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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. Easter.

VESTRY: Messrs. V. H. Good, T. P. White, R. W. J. Hart, V. J. Sheldrick, L. Denham,
R. D. Barr, R. J. Hoyle, R. J. Roberts and T. J. Wing.

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,

The annual meeting of parishioners will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 26th July, at 8 p.m. We hope a large number will attend. At the meeting the Churchwardens will present their Report and Financial Statement for the past twelve months and the reports of the parish organisations will be circulated. The Churchwardens, Vestrymen and Auditors for the next year will be elected together with other Church officers. Matters of general concern may be brought forward for discussion. I hope that opportunity will be taken to show our appreciation of the work done by our Church officers in looking after the business affairs of our parish. They spend a great deal of time and undertake much responsibility on our behalf and they will be greatly encouraged by a large attendance of parishioners. At the conclusion of the meeting cups of tea and biscuits will be served.

We extend our sincere congratulations and good wishes to the Revd. R. D. Tyson, his Church officers and parishioners on the completion and opening of their new church, Saint Mark's-on-the-Hill. Mr. Tyson is the first vicar of this new parochial district formed only three years ago, and it is a great tribute to his leadership and the co-operation of his parishioners that so much has been done in so short a time.

Two other new churches were opened last month, one at Hadspen and the other at Ulverstone. These are encouraging signs of progress and growth.

As one of the oldest parishes in the diocese, we have a responsibility to assist in establishing the ministry of the church in new areas. By donating an area of ground in West Launceston of more than an acre, by making a financial grant to the new parish of Trevallyn of £1250, by gifts of furniture to the churches at Ravenswood, Norwood and Hadspen we have over recent years been able to give some help in growing districts.

Last week I visited Flinders Island as Archdeacon of Launceston. I was reminded of the link which this parish has with the Furneaux Group through the ministry of a

former Rector of St. John's, the Rev. Canon M. B. Brownrigg, who used to minister to the islanders by means of a small sailing boat some ninety years ago. In those days he counted them among his parishioners. I was glad to have lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Radford who is schoolmaster on Cape Barren Island. He is a layreader and former member of St. John's. There is a very well appointed church there but unfortunately it is in a very sad state of disrepair, needing a new roof and repainting. It would be a great thing if someone from our parish could meet the cost of this work.

A larger group of young people than usual has joined the confirmation preparation class which meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. Mr. Goldsworthy and I hope that parents will encourage them to be regular in their attendance and help them to understand the full importance and seriousness of confirmation as a vital step in their spiritual growth. They will be praying for themselves and each other, and we should pray for them. To help us in this I am printing a suitable prayer in another paragraph.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

JULY CALENDAR

- July—
- 2 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong. Annual Church Schools' Service. Preacher: The Bishop of Tasmania.
- 4 Tuesday. 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 5 Wednesday. 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 9 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 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 Hospital Auxiliary.
- 12 Wednesday. 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting. 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 13 Thursday. 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 16 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. Youth Breakfast. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 5 p.m., C.E.M.S., 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 18 Tuesday. 8 p.m., Annual General Meeting of St. John's Scouts.
- 23 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. Broadcast Service. 5 p.m., Youth Group. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 26 Wednesday. 8 p.m., Annual Church Meeting.
- 27 Thursday. 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 30 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, L.G.S. Preparatory School Service. 7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Holy Communion.
- August—
- 1 Tuesday. 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 2 Wednesday. 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 6 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 7 p.m., Evensong.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of St. John's Church in the parish of Launceston is intended to be held at Launceston on Wednesday, 26th July, 1961, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the purpose of electing CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRYMEN and AUDITORS and for the other purposes of an Annual Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Vestries Act, 1959.

LEONARD N. SUTTON, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS

The Annual General Meeting of St. John's Scout group will be held on Tuesday, 18th July, at 8 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. Mr. Hugh Merry, State Commissioner for Boy Scouts, will speak to us. Slides of Scouting activities will be shown and supper served. A special invitation is given to all friends of the troop to attend.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the M.M.A. was held in the Kindergarten Hall on 14th June. Archdeacon Sutton opened the meeting with prayers. It was reported that during the past year our membership had grown and that members packed Christmas parcels for Roper River and Groote Eylandt. Letters of appreciation were received from Deaconess M. Farley and Sister E. Brooks of Groote Eylandt and from Mrs. Bransgrove of Roper River. Expenditure for the year amounted to £10/1/8 and we greatly appreciated the

support of the Vestry and a donation of coloured wools from Messrs. Patons & Baldwins Ltd. This coming year we plan to pack Christmas parcels again as we have done for many years past.

