

ST. OSWALD'S.

A gracious and kindly thought prompted the workers at St. Oswald's to mark the esteem in which the organist (Mrs. F. Beck) is held by presenting her with a very beautiful blackwood lamp stand and candlestick. This took place at the home of Mrs. Weetman, when a very pleasant afternoon was spent by all present. The Rector spoke very appreciatively of Mrs. Beck's work, and was supported in his remarks by the Rev. C. J. Nash.

Under the leadership of Mr. Joscelyne the Sunday School children are practising for their Sunday School festival on Sunday, December 2, when services will be held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Robert James Rooney and Tasma Ethelyne Owen.

Jack Vivien Yates and Peggy Gertrude Symmons.

Walter Alfred Furniss and Valerie Helen Walker.

Harold Leslie Sayer Tasker and Otilie Noel R. Riggall.

Alec. William McLennan and Lillian Iris Richardson.

Wilfred Leslie Merchant and Iris May Smith.

Albert John Newson and Kathleen Alma Burns.

Frank Henry Thomas Underlin and Maud Linda Hodgetts.

Ronald Hubert Hayes and Queenie V. H. S. Jordan.

William George Eley and Ida Daisy Thompson.

Vivian Charles Dawe and Nancy Healey.

William Arthur Colhoun and Mollie Gweneth Wright.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Berkley James Cox.
Margaret Elizabeth Luttrell.
John Colin Rusden.
Rita Burwood Mansell.
Beverley Esie Thomas.
Donald Trevor Dunn.
William Michael Curtis.
Geoffrey Hugo von Stieglitz.
John James Coombes.
Hilton Adrian Lodge.
Donald James Bishop.
Raymond Arthur Morrison.
Ronald Sidney Lynex.
Elaine Margaret Bryan.
Alva Christina Fair.
Patricia Anne Mosley.

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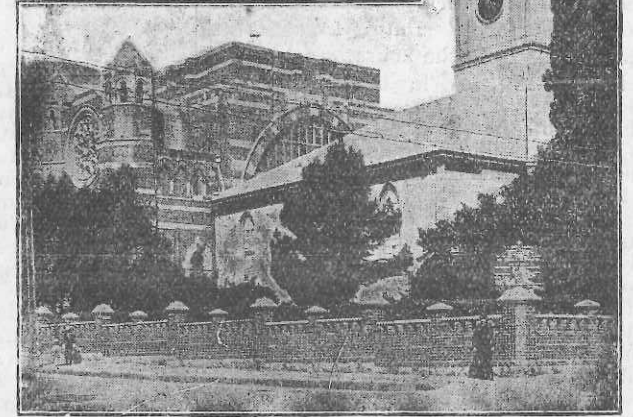
Afternoon Tea & Light Refreshments

All proceeds over and above expenses
go to help Missions

St. John's Parish Messenger

A 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

1934

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Organist—MR. A. R. GEE, F.I.G.C.M., 6 Elizabeth St. 'Phone 1670.

Verger—MR. A. FORD, "The Cottage," 39 Elizabeth Street.

Foreign Missionaries—MISS T. GARRARD, "Iganga," Uganda, Africa; MR. H. L. PERRIMAN, "Groote Eylandt," Gulf of Carpentaria.

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 10.15 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. G. 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.

Probably not since the Great War has our city been plunged into such deep sorrow as that occasioned by the awful disaster to the air liner *Miss Hobart*. It comes as a great test to our faith to be able to say, "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." But if a sparrow cannot fall from the housetop without His knowing, so in this we must accept His will and realise "That we shall know hereafter." The tragedy is brought still closer home to us by the loss of the Rev. H. E. Warren, whose life and remarkable ministry has left such a deep impression on all our minds. The solemn and impressive memorial service held in St. John's was a striking tribute, not only of sympathy, but also of respect to Mr. Warren's memory. I echo your thoughts as well as my own when I offer deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Warren and family in their great loss.

We are soon now to say good-bye to the Rev. C. J. Nash, who is to proceed to England for further study and experience. Mr. Nash will preach his farewell sermon at St. John's on Sunday, December 2nd, at 11 a.m., and at St. Oswald's the same evening at 7. He will leave with the good wishes of us all, and the hope of good success in the old country. His two years' ministry in the Parish of St. John's has been one of solid and strenuous endeavour for the Kingdom of our Lord. He will leave behind a very wide circle of friends. He has been a sincere and loyal colleague.

Our Bishop comes to St. John's on November 25 for the purpose of administering the rite of Confirmation. I ask your prayers for our young people at this important moment in their lives. Let us think of them as fresh reinforcements for Christ's army. May they be kept steadfast in the Faith.

