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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.

LAY OFFICERS

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. F. J. Jones, F. H. Cookman and M. M. Easther.

VESTRY: Messrs. V. H. Good, T. P. White, R. W. J. Hart, V. J. Sheldrick, L. Denham,
D. S. Gill, R. J. Hoyle, R. J. Roberts and T. J. Wing.SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS: Rev. J. L. Goldsworthy and Miss E. J. E.
Kiddle.

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Since writing to you last month my appointment as the Rector of Evandale has been announced which means that Mrs. Sutton and I shall be leaving St. John's at the end of September and beginning a ministry in a new parish. We have been at St. John's for twelve years, during which time we have made many friends and enjoyed the loyalty and co-operation of the parishioners. We shall miss them and the inspiration of worshipping in such a fine church with all its beauty of architecture and music. However we both feel that the time has come for us to move on to a smaller parish thereby enabling others to make their own special contribution to the life and traditions of this important church.

I shall still continue to hold the office of Archdeacon of Launceston and the Bishop hopes that I may be able to help him in diocesan matters more fully than time has allowed me to do in recent years. Evandale is not far from Launceston and we feel sure that there will be many opportunities for us to welcome visitors there and keep in touch with friends here.

Naturally enough, many have asked who will be taking my place as Rector of St. John's. At the moment no announcement has been made but I feel quite confident that my successor will receive the same support and friendship which it was my good fortune to inherit from Canon Greenwood twelve years ago.

The annual meeting of the church was well attended and the Churchwardens' Report and Financial Statement was received with expressions of appreciation. The office-bearers for the next twelve months are given in another paragraph.

The Diocesan Synod meets in Hobart on Friday, 1st September and continues to sit over the weekend. This will enable many laymen, who have business commitments on weekdays, to attend. Friday and Saturday will be devoted to business matters. There will be special services at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, and afterwards Synod will receive reports of missionary work and diocesan organisations. One matter of very great importance on the business paper concerns diocesan finance. It is now generally known that the recent Diocesan Development Project did not achieve all that was hoped for it. However, it did make us aware of the needs of the diocese not only to maintain existing work, but to provide for the ministrations of the Church in new and expanding districts where hundreds of new homes are being built. We hope and pray that Synod will devise ways and means of meeting this state of emergency.

We have been greatly concerned to hear of the Bishop's recent illness which prevented him from presiding at the dedication of St. Mark's-on-the-Hill early last month. We assure him of our prayers for his complete restoration to health and are glad to know that he is feeling much better.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

AUGUST CALENDAR

August—

- 1 Tuesday. 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 2 Wednesday. 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 5 Saturday. 8 p.m., Youth Social Evening.
- 6 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. TRANSFIGURATION. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 8 Tuesday. 8 p.m., Rural Deanery Conference.
- 9 Wednesday. 10.30 a.m., M.U. Corporate Communion. 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting. 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 10 Thursday. 8 p.m., Womens' Guild.
- 11 Friday. 8 p.m., Kelso Annual Meeting.
- 13 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 5 p.m., Youth Tea. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 14 Monday. 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 20 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. Youth Breakfast. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 24 Thursday. St. Bartholomew, A.M. 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 26 Saturday. 7.30 p.m. "Beetle Drive" for Kelso.
- 27 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 5 p.m., Youth Group. 7 p.m., Evensong.

September—

- 1 Friday. 2.30 p.m., Synod in Hobart.
- 2 Saturday. Synod.
- 3 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Synod Sunday. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on Wednesday, 26th July, in the Kindergarten Hall, and was attended by approximately 60 parishioners.

The Rector (Archdeacon Sutton), presided. In his remarks the Rector thanked all the organisations and their leaders for their work throughout the year. He said that the Annual Report and Financial Statement showed that the parish had been able to provide more contributions to the Diocese, to Missions, to Children's Homes and other worthwhile objects.

The election of officers resulted:—

Rector's Warden, Mr. M. M. Easther. People's Wardens, Messrs. F. J. Jones and F. H. Cookman.

Vestry, Messrs. L. Denham, V. H. Good, D. S. Gill, R. J. Roberts, T. Wing, T. P. White, R. W. J. Hart, R. J. Hoyle, V. J. Sheldrick. Auditors, Messrs. G. Whitmore and E. R. Duncan.

