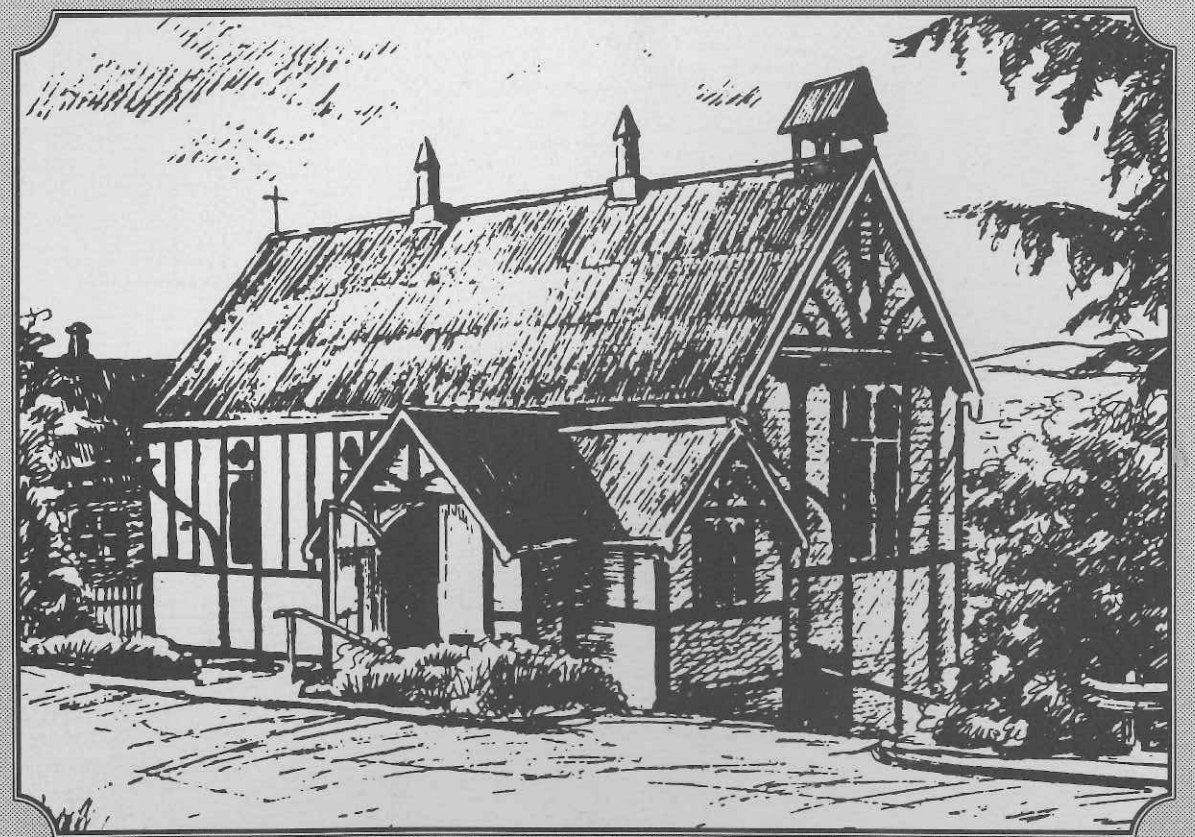
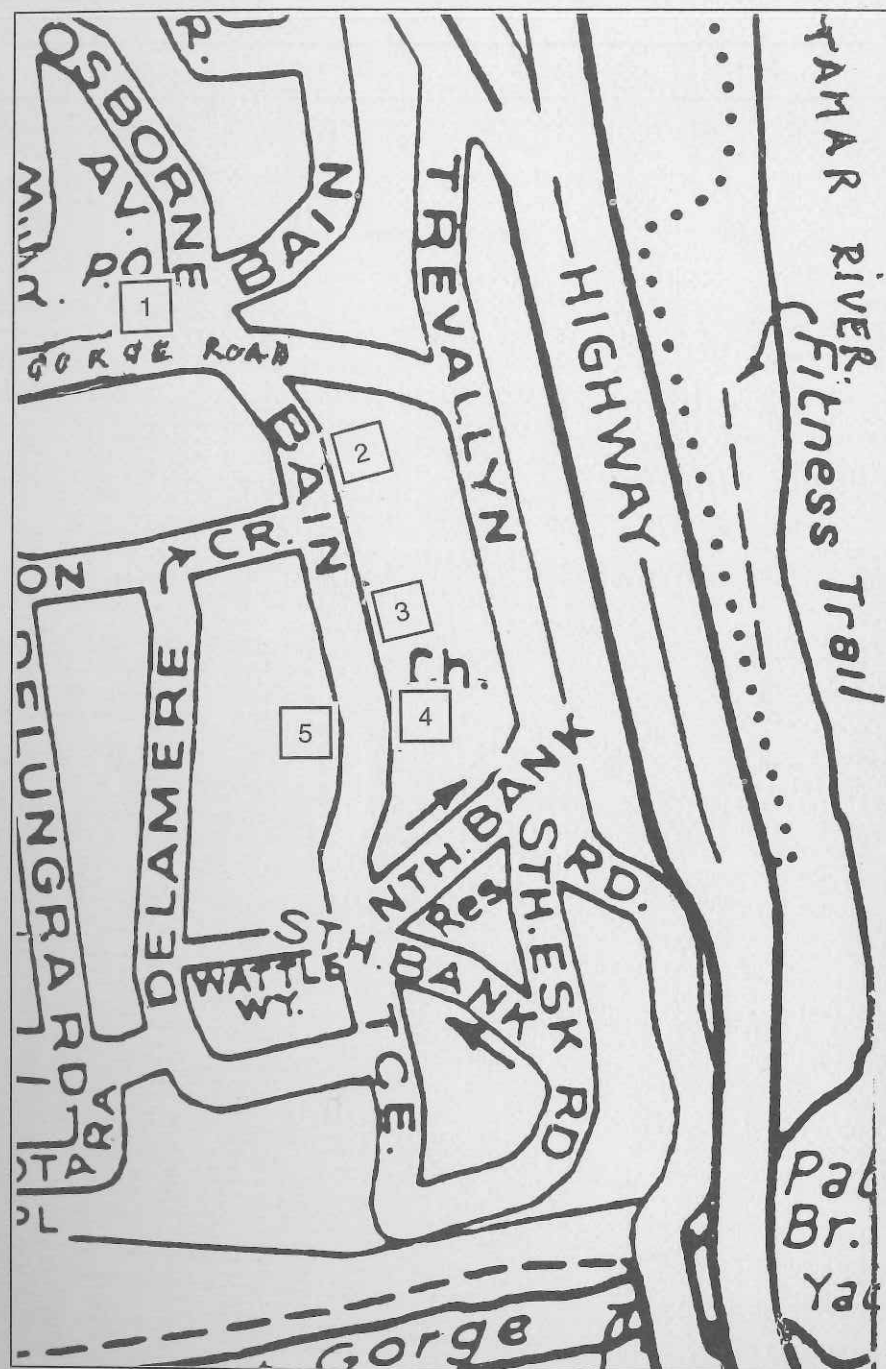


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TREVALLYN

A Township near Launceston - Last Century

Trevallyn has a separate history from that of Launceston. It was not part of the city but was in the Police (Municipal) District of Selby (the original name of St. Leonards), which completely surrounded Launceston until 1907. In that year the city boundary was extended to include the southern part of Trevallyn. The northern part and what is now North Riverside (then Cormiston) became part of Beaconsfield, which it is to this day (1993).

Now (1993) St. Leonards village is all that appears on the revised map, as a suburb of Launceston.

The South Esk River in the Cataract Gorge was an effective barrier, relieved only by a punt ferry with a limited service from c1830. Originally William Field had cattle grazing on Trevallyn, having strayed there from his vast estates at Westbury and Deloraine. He owned some land at Trevallyn.

William Barnes acquired William Field's land at Trevallyn and grazed his own cattle there from the mid 1820s. Before the ferry was established he had to drive his cattle a long way round to get them from Trevallyn to Launceston - via Beam's Ford, Hadsphen. There was a ford of sorts at the First Basin, in very dry weather only, but this was difficult and unreliable.

The first house at Trevallyn was built for Adam Beveridge, near Tamar Marine's present site. He also grew hops on the nearby river flats, to supply Mr. Barnes' brewery in Launceston.

In 1863 King's Bridge was built across the mouth of the Gorge. This was intended mainly for the use of settlers down the West Tamar, but helped Trevallyn to progress as a residential suburb.

Thirty years later the population of Trevallyn had increased sufficiently to warrant the erection of St. Oswald's Church. The following extract from "Church News", Hobart, describes the beginning of St. Oswald's:-

Proposed Church at Trevallyn

In the month of July last the Bishop asked Mr. W. Barnes if he would give the Church a piece of land in Trevallyn, the Bishop pledging himself to begin work there as soon as possible. Mr. Barnes consented in the most generous manner, and practically permitted the Bishop to choose the best available piece that was still unsold. This in due course was transferred to the Church Trustees, and a circular

was issued to enlist help in the erection of a building. This circular also stated that the Bishop proposed to take charge of Trevallyn himself, as a suburb not yet included definitely in any Launceston parish. Ere any further step could be taken, an earnest churchman and one devoted to the best interests of Launceston, offered a better site which he had bought some time ago, and also £100 at the same time for a church. The Bishop accepted the offer thankfully, and at the same time wrote to Mr. Barnes offering to return the land given in the first instance to the Church, as it would be impossible to utilise both sites at once. Mr. Barnes, in a generously worded letter, refused to accept the land back, and it remains in the hands of the Church for future use. A meeting was held a few weeks ago at the house of A. Evans, Esq., at Trevallyn, the Bishop presiding, at which a building committee was formed, and in due time plans submitted by Mr. North were accepted for the body of a building, the centre of the future church. This first portion is to be erected at once at the cost of £257, and will be an ornament to the suburb: it consists of a room 50 feet by 21 feet 6 inches; and it is hoped that it will not only be used on Sundays for services and Sunday-school, but also for educational purposes in the week, and for lectures and meetings as well. The Bishop proposes to lay the foundation stone of St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 6. The treasurer to the building fund is A. Evans, Esq., Trevallyn; Mr. Cecil Fawns is Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Barnes has accepted the position of chairman of the committee.

(*"Church News"*, December 1893)

As a result of the meeting held earlier in this year and referred to in the extract from *"Church News"*, the foundation stone of St. Oswald's was laid by Bishop Montgomery on 5th December 1893, and exactly one hundred years later the centenary celebrations will be held, on the 5th December 1993.

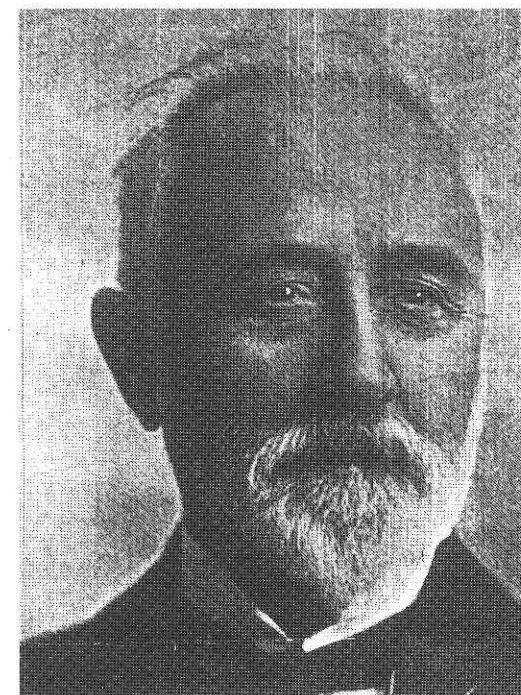
A Sunday school had been established before the foundation stone was laid. It had a good attendance which augured well for the future of the new church and helped to swell future congregations.

The church was designed by noted ecclesiastical architect, Alexander North, and built by Messrs. J. and T. Gunn.

The following news item from the Launceston *"Examiner"* of Wednesday 6th December 1893, gives a good description of the ceremony of dedication of the foundation stone and site. One of the laymen present at the ceremony was Mr. F.J. Prichard, later editor of the Launceston *"Examiner"* who was a



*The Right Reverend H.H. Montgomery,
Bishop of Tasmania.*



*Frederick John Prichard,
foundation trustee, 1893.*

foundation trustee and church warden. Mr. Arthur Evans, Launceston businessman, was also present and became a trustee.

(Launceston "Examiner", Wednesday, December 6, 1893.)

