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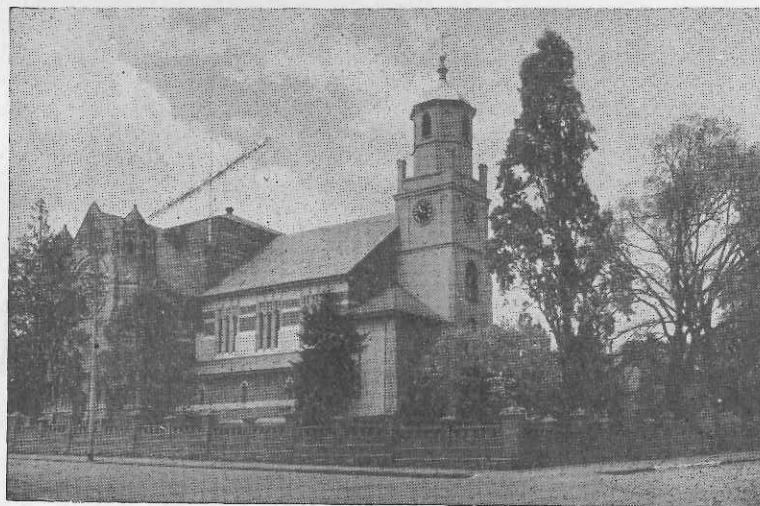
APRIL, 1961.

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 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,

The Easter season marks the climax of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The New Testament was written and has come down to us through the centuries because Jesus rose from the dead. If Jesus had not risen from the dead there would have been no Christian Church and no Christianity. It is most important, however, for us to understand that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ does not necessarily mean that his "resurrection body" was identical in every way with his natural physical body.

In considering this matter the New Testament must be our guide. Here, I believe, we see that the resurrection body was spiritually continuous with the physical body in the sense that like the physical body it was a perfect vehicle for the expression of His personality. The identity and subtle difference is noticed in the meetings of the Risen Lord on the first Easter Day with Mary Magdalene in the garden, with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and with the ten apostles in the upper room.

I believe that his same continuity and identity will appear in our resurrection bodies. There may not be "the solidity of the flesh, the liquid blood, the sinews, the structure of the limb," yet our body will be ours, marking our personal identity and enabling us to express ourselves completely in our new and higher sphere of life. This is what is meant by the words of the Creed: "the resurrection of the body" and "the resurrection of the dead." The teaching of St. Paul on this subject is found in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verses 35 to 58. Read it carefully in the New English translation if you have a copy. There the words are "a perishable thing is raised imperishable" and "If there is such a thing as an animal body, there is also a spiritual body."

The publication last month of the New Testament part of the New English Bible was an event of the greatest importance in the religious life of the nation. Many have expressed their opinion about it already, but I think it will be several years before we can really appreciate its worth. Indeed, it will be the rising generation of young people who will benefit most by thinking of the Bible as a book they can understand because of its simple and contemporary language.

Sunday, 19th March, 1961, will long be remembered for the inspiring services and music associated with the dedication and opening of our renovated and completed organ. Reference is made to this in another column but I would like to record my great appreciation of all the devoted work and interest given by all concerned, especially Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, our Organist and Choirmaster; Mr. L. Denham, Chairman of the Organ Committee; Mr. A. Jones, Organ Builder; and the Choir.

May I support and underline what the Bishop said in his address at the Dedication concerning the congregation taking a full part in singing the hymns and psalms and canticles. In my letter to you in the August issue of the "Parish Messenger" I stressed the importance of making our church services really congregational by singing heartily and praying audibly and saying AMEN so that our prayers are sincere and personal. Of course God hears the thoughts of our heart but it is a great inspiration if our fellow worshippers hear the words of our lips.

I would like to thank all those women of our church who are responsible for arranging the flowers week by week in the sanctuary, in the chapel, and on the pulpit. Then at Christmas and Easter, and on other occasions they unite as members of the Flower Guild and undertake the decoration of the chancel and baptistry as well. Following custom, flowers were not placed in the church during Lent and we have missed them. Now in the Easter season we have them again. We are most grateful to all who supply the flowers as those who arrange them. We would like more ladies to join the Flower Guild and take the place of some who have dropped out over the years. Mrs. Sutton would be glad to give full information.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD. N. SUTTON.

APRIL CALENDAR

- APRIL—
- 2 **EASTER DAY.** 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m., Sunday School Service. 10.45 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Festal Evensong.
- 4 Tuesday. 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 5 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 9 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 5 p.m., Youth Tea. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 10 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 12 Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Vestry; 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 13 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 16 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast. **HARVEST FESTIVAL.**
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- 18 Tuesday 5 p.m., Bankers' Service.
- 23 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 25 Tuesday St. Mark E.M. Anzac Day. 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 27 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 28 Friday, 8 p.m., C.M.S. Convention begins.
- 30 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. Missionary Preacher. 7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.
- MAY—
- 2 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 3 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., M.M.A., 8 p.m., Missionary Convention ends with Thanksgiving Service in St. John's Church.

