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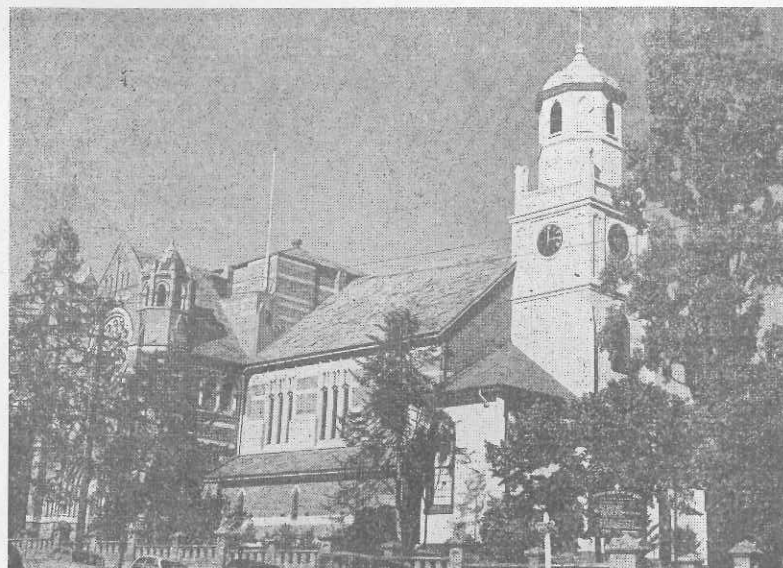
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CLERGY

Rector: The Rev. H. A. Jerrim, Th.L., C.F. Phone 2 3186.
Assistant Curate: Rev. T. G. Cowell, Th.L.
Organist: Miss Dorothy Glover, A.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY NEXT, 6th OCTOBER, AT 11 A.M., BY THE BISHOP OF TASMANIA, THE RIGHT REVEREND R. E. DAVIES, M.A., Th.D.

The Congregation is asked to be seated by 10.55 a.m.

"BONSAI"**DEMONSTRATION EVENING**

by Mr. Ian Burrows

ST. JOHN'S KINDERGARTEN HALL
TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 8 p.m.
Tickets 7/6, available from Guild Members
Proceeds in aid of Roland Boys' Home,
Sheffield.

ANNUAL G.F.S. FAIR

SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER

The Fair will be opened by Miss M. L. Rooney, M.A., Head Mistress, Broadland House School, at 3 p.m.

Cakes, Produce, Sweets, Afternoon Tea, etc.
Proceeds in aid of Church Carpet Fund

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

It is amazing how quickly the month passes and it is time for the Parish Messenger. Everyone is agreed as to how quickly this year has passed, very soon the commercial world will be turning our thoughts towards the season of Christmas. There are many matters which I would like to mention in my letter this month.

Confirmation. Most of you will know that the Bishop comes to St. John's on Sunday next, 6th October, for the 11 a.m. service to administer the Rite of Confirmation. This will be our first Confirmation with Bishop Davies and will be a great occasion in the life of the parish, as well as in the life of each candidate. I am sure that there will be a good congregation to welcome these young people into full membership of the Church and I hope that you will all help to keep them within the active life of the Church. Witnesses and parents have a tremendous responsibility in this regard; the most effective way in which we can carry out our responsibility is by example.

First Communion. The newly confirmed will receive their First Communion on Sunday, 20th October, at the 8 a.m. Service of Holy Communion. This is a most moving service and is the beginning of a new phase in the life of the parish. In a sense the ranks of the Church's Army are being reinforced by these new recruits. The service will be followed by a Communion Breakfast to which all are invited.

Hospital Sunday Service. On the Sunday nearest to St. Luke's Day we have a service in which the work of healing is especially remembered. This year the service will take place at Evensong, on 20th October, and the preacher will be the Rev. J. S. Beaverstock, Chaplain to the Launceston General Hospital. The lessons will be read by two doctors representing the A.M.A. In addition to representatives of the Medical Profession, there will be representatives of the Nursing Profession.

Congratulations. The Venerable L. N. Sutton, the Archdeacon of Launceston and former Rector of this parish has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese by the Bishop. We offer our congratulations to the Archdeacon.

We would extend our best wishes to the Reverend Trevor Cowell and Miss Wendy Murgatroyd who are to be married in St. John's Church on Friday, 25th October. We wish them every happiness and God's blessing in the years that lie ahead.