Trevallyn Church and School

Another sign of the increasing prosperity of the suburbs of the city was the event which took place at Trevallyn yesterday afternoon, when the Bishop of Tasmania (the Right Rev. Dr. H.H. Montgomery) laid the foundation stone of a building which is to be raised "to the glory of God" for use as a church and schoolroom. Such buildings are becoming fairly numerous in the outlines of the city, and have given as much pleasure to visitors as they have to those by whose efforts the different congregations have been enabled to erect them. The aim is not only to increase the religious and educational facilities for the residents to meet in a social way and become more acquainted with themselves and their pastors. With such objects before them the colonials as well as the home people ever work with enthusiasm to assist in the good work. The residents of Trevallyn have shown an excellent spirit in so spontaneously rendering assistance in the preliminaries to the erection of the building which was commenced yesterday, and there is every sign that their efforts will not be relaxed until the building is completed, furnished, and paid for.

At half-past two the Bishop and attendants, robed, formed a procession, headed by two lay readers, who were followed by the following clergymen:- Canon Adams, Hagley; the Revs. R.C. Nugent Kelly, A Barkway, J.M. Norman, Cressy; H.D. Atkinson, Evandale; F.B. Sharland, Westbury; and F. Parsall and his Lordship the Bishop. Arrived on the site the ceremony commenced at once, a strong choir singing the special hymns for the occasion.

The Bishop stated that owing to the threatening state of the weather and the necessity for him to leave early he would not address them at any length. He reminded them that it was only a few short months ago that he invited the residents to meet him to discuss the necessity of erecting such a building as they now intended to put up. He had received a very kind offer of land, but subsequently the present site, which was considered by a large number to be more suitable, was offered, and he felt it was his duty to accept it. The land first offered was, he was glad to say, also placed in the hands of the church authorities for use at any future time. His Lordship then referred to the ceremony of the day, and impressed those

present with the great importance of the work which was being done within the sight of God.

As regards the building it is intended to erect the nave only at present (40ft. by 24ft. 6in.), which will seat about 200 persons, but subsequently a chancel and tower will be added. The work is to form part of a complete church, the design of which is exceedingly pretty. Attached to the building will be a playground for the benefit of the children. The situation is advantageous, being on what is known as Trevallyn Terrace. The work will be pushed on with all energy, and the contractors (Messrs. J. and T. Gunn), whose estimate for the building is £257, have, it is understood, promised to have the building ready for use by the end of next month. Mr. Alexander North is the architect, and he had taken much pains with the plans.

Mr. Cecil Fawns, secretary of the Trevallyn Church building fund, begs to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £12 17s 6d laid upon the foundation stone yesterday afternoon by those present at the ceremony, which had been duly handed to Mr. Arthur Evans, treasurer.

The new church was completed in time for the official opening and dedication on 10th April 1894. Bishop Montgomery again conducted the service which was attended by a considerable number of lay people, representatives of other churches, civic and government authorities, as well as many Anglican clergy and lay people from various parts of the diocese.

Assisting the Bishop at the dedication service were the Reverends Nugent Kelly, A.H. Champion and C.G. Wilkinson. Miss Higgs was the organist and special hymns were sung by the choir from St. John's Mission Hall in Canning Street. ("Church News" 1st April 1894).

The first ordinary service was evensong on 5th May 1894.

Trevallyn was in the Anglican parish of Beaconsfield in 1894, but it would have been virtually impossible to administer the new church from that town. Apart from a limited horse coach service most communication was by the river ferries. For that reason St. Oswald's was handed over to the Reverend (later Canon) R. C. Nugent Kelly, rector of St. John's, Launceston, as part of that parish. He therefore became the incumbent of St. Oswald's as well as of St. John's. He either conducted services at St. Oswald's or sent his curates or lay readers to do so. This, of course, applied to all later St. John's rectors, until St. Oswald's eventually became a separate parish in the 1950s.

Unfortunately most records of St. Oswald's before the 1970s - funerals, weddings, confirmations, service books, etc. have been lost, and those

existing have been very inadequately filled in. For example, we know little about the effect of the Boer War, the 1903 smallpox epidemic, the First World War and other major events all of which had influence on other churches well-known to the writer.

We do not know the names of many church officers or congregation members for that gap of 25 years.

A brother of Mr. F.J. Prichard, Mr. Thomas Prichard, (both of these gentlemen lived in Bain Terrace) was a member of St. Oswald's congregation, as also was his daughter, Katherine Susana Prichard, then a young girl, and later to become one of Australia's greatest novelists - and a member of the Communist Party!

Practically the only written record that can be found of the church's activities from about 1894 until 1921 is the baptismal register in which the first entry is that of Doris Mary Prichard, born on 28th April 1894 and baptised on 10th June of that year. A photocopy of that page in the register is shown in this book. The first two entries were made by Rev. A. H. Champion.

In 1896 Mr. Selwyn Cox began his long connection with St. Oswald's, as trustee, church warden and secretary, until he died in 1941. His several daughters, and son Jack, continued this interest until last year (1992), when Mrs. D. Wherrett (nee Gwen Cox) passed away. She is believed to have been the last of that generation of Mr. Cox's family.

The Rev. R. C. Nugent Kelly 1858 - 1936

The Rev. Nugent Kelly (later Canon) was Rector of St. John's Church, Launceston, when St. Oswald's Church was first established in 1893, and, ipso facto, the first incumbent of St. Oswald's, which was part of St. John's parish. He was very highly regarded, not only by his congregation but by the citizens of Launceston in general.

The following article is taken from "The Church Messenger" (March 1897) when he was transferred from St. John's Church to Bendigo, Victoria in that year:-

Straight as a poplar; firm as a rock even to the loss of ease and esteem of men, when the path of duty was clear; tender as a little child to an enemy, if he had one; with a spice of democracy in his nature which causes men to write such books as "Merrie England" or "Alton Lock"; it was no wonder his brother clergy, in singing

farewell, spoke of him in their address as a "type of the good old English priest," and his people at St. John's gave him a substantial "send-off" of 50 sovereigns and a hearty "good-by" at a special social. Mistakes! Save us from the man who never makes them! Yes, of policy perhaps, but never of charity. The priest of yesterday sits at ease amidst his fashionable congregation, or passes by on the other side, fearful of mistakes in moving out of the trodden path, while the worker of to-day rushes among God's forsaken poor, bleeding and dying on the wayside, and places them on "the world's great altar stairs which slope through darkness up to God," and St. John's Mission becomes a fact! We are glad to hear of the hearty welcome he received in Bendigo, and regret his loss to this Diocese. To the readers of the Messenger, which he founded, we present his picture.

St. Oswald's - 1921 and later

The first written record of St. Oswald's we know of are the minutes of the church committee for a meeting held on 21st July 1921. Membership of this committee included the rector (of St. John's), church wardens and some other members of the congregation, presumably elected. Mr. Selwyn Cox was secretary, and other members were Messrs. E.A.J. Benjafield, his son Lance Benjafield, Peter Anderson, and George Coles (who later became Sir George Coles). The chairman was the Rev. F.E.C. Crotty, rector of St. John's. Matters discussed at the meeting were the erection of memorials to two of our foundation members and trustees: Messrs. F.R. Prichard and Arthur Evans. These memorials are described later in this book. Those present stood in silence in memory of the two deceased gentlemen, and messages of condolence were sent to their families.

Another loss to St. Oswald's, that of committee member, Mr. J.M. Standrin, was reported at a meeting on 17th November 1921. He had been an active church worker for many years. The committee members stood in silence in respect to his memory.

In the 1921-22 year the services, attendances and offerings were as follows:

Number of services:	67	Holy Communions:	12
Communicants:	342	Offerings:	\$163.80
Total revenue:	\$188.60		

These offerings may appear very low, but were probably reasonable for those pre-inflation days. It is obvious that St. Oswald's would not yet become a self-supporting parish.



DEDICATION AT ST. OSWALD'S

The Dedication Ceremony of the New Porch, Vestry and Stained Glass Window at St. Oswald's Church, Trevallyn, in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Evans, was performed on Sunday by the Bishop of Tasmania. June 1925.



In 1922 dissatisfaction was expressed that recently many of St. Oswald's services were being conducted by lay readers, etc. who were not ordained clergy. This caused an appreciable decline in attendances, and also in offerings each week. It was decided to ask the rector, the Rev. Ross Hewton, to revert to the earlier established practice of most services being conducted by St. John's curates, or retired priests. Mr. Hewton promised to look into this matter, and eventually the problem was resolved.

About this time a handsome font was presented by Mrs. Prichard in memory of her late husband, Mr. F.J. Prichard, who had died recently while in Sydney.

Mr. G. Hopkins was thanked for his valuable work in training and conducting the choir.

At the 1922 annual meeting Mr. E.A.J. Benjafield was elected secretary. Mr. Barnes was presented with a small wallet of notes in appreciation of his splendid work in conducting services. Mr. Stan Joscelyn was thanked for his long service as organist. Mr. V. Weetman was elected treasurer in place of Mr. G. Coles who had left the district.

The envelope system for weekly offerings had been loyally supported by most parishioners, but some had failed to keep up their commitments. Overall offerings had not increased as much as had been hoped.

Unfortunately, Sunday School membership had declined alarmingly. It was hoped that this decline would be reversed by the appointment of a new superintendent, Mr. Lance Benjafield. This hope was soon fulfilled.

Arthur Evans Memorial

In the "Weekly Courier" of 11th June 1925 there was a report on the dedication at St. Oswald's of the new porch, vestry and stained glass window in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Evans, a foundation member of the church in 1893. Since then he had for 32 years, been an active and devoted church worker, as trustee and churchwarden.

Bishop R.S. Hay conducted the service, at which there was a large congregation and a number of visiting clergy.

The "Weekly Courier" article was well illustrated and some of the pictures are included in this book.

The Arthur Evans memorial items are a beautiful and useful addition to the Church.

Extracts from St. Oswald's Committee Minutes

- 1921 onwards

Mr. Peter Anderson was, in 1923, thanked for his long service and many generous donations.

In 1924 Mr. Stuart Maslyn resigned as Sunday School teacher and was thanked for his work in this office. Captain Huxley was appointed in his stead and became superintendent.

The Rev. F.J. McCabe, curate at St. John's, who had been very satisfactorily conducting St. Oswald's services, had been promoted to rector of St. Aidan's, and was replaced by the Rev. E.H. Gidley as curate. He conducted most of our services until he became rector of Beaconsfield in 1927.

Miss Blackburn was given a farewell party on the eve of her departure for England, and was presented with a handsome leather trunk.

Mr. H. Curran resigned from the committee as he was about to leave Tasmania.

1925 was not a busy year according to entries in the registers, there being only two weddings and four baptisms.

In 1927 the Launceston City Council ordered that St. Oswald's premises be connected to the city sewerage system at a cost of \$136. The cost today would be thousands of dollars. As late as 1927 many parts of the suburbs had no sewerage, and the old-fashioned night cart, and even earth closets, were still in use. When it became compulsory for all premises to be connected to the sewerage system, many people objected to having to pay for what they considered to be unnecessary luxury!

Successful girls' and boys' clubs were in existence at St. Oswald's in 1924 to 1927, but when they were started and ended is not known.

The Methodist hall was purchased and removed to the church grounds in 1927.

The rector, Rev. Ross-Hewton, was farewelled on his departure on a trip to England in April 1927 and the Rev. F. Wyman, his locum tenens, welcomed in his place.

By 31st December the new (or rather secondhand) hall was in position and ready for use, and the church building was re-dedicated for use for church services only. Previously it had been necessary to screen off the sanctuary while the building was used for social and other non-religious purposes.

1925 was a busy year. The Rev. M.R. Wyman took many of our services, as also did the Rev. Canon de Coetlogen. Both were popular preachers. Mr. Jim Bain helped St. Oswald's in many ways, including transporting visiting and regular clergy to and from the church for services. Mr. Bain died in 1992 after a long life of assistance, including financial donations, to various parishes in which he resided or visited. He held a number of offices during the many years he lived in Trevallyn, and also generously supported the church at Low Head.

The vestry in 1925 included Messrs. Selwyn Cox (secretary), Ray Hart, L. Potter and Mr. Scott. Miss Heathorne became a valued member at the annual meeting.

We lost the services of Mr. E.A.J. Benjafield from the committee. He was promoted to the position of Collector of Customs for Tasmania in Hobart.

At a committee meeting in June 1931 it was resolved that no intoxicating liquor should be permitted in the church hall, and that Saturday evening dances should be ended and all lights extinguished by 11:50 pm.

