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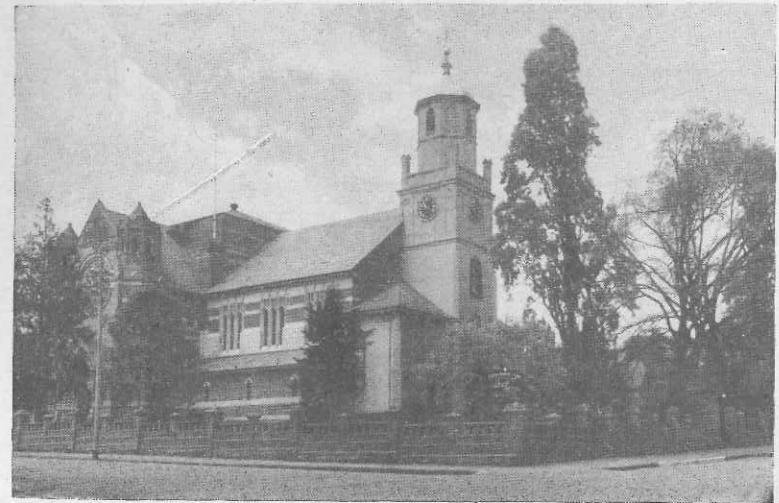
JUNE, 1961.

CLERGY

VEN. ARCHDEACON L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), Rector.

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. 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 liturgical colour for the season of Trinity which we have now entered, is GREEN. Green symbolises life and growth. After the festival seasons of the Church's year, the next six months should be a time of life and growth in our spiritual life. If this is to be so, Prayer must be given first place. In our individual and private prayers we should remember not only our own needs but also the needs of others. We should listen to what God has to say to us instead of spending all the time telling God what we want Him to do for us. 'God knows our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking.' When we come to church for corporate worship remember the church is a "House of Prayer." Mr. Goldsworthy and I both feel the need of the prayers of the congregation as we conduct the services and would suggest that people come early to church and spend several minutes before the service begins asking God's blessing on our worship together.

Together with many clergymen in Launceston I am concerned by the number of itinerant evangelists without any church affiliations who make this city their hunting ground. They often teach "erroneous and strange doctrines" which too often deceive the unwary. After a "mission" lasting a few days or even weeks they leave their followers without pastoral care prone to the danger of forming "splinter groups" to multiply our unhappy divisions. They have no connection whatever with the Church of England unless the Bishop of Tasmania specially says so. It is my opinion that people would be more helped and better served by seeking the guidance of their own clergymen and giving their full support to their own church. The Tasmanian Council of Churches is the official body through which the denominations confer and take common action. The Ministers' Fraternal serves the same purpose at the local level in towns and cities. By supporting these bodies the cause of unity is fostered.

Adult Education is a term widely used in secular studies. It is also used in connection with Religious knowledge. It has been suggested to me that many would be interested in the formation of a "Question Group" after the evening service on one Sunday night each month. With this object in mind I invite all concerned to meet in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 11th June, after Evensong. If any would like to speak to me about this idea beforehand I would be glad to discuss the matter with them.

In many parishes now it is the custom for Sunday School to be held at the same time as morning Church Service. Parents who bring children to Sunday School can then attend church while the boys and girls are in classes. By this arrangement the whole family is brought into the worshipping life of the church. I would be most grateful if parents would tell me what they feel about this plan. No action can be contemplated without an expression of opinion from them.