May God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- October—
- 6 **TRINITY XVII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Confirmation. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 8 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea.
- 9 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union). 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
- 10 Thursday, 7 p.m., Bible Study. 8 p.m. Women's Guild at the home of Mrs. Verrall, 189 St. John St.
- 12 Saturday, 8.15 p.m. Young People's Dance.
- 13 **TRINITY XVIII.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 14 Monday, 2.45 p.m. St. John's Auxiliary for St. Luke's Hospital at the home of Mrs. Holyman, Riverdale Grove.
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. "Bonsai" Demonstration Evening.
- 16 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 17 Thursday, 7 p.m. Bible Study.
- 18 Friday, St. Luke's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Mothers' Union).
- 19 Saturday, 3 p.m. G.F.S. Fair.
- 20 **TRINITY XIX.** 8 a.m. First Communion of newly Confirmed followed by Communion Breakfast. 9.45 a.m. Family Service. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. Hospital Sunday. Preacher: The Rev. J. S. Beaverstock. Service to be attended by members of Medical and Nursing Professions.
- 23 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 p.m. Evening Mothers' Union.
- 24 Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Mothers' Union.
- 27 **TRINITY XX.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Matins. 7 p.m. Evensong.
- 28 Monday, Fast of S. S. Simon and Jude. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 29 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Quarterly General Meeting of St. John's Scout Group Parents and of St. John's Scout Group Parents and Friends.
- November—
- 1 Friday—All Saints' Day—7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

ST. JOHN'S DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Saturday, 9th November: Garden Party in Rectory Grounds.

Sunday, 10th November: 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m., Festival Services. Preacher: Very Rev. E. M. Webber, B.D., Dean of Hobart.

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Verger's House

The Churchwardens and Vestry have been very concerned about the state of the Verger's house for some time and had been advised that it needed replacement. This work has been made possible by a legacy which was received a little while ago. Plans have been approved and a house will be erected on the same area as the present cottage. The Vestry will have to find about another £1,000 to cover the cost of the house.

At the same time the Curate's house which has been let for the past 11 months has now been vacated. The Rev. T. G. Cowell, who is to be married later in October will occupy the house. The Churchwardens have had to undertake certain repairs in the Spencer St. house, in addition to the usual repayments on the house.

All members of the parish will appreciate that the Vestry is very conscious of its liabilities in these matters. The maintenance of regular giving by parishioners will help to meet these obligations.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT LAUNCESTON CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Information is available from the Rector concerning scholarships which are available to boys at the Launceston Church Grammar School. They are open to boys who are in Grade VI, and in most cases under the age of thirteen years. The boys need not be pupils at the Grammar School at the present time.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Thursday, the 24th October, at 2.45 p.m.

Mrs. R. Watson will show slides of her recent trip to England and the Continent.

A Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, the 9th October, at 10.30 a.m. There will also be a Corporate Communion Service on St. Luke's Day, 18th October, at 10.30 a.m., to which all members are invited.

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

At our last meeting Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick reported that £35/6/- had been raised from the used clothes sale and that surplus clothing had been sent to the Lachlan Park Hospital, and some given to needy causes.

The President, Mrs. V. C. Holyman, expressed the thanks of the Auxiliary to the Sheldrick family for their co-operative effort. A new member, Mrs. G. Hayes, was welcomed to our meetings.

The next meeting will be held at the home of the President on Monday, 14th October, at 2.45 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, the 23rd October, at 8.00 p.m. This will begin with a Chapel Service and then at the Rectory. We are hoping to have a Doctor as our Guest Speaker to coincide with St. Luke's Day on 18th October. This will bring to our thoughts the work of healing carried on by the medical men and women and nurses both in the hospitals and private homes. Members are asked to attend St. John's on the 18th for a service of the Holy Communion to celebrate the Feast of St. Luke.

BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR GRAFTON DIOCESE

In response to an appeal by our Bishop for support of the Diocese of Grafton, northern N.S.W., which was devastated by floods recently a retiring collection was taken at all services on Sunday, the 18th August. A sum of £30 was raised as a result and a parishioner sent a donation anonymously direct to the Grafton Diocese, for which a letter of thanks has been received from the Bishop's secretary. We would thank all who contributed to this urgent and worthy appeal.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

G.F.S. met on Tuesday 1st October at 7.45 p.m. Our Annual G.F.S. Fair will be opened by Miss M. Rooney in the Kindergarten Room on Saturday, 19th October at 3.00 p.m. We hope for record takings for our Church Carpet Fund. There will be various stalls with cakes, produce, sweets, afternoon tea, fancy stall with dressed dolls of all sizes, and many articles, suitable for Christmas and Birthday gifts. Hoopla and Dips will be provided for the children. Donations of all kinds will be much appreciated.

Please come on Saturday, 19th October at 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School attendance is continuing to rise a little and we are pleased to see the attention given to Sunday School work by many parents who are greatly concerned over the progress of their children at the School. We continue to search for new and fresh ways of presenting the message of the Bible to the children and to learn more of such ways several teachers attended a Teachers' Conference at St. Aidans on Saturday, 26th October. At this conference demonstration lessons were given and the teachers had the opportunity of learning a great deal from others with perhaps different methods and equipment. As a result even more changes can be expected in the set out of our classes in the new year. If your child does not yet attend Sunday School why not give consideration to bringing him or her along to join in our activities? They will surely enjoy what we offer to them.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

For the month of October we plan only three major events, and with your co-operation they can be major events indeed. To call your attention to number one: A Dance. There will be a Dance held in the Kindergarten Room on Saturday the 12th October, commencing at 8.15 p.m. and Dancing through until 11.30 p.m. This Dance will occur just about five weeks before Schools Board Exams and six weeks before Matriculation, far enough away to allow you to attend without feeling you are loosing too much ground. This may be the last such Dance for the year so let's make it a really successful one. Three-piece orchestra to provide the music, a tantalisingly tasty supper and a good floor. Let yourself have a night off study and then you will feel much more able to 'cram' for that big exam. Invite your friends, anyone as long as we have plenty of dancing partners.