The Rev. Wynne-Evans was St. John's curate in 1931-32, taking most of St. Oswald's services. He was farewelled when he was ordained a priest and moved to another parish in 1932.

The Rev. W. Greenwood was a very well-liked and respected rector of St. John's from 1933. Mr. G. Clare joined St. Oswald's vestry in this year.

The vestry in 1934 consisted of Messrs. J. Hughes (secretary), V. Weetman (treasurer), Baker, Clare, Potter, Robson, S. Joscelyne, and B. Fowler. There was also a ladies' committee, the members being Mesdames Weetman, Potter, Fowler, Clare, Hughes, Hodgeman, Nichols and Miss Heathcote.

At a vestry meeting in 1935, the members were very happy to welcome as a visitor the Rev. Lance Benjafield, who had been, before being ordained, a loyal and enthusiastic member of St. Oswald's congregation, serving in a number of offices, including vestryman, Sunday School teacher and superintendent and lay reader. His father and mother had been devoted members of the congregation as also was his sister, Enid, who married Mr. Rupert Hart, another long term worker for St. Oswald's. Lance's younger brother, Vere, was from childhood onwards one of the writer's closest friends.

In this 1935 year there was a tendency to elect or appoint women as members of the vestry. This tendency was not welcomed by some older and

conservative men who were opposed to women holding any administrative position (except as Sunday School teachers) and used somewhat similar arguments to those opposed to the ordination of women priests in recent years. The writer does not think that many of the St. Oswald's men were so conservative in 1935.

In 1935 the vestry consisted of Mrs. F.W. Beck and Mr. V. Weetman (rector's nominees) and Messrs J. Hughes and S. Joscelyne and Mesdames Potter and Weetman (elected members). Both rector and congregation were evidently modern in their outlook.

Mrs. Beck received a gift for her good work as organist in 1936 and earlier.

The Rev. A. Gamble, a retired full time priest, aged 70, assisted St. Oswald's by conducting many of our services. He had served the church for many years in various parishes in Victoria and other places, and his considerable experience proved very valuable to St. Oswald's.

The Rev. Lance Benjafield was appointed to St. John's as curate in 1936, and then conducted many of our services. The congregation was very pleased to have him, an old friend, back again in St. Oswald's. He helped considerably with conducting the boys' club.

Other news items in 1936, were that the choir was expanding in numbers and ability. Mrs. F. Beck was still doing a very good job as organist, and the C.E.B.S. (Church of England Boys' Society) had a membership of fifteen.

The 42nd annual meeting was held on 18th July 1937. This indicated that the committee had been meeting regularly since 1895. Unfortunately minutes of all meetings prior to 1921 have disappeared, so that we know practically nothing about St. Oswald's doings for a long period of about twenty-five years. Judging by the size and quality of the congregation from 1921 onwards, there is no doubt that the missing quarter of a century must have been an interesting and progressive period of true Christian fellowship.

For a time in 1937 all social evenings were cancelled because of the risk of spreading the dangerous disease, infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis) which was in epidemic proportions in Tasmania in that year. Many people died, including Doctor Fulton, who contracted the disease from attending his infected patients. There are still a number of elderly people, lame, crippled, in wheel chairs, or deformed who contracted polio nearly sixty years ago.

At the annual meeting on 7th August 1938 it was reported that both the Boys' Club and Girls' Club were running well. The new church bell which had been procured from the Mathinna church by Mr. Joscelyne had been erected by Mr. B. Fowler, and presentations had been made to Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Beck for their valuable services as organists. All the last year's vestry members had been re-elected unopposed. Mrs. Dowling was thanked for presenting a Bible to the church.

The Rev. Verrall was curate at St. John's, and was conducting many of St. Oswald's services. In 1940 he was ordained a priest and transferred to Ross as Rector. He was farewelled by St. Oswald's congregation with whom he was very popular.

Also in 1940, lay readers Rose, Westwood and Thollar were thanked for conducting services when an ordained priest was not available. They were also reimbursed for the cost of tram fares incurred by journeys to and from St. Oswald's to take the services.

The 1941 annual meeting elected equal numbers of men and women to the vestry. We lost the devoted services of Mr. Selwyn Cox when he resigned as vestryman and trustee, after carrying out those duties for more than forty years. Age and failing health were given as his reasons. His several daughters and son, Jack, continued their father's tradition by continuing to work for St. Oswald's. Mr. Selwyn Cox died later that year - on 3rd December.

In December 1941 an anonymous offer was received from a parishioner to donate a new organ to the church. However, owing to the difficulty in obtaining a new organ under war time conditions, negotiations with the anonymous donor resulted in the donation being changed to providing rubber kneelers for the pews, plus special bookcases built in the back of the church to house the Sunday School library. This was a very generous gift.

Very little appears about the 1939-1945 war in the vestry minutes although there would have been a lot going on. Many young men were in the armed services, and their relatives at home would have been in a permanent state of worry and fear. Some sermons and prayers would have made reference to the war, and it is known that many parishioners did voluntary war work through the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., and other organisations. It appears that the vestry just got on with running the church, but it is certain that opening

and closing prayers at vestry meetings would have contained references to some aspect of the war.

Unfortunately we have very few written records of this period other than the somewhat brief vestry minutes.

We do know, however, that the shortage of clergy made it necessary to use lay readers in their stead, and that these volunteers helped to hold the congregation together in the difficult years.

In 1946 it was proposed to erect a stained glass window as a war memorial, or, alternatively a brass lectern.

Mr. J.N. Gee was one of St. Oswald's leading workers in these post-war years. He was a vestry member (rector's warden), organist for many years, and synodsmen. He was given an honorarium of ten dollars for his work as organist, and donated this to one of the church special funds. When he resigned as organist in 1947, Mrs. Nicholls accepted the position in his stead.

Mrs. Nicholls carried on as organist for some time, and when she eventually resigned was given an honorarium, and Mr. Gee took over this important position again.

Mrs. Nicholls was considered to be one of St. Oswald's best voluntary workers, always willing to assist in any way needed. Other ladies who were equally generous with their time were Mrs. F. Beck and Mrs. Hollingsworth.

It was found in 1948 that increased running and maintenance costs made it necessary to raise the price for letting the hall for various functions. As war-time regulations were still in force, application to the Prices Commission for permission to raise the rental was necessary. Permission was granted. Inflation was then rampant.

Mr. Noel Shaw replaced the long serving Mr. V. Weetman as rector's warden, and was thanked for his assistance to Mr. George Radford in conducting the Sunday School.

The vestry installed a brass plate on the west wall in 1948 stating that the church bell had been donated by Mr. H.S. Joscelyne in memory of his wife, "Addie", who died on 2nd September 1946. Several members of the Joscelyne family were devoted parishioners of St. Oswald's over a number of years.

In this same year St. Oswald's congregation regretfully said goodbye to rector Canon Greenwood who had been forced by ill health to retire as locum pending the arrival of the new rector, the Rev. L Sutton.

A letter of condolence was sent to Mr. V. Weetman on the death of his wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weetman had given faithful service to St. Oswald's for a great many years.

The Rev. Frank Stewart was appointed curate of St. John's in 1950. During his term both he and his wife endeared themselves to St. Oswald's congregation. The Stewarts lived in the old Rectory in Bain Terrace opposite St. Oswald's.

On 6th October 1950 Mr. Phil Gee was elected secretary and Mr. Rupert Hart treasurer. Both these gentlemen strongly supported St. Oswald's, the former as organist and the latter as secretary, for many years.

An unusual occurrence this year was the resignation of the five lady members of the vestry. The reason they gave was that they considered they would be of more use to the church by increasing their activities in the guild. It was before the "women's lib" idea had developed! The vestry accepted these resignations with regret, and thanked them for their past help.

On the 2nd December, Miss White-Parsons donated a Bible to the church. By the 1951 annual meeting a number of new names appeared on the vestry, which this year comprised Messrs. B. Fowler, M. Plumridge, Prowse, J. Bain, R. Hart, J.N. Gee, P. Gee, C. Hobson, E. Fowler and D. Rogers.

A generous offer by Mr Peter Anderson of the house at 39 Bain Terrace at a very low price was gratefully accepted. This was intended to be used as a clergyman's dwelling. The cottage was divided into two flats, one of which would continue to be occupied by the Misses Hammond and the other by the Rev. F. Stewart, and subsequently by his successors.

In 1952 Mr. Max Tatlock-Goodrick began his long career as a member of the vestry, including many years as secretary. This connection continued for forty years until he died in late 1992. His funeral was attended by a large number of St. Oswald's parishioners, and also many representatives of various organisations to which he belonged, including Masonic lodges and the Royal Society. The Masonic oration for deceased members was given at the funeral service in St. Oswald's church.

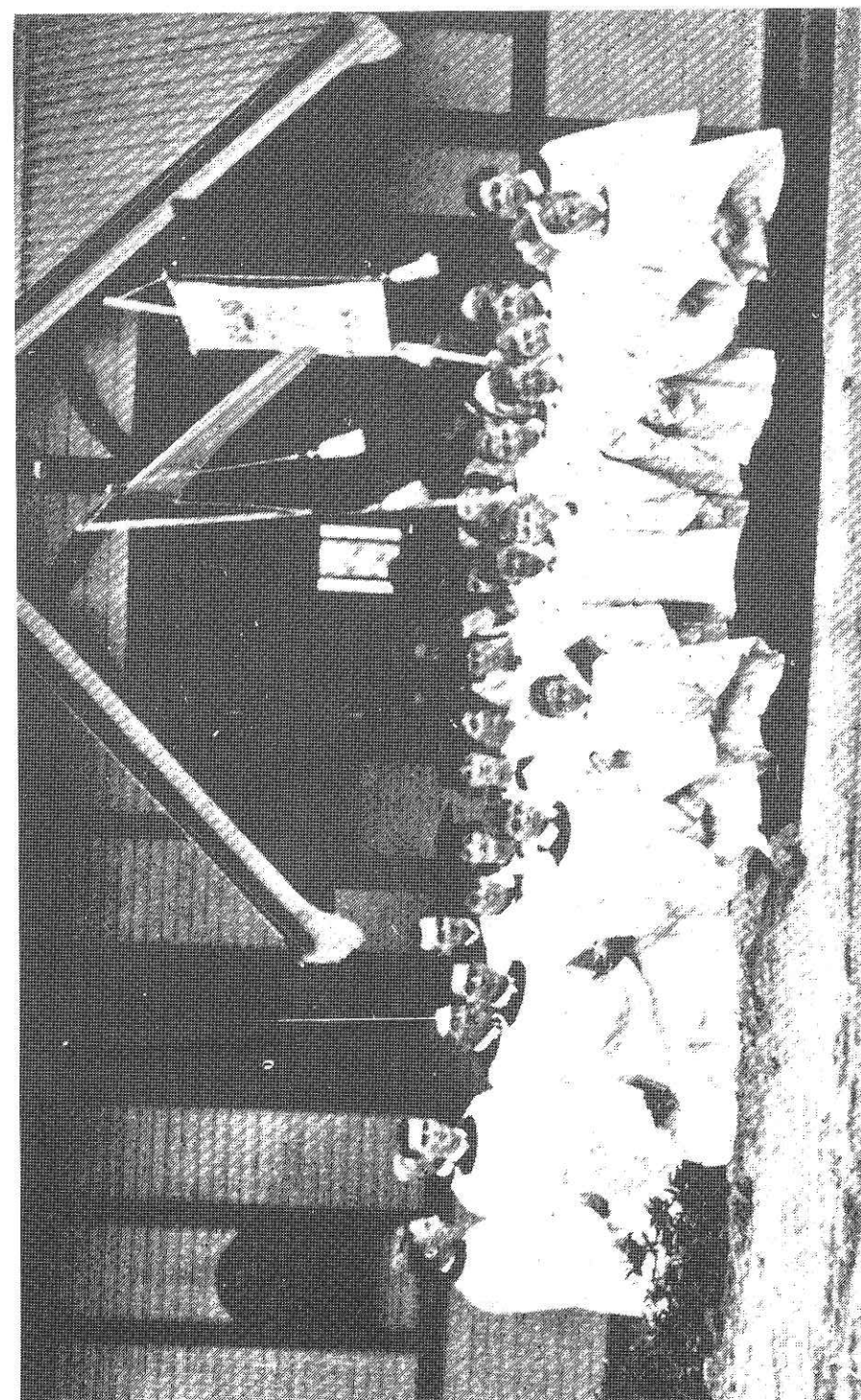
On the 6th March 1952, Reverend Stewart was ordained a priest (he had previously been an ordained deacon) and to mark the occasion a presentation was made to him. He remained with St. Oswald's until December when he left to be rector of Ross.



