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**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,

Easter has been a very inspiring season with well-attended services beautified with choral and organ music of a high standard. This month we shall celebrate Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and Trinity Sunday, so completing the great festivals of the Christian Church. It was on the day of His Ascension that Jesus told his disciples that they should be his witnesses "unto the uttermost part of the earth," assuring them of the gift of the Holy Ghost in whose power they were to go forth. On Whitsunday we remember how this gift was given and received. On Trinity Sunday we adore the Revelation of God in all its glory and fullness. It is very fitting, therefore, that the annual Missionary Convention should be held in Launceston at this time. I am writing this letter a few days before the Convention commences and when you read it the visting missionaries will have left. However I am sure that they will give us challenging messages, not only telling us of what they and others are doing on our behalf for the extension of Christ's kingdom overseas, but also making us realise how much they need our spiritual and material support and interest. In Tanganyika and in Papua, as well as in many other lands, it is generally acknowledged that Christian missionaries through evangelism, education and medical help have done a very great deal towards preparing people for a greater measure of self-government. In the world of today with all the changes that are taking place in the field of racial independence we should be fully aware how the Providence of God is working.

The achievement of Russian scientists in putting a man into orbit round the earth gives us all food for thought. We do well to remember that this was made possible because God's laws governing the Universe were obeyed at the level of Physical Science. There are other laws at the level of human relationships which are summed-up in the word "LOVE." Because these are not being obeyed we have great personal, social and international problems. Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John X.10).

To stabilise the finances of the diocese which are in a very unsatisfactory state, a "Diocesan Development Project" is to be launched this month. This is being undertaken at the request of the last Synod, and while it will be the responsibility of the Vestry to support it, as your representatives members wish all parishioners to know about it so that they can act with your knowledge and co-operation.

Our warm congratulations and good wishes are extended to the neighbouring parish of St. Paul's, Launceston, on the occasion of their Centenary. As the city extends and the inner parishes are reduced in size by the formation of new parishes to meet the needs of new suburbs, the older parishioners are not always replaced as the next generation moves away. This is a problem which is found in most cities, and Launceston is facing it today. I think it has been caused in some cases by building churches too close together. In modern times when transport is easier we should guard against making the same mistake. St. John's Choir is taking part in one of St. Paul's Centenary services and we hope that many of our parishioners will attend some of the celebrations arranged.

May I draw the attention of young people and parents to the plans for the Youth Camp given in another paragraph. Several have asked me about classes for Confirmation preparation which will commence next month. I shall be glad to have names as soon as possible. It has been pointed out recently that many of our so called "youth problems" arise when we consider young people apart from their families. I am sure that Christian family life is the greatest asset of a community. I commend to you the "Heart, Home and Family Week" to be held in the Albert Hall from the 9th to the 12th May.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

**ORGAN MUSIC AFTER EVENSONG**

- 7th May—Finale from Sonata No. 5 —  
—Mendelssohn  
14th May—"Exultemus" —Percy Whitlock  
21st May—Allegretto from the Clarinet  
Quintet —Mozart  
28th May—Hymn Tune Prelude on "London  
New" —Harvey Grace

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