The 6th October is the Confirmation Sunday for St. John's. About 66 young people will be Confirmed by the Bishop. We should all attend that service and also the first Communion Service for the newly Confirmed on 20th October, which will be followed by a Breakfast. We want to see the biggest attendance at a Communion Service in the history of the Parish on that Sunday and if you come we will succeed. Catering for Breakfast will be a big job but we will do it, and do it well. You are all invited to stay for the breakfast, 20th October, is a must.

The third big occasion will be the Youth Tea on the 27th.

A film will be arranged and again it only requires your attendance to make it a success. The newly Confirmed are invited to this function and of course all those others in the Parish who are past the age of 13.

As you will see there is no Social for October as it is not possible to fit one in. But what we have arranged should be sufficient to cater for all the young people of our Parish. Let these dates be made known throughout the Parish and amongst your school friends and try to organise yourselves to attend on these days.

TREVOR G. COWELL,
Assistant Curate.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Verrall, 189 St. John Street, on Thursday, 10th October, at 8.00 p.m.

At the last meeting £20 was passed to be donated to the Kelso Youth Centre.

Tickets are available from the Guild members for the 'Bonsai' demonstration by Mr. Ian Burrows on 15th October at 8.00 p.m., in the Kindergarten Room. This is to aid the Roland Boys' Home at Sheffield.

CHOIR ACTIVITIES

Under the leadership of our locum tenens organist, Miss D. Glover, the choir has made some fine contributions to our services over the past few months. Special Choir Sundays have been held and more are planned. On these occasions the choir sings special music to further enhance the majesty of the Services. Their singing at the last A.B.C. Broadcast Service was particularly fine and greatly appreciated by the listening congregation. We thank all members of the choir for their enthusiastic work and attendance and at the same time appeal for any men and boys with singing ability to come forward and further boost the efficiency of the choir.

SIDESMEN'S ROSTER

Would all sidesmen please note once again the new roster now operating. The complete list is given below. If unable to attend would sidesmen please contact Mr. M. M. Easther, Mr. F. J. Jones or Mr. J. Sanderson. October—

- 6 Morning: Messrs. T. P. White, T. B. Brooks, R. J. Young, F. Carnie.
Evening: Messrs. M. M. Easther, F. B. Stevens, R. White, R. Dyer.
- 13 Morning: Messrs. V. J. Sheldrick, R. H. Watson, F. Crow, D. Sheldrick.
Evening: Messrs. R. J. Roberts, J. Bonney, E. Jeanne, T. McClymont.
- 20 Morning: Messrs. A. E. Ford, S. L. Mitchell, A. Hollingsworth, D. Sutton.
Evening: Messrs. R. W. J. Hart, E. R. Duncan, T. Wing, F. Ikin.
- 27 Morning: Messrs. F. J. Jones, N. Dicker, C. W. Calver, J. James.
Evening: Messrs. V. H. Good, A. J. Green, R. E. Williams, A. Focken.

FLOWER GUILD ROSTER

Main Altar

- October—
- 13 Miss M. Bennett.
20 Mrs. L. R. Page.
27 Mrs. M. W. Fletcher.
- November—
- 3 Mrs. V. J. Sheldrick.

Chapel Altar

- October—
- 13 Mrs. G. Crawford.
20 Mrs. G. Thompson.
27 Mrs. R. Watson.
- November—
- 3 Mrs. D. V. Boyd.

HOLY BAPTISM

Anne Lorraine Wrigley, Graeme David Brown, Andrew Phillip Sellers, Stephen Michael Richards, Steven Charles Bourke, Rodney John Parker, Craig Brian Smith, Brett John Cocker, John William Focken, Leon Brett Meggs.

MARRIAGES

Raymond Henry Johnston and Diana Elizabeth Goss, Graeme Arnold Thorne and Penelope Barbara Neville; Robert Mervyn Oakley and Judith Anne Thompson; Lewis Graeme Causby and Maurita Alice Pitt; Donald Keith Wells and Patricia Florence Rice; Robert Arthur Favelle and Jacqueline Irene Dalton.

BURIALS

James Stewart Gill; Eileen Christina Hollingsworth; Isobel Bear; Adela Davidson, Verity Peace Gregson; Walter James Baylis; William Boyne Heath; Gertrude Greer; Gordon William Ballard; Florence Elizabeth Jones; Ida Florence Kent. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.