We were greatly helped by the visit of Bishop M. L. Loane of Sydney, who spoke at the C.M.S. Missionary Rally on Ascension Day and also preached at Evensong. I hope many will become members of C.M.S. under the new scheme whereby we receive regular news of missionary work, promise to pray for that work, and accept our share of missionary responsibility. I shall be happy to give further information which may also be obtained at C.M.S. House.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE—

- 4 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion. 3.15 p.m., Organ Recital by John Nicholls, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 5 Monday, 2.45 p.m., St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.
- 6 Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., G.F.S.
- 7 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., Musical Market.
- 8 Thursday, 8 p.m., Women's Guild. 8 p.m., Young Wives' Combined Meeting.
- 11 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. S. Barnabas A.M. 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., Morning Prayer. 5 p.m., Youth Tea. 7 p.m., Evensong. "Question Group" after service in Kindergarten Hall.
- 14 Wednesday, 2.45 p.m., M.M.A. 7.30 p.m., Vestry Meeting. 8 p.m., Young Wives.
- 17 SATURDAY. Combined Choirs R.S.C.M. Festival at BURNIE.
- 18 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, Youth Breakfast. 2 p.m., Confirmation Class. 5 p.m., C.E.M.S. 7 p.m., Evensong.
- 22 Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Mothers' Union.
- 25 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer (Broadcast Service).
- 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.

St. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

At the last meeting of St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital, held at the home of Mrs. A. W. Jones the Treasurer, Mr. F. Jones, reported that six rubber mattresses had been purchased for the hospital at a cost of £81/1/8. Hospital Kiosk helpers said that both patients and staff gave them good support.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Doderly, 42 Ramsay St., on the first Monday in the month, 5th June, at 2.45 p.m., as our usual meeting day, the second

Monday, will be a public holiday. A competition will be held for the best article not costing more than 2/6. Judging will be by popular vote.

Dorothy G. Roake, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Last month our meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Watson, when slides of the Anglican Youth Hostel at Kelso were shown by Mr. D. Secombe, who explained new plans for fund raising. A trading table was held, the proceeds going towards the Kelso Fund.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th June, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. T. P. White, 16 Wyett St., West Launceston. This will be a "Question Night," when questions sent in by members will be answered by Archdeacon Sutton. New members will be warmly welcomed.

YOUNG WIVES

Our next Young Wives' meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th June, at 8 p.m. There will be a service in the Chapel followed by a meeting at the Rectory. Mrs. D. Boyd (Paton and Baldwins' representative) will demonstrate on Knitting, Rug making, etc.

A Combined Young Wives' meeting will be held at the Rectory on Thursday, 8th June, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Deaconess Peggy Spry. Members are urged to attend both these meetings.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of M.M.A. will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 14th June, at 2.45 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Members of G.F.S. will meet on Tuesday, 6th June, at 7.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall for their Annual Meeting. After the business has been dealt with, our President, Mrs. L. N. Sutton, will show colour slides. Visitors will be warmly welcomed.

E. K.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual MUSICAL MARKET in aid of the Diocesan Children's Homes, will be held in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 7th June, at 2.45 p.m. There will be Fancy, Cake and Savoury stalls, and Afternoon Tea. All parishioners are invited to be present.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 22nd June, at 2.45 p.m. After a service in the Chapel there will be a social hour in the Kindergarten Hall, when Mrs. L. N. Sutton will welcome visitors from the Central Baptist Church.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth camp held at Sidmouth from 12th to 14th May was a pronounced success. As far as we know, the only complaint was that it was too short. But there will be others.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who helped us in various ways. Financially we broke even, and this would not have been possible but for the kindness of parents and friends who made donations of food or money and who provided transport to and from the camp in their cars.

We are very grateful, too, to the Rev. Ken Reardon for coming from Hobart to take a most inspiring series of Bible talks.

The next Youth Communion Breakfast 11th June, at 5 p.m., in St. John's Hall. Do come, and bring a friend if you can.

The next Youth Communion Breakfast will be on Sunday, 18th June, at 8 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes in preparation for Confirmation, which will be held at St. John's on Sunday, 8th October, at 11 a.m., are to commence this month. All who wish to be confirmed are asked to hand names and addresses to the Rector at once. The first class will be held on Sunday afternoon, 18th June, at 2 p.m., in the Rector's vestry.

C.E.M.S.