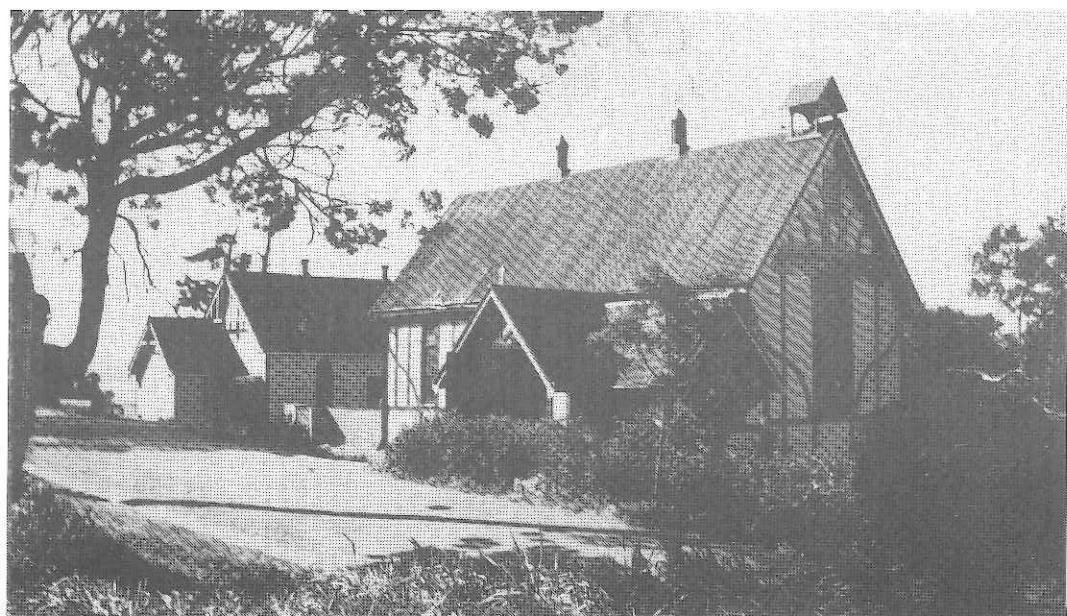
Revd. Frank and Mrs. Stewart and son, 1951.



Pageant at St. Oswald's celebrating Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, 1953.



Pageant at St. Oswald's celebrating Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, 1953.



St. Oswald's Trevallyn, c1950s.



Rev. R.C.N. Kelly. M.A



Revd. M.L. Hughes, 25.11.56

In 1953 the annual meeting considered a proposal to combine St. Oswald's, St. David's (Riverside), St. Michael's (Rosevears) and Bridgenorth in one parochial district. Discussion on this idea continued for a long time until 1954 when St. Oswald's and St. David's joined to make the parish of Trevallyn. Rosevears and Bridgenorth remained in the Beaconsfield parish.

The Rev. Max Hughes was the first incumbent of the new parish. He and the writer were old friends, both having been involved in the formation of the Christian service organisation Toc H about 1928. A number of the older parishioners and clergy mentioned in this history were also Toc H members.

The Reverend Hughes deserves much praise for building St. Oswald's into the successful parish it became before he left us in 1956.

It was decided in 1954 to sell the land at the rear of the church cottage, no. 39 Bain Terrace. This became Bain Terrace Kindergarten.

The wild blackberries in the church ground were getting out of hand, and it was necessary to spray them again with weedicide.

A sign was erected in 1955 at the intersection of Gorge Road and Bain Terrace indicating the exact location of the church. The City Council gave the necessary permission for this sign to be erected.

At the annual meeting in July 1956 it was decided to present our old hymn books to our daughter church, St. David's, Riverside.

In August of this year, Miss Jean Robertson was presented with a Book of Common Prayer set to music, in acknowledgment of her long and devoted service as organist.

A branch of the Church of England Boys' Society (C.E.B.S.) was formed with Mr. Cornelius as leader.

Nineteen Fifty Six

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were appointed Sunday School teachers.

We sadly farewelled our first vicar, Mr. Hughes on 14th August, who was transferred to another parish. His replacement at St. Oswald's was the Rev. J.R. Brown, who was to remain our rector for the unusually long period of 31 years.

Mr. Lemaitre became secretary to the vestry in 1956, and Mr. J. Bain continued as our efficient treasurer.

1957 – Presentations and letters of appreciation were sent to Mr. and Mrs. David Rogers in acknowledgment of their valued services to the Sunday School.

Mr. Lemaitre resigned as secretary and was thanked for his services. His replacement was Mr. S. Lawrence on 5th July 1957.

The Wells System of envelopes for weekly offering was adopted this year but was not very successful. Many of the parishioners were talked (by the Wells representative) into making commitments which they were unable to keep up. Those less gullible people who made reasonable commitments in line with their incomes loyally fulfilled their obligations, so the scheme was not a complete failure. The Wells people charged a fee for organising the Scheme which would be reasonable if it was even 70% successful.

There are several other similar non-profit envelope schemes, which are very successful. One of these, conducted by the Rev. Kelvin Viney, before he became a full-time priest, differs from the Wells Scheme in that the people are not pressed into making large commitments but are invited to give as much as they feel able. The amount that each person donates weekly is strictly confidential.

A recent planned giving campaign, run by Mr. Garrick London, has proved very successful.

Church Workers - 1921 to 1952

The following people were active St. Oswald's Church officers (vestry, committee members, lay readers, synodsmen, church wardens, Sunday School teachers, etc.) from 21st July 1921. (This date is the earliest known of activities of St. Oswald's. From the mid 1890s there is a period of more than 25 years for which no reliable records can be found):- P. Anderson, T. Adkins, K. Adkins, Miss M. Alomes, E.A.J. Benjafield, Lance Benjafield, F. Beck, Mrs. Beck, Miss Beck, Miss Blackburn, E.O. Brown, R.C. Brown, C. Brown, Baker, Mrs. Begent, Mr. J. Begent, J.R. and Mrs. Bain, Geo. Coles, Selwyn Cox, Miss G. Cox, R.W. Cox, J. Cox, Mr. & Mrs. Curwen, G. Clare, T. Calver, Mrs. J. Calver, Miss Calver, Cornelius, P. Cranswick, R. Chenery, Mrs. Colgrave, Mrs. P. Crooks, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Dowling, T. Doe, Mr. & Mrs. Dingle, Mr. Eade, Mr. & Mrs J. Edwards, P. Frith, Mrs. R. French, B. Fowler, Mrs. A. Fowler, Mrs. D. Fowell, E. Fowell, Mrs. M. Laver, Mrs. Ford, Mr. & Mrs. J. Firth, Miss Good, Mr & Mrs, J.N. Gee, P. Gee, Mrs. Gow, H. Green, Miss Goodyear, Mr. Hopkins, J. Hughes, Betty Hughes, Ray Hart, Rupert Hart, Captain Huxley, Miss B. Hogg, Mr. & Mrs. Hodgman, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Heathcote, S. Joscelyne, H. Joscelyne, B. Joscelyne, W. Jones P. McGrath-Kerr, Mr. Lemaitre, Mr. Lawrence, Mrs.

Lovatt, Mr. Moore, Mr. McNee, S. Maslyn, Miss Osborne, Mrs. Osborne, Mr. Osborne, Miss. M. Poole, L. Potter, Mrs. Potter, Mr. & Mrs. Plumridge, Mrs. Prichard, Mr. & Mrs. Prowse, Mr. & Mrs. Parsons, E. Pedley, M. Pask, R. Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. M. Parish, C. Rosevear, G. Robson, Geoff Radford, Mr. & Mrs. D. Rogers, Misses I. & J. Robertson, Mrs. R.E. Smith, Noel Shaw, T. Sinclair, Mr. & Mrs. Standrin, A. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Tatlock-Goodrick, Mrs. Westerman, V. Weetman, Miss Wilson, Miss P. Wood, J.W.R. Young.

This list does not include organists, who are mentioned elsewhere in this book.

1952 was the year in which St. Oswald's, including St. David's, Riverside, became a separate parochial district, independent from St. John's, with the Revd. Max Hughes as priest-in-charge. St. David's, Riverside, was in the new parish, under the care of St. Oswald's.

The Reverend J.R. Brown

In January 1958 our first inducted rector, the Rev. J.R. Brown, arrived at St. Oswald's, together with his wife and family. They travelled from his previous parish, Bothwell, in a much over-laden lorry, carrying also their household furniture, including two bicycles.

They arrived tired and travel weary, to be welcomed in the church hall with a lavish meal provided by ladies of the church.

The ceremony of Mr. Brown's induction was celebrated by Bishop W.R. Barrett on 30th January 1958. Assisting at the service were the Venerable Archdeacon L.N. Sutton, the Rural Dean, Reverend Keith Kay of St. Aidan's church and the Rev. R.C. Brown of St. Paul's. Eighty-nine people were present, including a number of clergy from various parts of the Diocese and many parishioners of St. Oswald's.

Notes by Mrs. Robin McKendrick - 29th March 1993

... St Oswald's Church Women's Guild

On Sept. 20th 1950, 40 women met at St. Oswald's Church with the intention of forming a Women's Guild. The Rector was Rev. Sutton, who explained the purpose of a Guild. "To know each other through friendly fellowship and to be the means of creating greater interest in the Church." The inaugural executive elected were ... President - Mrs. Sutton, Vice President - Mrs. Crooks, Hon. Secretary -

Mrs. Powell, Treasurer - Mrs. Gunn. Annual subscription was set at two shillings & sixpence (2/6) and afternoon tea was threepence (3d).

Browsing through the Minutes Books for the past 42 years, one can be excused for thinking that nothing has changed ... much. Well, perhaps it has not. Names have changed; I can only see two of the original ladies who joined on that day who are still with us - Mrs. Betty Stevenson and Mrs. Ada Plumridge. Subscriptions have risen but not by much, but comparisons of income and expenditure between now and then bring a smile. One Minute reads "that we pay a hired cleaner for the church, for up to one pound per week," and "that ten pounds be allotted for distribution to needy causes, to be shared at the discretion of the office bearers." Receipts from a fair in 1952 were sixty three pounds and eight shillings. I think these figures may compare more than favourably with what we expect in 1993 and represent equal work, time, energy, dedication and care when working to finance various needs of our church.

Throughout the years, the main function of the Guild has been to answer the many calls from church homes, Seamen's Mission, St. Lukes Hospital (while it was owned by the Diocese) Overseas missions, help on a regular basis with an Old Folks Afternoon Tea party, etc. In one place I read where money was collected to provide artificial legs for a lady. These things on top of our No. 1 priority, St. Oswald's Church. Care and cleaning, flower decorations every week, vessel and linen maintenance and a great many more housekeeping jobs are all taken in hand by an army of willing workers. Minutes record the purchase of carpets, curtains, cassocks, communion vessels, crockery; the list is endless. Provision of furnishings and paint etc. at the Rectory have all received attention when needed.

The members of the Guild are very aware of the needs of the community and have in the past voiced disapproval to the proper quarters concerning issues such as Drink-driving, Children's sports on Sundays.

Sounds humdrum you say. Not so. Members share each others lives, their joys and sorrows, and there is usually time for a laugh and a cuppa or a shoulder to cry upon. I have no recollection of ever hearing an unkind word or an unnecessary action. We are members of a family, years of money raising functions, a la every other Women's Guild anywhere ... include the 'eternal' church fair, American teas, socials, concerts, garden parties, white elephant stalls (oh gosh, the things you find on these stalls!!!) and many more. Not exciting but getting together and working, involving our menfolk where we need a bit of man power.

*** In 1955 a new carpet was purchased for the church at a cost of one hundred and ninety six pounds, twelve shillings and eightpence.

I have been re-reading the Guild Minutes of the past 42 year,, at the beginning I studied them carefully, but as the pages roll by, I find I am trying to pick out the relevant parts, skipping such things as the apologies, matters arising, treasurers reports; it's repetitive but it indicates that the Guild has been continuous in its efforts to do what Guilds are expected to do. Over and over I read about morning teas, socials, fetes, fairs, show cooking, hat parades, fashion ditto, wool demonstration days, a ball, a cabaret, the drama group which was active for a few years, end-of-year gatherings, more morning teas, and in particular mention is made of Beresford House. "B.H" belonged to the Diocese and was used for lots of things ... retreats, gatherings of school children from far away. Various organisations hired B.H. for conferences. Our Guild, because we were in the district and as our Rector was responsible for keeping an eye on it, took on a lot of catering and maintenance. We served dozens of meals, washed up and made beds, swept floors as well as working bees at times to keep the place reasonably tidy and provided furnishings, curtains, mats etc. B.H. has changed hands a couple of times and is now a Christian Renewal Centre (I think that is the name).