Election of officers—
Patron—Archdeacon L. N. Sutton.
President—Mrs. L. N. Sutton.
Vice Presidents—Mrs. J. Atherton and Miss E. Gregory.

Secretary—Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. F. H. Cookman.
Treasurer—Mrs. D. West.
Tea Hostesses—Mrs. D. West, Mrs. C. L. Beech and Miss E. Gregory.

The next meeting will be held on 5th July, in the Kindergarten Hall at 2.45 p.m.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Musical Market which was held on the 7th June realised the amount of £73, and we would like to express our sincere thanks to all who helped to make this function such a success.

A Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, 12th July, at 10.30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th July, at 2.45 p.m. and our speaker will be Mrs. Cliff Robinson, Diocesan Secretary of Mothers' Union.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Easther, 11 Wyett St., on Thursday, 13th July, at 8 p.m. Members are reminded of the Trading Table, proceeds which go to Kelso.

New members will be warmly welcomed.

YOUNG WIVES

Our Young Wives are holding a very special evening in St. John's Hall on 12th July, at 8 p.m. Invitations have been extended to women's groups of other denominations as well as our own.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Campbell-Smith, of the Marriage Guidance Council and a programme has been carefully designed to help mothers of young children and teenagers. An excellent sound film will be screened, also book reviews and helpful books will be on display for perusal and purchase.

All our members are urged to attend and help make this interesting evening a success.

G.F.S.

G.F.S. Annual Meeting took place at St. John's Rectory on 6th June. Rev. J. L. Goldsworthy was in the chair in the absence of the Rector.

All office-bearers were re-elected and are as follows:—

President: Mrs. L. N. Sutton.
Vice-Presidents: Mrs. L. Vermesy and Misses I. Oates and M. Morrah.
Secretary: Miss E. Kiddle.
Treasurer: Miss C. Pennicott.

A very satisfactory report and Balance Sheet was read and confirmed. An interesting report was also read from the Junior Branch. Colour films were shown by Mrs. Sutton of Kelso and West Tamar and other places, and the evening closed with supper.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 4th July, at 7.30 p.m., when we will prepare Flannel-graph figures for the Sunday School, and Fair work will be given out.

Our members have made themselves responsible for the polishing of brasswork in the church.

The Junior Branch of the G.F.S. meet each Monday evening at 5.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall.

All girls from the age of 8 years are warmly invited to join us.

CHOIR NOTES

A very successful R.S.C.M. Festival was held on Saturday evening, 17th June, when many of our choir members together with representatives from St. Mark's, St. Aidan's and St. Paul's choirs visited Burnie as guests of Mr. Basil Sproule and the members of St. George's choir.

Mr. John Senior of Devonport conducted the combined choir of 100 voices and a very helpful and inspiring address was given by Archdeacon Walters of Latrobe.

The fame of our recently re-built organ is spreading to many parts of the mainland and even further. It is good to see that more and more people in our own city are beginning to realise the valuable asset this magnificent instrument is becoming in the musical life of the state. A large and appreciative number enjoyed the recent recital given by Mr. John Nicholls, of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, and many are now looking forward to the prospect, later in the year, of a visit from the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Mr. Lance Hardy, B. Mus., F.R.C.O.

YOUTH NEWS

A very happy nouseparty reunion was attended by 25 young people on Monday, 29th May. After a nuke and sausage-sizzle lunch in the bush above Trevallyn, we round our way to Beresford House for a most helpful Bible Study by the Rev. Ken Reardon, and after afternoon tea, we caught the bus home.

As a result of the houseparty and hike, a group of young people has been brought together which, we hope, will provide the nucleus for the development of the youth work of St. John's. To this end, we have formed the St. John's Christian Youth Fellowship (C.Y.F.), with a programme which is predominantly "spiritual," since we feel that most young people at school today have plenty of social activities.

