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# ST. JOHN'S Parish Messenger



### SERVICES.

SUNDAY .. .. { Morning, 11'0  
Evening, 7'0

WEDNESDAY .. { Litany, 11'0  
Evening, 7'30

### HOLY COMMUNION.

First Sunday in month 8 & 11 a.m.  
Second " " 10 a.m. 7 p.m.  
Third " " 8 a.m. 11 a.m.  
Fourth " " .. 8'0 a.m.  
Fifth " " .. 10'0 a.m.  
And at other times according to  
notices.

### BAPTISMS.

Wednesday.. 11'0 a.m. and 7'30p.m.

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## STANDING NOTICES.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

St. John's	...	...	...	10-0 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.
Abbott Street	...	...	...	9-45 a.m. and 3-0 p.m.
Mission House	...	...	...	9-45 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.

Children's Service—Junior Second Sunday, Senior Fourth Sunday, in Church, 3 p.m.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS, ETC.

Monday	...	6-30 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Junior)	Mission House
Tuesday	...	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	State Schools
		6-30 p.m...	Girls' Sewing Class (Senior)	Mission House
Wednesday	...	11-0 a.m...	Litany and Baptisms	St. John's Church
		2-30 p.m...	Flower Mission	Parsonage
		7-30 p.m...	Evening Service and Baptism	St. John's Church
		7-30 p.m...	Mission Service	Abbott Street Schoolroom
Thursday	...	9-0 a.m...	Religious Instruction	State Schools
		10-0 a.m...	Cottage Service	Little Quadrant
		2-30 p.m...	Mothers' Meeting	Mission House
		7-30 p.m...	Teachers' Meeting	Parsonage
Friday	...	4-15 p.m...	Children's Instruction	St. John's Church
		7-30 p.m...	Girls' Bible Class	Parsonage

## MEETINGS AT MISSION HOUSE.

Sunday—Morning School	...	...	...	9-45 a.m.
Afternoon...	...	...	...	2-30 p.m.
Evening Service	...	...	...	7 p.m.
Monday—Junior Girl's Sewing Class	...	...	...	6-30 till 8 p.m.
Tuesday—Senior Girl's Sewing Class	...	...	...	7 till 8-30 p.m.
Thursday—afternoon Mother's Meeting	...	...	...	2-30 till 4-30 p.m.
Evening Boys' Class	...	...	...	7 till 8 p.m.
Bible Class for Adults	...	...	...	7-30 p.m.
Friday—Ladies' Work Party	...	...	...	2-30 till 5 p.m.
Saturday—Open Prayer Meeting	...	...	...	8 p.m.

Friday Evenings—Lectures as arranged.

## MISSION SERVICES.

Mission House (late Queen's Head), Sunday Evening.

Prayer Meeting, 6-30. Service, 7.

Abbott Street Schoolroom, Sunday, 7 p.m., Wednesday, 7-30 p.m.

**Servants' Registry.**—Hours every day, 9 to 10 a.m.; Monday also 2 to 6. Fees: servants, free; mistresses, 2s. 6d. (*All fees go to parish funds.*) Any cases of sickness in the parish, in which Miss Shoobridge's help would be welcome in nursing women or children, looking after family while the mother is ill, etc. etc., may be referred to the clergy, or to Miss Shoobridge direct at the Mission House, Wellington Street.

## The St. John's Parish Messenger

LAUNCESTON, DECEMBER 1, 1893.

## THE CHILDREN.

WITH the anniversary and the treat and with the forthcoming examination in religious knowledge our minds turn to the Church's work among the children. *No one can supply the parents' place as the natural and best teachers of religion.* Let us keep it clear, this vital principle of true family godliness.

But the Church has a duty too. I have much pleasure in transcribing here a letter addressed by the Bishop to the children of Trevallyn, where a school is to be started immediately under direct control of the Bishop. The contents are such as suit every child, and are well worthy of quiet consideration by parents too.

BISHOPSCOURT, HOBART,  
November 8, 1893.