I discovered reference to Mr. Prichard's daughters, Mrs. Grose and Mrs Johanson (I have their addresses of 20 years ago). Mrs Johanson was first child baptised here. Mrs. Johanson, 60 Petra St., Talmyra Freemantle, W.A. and Mrs. Grose, 50 Fairmont St., Lakemba, N.S.W. A couple of funny small anecdotes, among the endless memories, come to mind. Such as the lady who made huge quantities of biscuits for an occasion and hid them carefully away from the eyes of her family, not realising that in the cupboard where the biscuits were hidden, were also lots of mothballs ... imagine the looks on the faces of the eaters before the trouble was discovered. Then we think of an organist who sat behind the curtain and played the organ diligently and regularly for years but never could see who were the congregation members, so she devised a thing like a periscope which she used to effect. It caused me to giggle at inopportune times when my eyes just happened to be lifted in that direction, and the 'thing' was appearing over the curtain.

While the general tone of the Minutes indicate that the Guild has not had great times which stand out, there are highlights through the years when we took part in such occasions as the time when the St. Oswald's Rectory was transferred from its former site opposite the church to its present site, a giant step forward ... the day that the Church was made a National Trust Building ... the 40th Anniversary of the St. O's Guild, ... times when we have combined with St. David's Guild for catering or social functions ... many good memories. I said to someone to-day when talking

about things "We don't seem to have done anything of great importance" and she said "Everything we have done has been important."

I think we have lived up to what Revd. Sutton told the original members forty two years ago "We have shared friendly fellowship and we have been the means of interesting women in the parish to join us and work together." Working for the church, and most importantly, through the church to the Glory of Our Heavenly Father.

Robyn McKendrick 29.3.93

Mothers' Union

I found a note referring to the formation of a branch of Mothers Union at St. Oswald's in our Feb. 1954 Minutes. No mention of Office bearers. Mrs. Frank Laver told me that her mother Mrs. Beck, who was a staunch member of our church for many years and the organist for a long time, was presented with Life Membership of M.U. in 1968. Citation reads "Presented to Mrs. M.A. Beck in gratitude for her 44 years work as a Member and Northern Archdeaconry Secretary in the Diocese of Tasmania" and it was signed Beryl Robinson 21 Sept. 1968.

Young Wives

I also found mention of Young Wives Department (Y.W.D.) in June 1954.

Kaye Gregory tells me that Y.W.D. took over responsibility for running the Sunday School in 1971 and continued until a couple of years ago. We have few small children, and have tried a system - a roster of women who will take children for a half hour lesson during Holy Communion Service and then the children join their parents in the church. This seems to work fairly well - children get a sense of belonging to the church plus some teaching. A small number of young women have recently formed a group on the same lines the Y.W.D.

C.E.B.S.

The Church of England Boys' Society was formed in 1956 and led by Mr. P. Green in 1957. Unfortunately the Society faded out after a few years, and there is no evidence of its revival known to the writer.

This organisation can be very successful, provided it has a fully trained suitable leader; otherwise it has little or no hope of being successful. Quite a number of churches find it more successful to have a Boy Scout troop attached to the church, as the stringent training of scoutmasters usually

ensures success. The writer was scoutmaster of St. John's scout troop in the late 1920's, until he married in 1934. Scout troops admit boys of any denomination, providing they are of suitable character. A large proportion of Anglican priests are scoutmasters and several young men known to the writer have been ordained as Anglican priests through the scout troop encouraging them to attend church.

Girls' Friendly Society

The G.F.S., as it is popularly known, was running well in 1957, with a membership of 18, under the leadership of Miss M. Poole.

This Society continued for a number of years, but eventually the membership became so small that it sadly had to close down. We believe the same thing occurred in many Anglican churches in conformity with the modern interests of girls and young women.

There is food for thought that such excellent world-wide non-church organisations as the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are thriving. These groups are Christian based and are much more relevant and ecumenical to the proper guidance of young people, which is why they are so successful. The writer realises that some clergy and others will not agree with this opinion, which is based on past experience with both organisations, which are established world-wide.

Mothers' Union

Although no longer functioning, this valuable institution commenced fairly early in the life of St. Oswald's. One of its leading members was Mrs. Betty Gee (widow of the late Mr. J.N Gee, organist, church warden, and synodsmen) who was state secretary in 1966.

The Mothers' Union has branches at various churches throughout Australia and most other countries. The first Tasmanian branch was founded in this state at the small village church of Christ Church at Cullenswood in 1892. This was also the first branch in the whole of Australia.

In October 1992, Australian centenary celebrations and services were held at Cullenswood, with a large attendance of interstate members, as well as Tasmanians. Photographs of this celebration are included in this book.

St. Oswald's was not represented at Cullenswood as, unfortunately, St. Oswald's branch had ceased to exist.

Church of England Men's Society

A St. Oswald's C.E.M.S. was started in February 1957. It continued for more than a year but no trace can be found of its continuance after 30/3/1958, when it went into recess with the intention of re-opening in September of that year.

According to the minutes it was a thriving organisation for the year of its existence, with regular monthly meetings on Sundays, either before or after the evening service. The prime movers in starting and conducting St. Oswald's branch included Messrs. J.N. Gee, Max Tatlock-Goodrick, Phil Frith, Claude Brown, R. Roberts and Bert Maumill.

It did not re-open as intended and became non-existent, probably because of competition from the increasing number of service and social clubs, such as Lions, J.C.'s and Apex. Later on, the popularity of watching evening television programmes had a serious effect on attendance at all those organisations which, however, still manage to progress.

The Sunday School

The Sunday School is actually older than the church, as it started in a shop in Trevallyn Road on 13th December 1893, ten days before the foundation stone of St. Oswald's was laid. Not a lot is known about its early years, except that it was successful and in spite of some difficult stages it has had an unbroken run right up to the present day. No details are known of its activities for a quarter of a century - from 1896 until 1921. The same applies to the church, as all records, except Baptisms, have been lost. There are some lesser gaps after 1921. This unfortunate loss makes a full and accurate history almost impossible.

In 1921 the Sunday School had declined to a small number of scholars, and in 1922 Messrs. Lance Benjafield and Phil Frith were appointed to take charge. They built it up to a thriving success, and then handed it over to Mr. Stuart Maslyn, who conducted it satisfactorily until he retired in 1925 and his place was taken by Captain Huxley. There were 36 scholars at this stage, in addition to 38 in the kindergarten, conducted by Misses Dowling and Beck. Sad to say, these are much higher figures than today's Sunday School can claim.

In 1926 Miss Dowling retired and was given a farewell party. Another loss to St. Oswald's was Captain Huxley, who left Trevallyn in the same year to live in Devonport. Mr. Lance Benjafield again took over the post of Sunday

School superintendent. Another teacher, Mr. Taylor, also left in 1926 and was followed in the Sunday School by Miss Bessie Hogg, thus beginning her long and successful career at St. Oswald's, filling such offices as Sunday School teacher, vestry member and Sunday School superintendent until she retired in 1940. She was also liked and greatly respected by non-Anglican residents of Trevallyn and Launceston generally.

Other Sunday School teachers of the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s were Misses Gwen Cox, Tuffin, Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Calver, Mrs. J.N. Gee, Mr. Prowse, Miss Dorothy Heathorn, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. M. Beck and Miss E.J. Edwards, Pat Wood, Peggy Crooks, Pitt, M. Alomes, Betty Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs J. Frith.

By 1937 the numbers attending had fallen to an average of 25 in the Sunday School, and in the kindergarten 20. Mr. Calver with up to five casual assistants was Sunday School superintendent, and in charge of the kindergarten was Miss Calver aided by Misses Dowling and Beck.

A shortage of teachers was reported in 1944, and in 1945 Mr. and Mrs Dingle resigned. They were replaced by Mr. Rupert Hart as Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. Betty Gee in charge of the kindergarten.

In more recent years Sunday School teachers included members of the Bennett family, Enid, Sharon and Jane.

Others were Lynne Priest, Felicity Bucknell, Sonia Roach, Susan Janes, Mrs. M. Westwood, Maryanne Westwood, Mrs. B. Percey and family, Susan Fowler, Bruce Bennett and Susan Godsmark.

Two elderly ex-teachers, Miss Ismay Robertson and Mr. John Roberts, passed away recently. They are well-remembered by older St. Oswald's people.

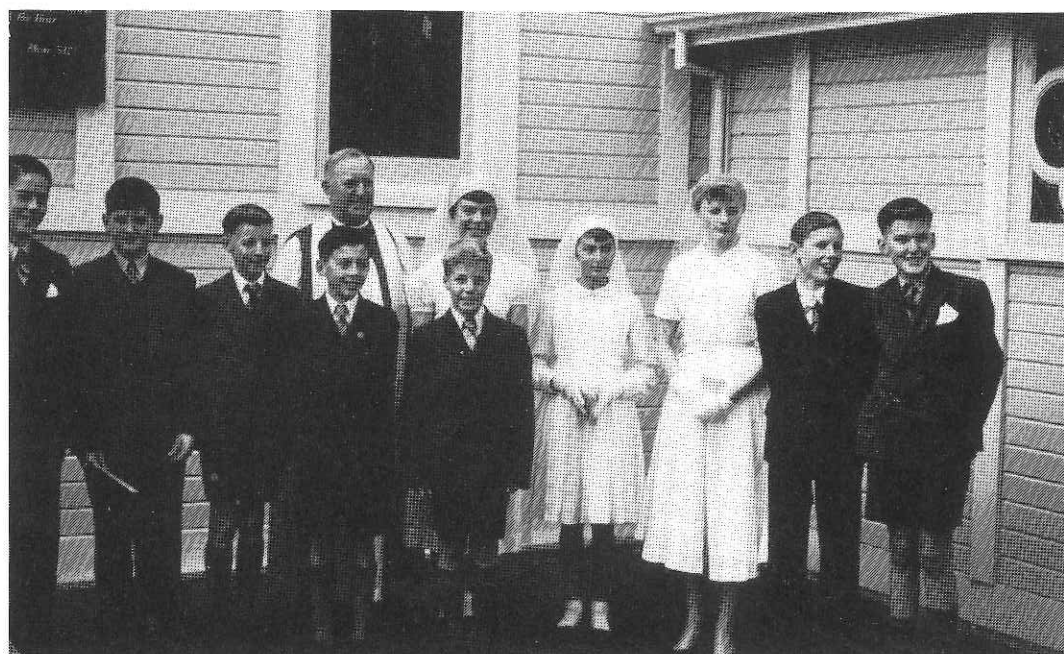
Mrs. Kaye Gregory has been Sunday School superintendent for many years. Her written reports included in each annual meeting minutes give a very good impression of the progress of the School, and also of the loyal care and attention Mrs. Gregory has given to the office.

Another valued Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Margaret Parish, resigned in 1980, and was thanked for her nine years of good service.

