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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,

This will be my last letter to you in the "Parish Messenger" as your Rector. As I look back over the past twelve years I realise how many changes have taken place in that time.

When I first came to Launceston in September, 1949, St. Oswald's, Trevallyn and St. David's, Cormiston were part of this parish and I was responsible for their services. Seven years ago they were formed into a parochial district which is now a rapidly growing and firmly established new parish. Then I remember many former parishioners who have either died or moved away. I am grateful for the help and friendship they gave me and the support they gave St. John's. Then, of course, I acknowledge how fortunate I have been in having the loyalty and co-operation of Churchwardens and Vestrymen and parishioners generally. We thank God for his blessings and guidance in so many ways.

It is interesting to record that during the past twelve years I have taken more than 3700 services, including 1900 celebrations of Holy Communion. I have preached over 1100 sermons, baptised at least 1800 children, solemnised some 1300 marriages, conducted 750 funerals and prepared 470 candidates for Confirmation. This is a very sobering reflection and while it makes clear the large number of people with whom a clergyman comes into contact, it also fills one with a deep sense of responsibility and inadequacy. "Who is sufficient for these things?" I can only trust that God may have been able to use my ministry, with all its imperfections, to bring some to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Friend and Saviour.

My new parish of Evandale is not very far away and I expect to meet many of you from time to time. Indeed it may well be that until my successor takes office I shall still be in close contact with St. John's. I believe that it is more important to look forward than backward, so I have every confidence that the new rector will bring to his ministry a fresh contribution and a new outlook which will enrich the traditions of this historic parish.

As I mentioned last month, the Diocesan Synod meets in Hobart on Friday, 1st September and continues over the week-end. May I ask you all to remember us in your prayers. Matters of great importance will be discussed and the development of the diocese will be affected by decisions made.

Mrs. Sutton joins me in thanking you again for all your encouragement, help and friendship over the years in this parish, believing that we can still enjoy these happy relationships in the wider life of the archdeaconry for many years to come.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 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.
- 5 Tuesday. G.F.S., 7.30 p.m.
- 6 Wednesday. 9.30 a.m., C.W.A. Service; 2.45 p.m., M.M.A.
- 10 **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Preacher, The Rt. Rev. W. R. Barrett, Assistant Bishop; 5 p.m., Youth Tea; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 12 Tuesday. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Wave of Prayer.
- 13 Wednesday. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Wave of Prayer. 10.30 a.m., M. U. Corporate Communion; 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting; 8 p.m., Young Wives Group.
- 14 Thursday. 8 p.m., Women's Guild.
- 17 **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion - Youth Breakfast; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 19 Tuesday. Film Evening by Miss Rooney in aid of Kelso; 7.45 p.m., in St. John's Kindergarten Hall.
- 24 **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Broadcast Service and C.E.M.S. brings old folk to church; 7 p.m., Evensong. 5 p.m., C.Y.F. Bible Study
- 26 Tuesday. M.S.L., 7.45 p.m., at C.M.S. House.
- 28 Thursday. Mothers' Union, 2.45 p.m.

October—

- 1 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.** 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Evensong.

CHOIR NOTES

Word has recently come from Dr. Gerald Knight, the Director of the Royal School of Church Music, advising that he will be making a tour of Australia and New Zealand early next year.

I have been in touch with Dr. Knight who has for some time shown an interest in our choir development programme, and he hopes to visit Launceston some time in March. It is a considerable honour that we at St. John's should have a visit from such a distinguished musician who holds a unique position in the Anglican Communion as director of this world-wide organisation known as R.S.C.M.

To mark the occasion, we plan to organise a state-wide Choir Festival, and it is highly probable that we shall have Dr. Gerald Knight as our Musical Director. Further details will be announced later in the year.

—Lindsay O'Neill

LAUNCESTON MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

Plans have been made for the League's ANNUAL MISSIONARY EVENING at C.M.S. House on Tuesday, 26th September, at 7.45 p.m. There will be a FILM, GIFT TABLE and SUPPER (2/-). This promises to be a happy, profitable and instructive evening — come and bring your friends. Gifts for sale will also be welcome.

The League's Annual Meeting took place on Tuesday, 15th August, and although attendance at Monthly Meetings has been disappointing, the Report indicated a good attendance at some very interesting Special Meetings and we thank the speakers.

It was also a successful year financially as £20 was given to C.M.S., and £5 to the Bible Society.

It has been decided that for a trial period of one year, Monthly Meetings will not be held, but Special Meetings will be arranged from time to time and members will still be available to help and support the C.M.S. Committee in every way.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Targett, 17 Gloucester St., West Launceston, on Thursday, 14th September, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Damon, and her subject will be "Planning your Wardrobe." New members will be welcomed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This last month there has been a collection of clean toys and other suitable articles for inclusion in Christmas parcels to be sent to the Northern Territory Mission Stations. Thank you, Kindergarten, for all the lovely things you brought. They helped to fill three boxes. The Seniors hope to do better next year.

As this goes to print, the 1961 Bible Eisteddfod will be in progress at the Central Baptist Church. There is a pleasing representation from St. John's and we hope to be able to print news of good success in the next issue of the Messenger. Winners of the various sections will give a concert in the National Theatre on Friday, 1st September.