Delegates to Broadland House Committee, Mrs. H. Holyman, Mrs. F. Ikin, Messrs. R. J. Roberts and R. H. Watson.

Representatives to the World Council of Churches, Miss Murison Bourn and Mr. R. J. Young.

Representatives to the Church of England Council of Women, Mesdames V. H. Good, F. B. Stevens, T. P. White, V. Denholm, R. J. Hoyle and M. Parker.

Copies of the Annual Report are available for parishioners. They are on the table at the rear of the church.

MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 9th August, at 10.30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th August, at 2.45 p.m., when the speaker will be the Revd. John Goldsworthy. As a result of the Musical Market which was held recently, an amount of £80 has been sent to the Clarendon Children's Home. Again we wish to thank all who helped us.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Hoyle, 45 West Tamar Road, Trevallyn, on Thursday, 10th August, at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, 26th August, at 7.30 p.m., also at the home of Mrs. R. J. Hoyle, there will be a "Beetle Drive." This should be a very entertaining evening. An invitation is extended to all who are interested in the Kelso Youth Centre, as the proceeds are to go towards this project. Admission is 4/- and a delicious supper will be served. Come along and bring the family!

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our next Young Wives meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th August, at 8 p.m. There will be a service in the Chapel followed by a meeting in the Rectory. Our Guest Speakers will be Dr. Russel and Mrs. Bushby, who will tell us of their experiences and work as medical missionaries in India.

We are most anxious to meet new members, and they will be given a warm welcome.

C.E.M.S.

The July meeting of C.E.M.S. was held on Sunday, 16th July. This was our annual meeting. The following officers were re-elected: Bro. M. Easther, President; Bro. C. Targett, Secretary; Bro. J. Roberts, Treasurer. Our next meeting will take place on the third Sunday in September, and all men of St. John's are invited. We are hoping that more members will join us to help with our main job of taking some of our parishioners for an outing every three months. We are hoping to be able to arrange enough cars to bring these people to a morning Service sometime in September, and offers of help in this regard will be very much appreciated. Any parishioner knowing of an elderly person desirous of being brought to Church on this day is asked to inform the Church of England Men's Society as early as possible so that we have time to organise transport.

C. H. Targett. Phone 25104.

CHOIR NOTES

It is encouraging to see our numbers increasing, particularly at the morning services. However, we have now reached the

stage where more men are needed—especially tenors—in order to balance the ever-increasing number of sopranos and contraltos. Any gentlemen reading these lines, who feel that they could sing either tenor or bass, or would be prepared to be trained, are especially invited to contact the Organist.

Very shortly we shall be losing one of our most active choir members in the person of Mr. Ron Barr, who, with his family, is moving to Sydney. We greatly appreciate the contribution which Mr. Barr has made to the life of St. John's, his enthusiasm and keen interest in choir activities, his willingness to help by taking choir practices and playing the organ at various services. Judith has also been with us, though for only a short time. We thank them for their friendship, loyalty and interest, and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Barr and family our very best wishes for every happiness in their new sphere.

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

Our July meeting was an open one and we were pleased to welcome members of the original Auxiliary and of St. Aidan's.

Mrs. W. H. Stephens, who has recently returned from Afghanistan, where she lived for two years with her husband and family, gave us a most enjoyable afternoon. She showed pictures of the people and country and told us something of her experiences there. We all hope she will be able to come again in the near future.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, on Monday, 14th August, at 2.45 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting, with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

YOUTH NEWS—C.Y.F.

The new monthly rota of meetings has so far proved most successful. Attendances have kept up and there is evidence that the Spirit of God is at work amongst us. We are grateful to the Rev. Keith Nancarrow, of St. Aidan's, for coming as our Guest Speaker to the July Youth Tea and Service. Our thanks go also to Mrs. J. Sanderson, who made available her home and acted as hostess for the first of our Saturday evening socials.

The programme for August is as follows:— Saturday, 5th August; Social Evening at the home of Mrs. Collins, 99 Arthur St., 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, 13th August; Youth Tea, St. John's Hall, 5 p.m.