Sadly, the Sunday School is getting smaller as the young people become interested in the large number of non-church organisations that exist today. Some of these are very good, but many are, unfortunately, quite the opposite. The world is changing and not for the better. St. Oswald's is doing



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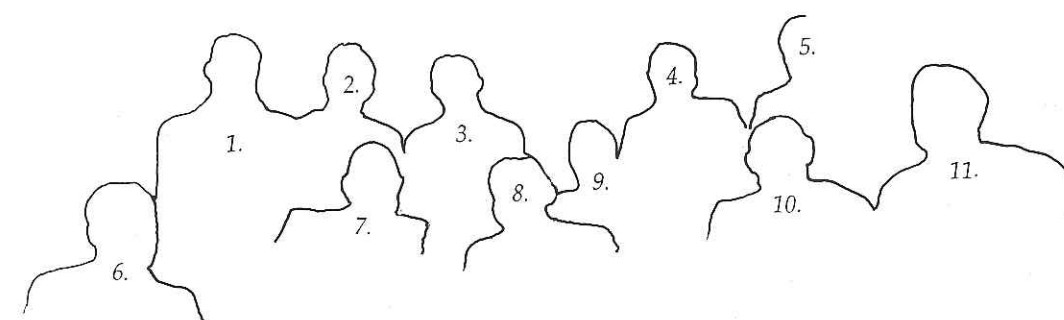


Confirmation - Bishop W.R. Barratt - 1955



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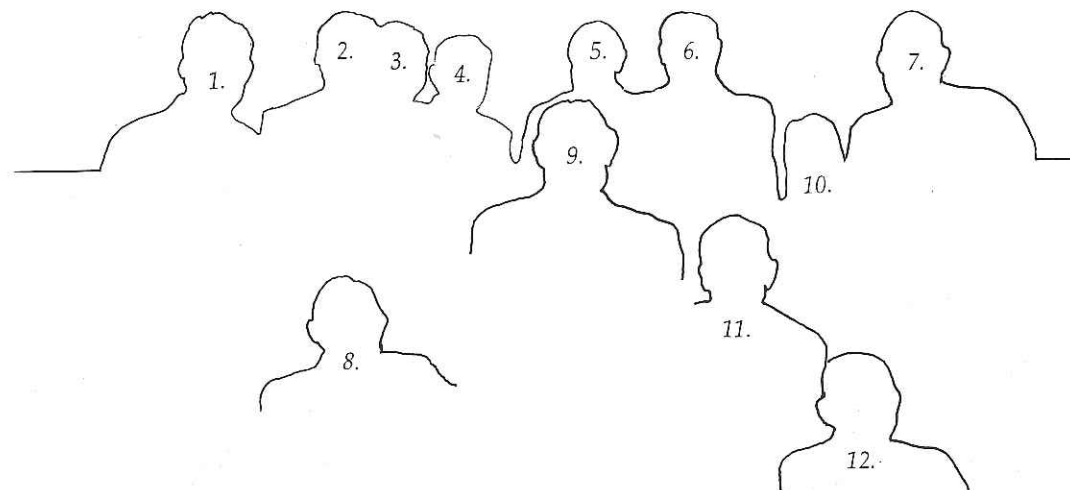
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| 9. R. Chemery | 10. R. Young | 11. J. Bain. | |





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| 5. J.N. Gee | 6. C. Cornelius | 7. W. Parsons | 8. C.W. Brown |
| 9. Rev. M. Hughes | 10. G.W. Stevenson | 11. P. McGrath-Kerr | 12. Le Maitre |



Kindergarten Anniversary - Nov. 1956



Confirmation - Bishop W.R. Barratt - 20.5.1956

better than other churches with regard to Sunday Schools as some have actually closed down. This applies to all Christian denominations.

Church Workers in Recent Years

Some of the parishioners who gave devoted service during the past thirty years have been the following:-

Mr. & Mrs. P. Baker, Mrs. L. Barwick, Mrs. E. Blaxland, Mr & Mrs. C. Brown, Revd. Brown's family, Mrs. R. Blyth, Mr. & Mrs. C. Bucknell, Mr. & Mrs. C. Bullard, Mrs. A. Campbell, Mr. H. Challender, Mr R. Chenery, Mrs. R. Fawcett, Mrs. V. Flood, Mrs D. Fowler, Mr. & Mrs. W. Frelek, Mr & Mrs. A. Godsmark, Mr. and Mrs. N. Green, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Gregory, Mr. T. Holton, Mrs M. Honey, Mr. & Mrs E. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs R. Janes, Mr. & Mrs W. Jones, Mrs. M. Laver, Mrs. M. Manntan, Mrs. N. Munro, Mr. S. McBain, Mr. and Mrs. G. McKendrick, Mrs. P. Nathan, Mrs. Nicholls, Mr. & Mrs K. Pedley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Plumridge, Mr. L. Radford, Mr, and Mrs E. Richardson, Mrs. P. Roach, Misses I. & J. Robertson, Mrs. N. Roper, Mrs. J. Routley, Mr. & Mrs. E. Rowsell, Mr. & Mrs. T. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. T. Sharpe, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. S. Stevenson, Mrs. Trollope, Mrs. W. Wallace, Mr. & Mrs. I. Westwood, Mr & Mrs. D. Wherrett, Mr. & Mrs. I. Whyte, Mrs. J. Wilkins.

The present (1993) secretary of St. Oswald's vestry is Mr R. Janes. He had held that office since 1984, and his predecessor was Mr. Ross Gregory for five years.

Organists

There have been many of these including a number who willingly acted when the regular organist was ill or away. Miss Jean Robertson played for many years between 1955 and 1965.

Mrs. Pat Roach resigned last year after doing the work for thirty years. The vestry accepted her resignation with regret and gratitude. She has also been on the vestry for many years.

Mr. Stan Joscelyne was organist for many years.

Mrs. Trollope acted as unofficial "back-up" organist to Mrs. Roach on a number of occasions.

At present the organ is being played by Mrs. Jan McKay and Mr. R. Janes, with Mrs. Roach still filling in occasionally.

The various organists of earlier times, from 1921 onwards are mentioned elsewhere in this book.

Bequests

Many St. Oswald's parishioners have bequeathed funds to the church in their wills. Some have been quite large, and many small. The latter are sometimes more important than the greater ones, as the only way to judge the value is to know the financial position of the benefactors. A gift of \$100 by an ordinary workman is often more generous than several thousands by a wealthy businessman. This also applies to weekly offering - remember the story of the widow's mite.

Some bequests of recent years were as follows:

Miss Robson	\$8000
Mrs. Trollope	\$2000
Mr. J.S. Roberts	\$1000
Mr. H. Challender	\$1000
Miss. G. White-Parsons	\$16000 approx.
Anonymous (1980)	\$500
Anonymous	\$1165
Mrs. Percy Crooks	\$200
Mr. J. Shaw	\$200

Some of the Memorials in St. Oswald's Church

- James Beck:** Brass ewer for the font inscribed "to the glory of God and in memory of James Beck, killed in action, 11th April 1943."
- Mrs. A.S. Bonner:** Cruets and pyx.
- Mrs. A.J. Challender:** Set of communion cruets.
- Arthur Evans:** Stained glass window, porch and vestry.
- Ernest Holland:** Silver communion chalice and paten.
- Reverend Maxwell Lindsay Hughes:** Book of Common Prayer
- Mrs. Margaret Mary ("Addie") Joscelyne:** Bell for church tower.
- Frederick John Prichard:** Font and brass plate.
- Mary Amelia Raymond (Mrs. Oldaker):** Bell for church tower.
- Charles George Saul:** Pair of brass candlesticks.
- Clifford Ross Walters:** Lectern of Tasmanian oak.
Carved by G. Cummins.

Lay Readers 1993

Lay readers of the parish this year are:- Messrs. Dick Janes, Ross Gregory, Noel Curtis, David Sutton, Stuart Harley and Dr. Ian Sykes. Mr. Stephen Janes is also licensed to assist at Holy Communion.

Some of the lay readers in earlier years are mentioned in relevant portions of this book. Probably the best remembered by older people was the late Mr. Max Tatlock-Goodrick.

St. Oswald's 90th Birthday

A Thanksgiving Evensong on the occasion of the ninetieth Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone by Bishop Montgomery on 5th December 1893.

Order of Service

Hymn No. 422, "Faith of our Fathers."

Introduction

The General Confession

The Lord's Prayer

Psalm 103

1st Lesson - 2 Chronicles 6 v 18-22 - Read by Mrs. R. McKendrick
(member of the Vestry)

The Magnificat

2nd Lesson - Ephesians 4 v 17-32 - Read by Mr. C. Bucknell
(Treasurer of St. Oswald's)

The Nunc Dimittus

The Apostles' Creed

The Collects

Hymn No. 618, "Glorious things of Thee are spoken"

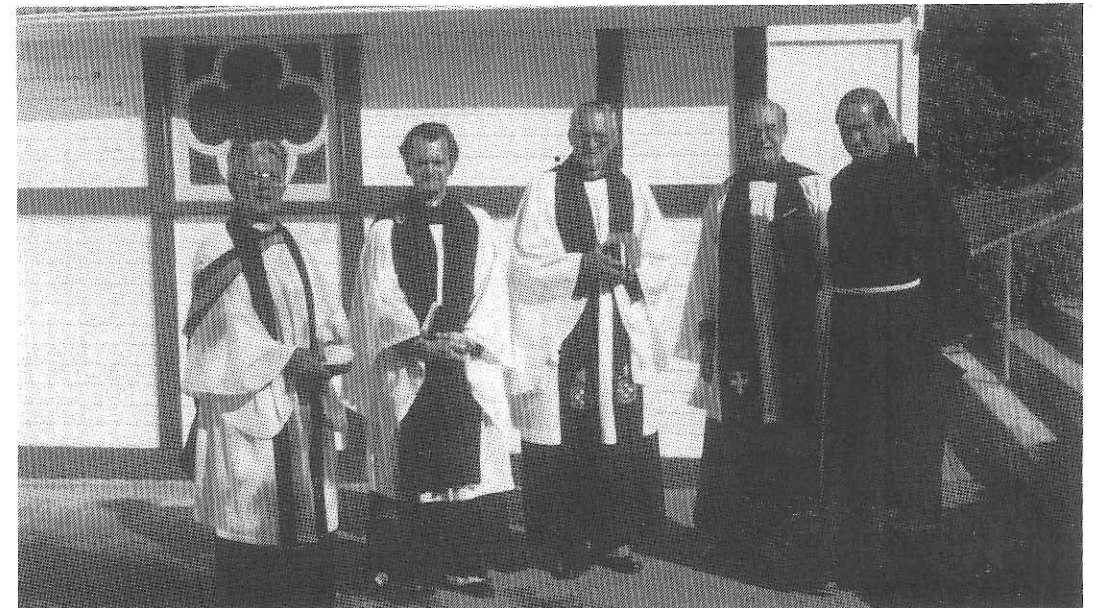
The Address - Father Peter Fraser, O.F.M., P.P.

Prayers - The Revd. J.S. Beaverstock (Rector of St. Mark on the Hill,
Launceston)

Hymn No. 55, "Blessed be the tie that binds"

The Blessing

J.R. Brown, Rector**Organist, Mrs. P. Roach**

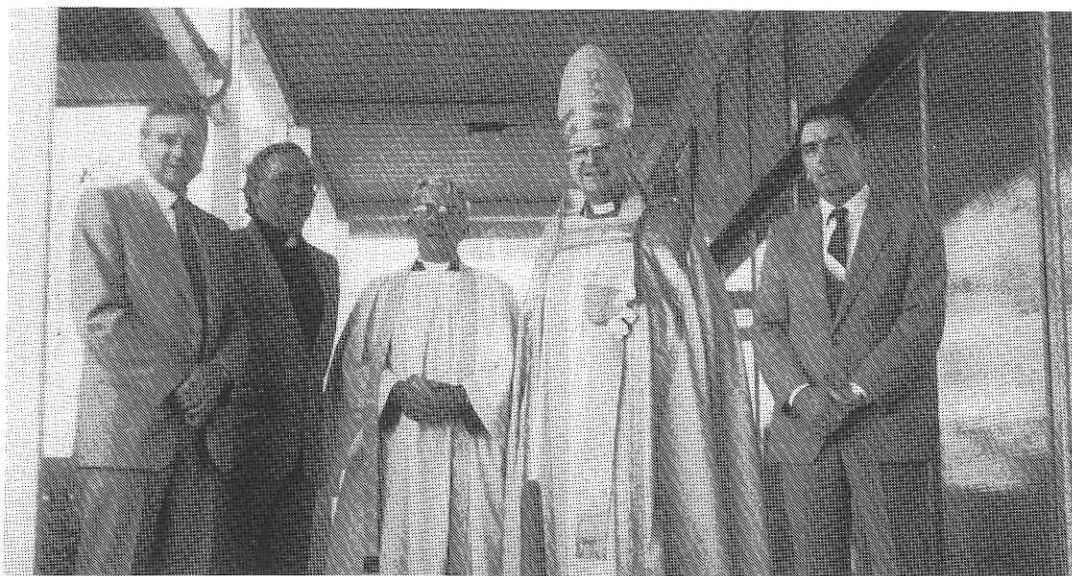


St. Oswald's Anglican Church, Trevallyn, Tasmania, 90th anniversary, 5.12.1983. 1925 was not a busy year according to entries in the registers. There being only two weddings and four baptisms.

Rev. R. Brown, Rev. W. Percy, Canon I. Booth, Canon J. Beaverstock, Father Peter Fraser.



St. Oswald's 90th birthday, Mrs. Nancy Brown cutting cake.



July 28th 1986 Consecration of St. David's, Riverside
Left-Right David Sutton-Churchwarden, Rev. Robt. Legg - 1st Curate, Rev. Roy Brown - Rector
Rt. Rev. Bishop Newell - Bishop of Tasmania, Noel Curtis - Rector's Warden.