MY DEAR CHILDREN,

I am looking forward with delight to hear from Mr. Fawns that some of you are going to form our new Sunday School in Trevallyn. I have schools which I call specially my own, because I keep the lists of their names, and write letters to the school, and receive reports of their progress, and *one thing more*—every Friday morning prayers are offered specially for the children of the Bishop's Sunday Schools, in the little chapel we have at Bishopscourt in Hobart. Now I want you to give your names to Mr. Fawns and Mr. Lingley that they may be sent to me.

I want to tell you how glad I am that if you go to no Sunday School in Launceston, you will have one now in Trevallyn. I know that what we learn when we are young about God our Heavenly Father and His will we never forget. It is the psalms, and hymns, and verses I learnt as a boy which seem to have done me most good. How well I remember learning the first psalm. I think it was almost my first lesson in Scripture. And if you will all listen to lessons on the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and learn these passages by heart also, you will thank God for it some day. I look forward to the day when I can come and hear you say them, and when I can come and learn to know you each by name, and your parents also, if they will permit me. I know that Sunday School time will be made bright and happy for you, and in time other things will arise for your benefit.

One other point, indeed, I want to make sure of—that you all know prayers to be said by yourselves morning and evening. We are never happy unless we have spoken to our Father in Heaven every day, and have asked Him to make us walk in the steps of His Son our Saviour.

I will write no more now, but I pray that God may bless you all, and make you grow up good men and women and a blessing to the world.

Your affectionate friend and Bishop,

H. H. TASMANIA.



## RECORD OF THE MONTH.

£. s. d.—With regard to this subject I might mention the amount of money placed at the discretion of the Incumbent for charitable purposes in this parish, after providing for certain pensioners, has been the not very large sum of £14 10s. per annum. I am sometimes amused at the way applicants for charity are sent on to me as if I had a really large fund to draw on. Of course it means that my pocket has to act as substitute for that of the sender. But it is all in the day's march! I have a deep-rooted scepticism as to the inability of the faithful to raise funds for any object they really set their heart on. In spite of the bad times the proprietor of a big circus manages to carry out of the country a pretty substantial sum.

The **Lay Helpers' Association** is intended to offer an organisation of special work to members of any parish. The licence conveys authority to minister and preach in any parish in the diocese; of course with the consent of the Incumbent in each case. The service at St. John's on November 6 was marked by a very earnest and hearty spirit. Thank God that we have made it plain that the ministration of the word is not to be confined to priests and deacons. There were present with the Bishop the three clergy of the parish, Ven. Archdeacon Hales, Canon Adams, Rev. A. Barkway, Rev. A. H. Champion (chaplain of the association); the Revs. Atkinson and Webster were also present. The council of the association was represented by Messrs. Ferguson and Ferrall, who joined in the procession. There was a good congregation, who joined heartily in the service. The Bishop gave a very earnest address on the spiritual aspect of lay work, and pointed out the great necessity there was for it. He trusted that such a service and step would influence other centres, and lead them to be up and doing. The Bishop then handed the licences to the lay helpers, who were in surplice and cassock. Special prayers were also offered for their fit discharge of their office, which is indeed, as the Bishop said, of serious responsibility. Eight in all were licensed. Besides these there is the beginning of further additions of *probationers*. As to this work, besides helping in this parish in our missions, there is work already to be undertaken in Breadalbane, Franklin Village, King's Meadows, and perhaps Hadspen next month. Other applications are also coming in.

The **Sunday School Anniversary**, on the last Sunday of November (the last of the ecclesiastical year, too), was very happily celebrated. The day began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, at which most of the school teachers were present, 51 in all joining in this great thanksgiving service of Christ's own appointing. The other services—11, 3, and 7—were attended by the children from all three schools (St. John's, Abbott Street, and Mission), who filled the galleries and chancel. The church was filled at morning service and crowded out at evening service. We rejoice to see God's House filled, but cannot help feeling that there is a great deal of spurious excitement in rushing to these anniversary services. The music was very hearty, and the hymns were particularly good. The canticles were taken up by the children better in the evening than in the morning. Mr Findlay, the conductor, and Mr. Smith, our organist, deserve hearty thanks for the care and training bestowed on the children.