With the exception of a Saturday night social, once a month, all regular meetings will be held on Sunday, which is, after all, the Lord's Day. The following programme pattern will be tried over the next two or three months:—

Saturday preceding 1st Sunday of month—Social Evening with closing devotions, to be held usually in a private home.

2nd Sunday—Youth Tea, St. John's Hall, at 5 p.m.

3rd Sunday—Fellowship Half-hour, St. John's Hall, 6.15 p.m.

4th Sunday—Bible Discussion Group and Buffet Tea, in the Home of Mrs. Goldsworthy, 8 Spencer Street, at 5 p.m.

For those who are confirmed, there will be the usual Youth Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the 3rd Sunday, 16th July.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

O God, who through the teaching of Thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter: Make ready, we beseech thee, the hearts and minds of thy servants who are seeking the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of His divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

The June meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, was held at the home of Mrs. G. Dcdery.

A new member, Mrs. E. R. Roberts, was welcomed.

A number of useful articles were entered in the competition (value under 2/6 to make) and by vote, the prize was won by Mrs. W. J. Williams.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. W. H. Stephens will talk to us, and if possible, show pictures, at our next meeting, to

be held on Monday, 10th July, at 2.45 p.m.

It will be held at the home of the President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, if she has returned from her travels, otherwise at Mrs. M. Bennett's home, almost opposite, in Riverdale Grove.

St. John's Auxiliary are in charge of the Hospital kiosk on the following dates: 17th July — 23rd July; 14th August — 20th August.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Broadcast Service. On Sunday, 23rd July, Morning Prayer will be broadcast from St. John's Church over the A.B.C. stations at 11 a.m.

Missionary Boxes. At the opening last month, £26/3/9 was received for C.M.S.

Confirmation Class is meeting in the Chapel every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. All who wish to be confirmed must join the class now. The Confirmation service will be on 8th October.

C.E.M.S. The next meeting of St. John's branch of C.E.M.S. will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 16th July. All men of the parish and their friends will be very welcome.

Preparatory School Service. The Annual Service of the Launceston Church Grammar Preparatory School will be held in St. John's Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 30th July.

Sunday School. There is a great deal of enthusiasm among the juniors who are to act in our Biblical plays for the Eisteddfod to be held at the end of August. We are very glad to have four additional tables for the Sunday School. New blackboards and easels are greatly appreciated and we would like to thank Mr. Goldsworthy for making them. Kelso Youth Centre will hold its Annual Meeting in C.M.S. House on Friday, 11th August, at 8 p.m. Note this in your diary and keep the date free.

C.M.S. Annual Meeting is planned to be held in Launceston on Friday, 25th August, at 8 p.m., in C.M.S. House.

Parking. Owing to the continued congestion in the Church grounds, the vestry has decided to prohibit parking in this area; only those persons on Church business and with the written permission of the churchwardens will be allowed entrance.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

JULY—

- 2 Mrs. L. R. Page.
9 Mrs. F. J. Huston.

- 16 Mrs. L. N. Sutton.
23 Mrs. F. J. Jones.

- 30 Mrs. D. R. Campbell

AUGUST—

- 6 Misses E. and E. Scott

Chapel

JULY—

- 2 Mrs. G. Crawford.
9 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.

- 16 Mrs. L. D. Smith.
23 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.

- 30 Mrs. E. Grueber.

AUGUST—

- 6 Mrs. W. McMahan.

SIDEMEN'S ROSTER

JULY—

Mornings—Messrs. J. Bingham and R. H. Watson.

Evenings—Messrs. R. Dyer and F. H. Cookman.

HOLY BAPTISM

Gail Maxine Booth, Margaret Ann Midson, Bronwyn Joy Stanley, Helen Murgatroyd, Julian Vine Murgatroyd, Terry Dennis Nelson, Benjamin Frank Woodhouse, Stephen John Crooks, Patricia Maree Simmonds.

MARRIAGES

Ronald William Goodes and Katherine Daphne Sowell; Wolfgang Kurt Kriegs and Diane Kaye Smith; Arthur Ernest Taylor and Madge Elaine Radford.

AT REST

Edward Martin, Lillie Smith.

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