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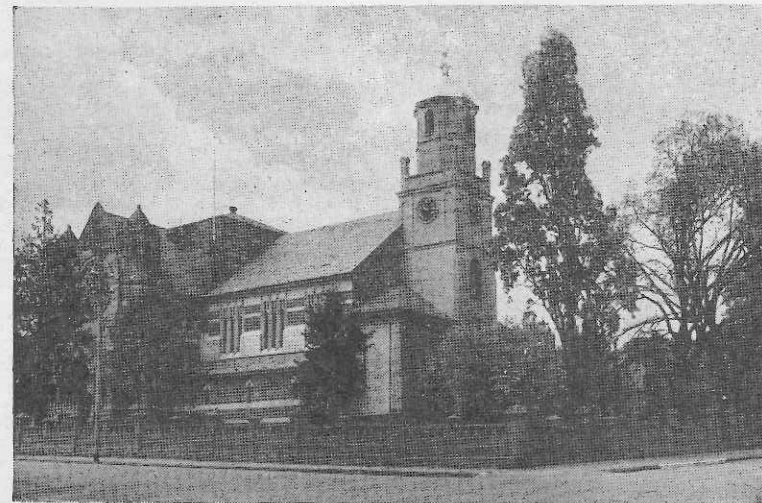
FEBRUARY, 1960

CLERGY

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

REV. M. L. HUGHES, Th.L., Acting Rector,
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.

VESTRY: Messrs. F. Ikin, L. Denham, R. J. Hoyle, R. H. Watson, T. P. White, T. J. Wing,

R. D. Barr, D. Goodwin and T. G. Cowell.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: 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 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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Mrs. Sutton joins me in thanking you all for the very kind welcome you gave us on our return. We had a most interesting time away and thoroughly enjoyed visiting many parts of England, Wales and Scotland as well as making a short stay in Ireland. Of course the highlight of the trip was our daughter's wedding. It was a very happy occasion and we were very pleased to have with us several Australian friends now living in England who were former parishioners from Sydney. Tasmania was represented by Mr. Peter McCabe who travelled with us on the ship from Australia. He took a number of excellent photographs of the wedding which have been made into slides and seen by many. As we look back over our trip we realise how much it has meant for us to meet our son-in-law and see them both settled in their new home at Shepparton, which is on the Thames some 18 miles from London. Now England does not seem so far away, especially as we can receive a letter from there within five days.

While we were away it gave us much pleasure to call on relatives and friends of parishioners whose addresses we were given, but we were not able to visit them all. We would like to express our gratitude for the generous hospitality and kindness shown to us. By meeting people in their homes we were able to enter into English family life more intimately than many tourists. This was a great privilege and led us to understand how much we have in common with them. My experience as the official Chaplain on

the migrant ship which brought us back was most valuable. It made me realise more than ever how much we can help new settlers by our friendship and practical interest in their problems. I have been pleased to hear of several families who came out in our ship who have settled down happily in Tasmania, two in Launceston.

I would like to express once again my very sincere appreciation of the help which the Revd. M. L. Hughes gave in taking charge of the parish during my absence. On every hand people have told me how much his ministry was valued. We are most grateful and I know that if he is free and able to help us again he will willingly do so.

We were all very sorry to say goodbye to the Revd. Terence Dicks who has now taken up his duties as priest-in-charge of the parochial district of Abbotsford—Russell-lea in the diocese of Sydney. Mr. Dick's ministry will long be remembered here, especially among the young people. His enthusiasm, energy, initiative and friendly personality influenced a great many in and beyond the parish. I shall always be most thankful to him for the help he gave me during my illness two years ago. We pray that God may richly bless him and Mrs. Dicks in their witness together in His Name.

I am very sorry to say that I have not been able to find another clergyman to help me in place of Mr. Dicks. When I was in England I met a young English priest who was interested in coming to Tasmania as my assistant. I had long talks with him about the parish and the arrangements and conditions of his appointment. However, he has written to say that, after careful thought, he has decided to remain in England where the shortage of clergymen is as great as it is here. I am making an effort to find someone in Australia but so far have not been successful. This means that some of the visiting and youth work which Mr. Dicks did will have to be undertaken in other ways. I shall be most grateful for offers from adults willing to help.

We were glad to have another visit this year from the Revd. E. C. Rowland, who preached in St. John's at both services on 10th January. His message is always appreciated. Owing to transport difficulties his stay this year was shorter than usual.

