

ers, and to express thanks for their unselfish work on behalf of the children.

The children are looking forward to the picnic on December 9, and hopes are entertained for a fine day.

The Christmas Day services will be held at the usual times as in past years—Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m.; also Evensong, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve this year will be on a Sunday, and for the benefit of those who may have to be away on Christmas Day there will be services of Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

There will also be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve as usual.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

We want to thank all friends who helped with the Christmas presents for Roper River and Groote Eylandt. They were the very best yet sent.

Miss Garrard's Christmas present for her car fund came to £7 14s 6d, but exchange reduced this to £6 3s.

The M.S.L. gave their play, "Triumphs in Tanganyika" and the Y.P.U. a dialogue to a very large and appreciative audience in St. John's Hall. The effort was so successful that the play was repeated at St. Oswald's and also at St. Aidan's. The slides shown by the Rev. H. E. Warren were most interesting, and his talk very helpful.

Our Northern Secretary has received a very interesting and encouraging letter from Bishop Chambers telling of his work in Tanganyika.

The Tasmanian branch of the C.M.S. is asking for extra help between now and the end of the year. This year so far C.M.S. is short. We need several hundreds to meet all our obligations. This is partly owing to the heavy exchange on overseas remittances. We can't let our missionaries suffer, can we? We ask for prayers of all that the needed help may come.

There will be a service in St. John's Chapel on Thursday, December 7, at 7.30 p.m., with an address on Tanganyika, illustrated by lantern slides. This will take the place of the usual week-night service for that week.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Maxwell Thomas Brient, Patricia Joan Alomes, Geoffrey Neil Sims, Lewis Geoffrey Kay, John Bryan, Beryl Edna Boscoe, Brian William Claxton, Lavinia Elizabeth Isabella Bird, Adey Thomas John French, Brian Alfred Kilbey, Arthur John Gamble, Phyllis Mary Gibson, Lorraine Marjorie Spicer, Margaret Ellen Creeley, Craig Kingsley Spicer, Barbara Wheldon.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Walter Brown and Elsie Eliza Hoodless.

Robert Joseph Bunton and Gwendoline Cawthen.

Geoffrey Frank Willis and Doris Miriam Browne.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Rector appeals most urgently for subscriptions to this little paper, otherwise it must cease publication. Unfortunately, the main source of income has been lost owing to the inability to let the garage in the church grounds, the rent of which was used towards the cost of the production of the paper. Thanks for subscriptions to Miss Evershed, 1s; Miss Windeatt, 2s; Miss Harrap, 2s; Miss Phillips, 2s; M., 2s.

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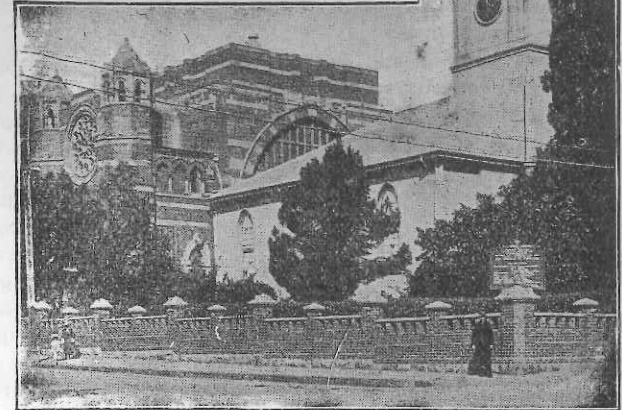
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St. John's Parish Messenger

A Monthly Message from the Mother Church of Launceston. St. John's Church was opened 1825, but our records go back to 1811.

The new portion (still unfinished), as shown below, was commenced in 1901.



DECEMBER

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APPOINTMENTS:

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11, and 7—Sunday School, 10 and 3. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. (every Sunday), 10 a.m. (second Sunday), 11 a.m. (first and third Sunday), also Saints' Days at 7.30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 10.15 a.m. Young Men's Bible Class, 2.30. Young Women's Class, 2.30.

MONDAY—Missionary Service League, C.M.S. Depot, 7.45 p.m.

TUESDAYS—G.F.S., 7.45 p.m. C. of E. Boys' Society, 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS—Boys Scouts and Cubs, 7.30 p.m. M.M.A., 1st and 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Baptisms every Wednesday, 11 a.m. Church Service, Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Girl Guides, 7.30 p.m.

THURSDAYS—Choir Practice, 8. Missionary Band, 4.15. Fourth Thursday, Mother's Union, 3.

FRIDAYS—Brownies, 6.45 p.m.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—Service every Sunday, 7 p.m. Holy Communion Fourth Sunday, at 11 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, CANNING STREET—Service every Sunday, 7 p.m.

CORMISTON—Every alternate Sunday, 3.30 p.m.

A CORDIAL INVITATION is hereby given to ALL to Attend our SERVICES. YOU will be Welcomed, Shown to a Seat. and, if necessary, provided with Books.

RECTOR'S NOTES.

Not only St. John's, but the whole city of Launceston, was deeply moved at the unexpected passing of the Rev. D. Ross Hewton, who for 13 years had so faithfully and earnestly given of his very best as Rector of St. John's. It was natural for us all to feel grieved that he was not spared to enjoy his well-earned retirement, but we must remember also that God spared him and blessed him with wonderful health and vitality to the very end of a long and successful ministry.