The **Treat**.—The Sunday School Union (representing every parish) felt this year unable to recommend the continuance of the plan of a combined treat. It has become year by year more difficult to organise, as the numbers have increased and the schools multiplied. The teachers of St. John's accordingly had to discuss best arrangements for our three schools, and in regard to the unsettled state of the weather last December it was decided to hold the treat in January.

The **Congregation** are requested to help in carrying out a very small but not valueless reform of procedure. It is very often more than unfortunate that the clergy should be unable to get to the vestry until everybody has left the church. This effectually precludes any chance of speaking to persons to whom it is important sometimes to speak a word or two. The Church of England has an unenviable name for the lack of welcome it extends to new members of its congregations. Perhaps the clergy might help to make those they had induced to attend the services feel more welcome if they could sometimes greet them as they pass out. We appeal, therefore, to all to remain in their seats till we have got to the vestry. Whether they stand or sit I care not, so long as the practical effect is secured. But as I have been asked the meaning of standing it may be as well to explain so simple a matter. When Mr. Waterhouse goes to the bench the lawyers rise to show their respect for the office he holds as representing the Crown. In the presence of an ambassador or governor one rises to show respect for the office he holds as representative of Her Majesty. When clergy or lay readers are in their official capacity in the Church as ministers of the Great King it has always been usual to pay the same respect to their office as is paid to that of the ministers of a merely earthly sovereign. There is no more in it.

The **Choir** held their annual business meeting on Friday, November 24, at the parsonage, when Mr. Rule, as secretary, Mr. Jordan, as librarian, and a committee were duly elected. The report shows an increased number in the choir.

**Special Services** at the three Churches were arranged for St. Andrew's Day:—St. Paul's Wednesday evening, and on St. Andrew's Day at St. John's Holy Communion 8 and 10 o'clock, and Holy Trinity evening service 7-30. At all services special prayers for the work of the Church in the mission field were offered. This day is observed throughout the Anglican communion as a day of intercession for foreign missions.

**St. John's Church Union**.—A meeting was held in the Mission House on Friday, November 3. The room was filled to overflowing. After addresses from the Incumbent, the Rev. F. Parnall, and Mr. M. Robinson, four new members were admitted. Mr. C. Fawns and Mr. A. G. Lingley responded to the hearty welcome accorded to them. The Union then proceeded to choose a council, with Mr. A. G. Lingley as secretary and Mr. M. E. Robinson as treasurer. The interest in foreign missions, it was felt, it would be well to develop by having papers read on different missions by various members, and meetings for this purpose should be held about once a month.

**Advent Services**.—During Advent the Rev. S. Ingle will preach a course of special sermons in the parish church on Wednesday evenings at 7-30. Subjects: December 6, "Christ, the spirit of prophecy;" December 13, "Christ, the pattern;" December 20, "Christ, the fulfilment." There will be daily evening service in the church at 5-30 during Advent.

**Advent Season**.—The Church begins the ecclesiastical year by bidding us prepare our minds (1) for the joy of thanksgiving for the Incarnation of the Son of God into human life in the birth of the Child Jesus, and (2) also for the Second Coming of that same Jesus—how, or when, or in what unexpected ways we know not. Advent speaks, then, of the great act of God's coming to seek His lost, and also bids us prepare to meet our God and give account as to our use of His mercy. It is a great secret of a staunch and vigorous spiritual life, this "*preparedness*." Special opportunities will be afforded for making this season a help in the systematic development of the faith. Daily prayer in the parish church at 5-30 (this service lasts 15 or 20 minutes), and special subjects of meditation on Wednesday evenings at 7-30.

**Christmas Day.**—There will be services as follows:—Holy Communion at 8, morning prayer and Holy Communion at 11, evening service at 5:30.

**St. John's Day.**—This is the dedication festival, and anniversary of our church, so, as usual, we shall have special services of prayer and praise, with address to church workers in the evening. Holy Communion, 8 and 10. Evening service, 7:30. These services were so very well attended last year that we may rejoice to hope for good gatherings to present the work and needs of the parish to God this year again.