We extend to the new Archdeacon of Hobart, the Venerable Ian J. B. Macdonald, Th.L., Rector of St. Mary's, Moonah, our sincere congratulations and good wishes on his appointment to this office. He had had long and varied experience in this diocese and served for four years in English parishes.

During January we have been encouraged by the number of visitors from the mainland states as well as from other parts of Tasmania who have worshipped with us. In some parishes January is the month when congregations are smaller, but ours have been well maintained.

This month our parish organisations and Sunday School will resume after the holidays. We look forward to a happy year of friendly and useful fellowship together. With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

As the Choir continued to grow both in numbers and enthusiasm, we look forward to even more activity this year.

There will be certain fixtures to mark different events of the year. During Holy Week, it is hoped that we shall be able to present the music of Charles Wood's "The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark." This will be the first time this cantata has been sung at St. John's, if not in Tasmania.

Then there will be the Annual Festival of the Royal School of Church Music to be held either late in June or early July. Memories of last year's festival are still lingering and we expect that the next will be an even more thrilling event. Later in the year will follow St. John's Festival and, if the organ should be completed in time before Christmas, there will be further opportunities for choral jubilation.

At the beginning of another year, I should like to take the opportunity of inviting any who feel that they could make a helpful and musical contribution to our choir, to contact me without delay. We could particularly do with more sopranos, but all parts would be very welcome.

LINDSAY O'NEILL.

C.E.M.S.

The next meeting of the Church of England's Men's Society will be held on the first Sunday in February. This is our first meeting for 1960 and also a welcome home for our Rector, who will tell us something of his trip abroad.

This year we are planning a project within the parish and there is a part for any man who would like to join the C.E.M.S.

We need more members to help with our work and you will be warmly welcomed into our Society. Prospective members may

contact Cliff Targett, phone 24018 or Brian Irvine, Commonwealth Bank.

All men of St. John's are welcome at our meetings on the 1st Sunday in every month. CLIFF TARGETT, Hon. Sec.

ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY TO ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The first meeting for 1960 will be held on the second Monday of March (14th) but our hospital collection day will be held on Friday, 5th February.

We are hoping to have a stall as well, and gifts of produce, etc., will be most welcome.

Will you mark these dates in your diaries please?

DOROTHY G. ROAKE, Hon. Sec.

Y.A.F. ACTIVITIES

Y.A.F. activities have resumed for the year. Programmes have been arranged for several weeks ahead, and it is anticipated that many more young people will take part in Y.A.F. evenings each Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.

A Youth Guest Tea will be held on February 14th at 5 p.m. and the first Communion Breakfast for young people on Sunday, 21st. The Y.A.F. would be very happy to welcome all young people over 16 years to all their activities and hope that the year will be filled with many and varied organised functions.

KELSO YOUTH CENTRE

Much progress has been made in getting Kelso ready for use and the official opening is planned for Saturday, 20th February, at 3 p.m. To complete essential work a large working bee will be held on Saturday, 6th February. Cars will leave St. John's Church at 7.30 a.m. and all offers of help, transport and workers, will be gratefully received. Contact Miss M. Morrah, 41385 after 6 p.m. or the Rector.

THE YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

The first meeting for the year of the Young Wives' Group will begin with a service in the Chapel at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th February, 1960. After the service members will meet at the Rectory.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The first monthly meeting of the M.M.A. for 1960 will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 3rd February at 2.45 p.m. New members would be very welcome.

VESTRY MEETING

The members of the Church Vestry are reminded that the first monthly meeting for 1960 will be held in the Clergy Vestry on Wednesday, 3rd February, at 7.30 p.m.

MR. ARTHUR A. CASTLEY

With the passing of Mr. A. A. Castley, a life-long association with St. John's, was broken. He attended St. John's Sunday School and in the early days he was active in the work of St. John's Mission in Canning Street, assisting in running a Boys' Club and helping with the services. He became a Sidesman of St. John's Church in 1914 and when the first vestry was formed in 1935, he was elected secretary. In 1942 he was nominated as Rector's Warden and continued in this office till the middle of 1950 when he resigned. He gave fifteen years' service as Church Secretary. He will long be remembered for his cheerful and friendly personality and his great love of flowers. Our sincere sympathy is with Mrs. Castley and the members of his family.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

MAIN ALTAR—

7th February, 1960, Mrs. F. J. Huston.
14th February, 1960, Mrs. L. N. Sutton.
21st February, 1960, Mrs. T. White.
28th February, 1960, Mrs. F. J. Jones.