There is no need for me to speak of his work and influence. His funeral was one of the finest tributes ever paid to any citizen of this city.

His passing is a very real personal loss to me, for he was one of my closest friends, and I had looked forward to his help at St. John's for special occasions.

Our very sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hewton and Mrs. T. Humphries in their sad bereavement.

As I am writing this letter the news of the tragic death of the Rev. Wynne Evans has just come to hand. The eyes of the whole of Australia have been upon the mission stations of the Northern Territory, especially with regard to the peace expedition to the Caledon blacks, and our Church has felt very proud of the men holding the flag in that part of Christ's kingdom. Now comes the news of the loss of Mr. Evans. It is a situation calling for earnest prayer and support.

The Rev. Wynne Evans was our own missionary, serving his curacy at St. John's and winning a remarkable place in the affections of all our people, and his loss seems a tragedy. Young, keen, earnest and efficient, he seemed the ideal type for the work

to which he set his hand. Our hearts turn in deep sympathy to his brave little wife.

I feel that we ought to regard all these happenings as a definite call to more consecrated service and greater support in the missionary work of the Church.

The farewell service to the Rev. H. E. Warren held in St. John's Church was one of the most impressive it has been my lot to experience. Such a large congregation for a week-night service was a very definite encouragement, and leads one to feel that Mr. Warren will not be forgotten as he enters upon his difficult and dangerous undertaking. Probably the Church in Australia has never faced a more delicate yet inspiring task, and people everywhere are impressed by the ideal of this gallant band. I hope our Parish of St. John's is going to take a very real part in this work by contributing very liberally. By the very nature of things it must be a costly task, and Tasmania (and Launceston is particular) is expected to help.

St. John's recently had a demonstration of the value of amplifiers. The results were very encouraging, and the voice was carried clearly and distinctly to the end of the church. Better results still could be obtained by a permanent installation. It is the practice now in all English cathedrals to have them in use, as also in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Their installation in St. John's would once and for all solve the difficulty of the acoustic properties of our church. It is just a question of cost—about £50 to £60. It would be a very fine, generous, and practical gift if someone would donate the necessary money.

For some years the inside of the great dome that spans the transepts has been a cause of concern owing to the rain at times finding its way

through. This is due to the inability of the corner wells to carry off the water during very heavy rain. Only two courses were open to cure the trouble—either to finish the tower or to erect a temporary roof. The former is out of the question, as it would cost thousands of pounds. It has been decided to cover the dome with an iron roof, and so prevent all soakage inside. This will only be a temporary roof, but will be quite sufficient until such times as the permanent structure can be undertaken.

In a very few weeks we shall have the important and happy season of Christmas at hand, and I most sincerely pray and hope that it may prove a very blessed one indeed to us all. In all our joyful reunions and festive gatherings let us ever bear in mind its Founder, who came as a little child to bring peace and goodwill to men. How terribly we need the "Prince of Peace" to-day! With nations arming and the lust of conquest far too prevalent, we need to listen to the message that heralded His coming: "Peace on earth and goodwill to men." I want to wish you one and all every happiness this Christmas-tide.

May the true Christmas spirit prevail in all our hearts, leading us to the great fourfold measure of Christ's love. Its height and depth and breadth and length. The height of a great aspiration—the depth of a deep devotion—the breadth of a great charity and the length of a great hope. Here is a Christmas message: "And He set a little child in the midst of them."

W. GREENWOOD,
Rector.

ST. OSWALD'S.—The annual Sunday School Festival was held on Sunday, November 26, with services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. We are

grateful to the Rev. G. Rowe for his interesting address at the morning service. The Rector distributed the prizes in the afternoon, and Mr. Nash preached at Evensong.

The annual Sunday School picnic will be held this year at the Punch Bowl on December 2. This is a new departure as far as the venue of the picnic is concerned, and should prove very successful.

SHOOBRIDGE HALL.—Mr. F. Cleaver's Boys' Club had their annual break-up recently, and went into recess for the summer months. There was a great gathering of lads for the final night, and all enjoyed a very interesting evening. After community singing the prizes were distributed by the Rector, and supper followed. A number of members of the Launceston Rotary came to see something of the work of this club, and were impressed by its immense value to the lads of this poor district.

The Sunday School festival is to be held on December 3. The Rector will distribute the prizes at the afternoon service, and the Rev. H. C. Cuthbertson will preach at night.

The usual concert held in connection with the festival will be held on the following Tuesday. Tea at 6 p.m. and concert at 8 p.m. Proceeds for prize fund. Admission, adults 1s, children 6d.

Mothers' Meeting break-up social will be held on December 14.

Miss Kelly thanks all who so generously helped her in the recent successful fair. Proceeds were about £37.

GENERAL NOTES.

Beautiful weather favoured St. John's School festival, and large congregations assembled. The teachers responded well to the invitation to make the 8 a.m. service a corporate Communion. The Rev. E. W. Julien preached a very able and interesting sermon in the morning. The Rev. C. J. Nash kindly stepped in and took the afternoon service in the place of Mr. Adams, who was ill in bed. The Rector preached to a very large gathering of parents and friends at Evensong.

Opportunity was taken to congratulate the Superintendent and teach-