**Trevallyn School Church.**—A meeting of the Building and Finance Committee was held to discuss the plans submitted by Mr. A. North for the building of a school church at Trevallyn. The estimate of £257 for the building was accepted. Mr. Barnes was elected chairman of the committee. We hear that a contract is signed to the effect that the building must be ready for use before the end of January. We congratulate Mr. C. Fawns upon the energetic manner in which he has pushed forward the matter. We are glad to learn that another good British name is to be commemorated in the dedication of this little building, which will be known as St. Oswald's.

**As we go to press** the arrangements for the concert on December 1 are being completed. It is too late to put particulars here.

#### NOTES FROM MISSION HOUSE.

The measles epidemic not only reduced all schools to very small proportions, but obviously necessitated great additional burdens in many homes, where already the pressure of "bad times" made it difficult to arrange for the comfort of the little sufferers. Our deaconess was kept hard at work helping mothers of sick babies. We also supplied broth, milk, and other necessaries in many cases. The District Nurse (Miss Moore) is not allowed to help in infectious diseases. Among other cases was one of a mother and three out of five children all down together, and no one in the house to help (the father being away in the mines). In this case we took the two children who had escaped the measles into the Mission House, and had the rest of the family conveyed to the hospital. The mother after a fortnight was able to take her children home again, and both parents were most grateful for our help, the father sending £1 to cover expenses of food, cabs, etc. Clothing, sheets, and pillow cases, etc., for the sick children were sent or made by the Misses Barkway, Solomon, Davey, Mrs. Thomas, a friend, Mrs. J. C. Genders, Mrs. Smith, Miss Adams, Mrs. H. Weedon.

**Lectures at the Mission House.**—The lecture on Tasmanian birds by Mr. Carr on November 13 was greatly enhanced by the beautiful specimens exhibited in the hall. The room was not well filled, as the circus proved to be a strong counter attraction. A most interesting and instructive evening was spent in examining the various species of winged fowl, and many then became acquainted for the first time with the birds of their own country. *A Christmas Holiday in Rome.*—Mr. C. Fawns delivered an able and interesting lecture to a crowded hall on November 6. The Rev. R. C. N. Kelly took the chair. The lecturer graphically described the noble sights of the once great city, and depicted the characteristics of the Italian race, and the beauties of the "Garden of Grapes" with so life-like a description that the audience lamented their ramble in the other hemisphere was so soon brought to an end.

**Magic Lantern Lectures**—The Rev. N. Kelly gave two lectures (November 14 and 21) on the English Church History with the help of lantern views. The lectures were much appreciated. Those who were fortunate enough to be present eagerly drank in the interesting facts of the growth of

the Church. We feel that this mode of teaching in connection with Church History is much needed. We hope for more. We ask the Rev. F. Nance to accept our warmest thanks for his generosity in the loan of the lantern. The plentiful and large series of slides, illustrating the great epochs of history from the finest buildings in England, were mostly from photographs, and are supplied by the S.P.C.K.

**Acknowledgements.**—Our thanks are due to the ladies of the *Self-denial Work Party* for 16 articles of clothing, which have proved a great boon to the measles convalescents, to Mr. Pope (Sydney, N.S.W.) for remnants, Messrs. Ferrall and Griffiths and Mr. James, meat and bread. For Mission Fund—Mrs. Hemp, 2s. 6d.; Miss Walters, 5s.; Miss Lottie Kingston (thankoffering), 5s.; C.S., 8s. 6d.; Mrs. Henry Flexman, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. A. Evans, 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Cooke and Miss Cooke, 4s.; Mrs. G. Lakin and Miss Standage, 4s.; Miss Weatherhead, 4s. 6d.; Mr. Taylor, 1s.; Friend, 4s.; per Mrs. Spicer, 8s.; Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Doubleday, 6s. 6d.; Mrs. Champion, 2s. 6d.; rents, £1 14s.; offertories, 10s. 5½d. For Foreign Missions—Alex. Evans (per mission box), 2s. 7½d.

**Hope Cottage.**—Contributions of milk daily, fruit, butter, sausages, cheese, fish, parcel of clothing, etc., etc., have been thankfully received from Mesdames Montgomery, Kelly, Hickson, Stewart, Sutton, Barker, and from a former inmate.

**A Cake and Fancy Fair** will be held in the Schoolroom on Thursday and Friday, 21st and 22nd insts. The teachers and other ladies will take stalls. The sale will open on Thursday evening. Goods will be marked at fair prices and no gambling be introduced.