CHOIR NOTES

Following upon some remarks I made in the previous issue of this paper, I am pleased to report that the number of choirboys now seems to be increasing almost weekly. More robes are being made and we hope that parents will encourage their lads not only by sending them along to practice on Saturday mornings, but by being present in church with them each Sunday.

—LINDSAY O'NEILL

THE ORGAN

After a silence of several months the organ speaks again.

It is two years since the decision was made to renovate and complete the St. John's organ, and for the last six months, while work has actually been progressing, we have looked forward to the day when once again we should hear the glorious tone of the completed organ. Sunday, 19th March, was therefore a notable occasion in the history of St. John's, and a day which will long be remembered by all who were present.

The morning service was graced with the presence of the Bishop and the Assistant Bishop. Immediately before the service there was a pleasant little ceremony, in which Mr. Arthur Jones, of J. W. Walker & Sons Limited, who had carried out the reconstruction work, handed the keys of the console to the Church Wardens. They were then placed in the hand

of the Bishop, who in simple but moving words, re-dedicated the organ to the glory of God. The organist took his place and within a few seconds the tune of "The Old Hundredth" pealed forth. The large congregation and the choir of almost 50, joined together with enthusiasm in this joyful act of worship. The Te Deum was sung to the noble music of Stanford in C, and the morning anthem was a setting of the 150th Psalm by Charles MacPherson. In his sermon the Bishop emphasised that the making of music in our services, whether by singing or playing, was to enhance the Church's worship with the best that could be offered.

During the afternoon the organist, Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., presented the first recital on the completed organ, and for more than an hour, the large congregation was entranced, not only with the beautiful music, but with the tremendous variety of tonal colour which Mr. O'Neill produced. Despite having barely a week after completion of the organ, Mr. O'Neill's handling of the instrument was brilliant, and his expert musicianship was obvious both in the choice of the programme and the playing of it. The dozen pieces, ranging from Bach to contemporary composers, not only provided variety and contrast with each other, but effectively demonstrated all the stops, both old and new, in the organ.

The evening service, at which Archdeacon Sutton gave the sermon, was also noteworthy for fine music, which included the Stanford setting of Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, and a glorious anthem by Brahms, "We love the place where Thine honour dwells." The service concluded with a final act of praise in the singing of Psalm 150, and the playing of the Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, by Bach.

Although there will be further organ recitals over the next few months, and while we shall now have the organ to lead our worship Sunday by Sunday, it will be a long time before there will be an occasion more thrilling and inspiring than Passion Sunday 1961.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital was held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on Monday, 13th March, 1961.

It was decided to purchase six more mattresses for the Hospital.

All members were asked to try and interest others in the work of the Auxiliary and to bring them along to our meetings.

The next meeting will be held at the home of the President, 8 Riverdale Grove, Newstead, on Monday, 10th April, at 2.45 p.m.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Annual Meeting of St. John's Badminton Club was held on Wednesday, 15th March, in the Parish Hall. Last year the club had a very enjoyable season, reaching the semi-finals in the Pennants. This year we hope to be able to enter two Pennant teams and look forward to welcoming new members. We play at St. John's Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The officers elected for 1961 are: Chairman, The Rector. Secretary: Miss W. Murgatroyd. Treasurer: Miss V. Murgatroyd. Captain: Mr. I. Dornauf. Vice-Captain: Mr. I. McElwee.

YOUTH NEWS

Due to the Easter break, the Parish Messenger has had to go to press earlier than usual, so that we cannot be definite about all that we hope to do in April. The two certain functions are the Youth Tea on Sunday, 9th April, at 5 p.m., and the Communion Breakfast on Sunday, 16th April, at 8 a.m. At the Tea we hope to have a film in place of a speaker.

We hope to have an outing in the form of a short hike and sausage frizzle some Saturday soon. This will have to wait until the ban on fires in the open is lifted. Look out, too, for news of a youth camp in either April or May.

A small number of young people are playing tennis on Saturday afternoons. We would like you to join us by coming along on Saturday at about 2 p.m.

A team of St. John's Junior Tennis players have just completed playing in the City and Suburban Tennis Association Junior roster.

Next season more junior teams will be competing and the teams will be larger, so as to include more players.

SUZANNE EASTHER, Captain.

C.E.M.S.

The C.E.M.S. are organising an outing for some of our parishioners who are unable to get out into the countryside. This will be held on Sunday afternoon, 16th April. Men of the parish who do not belong to C.E.M.S. and would like to help us are asked to contact Church officers for details.