Rev. J.R. Brown and Mrs. Brown.



The Mayor of Launceston, Alderman Don Wing, unveiling the plaque stating that St. Oswald's Church is classified by The National Trust, 29th November 1986. Rev. J.R. Brown and Mr. Ted Richardson looking on.

Farewell to our Long Time Rector - 1957 to 1988

Our former Rector, Reverend J.R. Brown, retired in 1988 after thirty-one years of service at St. Oswald's, during which he steered the parish through many changes. He was the first inducted rector, as his only predecessor was priest-in-charge, the late Reverend Max Hughes, for three years. His wife, Mrs. Nancy Brown, loyally supported him in his work during that time.

The Rev. Roy. Brown was of strong views on churchmanship. For instance, he did not believe the new prayer book was any improvement on the old one. In St. Oswald's he used only the 1662 prayer book and in doing this most of the congregation agreed with him.

The following newspaper clipping from "Launceston Week" gives a good indication of his views and character.

The "Launceston Week" March 18th 1988:

The Rev. James Brown, or Roy, as he prefers to be called, recently closed the book on a career with the church that has lasted 39 years.

Thirty-one of those years were spent at St. Oswald's Anglican Church at Trevallyn, where Mr. Brown gave his last service last month.

Being the first rector of St. Oswald's, he has many happy memories of his former parish.

"Marrying people that I've also baptised as children is always a wonderful experience," he said.

One of his fondest memories was the consecration of St. David's recently, after a loan for building of the church was repaid.

The Tudor-style church of St. Oswald's has now been classified by the National Trust.

In his service to the church, Mr. Brown went abroad as a chaplain for English migrants coming into the country in 1963.

Now that his career has officially ended, Mr. Brown and his wife Nancy, are looking forward to travelling overseas in the future.

"Starting a garden is also an option" Mr. Brown said.

When you've been involved with the church for as long as Mr. Brown, you never really retire.

"We've got our eye on a small parish in England somewhere" he said.

"The charismatic movement is almost dead there."

The charismatic movement that he speaks of is the new religious order that has swept Australia.

Mr. Brown has always preferred the old system and always used the 1662 Church of England service at St. Oswald's.

Preaching that way at a small parish church is just how Mr. Brown wants to spend his retirement.

For him, it's almost like heaven!"

The Rev. Roy Brown's last service at St. Oswald's was held on the 28th February 1988. He was officially farewelled at a barbecue party held at the home of Mr. John Morgan on 20th February 1988.

The Rectory

The first rectory, at 39 Bain Terrace, had become, by 1973 in need of substantial repairs. A substantial legacy came to the church at this time from the estate of the late Miss White-Parsons, and the Vestry decided to purchase the present Rectory at 44 Bain Terrace, the previous residence of Mr. J. Bain. With the proceeds of the sale of the old rectory and the block of land behind the church, the purchase was made, and the Brown family joyfully exchanged the privations of No. 39 for the comfort and space of No. 44. The new Rectory was dedicated by Archdeacon Costelloe on 23.6.74.

During the several months between the retirement of Revd. J.R. Brown and the arrival of Canon I. Thomas, the new rectory was refurbished. The Guild and the vestry remodelled the kitchen, new carpet was laid, the building was painted inside and outside, and the garden put in order. Much of this work was done by church members during prolonged working bees, and a loan was taken out to cover some of the cost: this loan was paid back within three years. The new rectory is probably one of the most comfortable in the diocese.

Institution and Induction of New Rector

- Reverend Canon Ian Thomas

(From "Church News", August 1988)

It was a memorable occasion as a large congregation assembled at the Church of St. David, Riverside, on Thursday evening, July 7, 1988, to witness the Institution and Induction of the Rev'd Canon Ian Thomas as the Rector of the Parish of Trevallyn - Riverside.

It was a significant procession which, it would seem, set the tone of solemnity, dignity, and joy for the service. The Crucifer (Jason Godsmark) led this procession followed by a Lay Reader, The Rev'd Fr. Delaney (RC Church), Rev'd R. Beeston (President of the Baptist Union) and some 33 Diocesan Clergy from different parts of the State. The Rural Dean (Canon J. Beaverstock) led a colourful group of 5 Canons (May, Holmes, Stephens, Tyson, Van Emmerick) in copes to their places in the church. They were followed by the Church Wardens from the Parish Church of St. Oswald, Trevallyn, and St. David, Riverside, preceding the Rector-elect, the Archdeacons of Hobart and Launceston, and the Vicar General (Rt. Rev'd M. Stanton) attended by his Chaplain (the Rev'd G. Philpott).

The music of the Service was outstanding and inspirational with Mrs. Pat Roach at the organ.

The Archdeacon of Launceston (Ven. W. Letchford) began the "Word and Prayers" of the Eucharist, the Epistle (1 Peter 2/4-10) was read by Mrs. R. McKendrick (representative of the parishioners), and the Gospel (John 15/9-16) was read by Canon R.D. Tyson whose four months interim ministry was concluded in this service.

The Church Wardens presented the Rector-elect to the Vicar General and the customary Oaths and Declarations were read, subscribed and signed, after which the Rural Dean read the Bishop's Licence to the Rector-elect. Then, and it was an obvious solemn moment, the great congregation knelt in silent prayer and joined together in the traditional "Come, Holy Ghost". It was a moving feature, too, as the Priest, kneeling before the Vicar General, was presented with the Licence - the "charge" for his ministry with and among his parishioners.

The Office of the Eucharist was introduced with the singing of the loved "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour" as an offering from all present, and the Vicar General continued as the Celebrant for the Eucharist, and the Administration was shared with the Archdeacons and the instituted Rector.

The service was followed by a Reception in the Church Hall and Mr. Max Tatlock-Goodrick welcomed the Vicar General as it was the first visit he had made to the parish since his appointment and consecration as Assistant Bishop, and, on this occasion, too, as the Vicar General of the Diocese. Bishop Stanton responded to the warmth of the welcome.

The deputy Mayor of Launceston (Alderman R. McKendrick expressed a welcome to Canon Thomas and his family to Launceston.

During Canon Thomas's incumbency, the appointment of Lay Readers was resumed. No less than eight became lay readers for the parish - Mr. R. Gregory, Mr. R. Janes, Mr. M. Tatlock-Goodrick, Mr. D. Sutton, Mr. T. Sharpe, Dr. I. Sykes, Mr. S. Harley and Mr. N. Curtis. With the death of Mr. Tatlock-Goodrick and the retirement of Mr. Sharpe, the parish has now six.

Also at this time an active youth group came into being under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Godsmark. This thrived for three years, but faded when replacements for the initial group could not be found.

Unfortunately Canon Thomas became quite ill in 1992 and had to retire from his charge. His congregation at St. Oswald's expressed sincere sympathy with Canon and Mrs. Thomas, and prayed that he would make a full recovery.

Archdeacon Letchford took charge of the parish pending the appointment of a new rector. Mr. Noel Curtis of St. David's and Mrs. McKendrick of St. Oswald's acted as co-ordinators.

He was replaced by the Rev. R. McKay, who became incumbent of St. Oswald's on 7th July 1992.

On the 8th September 1991, a special farewell service for Canon Thomas was held in St. David's, Riverside. Fortunately he was well enough to be present accompanied by Mrs. Thomas.

After the service, which was very well attended, a presentation was made to Canon and Mrs. Thomas, who will be greatly missed by the congregation, to whom the Thomas's had become greatly endeared.

Canon Beaverstock conducted some of the services until a new rector, the Reverend Robert McKay, was appointed on 4th October 1991.

The annual meeting on 27th June 1988 sent a message of good wishes to Mrs. Sandy Baker who was shortly to go to England to receive a new heart-lung transplant. To help cover the high cost of this operation, St. Oswald's parish were very pleased to send a donation of \$1500 to the Sandy Baker Appeal Fund. Mrs. Baker had her operation which was at first believed to be successful. Sadly she became ill again and died in April 1993. The Launceston people were greatly grieved by this sad news, and St. John's Church, Launceston was filled at her funeral service. St. Oswald's was well represented and sent messages of sympathy and consolation to her husband,

Mr. Phil Baker, and their children. The service was held at St. John's, as St. Oswald's would have been too small for the large crowd of mourners.

The first annual meeting since the Reverend McKay's appointment as rector took place on 12th July 1992, and the following church officers were appointed:- Rector's warden - Mr. R. Gregory; People's wardens - Mr. N. Green and Mrs. A. McKendrick; Rector's vestrymen - Mr. C. Bullard and Mrs. R. Blyth (two more are to be appointed later); People's vestrymen - Mr. A. Godsmark, Mr. I. Westwood, Mr. S. Harley, Mr. K. Pedley, Mr. R. Janes and Mrs. J. Manttan.

Mr. Ross Challender was again re-appointed auditor. He was applauded by the meeting for so ably acting in this office for many years.

Among the apologies for non-attendance was that of Mr. Max Tatlock-Goodrick, who died soon afterwards.

The Late Mr. Tatlock-Goodrick

Mr. Max Tatlock-Goodrick was an active church worker in a number of different offices, including churchwarden, secretary, synodsman, lay reader, etc. In addition he was always willing to do any special job that needed doing, and to many people his name is synonymous with that of St. Oswald's.

Mrs. Tatlock-Goodrick was an active supporter of St. Oswald's Max's association with the parish covered the long period from 1948 to 1992 - forty-four years.

His funeral service at St. Oswald's was conducted by the rector, Rev. R. McKay, and the church was filled to overflowing. In addition to his church activities Max was a member of several other time-consuming organisations, including freemasonry (several Lodges) and the Royal Society. The age-old Masonic oration was read during the service and the large number of Masons present participated in the ceremony in the usual way.

Before he retired, Max was Launceston manager for Kodak (Aust) Pty. Ltd., and was also a very good photographer.

Induction of Rev. R.M. McKay - 1991

The Reverend Robert William McKay was formally inducted as Rector of the Trevallyn-Riverside parish at St. David's Church, Riverside, at 7:30 pm on 7th October 1991.

The ceremony was conducted by the Right Reverend P.K. Newell, Bishop of Tasmania, assisted by Archdeacon W. Letchford and Area Dean, Rev. W. Percey.

The Warden of Beaconsfield, Mr. Barry Easter, and Mayor of Launceston, Alderman Graham Beams, both spoke, welcoming the new Rector. A number of local Anglican clergy were also in attendance.

One interesting item is that participating in the ceremony were well-known St. Oswald's parishioners, Mrs. Sandy Baker and her husband, Mr. Phil Baker, with their children. They brought forward the sacramental vessels.

There was a large congregation, and after the ceremony a reception was held in St. David's hall.

The Present Rector - 1993

The **Reverend Robert William McKay** was inducted as Rector of the Parish of St. Oswald's Trevallyn on October 7th 1991. Shortly afterwards (at the next Parish Council meeting) the name of the parish was officially altered to the Parish of Trevallyn and Riverside.

This was the first of a number of changes which included service and music, a reflection of Mr. McKay's theological approach which adds evangelical and charismatic dimensions to an already strong catholic tradition. The aim of the present incumbent is to honour the traditions of Anglicanism while embracing the modern elements of church life and growth.

A Partners in Mission programme and the introduction of "Called to Serve" training courses established the goal of developing an every member ministry, and sought from the people their vision and aspirations for the parish. While not everyone is supportive of the changes there is, overall, a sense of direction and purpose as the parish builds on the work and contribution of previous clergy.

Graduating from the Institute of Theology (GBRE) and Ridley College (University of Melbourne) Mr. McKay has a ThL and ARC (Associate of Ridley College). He served his curacy at St. John's Launceston, followed by periods of service as rector of Sheffield, Franklin and the Cooperating Parishes of Huon. Prior to being called the ministry Mr. McKay graduated from the University of Queensland in Veterinary Science and served in



St. Oswald's Parish Camp at Golden Valley - 1989.



Rector in Centenary Year 1993 - Rev. R.W. McKay.

Western Australia and Northern Tasmania. He continues with part time involvement in Veterinary practice.

Bob shares his ministry with his wife Jan and both are involved in ministry with Christian radio. WAY-FM. Jan is a full time staff member as morning announcer and roster officer. Bob is coordinator of WAY-FM's telephone support service ... CARE-RING. They have two married daughters who both live in Tasmania.

St. David's Church, Riverside

St. David's is St. Oswald's daughter church, and was originally a wooden building erected in about 1900, the district then being named Cormiston, a country area with a small population, chiefly farmers and orchardists. The building was first used as a school.