**Union Jack Club** for boys. A cricket club is now forming. Ground has been obtained on most liberal terms on the Association Cricket Ground. Mr. Lingley is "match captain," and the subscription can be arranged for at 3d. per week. Now boys, roll up and keep the club going.

## THE PARISH REGISTERS.

### BAPTISMS.

Grant that Whosoever is here Dedicated to Thee by our Office and Ministry may also be endued with Heavenly Virtues.

- November 1.—Vera Beryl Stroud, Frankland street.  
 " 1.—Marie Louise James, Gleadow street, Inveresk.  
 " 1.—Ernest Claud Strutt, 98 Elizabeth street.  
 " 1.—Eva May House, Cypress street, Elphin road.  
 " 1.—Charles Hildred Ernest Stubbs, Glenore.  
 " 8.—Esther Kate Russell, Westbury road.  
 " 8.—Linda Pearl Summers, 59 Balfour street.  
 " 16.—Charles Warren, Strathroy, King's Meadows.  
 " 20.—Laura Evelyn Wilson, Lefroy.  
 " 22.—Ulana Sicklemore, 87 George street.  
 " 22.—Edna Alma Lockwood, Royal Oak, Brisbane street.  
 " 22.—Marjory Grace Milne, 33 Margaret street.  
 " 22.—Stewart Charles Milne, 33 Margaret street.  
 " 22.—Gladys Irene M'Clutchey, 164 Elizabeth street.  
 " 22.—Bertram Henry Mawson, 4 Canning street.  
 " 22.—Ruby Florence Mary Parkinson, Earl street.  
 " 22.—Edwin Arthur Mills, Gunn street, Invermay.  
 " 29.—Doris Thelma Abbott, 207 St. John Street.  
 " 29.—Rachel Foster, Glenelg Street.



**BURIALS.**

☉ Holy and Merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge Eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any gains of Death to fall from Thee.

- November 1.—Byron Arthur, Allen Prosser, Batten street, aged 10 months.  
 „ 6.—Ada Dell, Frederick street, aged 13 years.  
 „ 7.—Lily May Bailey, Cameron street, aged 4 months.  
 „ 9.—Lila Maud Baker, New street, Inveresk, aged 7 years.  
 „ 9.—Robert William Craig, Welman street, aged 9 months.  
 „ 12.—Jane Adelaide Evans, Post Office, Young Town, aged 18 months.

**BAPTISM AND CHURCHING.**

There are **NO FEES WHATSOEVER** to be paid for these services, as however many like to make a Thankoffering on these occasions, a **BOX** is provided in the **VESTRY** to receive any such voluntary gifts. The money thus given goes to further the work of the parish (Sunday Schools, etc.)

**Sick Visits.**—The clergy request that any who desire pastoral visitation will send word to them to this effect. We are thankful to be sent for, but cannot possibly know of ourselves who may desire such visits.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

**NOTE.**—We appeal to all parents to strengthen the hands of the teachers by taking an interest in what the children are taught, and by seeing that the *Repetition Texts*, etc., are learned thoroughly by the children at home.

MORNING.	AFTERNOON.		HYMNS.	
	SENIOR.	JUNIOR.	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.
December 3. 1st Sunday in Advent.	Acts, to end.		65, 61.	68, 217.
December 10. 2nd Sunday in Advent.		Examination.	*64, 256.	224, *287.
December 17. 3rd Sunday in Advent.	Catechising in Church.	Temperance Lesson. The Nazarite Vow, Num. vi.	229, 68.	182, *252.
December 24. 4th Sunday in Advent.		Instruction on Christmas.	65, 205.	78, *413.
December 31. Sunday after Christmas.	Missionary Lesson. The Great Net (St. Matt. xiii. 47).		70, *410.	82, *86.
January 7. 1st Sunday after Epiphany.			93, *189.	91, 95.

\* New hymns which the teachers might practise beforehand.

N.B.—Children's services in church 2nd and 4th Sundays in month, 3 p.m. Offertories will be devoted to the Sunday School Building Fund.

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 Mothers' Meeting, Thursday, 2.30 „

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