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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,
R. D. Barr, F. Ikin, R. J. Hoyle and R. J. Roberts.

HON. LAY READER: Mr. A. G. Hart.

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,

In my last letter in December I wrote of the coming visit of the Rev. K. B. Skegg, who spoke to us of the way he is using "Lay Evangelism" in his Hobart parish. We are most grateful to Mr. Skegg and his team of helpers for their inspiring message and we must now ask ourselves what we are going to do about it. I think, with God's help, we can do three things.

First, we must pray for God's guidance and blessing in all that we plan and do; that He will show us how we can co-operate with Him. Read Acts 9, verse 6. It has been suggested that it would be helpful if we all remembered to pray at the same time each morning, say at 7.30 a.m. Perhaps this verse gives us the words to use: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel 3, verses 9 and 10.

Secondly, we must consider our need for further instruction and training in Christian faith and service so that we may "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you," 1 Peter 3, verse 15. Mr. Skegg told us of the 13 weeks' Training Class organised for this purpose. I shall be very glad to give full particulars about this and receive applications to join.

Thirdly, we must feel a genuine concern and desire to share with others our fellowship in the Church of which we are all members. The Bible teaches us that God's plan for extending His Kingdom involves team work, and unless we "pull our weight" and accept responsibilities the influence and growth of the Church will lag. Let us then, by our sincerity and friendship, commend the Christian way of life to all with whom we come in contact.

This month our Sunday School and parish organisations resume after the holiday period. We hope that parents will encourage children to be regular and punctual in their attendance and that those able to help us as teachers will come forward. Parish organisations play an important place in the social life of our parish and new members will be warmly welcomed. The time of meetings is indicated in other paragraphs.

We are glad to know that the renovation and enlargement of our organ is nearing completion. We are greatly indebted to Mr. A. Jones, the organ builder, for his interest and skill in overcoming difficulties that have arisen from time to time. He expects the work to be completed before the end of this month and arrangements are being made to open and dedicate the instrument on Sunday morning, 5th March.

Mrs. Sutton and I had a very enjoyable and restful holiday in Melbourne where we stayed at Brighton Rectory. Archdeacon and Mrs. Codrington also enjoyed their stay in Launceston. Their visit was greatly appreciated by all who met them. I would also like to say how glad we were to have the Revd. E. C. Rowland with us again for a Sunday last month. We congratulate him on his appointment as A.B.M. Secretary for Victoria and assure him of our prayerful good wishes. We were also glad that Rev. W. V. L. Lloyd, of St. Hilary's, Kew, was able to preach at St. John's while he was staying at St. Aidan's Rectory.

Ash Wednesday, 15th February, marks the beginning of Lent, the season of the Church's year which we should all use for the deepening of our spiritual life. I suggest again, as last year, the following four Lenten resolutions as practical and helpful: 1—To attend a week-day service or Bible Class each week; 2—To use additional daily prayers and intercessions; 3—To read a book of devotional and religious character; 4—To observe Holy Week faithfully.

The Lenten series of addresses under the title "Know Your Church," which have been held for the past four years, are to be arranged again this year. Details will be given in a special leaflet to be published later this month. A Bible Class will meet in the Rector's Vestry at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

When in Melbourne we spent an afternoon with Canon and Mrs. Greenwood, who sent their warm greetings to all their Launceston friends. We also visited Mrs. A. V. Maddick, and Kevin and Gwen Jack, who also sent greetings. Mr. and Mrs. J. Greer, formerly manager of the Union Bank in Paterson Street and now living in retirement in Brighton where he is a vestryman, is still very interested in Launceston and St. John's Church, which he attended years ago. Like so many former parishioners he has happy memories of his associations with our historic church.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY—

- 5 **SEXAGESIMA.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES at 9.45 a.m.
- 8 Wednesday—7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting; 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 9 Thursday—7.45 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 12 **QUINQUAGESIMA.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 13 Monday—10.30 a.m., Clergy meet at Rectory (N.C.R.U.); 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Auxiliary.
- 14 Tuesday—10.30 a.m., Women's Guild Leaders' Conference.
- 15 **ASH WEDNESDAY.** 7 and 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Devotional Service.
- 17 Friday—Women's World Day of Prayer, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m.; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 19 **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong; Guides' "Thinking Day" Service.
- 23 Thursday—2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 24 Friday, St. Matthias' Day—Ordination in St. David's Cathedral.
- 26 **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer; 7 p.m., Evensong.