CHAPEL ALTAR—

7th February, 1960, Mrs. H. Atherton.
14th February, 1960, Mrs. D. V. Boyd.
21st February, 1960, Mrs. L. D. Smith.
28th February, Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

FEBRUARY

Mornings: J. Bingham and L. Cato.
Evenings: M. Easther and F. H. Cookman.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Mrs. H. Cox, 10/-; Miss F. Stebbings, 10/-; Miss I. Evershed, 10/-.

"CHRISTMAS BOWL" APPEAL: Donations received, £57/18/-.

"OVERSEAS MISSIONS" per Missionary Boxes and donations, £19/11/8; B.C.A. boxes, £5/15/7.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION. Organised by the Church Missionary Society and the Overseas Department of the diocese a Missionary Convention will be held in Launceston about the last week in March. Particulars will be given next month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sunday, 7th February, at 9.45 a.m. Parents are asked to encourage children to be punctual and regular in attendance. Parishioners willing to assist as teachers are asked to speak to the Rector.

"DIOCESAN CHURCH NEWS" is now published in a new form. Copies have been ordered by the Vestry and will be available at the church for all parishioners. Be sure to take your own copy and additional copies for neighbours and friends.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 3 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.; 7.30 Vestry Meeting.
6 Saturday, working Bee at Kelso.
7 5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.
8 Monday, 2.30 p.m., St Luke's Auxiliary.
10 Wednesday, 8 p.m., Young Wives' Group.
11 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
14 SEPTUAGESIMA, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Youth Fellowship Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
20 Saturday, 3 p.m., Opening of KELSO YOUTH CAMP.
21 SEXAGESIMA, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.
25 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
28 QUINQUAGESIMA, 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong.

HOLY BAPTISM

Michael David Squires, Dorothy May Berne, Susan Michele Marshall, Murray Nicholas Izard, Deborah Jane Mills, Therese Cachie, Patricia Aileen Lohrey, Damon William Dann, Simon James Arnold, Michael David Wetherly, Ian John Martin Atherton, Jo Anne Margaret Turner, Stephen James Heyes, Debra Kim Connolly, Tanya Lee-anne Kabak, Jillian Frances Connelley, Leon Stephen Chick, Suzanne Margaret Cox, Maree Florence Scott, Lynette Hazel Crisp, Karen Joy Turmine, Susan Fae Turmine, Martin John Gardiner, Crichton James Roberts, Guy Andrew Sweeney, Toni Richardson, Mark John Richardson, Bernard Ross Jacobs, Mark Brendon Cartledge, Christine Elizabeth Cartledge, Mary Joyce Newman.

MARRIAGES

Ian David Roberts and Yvonne Shirley Johnson, Kenneth Grant Wilson and Sybil Margaret Spencer, Jack Llewelyn Roberts and Janice Doris Ford, Raymond Lionel Butterworth and Sandra Constance Barnes, Brian Henry Edmunds and Elizabeth Marcia Denman, Terrence Cyril Johns and Jean Margaret Owen, Joseph Robert Miller and Elizabeth Kay Newson, Anthony Charles Brient and Lexie Kathleen Rosa Hodgetts, Raymond Veevers and Patricia Aileen Lohrey, Graham Frederick Fawdry and Pauline Judith Baldwin, Rex Athol Gamble and Joyce Eileen Tierney, Donald Charles Meggs and Valerie Dawn King, Michael David Squires and Thelma May Lack, Graeme Wesley Beams and Ronsley Loreen Sulzberger, Arthur Raymond Nelson and Irene Frances Terry, Maurice Kenneth Hill and Edith Aileen Maher, James Robert Nisbet and Dorothy May Berne, Allen William Dennis and Evonne Ivy May Whitcombe, Royce Berwick and Janice Waters, Richard Graham Kent Binet and Rosemary Helen White, Brian Francis Russell and Elizabeth Mary Latham, James John Woodland and Gail Julie Coleman, Eric William Scott and Hilary Barbara Mudge, Edwin Tabrum Blyth and Brenda Mary Beven, Edward Pyke and Pamela Joan Bakes, Donald Ross Waddle and Denise Margaret Whatley.

AT REST

Edward Louis Brient, James Thomas Lamb, Rebecca Banfield McEwan, Tom Tynan, Norman Charles Field, Alfred Arthur Castley, Florence Barbara Meredith, Marjorie Barham.

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