The last meeting of C.E.M.S. was held in conjunction with St. Paul's Branch on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Church. We had a good muster from St. John's Branch and heard a most inspiring message from Bishop Blackwood. There were about 40 present, some from as far as Deloraine.

The next meeting of St. John's Branch will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 18th June, and all men of the Parish will be very welcome.

C. Targett, Sec.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Sunday, 4th June, at 3.15 p.m., the next Organ Recital is to be held, when the guest organist will be John Nicholls, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., St. David's Cathedral and Hobart City organist. Mr. Nicholls is well known in Tasmania and to radio audiences throughout Australia as an organ recitalist of considerable skill and accomplishment. We should be glad if parishioners would keep that date free, and also make the recital as widely known as possible.

CHOIR NOTES

The annual Northern Festival of the Royal School of Church Music is to be held this year at St. George's Church, Burnie.

This will take place on Saturday evening, 17th June, and it is expected that representatives of other local parish church choirs will be joining us on this occasion.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations. Mrs. H. Cox 10/-; Mrs. A. J. Henigan, 4/-; 'Anon.' 10/-; Mr. L. Vermesy, 4/-.

Missionary Boxes. Parishioners are asked to hand in their Missionary Boxes this month for the last opening of this financial year. In April the following amounts were received: C.M.S., £14/4/5; B.C.A., £5/15/-.

Broadcast Service. Morning Prayer will be broadcast over the national stations at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 25th June, 1961.

Annual Church Schools' Service will be held in St. John's Church on Sunday, 2nd July, at 7 p.m. The Preacher will be the Bishop of Tasmania.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th July, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Diocesan Synod will meet in Hobart at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 1st September, and continue till the evening of Sunday, 3rd September.

Members of the I.O.O.F. will attend the evening service at St. John's Church on Sunday, 4th June, at 7 p.m.

Pamphlet on St. John's Church for the information of visitors and tourists has been revised and reprinted. Copies are to found in the box near the verger's vestry door at the back of the church.

Organ Screen. Open carved oak panels matching existing work will replace two plain panels nearest the console. Mr. G. Cumming, who carved the screen when first erected, is doing the new work.

Brass Tablets commemorating former parishioners whose names have been associated with the rebuilding of the organ, have been placed on the panels above the choir stalls near the console.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

June—

- 4 Miss D. Davis.
11 Mrs. R. H. Watson.
18 Miss M. Bennett.
25 Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.

July—

- 2 Mrs. L. R. Page.

Chapel

June—

- 4 Mrs. C. T. Carlstrom.
11 Mrs. E. Grueber.
18 Mrs. W. McMahon.
25 Mrs. H. Atherton.

July—

- 2 Mrs. G. Crawford.

Sidesmen's Roster

June—

Mornings: Messrs. A. Hollingsworth and V. J. Sheldrick.
Evenings: Messrs. E. C. Ridley and F. B. Stevens.

Holy Baptism

Cheryl Dawn West, Vicki Lorraine Brumby, Julie Anne Brumby, Phillip Charles Keygan, Dianne Margaret Nielsen, Sharon Fay Jones, Jane Elizabeth Davies, Leanne Michelle Blazely.

Marriages

Raymond Ernest Jinks and Shirley Joyce Head; Allan Oliver Cox and Juinine Gaye Quor; Kerry Kennington Nobes and Patricia Gwendoline Pickett; Ronald Albert Collins and Joan Marie Brewer; Detlef Burkhard Goldschmidt and Marlene Anne Hodge; Raymond John Brady and Betty Edleen Frankcombe; Kevin Claude Ackroyd and Marilyn Elise Bowen; Hugh Ernest Johnston and Barbara Joan Morcom; Denis Leslie Christopher Jacobson and June Lillian Ellis Gilmore; Michael Alec Newton and Margaret Anne Scott.

At Rest

Violet Lilian Begent, George Francis Reading, Thomas John Campbell McLoughlin.
Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.