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Organist: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, F.R.C.O. (Ch.M.), A.R.C.M.

THE
GIFT
OF
GIVING
IS
YOURS

The empty bowl on the well-filled Christmas table is a symbol of our desire to share with the world's needy.

Into the bowl each person places at least the value of his or her Christmas dinner—a small but significant act of sharing in a needy world.

We live amid plenty . . .

But 72 per cent of the world's people live in Asia, Africa and Latin America — the areas of least development and greatest need.

We regard education as essential . . .

But three quarters of the world's adults cannot read or write and only half of the children of primary school age can attend schools.

We have one doctor for every 1040 people; one hospital bed for every 90 people . . . But Indonesia has one doctor for every 71,000 people. Vietnam has one doctor for every 61,000 people — India has only one hospital bed per 3060 people. Thailand has one hospital bed for every 1580 people.

We want cheaper homes . . .

But 15 million refugees chiefly in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, lack homes, employment, even a nation they can call their own.

We want peace for our children . . .

But Asia has 810 million people under 19 years of age. Must they face poverty, ignorance, war, an early death? Or can they live in peace with a just share in the world's abundance? The people of the developing countries do not need our pity — they need our help. They, too, want to live life with the dignity and freedom we take for granted.

You can help build their future.

CHRISTMAS BOWL OFFERINGS MAY BE SENT IN THROUGH THE RECTOR AND CHURCH WARDENS.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

In this Parish Messenger I would like to place on record this parish's recognition of the life and ministry of Leonard Neville Sutton, a former, beloved Rector of this parish. His sudden death on Tuesday afternoon, 8th November, came as a great shock to everyone. The great service in St. John's on the following Thursday afternoon was a wonderful tribute to an outstanding priest of this Diocese and of the Australian Church. The presence of so many of the clergy of the Diocese was an indication of the high regard in which both the Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton have been held by all.

Leonard Sutton was born in St. Kilda, Victoria, but at an early age his family moved to Sydney and for a period he attended the St. Andrew's Cathedral Choir School. He was the first choirboy of the School to become Precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral. Leaving school and following a secular occupation for a few years, he matriculated and later graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney. The Archdeacon went to Moore College and having obtained Th.L. (2nd Class Hons.) he was made a deacon in 1925 and ordained priest in 1926. On being awarded a Lucas Tooth Scholarship, he went overseas in 1927 to study at Oxford and was finally awarded the degree of Master of Arts. On returning to N.S.W., after this distinguished scholastic record, the Archdeacon continued in educational spheres, with the Choir School at St. Andrew's, the King's School at Parramatta and then to Melbourne as chaplain and Vice Principal at Brighton Grammar School.

In 1939 the Archdeacon returned to Sydney to take up parish work at St. Oswald's, Haberfield for a short time and then to Ashfield. In 1949 the Patronage Council invited the Rev. L. N. Sutton to follow Canon W. Greenwood as Rector of this Church of St. John's, Launceston. The new Rector and his wife soon endeared themselves to the people of St. John's and served here for some 12 years. In 1961 the Archdeacon accepted the invitation to become Rector of Evandale and in the past five years the Archdeacon and Mrs. Sutton have served the Church faithfully in that area. In 1953 he was appointed Archdeacon of Launceston and held that appointment until his death, together with that of Vicar General of the Diocese which he undertook in 1963.

This brief summary indicates something of the great contribution which Archdeacon Sutton made to the life of the Church in Tasmania. His friendliness and his sense of humour gathered around him a great circle of friends. The large congregation in St. John's Church on the day of the funeral and the hundreds of tributes which Mrs. Sutton has received are an indication of the great respect in which he was held. The Vestry of our parish at its last meeting recorded a minute of appreciation for the life and ministry of its former Rector, Leonard Neville Sutton, and of sympathy to Mrs. Sutton, Patricia and David. We assure them of our prayers for them at this time and that God will uphold them now and in the days to come.

On the same night as the Archdeacon entered Hospital, tragedy befell another family associated with St. John's Church. Ronald Jeanne, a member of our Youth Club, was electrocuted. To Mr. and Mrs. Jeanne and Mae, we extend our very deep sympathy in their tragic loss and pray too that they may know that God will uphold them in their day of trouble. Two other members of our congregation suffered bereavement in the past month, Mrs. D. V. Boyd, a loyal member of the Choir lost her mother and Mrs. W. D. Lean's husband died suddenly, Mrs. Lean is one of our regular communicants. To these ladies, we express our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers.

So, I would conclude this letter with a reminder of the verses which the Bishop quoted at the conclusion of his address on the occasion of the Archdeacon's funeral.

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also". St. John 14.1-3.

May God bless you all,
Yours very sincerely,
HENRY A. JERRIM.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL PARISHIONERS FROM THE CLERGY AND VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Saturday**—Christmas Eve.
8.00 p.m. Festival of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.
- Christmas Day**
6.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m. Children's Service.
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m. Evensong and Carols.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND THE AGED

The Rector will be pleased to arrange to administer Christmas Communion to any sick or aged parishioner. Would a relative or friend please contact the Rector.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- December—
4 **2nd Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Corporate Communion for those confirmed in recent years. 9.45 a.m.