The opportunity will also be taken of the Bishop's presence to ask him to dedicate the new organ console during the service. It will be a source of deep thanksgiving to very many to see a long-cherished desire fulfilled, and our beautiful organ advanced to such a high state of efficiency.

I have been inspecting the new screen now being made by Messrs. J. & T. Gunn and carved by Mr. Cummings. The carving is indeed a very excellent piece of workmanship, and the whole screen will make a very fine and worthy memorial to our late Rector, the Rev. D. Ross Hewton. The screen will be dedicated at one of the services on Sunday, December 9.

I want to offer on behalf of St. John's congregation our sincere appreciation of the handsome gift of six collection plates given to our church by Mr. Morgan, of Hobart. They are beautifully inlaid in Tasmanian blackwood and Huon pine, and were used for the first time at the great Batman Centenary Commemoration Service held on October 6. This service, attended by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clark, the representative of the Mayor of Melbourne, our own Mayor and Aldermen, and leading citizens, was an unforgettable experience, and will live long in our memory. I am most grateful to our churchwardens, sidesmen, and church workers who combined to help make this a real outstanding event. We all felt that our dear old historic church was taking her rightful place in the Melbourne Centenary celebrations.

I should imagine that the year 1934 at St. John's will be regarded as a very full and strenuous one indeed. The pageant held on November 6 and 7 was an effort in itself to give interest for many a long day. I must refrain from detail lest I be thought guilty of exaggeration. Although such could not be so, as all who were present can well testify. Let it be sufficient for me to say that I felt very proud indeed of our people who stood up so magnificently to a very great strain. I never heard a grumble even when the rain came and never appeared to cease. All seemed to work so joyously and harmoniously, and our workers well deserved the splendid result.

Mr. A. North, the architect of our church, is very keen to see us place a permanent memorial in St. John's of the fact that John Batman, Melbourne's founder, was married in it. He has given us a very fine design to be carved on one of the great stones above the Baptistery. The de-

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Rector has just returned from a meeting of the C.M.S. Federal Executive held in Melbourne. Matters of the very gravest importance to the welfare of the C.M.S. in Australia and Tasmania were discussed, and under the able and inspiring leadership of the Archbishop of Sydney many difficult and anxious problems were brought to a successful issue.

The Victorian Committee of C.M.S. has decided to issue an appeal called the Rev. H. E. Warren Memorial Fund. This fund is to raise a sufficient sum of money to make reasonable provision for Mrs. Warren and her family. Other States are co-operating, and it is hoped that this desirable object will be achieved.

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May I offer to you all sincere and earnest good wishes for the coming Christmas season! May it bring to us all God's richest blessings, the joy of happy family reunion, and, above all, closer fellowship with Him Who came to bring peace on earth, goodwill to men.

W. GREENWOOD,

Rector.

GENERAL NOTES.

St. John's Sunday School Festival was favoured with beautiful weather, and the hearty and excellent singing of the children, as well as their good behaviour, was most favourably commented upon. Our thanks are due to Mr. A. R. Gee, who trained them. The Rector used the opportunity of the Evening Service to warmly thank superintendents and teachers for their efforts.

A recent and very interested visitor to St. John's was Lady Moore, a great-granddaughter of Batman. Lady Moore was particularly interested in the early records of the church.

Congratulations to St. John's Cricket Club on their excellent start in the new season.

The Headmaster of our Boys' Grammar School and the Headmistress of our Girls' Grammar School wish it to be known that they have several scholarships available for the coming year. Further particulars can be had from the Heads of the respective schools.

Members of St. John's Branch of the Mothers' Union are invited to the Rectory for the final meeting of the year on Thursday, December 6, at 3 p.m.

SHOOBRIDGE HALL.

The annual fair was a pronounced success, the financial result being about the same as last year. Miss Kelly is very grateful for the acceptable help rendered at the fair by members of St. John's and St. Oswald's congregations. The keen body of workers associated with the Mission also did their share in the work entailed in the organisation of this effort.

The Sunday School Festival is to be held this year on Sunday, December 2, with services at 9 a.m., Holy Communion, and prize distribution at 3 p.m., also Evensong service at 7 p.m. The children have been practising special hymns for their festival.

The annual Sunday School concert in aid of prize fund has been fixed for Wednesday, December 5. Scholars' tea will be at 6 p.m., followed by concert at 8 p.m. Admission to concert will be: Adults, 1/-; children, 6d.

The Mission Mothers' Union branch will have their break-up social on Thursday, December 13, at 3 p.m.

The Children's Christmas Tree will be on Thursday, December 20, at 7.30 p.m.