After the war ended in 1945 much of the land was broken up and sold for residential purposes. The name was changed to Riverside and in 1963, the original wooden church was then sixty years old and becoming inadequate for the greatly increased population. The modern brick building was commenced in February 1963 and completed the following August. The cost was \$24,000.

St. David's comes under the overall control of the rector of St. Oswald's, but has its own vestry. There is a parish council consisting of five members of St. Oswald's vestry and a similar number from St. David's vestry. The populations of Trevallyn and Riverside are approximately the same, about 4500 in each.

The parish council was formed in 1985.

Taken from a report on the parish made in 1991 by the Partners in Mission, the sizes of the two congregations were very close to being equal.

At the time of this report, St. David's Sunday School had an average attendance of less than ten. This, however, is better than the St. Oswald's school, which was in recess. Unfortunately this is the trend in almost all Anglican parishes in Tasmania. It is interesting that some other denominations, particularly the Baptists and Gospel Hall Sunday Schools appear to be thriving. Sixty years ago the Sunday School had very large attendances, requiring the work of a superintendent, deputy superintendent and several other teachers. The kindergarten section alone required a number of teachers at St. Oswald's in the 1950s.

St. David's Ladies' Guild First Meeting - 43 years ago

October 15 1950. Formation meeting held after Evensong.

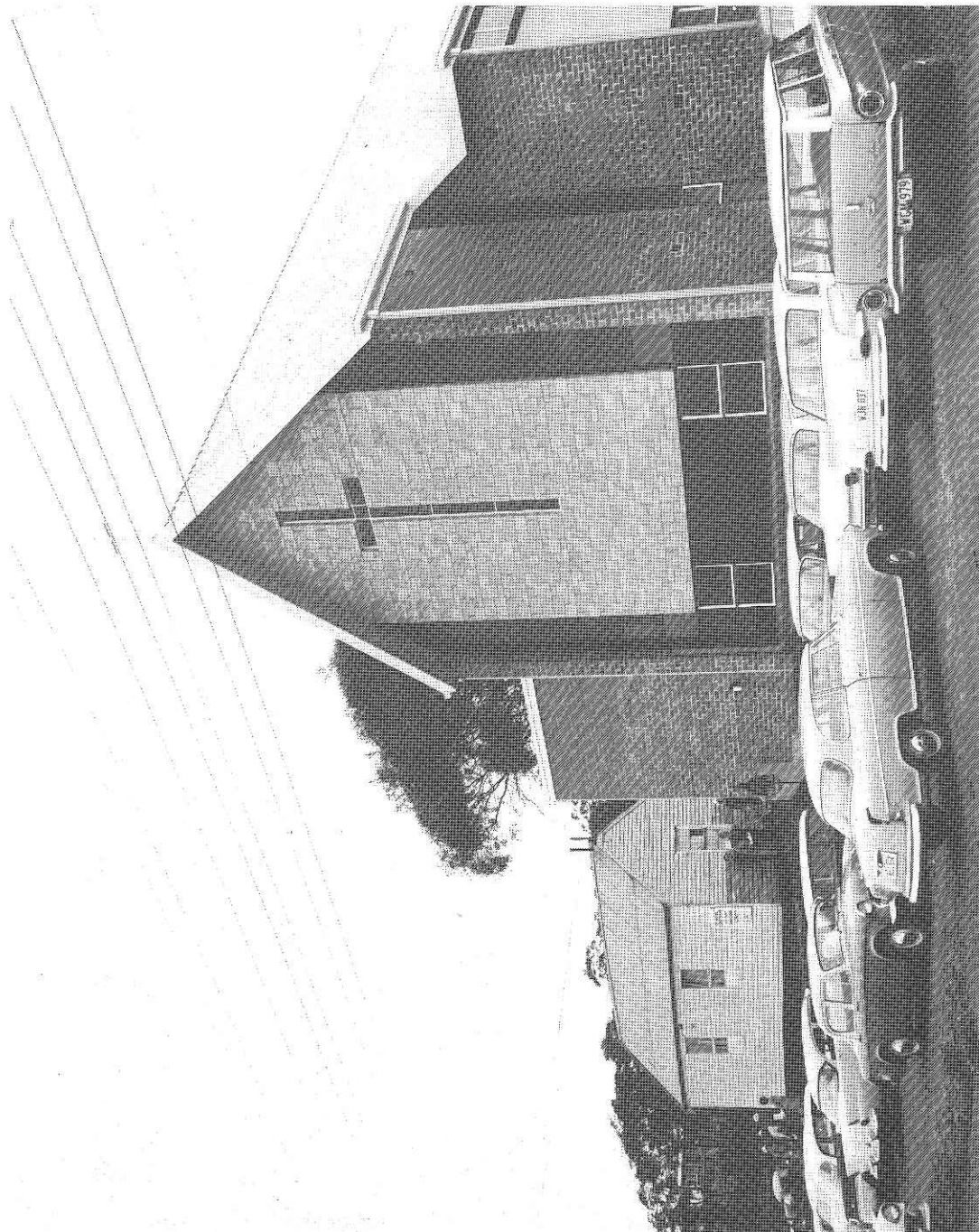
Elected were: President - Mrs. B.L. Thomson

Vice President - Mrs. B.H. Holmes

Secretary - Mrs. C. Thorne

Ass. Secretary - Mrs. J. Thomson

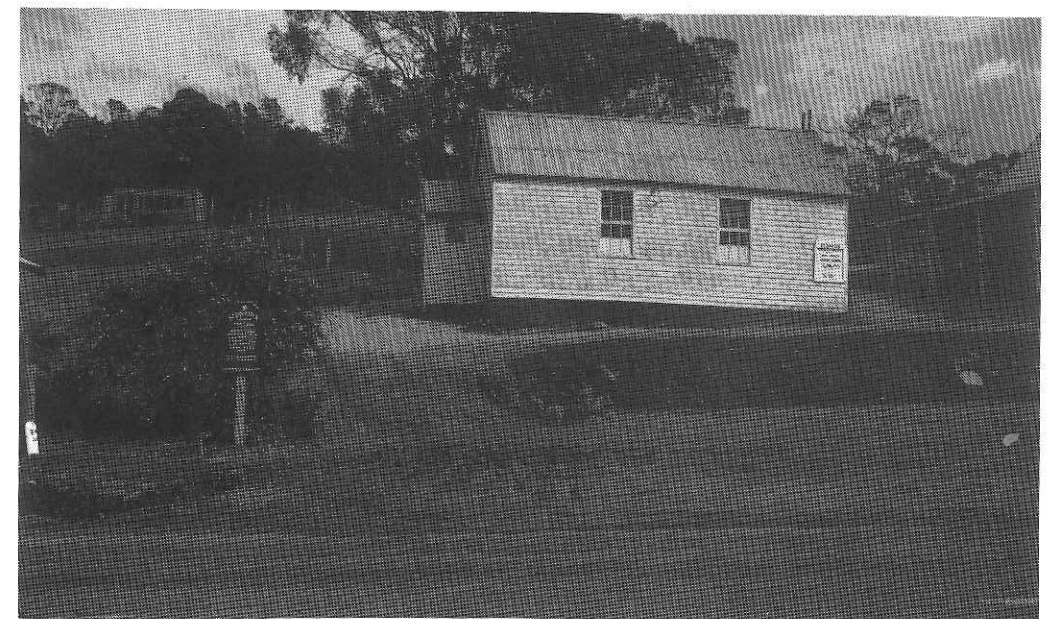
Treasurer - Mrs. B. Mackey



St. David's Church, Riverside, 1964.



*July 20th 1986 Consecration of St. David's Riverside
Note that original Cormiston Church has been replaced by the modern church hall.*



*Old St. David's Church (Cormiston). Built 1903 originally as a school
Replace by new hall a year after new brick church was depicated in 1964.*

Membership fee - 2/6d (25 cents) per year. The first meeting to be held on November 8 1950.

Present at that meeting (Nov. 8) were - Mesdames B. Thompson, Holmes, Mackey, J. Thomson, C. Thorne, J. Hayes, S. Willett, N. James, R. Millar, Kerkham and Mr. Stewart.

Apologies were - Mesdames Sutton, Stewart, Mahar, Lewis

1993 - The Guild is still active. The present officers are:-

President - Mrs. M. Igglesden Secretary - Mrs. I. Henri
Treasurer - Mrs. M. Garwood

Centenary Year Vestry - St. David's

The 1993 Vestry consisted of Mr. D. Sutton (rector's warden) Mr. Noel Curtis, Miss A. Cummings, Mr. E. Jackson, Mrs. J. Jackson, Mr. S. Simmonds, Mrs. M. Spurio, Dr. I. Sykes, Mr. C. Thow, Mr. G. Walker and Mr. K. Yost.

During the last Vestry year (1992) St. David's suffered the death of a devoted worker, vestryman Mr. David McQuestin, who is sadly missed by both Vestry and congregation.

Another member of the congregation, Mr. Jack Heyes, was a prominent supporter of St. David's for a number of years.

*St. David's - Riverside
First Annual Meeting - 3.8.1952*

Rev. L.N. Sutton presided.

Mr. P. Holmes Mr. T.J. Hayes (Secretary/Treasurer)
Mr. C.J.S. Sanderson Mr. C. Thorne (Auditor)

Credit balance of £26.11.2 (\$53.12) was recorded.

Trevallyn did not become a separate parish until 1952. There were no vestries or annual meetings before this date.

Church Officers from 1952 to 1993

Secretary 1952-1958 - T.J. (Jack) Hayes
 1959-1966 - Peter Cranswick
 1967-1977 - David Sutton
 1978-1982 - David McQuestin (Sen)
 1983-1992 - Mrs. Margaret Spurio
 1993 - Mrs Jennifer Smith (Minutes sec. only)

Treasurer 1953-1982 - T.J. (Jack) Hayes
 1983-1984 - David McQuestin
 1985 - Edric Whitchurch
 1986 - Noel Curtis
 1987-1989 - David McQuestin (Sen)
 1990-1992 - Cliff Thow
 1993 - Bain Jordan

Rector's Warden 1958-1959 - T.J. (Jack) Hayes
 1960-1966 - Aub. Whittle
 1967-1978 - Ian Jones
 1979-1991 - Noel Curtis
 1992 - David Sutton
 1993 - Mrs. Margaret Spurio

Sunday School Superintendents - St. David's

1953-1959 Mrs. Patricia Apted
1960-1963 Geoff Radford
1964-1968 Bill Robinson
1969-1991 Edric Whitchurch

Sunday School discontinued and Kanga Club formed.

Although St. David's Church was dedicated and used in 1964, it could not be consecrated until the original debt was paid off, which is the reason for the long delay.

No Anglican church may be consecrated until free of its original debt, but is dedicated for use for services.

St. Oswald's Church is classified by the National Trust, and the attractive old building erected one hundred years ago, has been regularly maintained and updated when necessary. The building is in very good order, as also is the church hall. Proposals for improving both buildings and providing better car access have been made, and it is hoped that these will be further considered in the not too far distant future.

We can look back on our first century of worship and fellowship with pleasure and pride, and with hope and prayer that the future may be equally rewarding.

St Oswald's
School Church Trevelyan
near Lammerton

This School Church is at present situated
within the conventional parish of Beesemfield
or Tamar, but is assigned to the care of
the Incumbent of St John's Lammerton to administer
in conjunction with that parish and in all respects
as if it were an integral portion of St John's Parish
R. August Kelly, M.A. Incumbent of St John's

Written inside the cover of St. Oswald's First Baptisms Register 1894.

Rev. R. A. N. Kelly Rector of St John's L.

BAPTISMS SOLEMNIZED IN THE PARISH OF St Oswald Trevelyan IN THE COUNTY OF
IN THE YEARS 1894 & 1896

When Baptised.	When Born.	Child's Christian Name.	PARENTS' NAME.		Abode.	Quality or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was Performed.
			Christian.	Surname.			
1894 June 10	28 April 1894	Loris Mary	Frederick John Ann's Grace	Richard	Trevelyan	farmer	A. H. Champion
19 August 1894	1 June 1894	Ivy Anna	Henry James & Anna	Archer	Trevelyan	labourer	A. H. Champion
1896 29 March	3 January	Gwendoline	John Powell Charlotte	Hilliams	Trevelyan	drover	R. Kelly
1896 29 March	15 November 1895	Hilda May	Henry James Anna	Archer	Trevelyan	labourer	R. Kelly

The First Baptisms - 1890s