Sunday School. 11 a.m. Baptism and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong followed by Social Hour with films of Launceston churches.

- 6 Tuesday. Evening Mothers' Union (Progressive Dinner).
7 Wednesday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Kindergarten Christmas Party. 7.30 p.m. Vestry.
8 Thursday, 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
10 Saturday, Youth Club Beach Party.
11 **3rd Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 9.45 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Broadland House School Service. 7 p.m. Evensong.
13 Tuesday, 6 p.m. Men's Fellowship and Tea. Wives invited.
14 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 2.30 p.m. St. Luke's Graduation and Dedication of Nurses' Home.
15 Thursday, 7 a.m. Broadland House Old Girls' Corporate Communion. 8 p.m. Choir Practice.
16 Friday, 8 p.m. "The Messiah".
17 Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Youth Club End of Term Dance.

- 18 **4th Sunday in Advent.** 8 a.m. Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast. 10.30 a.m. Sunday School Festival Service. 7 p.m. Launceston Teachers' College Service.
21 Wednesday, St. Thomas' Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
24 Saturday, Christmas Eve. 8 p.m. The Festival Service of Carols and the Reading of the Nine Lessons.
25 Christmas Day. See list of services.
26 Monday, St. Stephen's Day. 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
27 Tuesday, St. John's Day, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
28 Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
31 Saturday, New Year's Eve, 11.15 p.m. Holy Communion.

January—

- 1 Feast Of the Circumcision, 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong.
During January all Church organisations will be in recess. Sunday services will be as usual at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

YOUTH NOTES

As the youth activities for 1966 draw to a close, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the leaders and all who have helped arrange and run our youth group. May I also thank the parents for their help in various ways, especially in allowing and encouraging the young people to attend.

Parents, other members of the family, and all interested, are invited to our meeting on the 3rd of December, 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall, featuring an excellent full length film "The Yellow Sky".

New faces will be welcome at our other two meetings on—

- 10th December—an all day "Beach Party" at Low Head—cost approx. 80 cents.
17th December—End of term dance.

A. Chipman.

THE SIGN OF HOPE

At Christmas we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We affirm anew our belief that this is God's world, and that He is expressing His love continually in it.

Today we are called to work with God in this world, playing our part as members of His Church in the most urgent and constructive endeavours of mankind.

We do this as we break down the barriers that divide and degrade men — barriers of riches, poverty, race, colour, nationality, ideologies.

We do it as we support His Church around the world as it works to overcome poverty, disease, ignorance, persecution and meaningless life.

The Christmas Bowl enables us to share in all these activities. Through it we help the Church in every nation to stand as a sign of God's presence working for dignity and justice for all men.

Our sharing helps the churches of the developing countries to play their part increasing food production, providing homes and hope for refugees, making possible more and better education, health and community services, serving and witnessing more effectively.

Your sharing through the Christmas Bowl is not a haphazard gift to an isolated person in need. By it you play a vital part, as a member of Christ's Church, in God's work in the world today.

Does your gift match this challenge?

INTER CHURCH AID

On your behalf in 1966 the Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service Division of the Australian Council of Churches has shared nearly 600,000 dollars with churches and peoples in need in 50 countries, more than half of it in Asia.

Only in emergencies, such as the Indian famine, was money used for direct relief. Most went into food production, education, refugee rehabilitation and training programmes that attack the root causes of need.

The Christmas Bowl makes the start of the Inter-Church Aid programme for the next 12 months. It is our opportunity to continue the service we have started and to develop new opportunities.

All projects helped have been recommended by technical officers of the World Council of Churches and involve substantial self-help to encourage local initiative and to maintain the dignity and independence of people assisted.

For complete details of the 1967 programme and suggestions of ways you can do more to assist, inquire from your church or write to the Inter-Church Aid Secretary in your State.

M.M.A.

As the November meeting was the final one for the year, members enjoyed a social afternoon during which Mrs. Beech sang a solo, and later a special afternoon tea was served.

Our first meeting for the next year will be held on February 1st. All new members welcome.

ST. JOHN'S EVENING M. UNION

Our Christmas breakup will take place on December 6th. We are having another progressive dinner, as last year's was a success. Members to assemble outside church at 7 p.m. or at the home of Mrs. L. Smith, other courses to be at Mesdames Merrington's and Watson's, and to conclude at the Rectory for coffee. Members to bring gifts for Clarendon Children's Home. Our next meeting will be held the third Tuesday in February, 1967.

PARISH MESSENGER

Donations to the Parish Messenger help to defray the costs of printing, postage and distribution, together with the "Church News". Donations may be given to the Clergy or Church Wardens.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Mrs. C. L. Beech, \$2; Mr. A. Hollingsworth \$1.

BAPTISMS

David Stanley Manzoney, Todd Jason Sawford, John Allan Wells, Clinton James Mitchell.

MARRIAGES

Kevin Rex McGee and Suzanne Ralph, Daryl William Jones and Evelyn Emily Claridge, Colin Henry Donald and Noelene Anne Murray, John William Woods and Helen Joyce Miller, Neville Wayne Fitch and Gail Lynnette Hocking.

BURIALS

Florence Petts, Ronald Ernest Jeanne, Walter Dallas Lean, Leonard Neville Sutton, Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.