MARCH—

- 1 Wednesday—2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 5 **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., OPENING OF ORGAN; Morning Prayer, followed by Holy Communion; 5 p.m., C.E.M.S.; 7 p.m., Evensong.

CHOIR NOTES

Before considering our programme for the year ahead, it is good for us to pause for a moment and reflect upon the steady development and progress of the choir during the past twelve months, with thankfulness and a certain degree of satisfaction.

The success of any church choir really worth its salt is always dependent on three things. First, a continual commitment to God of its members, personally and collectively, of their objectives and aims as a choir. Secondly, regularity in attendance at practices and Sunday services. Thirdly, co-operation at all times with its leader. If these vital factors, which are interdependent, are seriously considered, then there are tremendous possibilities ahead for St. John's Choir and its influence in the life of our parish.

I am very grateful to Mr. Barr, who most capably deputised for me in January, and to several members of the congregation who assisted in the choir through the holiday period.

Everyone is looking forward to the re-opening of the organ and reference to special services on the day of its dedication is made elsewhere in this issue. We are planning to arrange a series of three organ recitals to mark the opening of the instrument. Details of dates and visiting recitalists will be announced very shortly.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, 15th February, at 7 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. There will be a Devotional Service with address at 7.30 p.m.

On Wednesday mornings in Lent Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and also at 10.30 a.m. as usual.

YOUTH NOTES

The first Youth Fellowship for the year will be on Sunday, 12th February, at 5 p.m. All young people are invited to attend. There will be a Youth Breakfast on Sunday, 19th February, after the 8 o'clock Communion Service.

We are looking forward to re-establishing the Tennis Club this month. All interested please speak to Mr. Goldsworthy.

Plans have been made to raise funds for Kelso Youth Centre. These will be given on specially printed leaflets. By co-operating you will help to COMPLETE KELSO THIS YEAR.

MOTHERS' UNION

The members of the Mothers' Union will hold their first meeting for the year on Thursday, 23rd February, 1961, beginning with their service in the Chapel at 2.45 p.m. The speaker will be Archdeacon Sutton.

WOMEN'S GUILD

On Thursday, 9th February, at 7.45 p.m. members will meet in the Chapel for a short service which will be followed by a general meeting at the Rectory.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our first meeting for 1961 will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, at 8 p.m., beginning with a service in the Chapel, and an informal meeting in the Rectory. We are looking forward to a happy and blessed year together. Are you a young wife? Do come and join us. We need you and you need to belong.

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

The first meeting for the year will be held at the home of Mrs. K. F. Brown, Elphin Rd., on Monday, 13th February, at 2.45 p.m. A welcome is extended to any who would like to join us in this work.

Our Hospital Button Day will be held on Friday, 10th February; we have been allocated the corner of Brisbane and George Street for selling buttons and we also plan to have a stall outside the National Bank during the morning. Members would appreciate gifts for the stall on that day.

Since we last met, we have sustained a great loss in the passing of Mrs. F. Taylor. She was one of our best loved members and a great worker; she will be sadly missed.

SMALL THINGS COUNT

The following lines were quoted in a sermon by Rev. Edward Walker, Mrs. Sutton's father, nearly fifty years ago in Grenfell, N.S.W. They were copied down by a member of his congregation who has preserved them ever since.

"A chance remark, or a song's refrain,
And life is never the same again.
A glimpse of a face in a crowded street,
And afterwards life is incomplete.
A friendly smile, and love's embering spark
Leaps into flame and illuminates the dark.
A whispered "Be brave" to our fellow men,
And they pick up the thread of hope again.
Thus never an act, or word, or thought,
But with unguessed importance is fraught.
For small things build up an eternity,
And blazen the way for a destiny."

NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" DONATIONS: Miss J. Beck, 10/-; Miss D. Lockwood, 4/-; Church Boxes, 10/-.

MISSIONARY BOXES: At the last quarterly opening £28/5/- was received for the Church Missionary Society.

REMEMBRANCE BOWL: Through the Christmas Day Appeal £28/15/- has been received for Inter-Church Aid.

GIRL GUIDES' SERVICE: The annual Thinking Day Guide Service is to be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 19th February, at 7 p.m. The address will be given by Mrs. Curtis Otter, O.B.E., Guide Publicity Officer for Australia.

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes on 5th February. New scholars will be warmly welcomed. All sections commence at 9.45 a.m. Adults able to assist as teachers are asked to contact the Rector or the Superintendent.

WOMEN'S GUILD LEADERS' CONFERENCE for the Archdeaconry of Launceston will be held at St. John's on Tuesday, 14th February, commencing with a Communion Service at 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Cranswick and Deaconess Yolland will be the speakers.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets every Thursday evening in the Rector's Vestry from 7.15 p.m. till 7.50 p.m. All welcome.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY held its first meeting on 1st February where work in support of Medical Missionaries was begun for the year. This group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m. and would warmly welcome new members.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER: The Women's World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday, 17th February. In Launceston the services will be in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of St. John and Paterson Streets. There will be a short service at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will be at 3 p.m. when the address will be given by Mrs. Dineen. Members of Women's organisations are specially asked to attend as groups. There will be an evening service at 7 p.m. for women unable to attend the earlier services. Young people are invited to come.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER MAIN ALTAR

FEBRUARY—

5 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
12 Miss M. Bennett.
CHAPEL

FEBRUARY—

5 Mrs. F. J. Stokes.
12 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER

FEBRUARY—

Mornings: Messrs. J. Bingham and I. Stevens.
Evenings: Messrs. M. M. Easther and F. H. Cookman.

HOLY BAPTISMS

Venita Mary Rice, Ross Anthony Hart, Fiona Lyn Bambridge, Shane Gregory Gray, Ranson Perry Briggs, David Roger Butler, Gary Maxwell Denman, Wayne John Chequer, Michelle Marie Jones, Elizabeth Margaret Nixon Goss, Stephen John Reid, Selwyn John Lewis, Virginia Isobel Maxwell, Kerry Arthur Williams, Meredith Anne Farquhar, John Hatherley Waldron, Robert James Atkinson, Vickie Margaret Davenport.

MARRIAGES

Gunter Karl Adolf Breier and Catherine Jane Bough, Trevor Maxwell Colgrave and Joan May Webber, Kevin Charles Down and Patricia Joy Viney, Walter Edwin Ralph and Elsie Annie Estelle Waddle, Ernest Brian Hodson and Pamela Ann Withers, Desmond Weeks and Monica Elaine Hutton, Peter John Taylor and Judith Marie Pinner, John Thomas Griffith and Dawn Lorraine Neilsen, Lewis Gordon Lohrey and Betty Jean Plumb, Keith Bryan Paul and Heather Ruthina Conroy, Peter Frederick Rushton and Ellen May Freeman, Eric John Champ and Lorraine Joyce Crawford, George Robert Lyon and Estelle Ann Cobden, Manfre Rosemann and Dorothy Emily Reeves, Michael Dean Colvin and Jennifer Joan Ward, Kevin Ian du Barry-Muller and Laila Emil Joyce Edwards, Robin Francis Yates and Judith Ann Fletcher, Maxwell Gordon Smith and Mavis Colleen Pyke, Denis Frederick Burr and Lexie Armstrong Wright, Gerald Rex Rice and Patricia Ann Porter, Adria Graham Nunn and Evelyn Frances Veni, Reginald Kenneth Pinchin and Barbara Kerri.

AT REST

Charles Ronald Buckley, Mavis Olga Hartley, Edith Alice Denholm, Vera Jessie Peck, Flora Nancy Taylor, Florence May Suttor, Eleanor Louisa Headlam, Lucy Heath. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.