Sunday, 20th August; Youth Communion Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Fellowship Half Hour, St. John's Hall, 6.15 p.m.

Sunday, 27th August; Bible Study and Buffet Tea at the home of Mrs. Goldsworthy, 8 Spencer St., at 5 p.m.

KELSO YOUTH CENTRE

We would remind all who are concerned for the welfare of youth that their presence would be greatly appreciated at the Annual Meeting of the Kelso Anglican Youth Centre, to be held on Friday, 11th August, in C.M.S. House, 92 St. John St., at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School continues to suffer from the complete absence of men teachers apart from Mr. Goldsworthy. At present we have a teacher for every girls' class, but for the six boys' classes we have three lady teachers and Mr. Goldsworthy, who, because he must teach, is prevented from carrying out his real task as Superintendent. Are there no men at St. John's willing to make the effort required to teach our children the precious Word of Life???

Mr. Goldsworthy is now teaching us the books of the Bible with the aid of a flannel-graph and the names of the books set to music, which makes them easy to learn.

At the same time, some of us are practising hard under the guidance of Miss Kingsmill for the Bible Eisteddfod at the end of August. In it there will be Bible quizzes, singing—solo and choir, Bible recitation and

plays. It is to be hoped that we do at least as well as last time.

On Friday, 14th July, Canon Downie showed two excellent C.M.S. films to members of the Launceston Sunday School Teachers' Association. The first was a startling revelation of how Japan has "out-Westernised" much of the West in her post-war recovery and development of modern city life, technology, commerce and industry, while the progress of Christianity lags far behind. The second, of Hong Kong, showed a different picture—fine churches and church schools on the one hand and the unrelieved squalor of thousands of refugees from Red China on the other. The population of Hong Kong has doubled since the war so that three million people live in an island about the size of Cape Barren Island. Both Church and Government are faced with a tremendous challenge.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rural Deanery Conference. This Conference will be held in C.M.S. Hall, 92 St. John St., on Tuesday, 8th August, at 8 p.m. All church-people are urged to attend, especially members of the Vestry and officers of Parish organisations and Sunday School teachers. Matters to be brought before Synod will be discussed.

Country Women's Association. The annual Conference to be held in Launceston this year will be opened by a service in St. John's Church on Wednesday, 6th September, at 9.30 a.m.

Medical Missionary Auxiliary. We are very sorry to learn that our Secretary, Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom, has been unwell, and trust that she will soon be better. Gifts for the Christmas parcels to be packed this month for Groote Eylandt and Roper River Mission Stations in the Northern Territory should be sent in not later than the second week in August.

Federal Youth Secretary of A.B.M., Miss Una Clifford, will meet all G.F.S. branches in Launceston at a Buffet Tea and meeting at St. John's Hall on Tuesday, 22nd August, at 5.30 p.m.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

August:—

- 6 Miss V. Sadler
- 13 Mrs. C. H. Targett
- 20 Mrs. M. M. Easther
- 27 Miss D. Davis

September:—

- 3 Mrs. R. H. Watson

Chapel

August:—

- 6 Mrs. E. Grueber
- 13 Mrs. W. McMahon
- 20 Mrs. H. Atherton
- 27 Mrs. F. J. Stokes

September:—

- 3 Mrs. G. Crawford

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

August:—

- Mornings—Messrs. F. J. Jones and T. J. Wing.
Evenings—Messrs. J. Roberts and T. McClymont.

HOLY BAPTISM

Martine Katherine Sims, Julie May Scott, Brian Clifford Stokes, Peter James Boag, Maureen Lesley Edgell, Robert William Bassett, Arthur John Meek.

MARRIAGES

John Michael Large and Jocelyn Fisher; John Kleiner and Eileen Sylvia Appleyard; Gerald Richard John Tattersall and Aaltje Aline van den Berg; Alan Richard Fleming and Jill Doris Edwards; Brian Cutler Green and Maureen Delma Whittaker; Clive Kingsly Casse and Phyllis Elaine Arnott; William Charles Doddy and Nancy Jeanette Gray.

AT REST

Emma Milner, Maisie Claudine Maudesley, Agnes Rachael Marriott, Amy Marion Bryan, Cecil Vernon Poole, Wilfred Charles Heyes, Eva Mary Barwick.

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