Any parishioner knowing any elderly person who would like to go on this outing are asked to leave names and addresses at the Rectory.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, 16th April, at 5 p.m. All men welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PARENTS—please read this. We are making an effort this year to improve the teaching efficiency of our Sunday School, but the success of our efforts will depend much on parental co-operation. We have introduced a new system of expression work aimed at driving home the content of the Sunday lessons. These Activity Sheets are designed to be started by the scholars at Sunday School and finished at home. This gives parents a golden opportunity to show an interest in their children's spiritual growth and to encourage them to take Sunday School seriously. A very important part of the children's home-work is the memory work or Repetition. Parents could do much by reminding scholars to start their memorising during the week. It is good to realise that when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness He answered and withstood each temptation by quoting relevant Scripture from MEMORY. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11.

KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL. We have been pleased to welcome a number of new children this year. We have room for many more from 3 to 7 years.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 27th April, at 2.45 p.m. Following the service in the Chapel the Annual Business Meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall. All members are urged to attend. Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday, 12th April, at 10.30 a.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 13th April, at 8 p.m. A Corporate Communion for all members will be held on Sunday, 16th April, at 8 a.m.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 4th April, at 7.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten when Mr. R. H. Watson will show colour slides of his recent trip abroad to many countries, including England. These will include interior views of English Cathedrals and Churches. There will be an interval for a cup of tea at 9 p.m., after which more slides will be screened.

C.M.S. MISSIONARY CONVENTION

At the end of this month, commencing on Friday evening, 28th April, the annual Missionary Convention will be held in C.M.S.

House, St. John St., Launceston. The visiting missionaries will be The Rev. L. V. Green, of North Borneo, Miss D. J. Armstrong, of Kenya, East Africa; and The Rev. H. D. Butler, from Japan. On Sunday, 30th April, the missionaries will preach at Services in Launceston churches. The Convention will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at 8 p.m. in St. John's Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 16th April. Donations of fruit, vegetables, produce and groceries will be received at the church on Saturday morning. There will be a Special Children's Service at 10 a.m., when each child of the Sunday School will bring a piece of fruit, vegetable, an egg or other produce. On Monday the gifts will be taken to St. Luke's Hospital and the Children's Homes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations. Mrs. M. Brain, 10/-, Church Boxes, 10/-.

Adult Confirmation Service will be held on Friday, 12th May, at St. Paul's Church, at 8 p.m. All adults who wish to be confirmed are asked to consult the Rector as soon as possible.

Bush Church Aid Society. Will all those who have B.C.A. boxes please hand them in by the end of April for the first quarterly opening of this year.

Vestry. We are glad to welcome Mr. T. J. Wing as a member of the vestry.

Organ Recitals, dates for which will be announced, have been arranged for April and May, when the guest organists will be Lance Hardy, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., (St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne) and John Nicholls, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. (St. David's Cathedral and Hobart City Organist).

Young Wives. On Wednesday, 12th April, we have our service in the Chapel at 8 p.m., and then hold our Annual Meeting at the Rectory. Mrs. D. Boyd will then give a talk on Knitting. Members are urged to attend and bring new members with them.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

April—

- 2 Flower Guild
- 9 Mrs. F. J. Huston
- 16 Mrs. L. N. Sutton
- 23 Mrs. F. J. Jones
- 30 Mrs. D. R. Campbell

Chapel

April—

- 2 Flower Guild
- 9 Mrs. L. D. Smith
- 16 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom
- 23 Mrs. E. Grueber
- 30 Mrs. W. McMahon

Sidesmen's Roster

APRIL—
Mornings: Messrs. T. White and T. J. Wing
Evenings: Messrs. J. Sanderson and G. Whitmore

Holy Baptisms

Michael Rodney McAlpine, Suzanne Margaret Breen, Patricia Audrey Langdon, Andrew Mark Oliver, Craig Steven Oliver, Phillip David Oliver, Christine Vicki Venn, Kim Jane Pinner, Peter David Alexander, Phyllis Katrina Gonion.

Marriages

Donald James Brown and Nola Young; Lewis Edward Palmer and Alison Jean Needham Tait; James Wesley Taylor and Margaret June Grant; Douglas Raymond Nichols and Suzanne Jacqueline Hawkes; Lyall Elvin Crothers and Margaret Frances Adams; Albert Barry Robinson and Jean Margaret Kelly; John Charles Youl and Shirley Louise Falkiner; Roy Gordon Rusden and Irene Ruth Goss.

At Rest

Marion Cross, Jack Alexander von Alwyn, Emma Eliza Rainbow, Mildred Isabel Lucadou-Wells, Douglas Grant Thompson, Margaret Eliza Brewer.
Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.