genders and Patricia Gay Ranson, Lancelot Rusden and Irene Pendlebury, Robert Lindsay Hill and Pamela Kaye Gillard, Richard Alfred Crooks and Betty Jean Wilson, Gary George Carr and Geraldine June Gooding, Royce Gerald Goss and Patricia Gloria Johns, John Gilbert and Carole Josephine Heyes, Allan David Tipping and Shirley Dawn Hosken, Donald Driscoll Klye and Ella Maureen Macbeth, Clarence Bruce Duggan and Barbara Rowena Davies, Thomas Frederick Kettle and Pauline Fay Blyth, Robert John Cocker and Kay Denise Roberts.

### AT REST

Doris Sarah Spence, Catherine Harvey. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.