SENIOR YOUNG PEOPLE: The Sunday School has opportunities for Christian service which do not involve you in the responsibilities of teaching. For further information, see Mr. Goldsworthy.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

C.Y.F. is reaching a critical but necessary phase of its development. Leadership responsibilities must gradually be delegated to some of the members so that eventually activities are mainly planned and carried through by the members themselves with the Clergy acting more in the capacity of advisor than grand organiser. All who are concerned for Christian Youth Work are asked to pray that, in all this, Christ may have the pre-eminence.

School holidays, Cadet camps and Synod will cause some disruption to our September programme. There will be no Social on Saturday, 2nd September, but there will be the Youth Tea on Sunday, 10th September, at 5 p.m. and the Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday, 17th September.

YOUNG WIVES' GROUP

Our next Young Wives' meeting will be a special one. It will be held on Wednesday, 13th September, at 8 p.m., and will commence with a service in the Chapel. For this meeting members will bring their husbands, where it is possible for them to come.

After Chapel, we will adjourn to the Rectory where a Brains Trust will be held. The Rev. John Goldsworthy has kindly agreed to be Chairman for the evening. A panel of four has been invited, including two well-known women personalities, a doctor and a clergyman.

Members wishing to send in questions (which may be anonymous), should forward them in good time to the Rev. J. Goldsworthy, 8 Spencer St., Launceston.

We are anxious to meet prospective new members and assure them of a warm welcome.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6th September, at 2.45 p.m. Members are urged to be present.

A. Cookman,
Assistant Secretary

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

August is the second quarterly opening of B.C.A. boxes for this year. The Box Secretary would be glad to hear from people willing to take a box and so give regular support to those who make considerable personal sacrifice to take the ministrations of the Church to the outback and isolated parts of Australia.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the G.F.S. will be on Tuesday, 5th September, at 7.30 p.m.

The G.F.S. Fair will be held early in October.

FILM EVENING: On Tuesday, 19th September, at 7.45 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall, Miss M. Roney of Broadland House School will show colour films of her trip abroad recently. Supper will be served and a donation of 4/- is asked in aid of Kelso Youth Centre. We look forward to seeing you there, both for the benefit of Kelso and for your own enjoyment.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, 28th September, at 2.45 p.m. This will be an Admission Service. Corporate Communion will be held on Wednesday, 13th September, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.

The Wave of Prayer will be observed in the Chapel from 8 a.m. till 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 12th and 13th September.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Ninth Annual 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, 14th August. Present were Archdeacon L. N. Sutton in the chair and eighteen members.

Officers elected were:
President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman.
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. K. F. Brown, Mrs. G. C. Dodery.
Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. H. Roake.
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Jones.
Committee, Mrs. V. H. Good, Miss M. Bennett, Miss D. Lockwood.
Nominee for Hospital Board, Mrs. V. C. Holyman.

The Treasurer, Mr. Jones, stated that up to date, the sum of £1392 had been raised and spent in various ways to benefit the Hospital. Archdeacon Sutton expressed thanks to Mrs. K. F. Brown, our retiring Board member, for her long and faithful service to the Hospital.

Three new members were welcomed by the President. They were Mrs. D. G. Thirrell, Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick and Miss V. L. Andrews.

A presentation was made to Mrs. L. N. Sutton and our President expressed the good wishes of all present for her future happiness.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Holyman's home in Riverdale Grove, on Monday, 11th September, and we hope to hear about her recent trip to Japan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Confirmation: Confirmation classes will resume after the school holiday break on Sunday, 10th September, at 2 p.m.

The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 8th October at 11 a.m., and will be conducted by the Assistant Bishop, the Right Rev. W. R. Barrett, M.A., Th.D.

Adult Confirmation: Any who wish to be prepared for an Adult Confirmation Service to be held in December should contact the Rev. J. Goldsworthy.

Broadcast Service: The 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, 24th September will be broadcast over the National Stations.

Special Effort for Elderly Folk: The C.E.-M.S. are making a special effort to bring elderly parishioners to church by car for the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, 24th September. Can you assist in this? Do you know old folk who would be glad to take advantage of this effort? In either case please inform Mr. Cliff Targett as soon as possible (Phone 25104).

Missionary Boxes: Would holders of C.M.S. and B.C.A. Boxes kindly return them for the quarterly opening due in September. They may be handed to the Clergy or Church Wardens.

Bishop Barrett will be the guest preacher at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, 10th September.

C.W.A. Service. The annual conference is to be held this year in Launceston on Wednesday, 6th September. There will be a special service in St. John's Church that morning at 9.30 a.m. in connection with the opening of the Conference.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

September —

- 3 Mrs. R. H. Watson
- 10 Miss M. Bennett
- 17 Mrs. L. J. Sheldrick
- 24 Mrs. L. R. Page

October—

- 1 Mrs. F. J. Huston

Chapel

September—

- 3 Mrs. G. Crawford
- 10 Mrs. D. V. Boyd
- 17 Mrs. L. D. Smith
- 24 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom

October—

- 1 Mrs. E. Grueber

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

September —

- Mornings — Messrs. C. W. Calver and T. Brooks.
- Evenings — Messrs. R. H. Watson and V. H. Good.

HOLY BAPTISM

Shelley Elizabeth Reeve.

MARRIAGES

Graeme Maxwell Rigby and Phyllis Jean Kearnes; Maurice John Richards and Pamela Louise Freida Mercer.

AT REST

Terence Aubrey Nolan, Inez Berenice Hesketh, William Edward Murison Bourn, Frances Elizabeth Lucy Keogh, George Salier MacLaine, Irene Eliza Boon, Arthur Frederick Suter, Irene Evershed.

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