

The central tower of the church has been roofed with iron, and will not only act as a protection to the inside dome spanning the transepts, but has certainly improved the outside appearance. This is, of course, but a temporary structure until such time as the tower is completed. The use of iron in this way was resorted to with some hesitation, but the result has dispelled such fears. The effect is quite neat, and a vast improvement on the previous appearance. It was certainly the best course under the circumstances.

MISSIONARY NOTES.—The annual Church Missionary Society Summer School will be held as usual at St. John's from 17th to 22nd February. The leaders are the Bishop of Bendigo, the Rev. P. W. Stephenson, M.A., B.D., Miss Mannett and Miss Furphey. Both Bishop Baker and Mr. Stephenson are well known to us all; Miss Mannett has been working in China under the newly-elected Archbishop of Sydney, and Miss Furphey in India. It will be seen that the speakers represent a very widely-scattered area, and the addresses should prove of very great interest.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Lois Mary Yost.
Geoffrey Sandford Wallbridge.
Mary Catherine Jessop.
Frances Dale Evans.
Pamela Dawn Arnol.
Ernest George Hodges.
Nellie Margaret Hodges.
Margaret Lois Jack.
Margery Dawn Kiddle.
Robert Hugh Roberts.
Reginald Sydney Button.
Noel Alan Evans.
Kenneth Alan Cobern.
David Lewis Harten.
Kevin John Sing.
Kathleen Alice Peck.
Elaine Eileen Connors.
Helen Mary Connors.
Vivian Russell Burns.
Clive James Burns.
Marjorie Joan Burns.
Ivy Joy Duffy.
Keith Herbert Morrison.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

Alan Macdonald Johnstone and Phyllis Hadfield.

William Edward Brakey and Lillian Iris Mary Smith.

Francis John McAdam and Stella Katherine Irwin.

Frederick George Bowen and Louisa Olive Brown.

Keith Rudd and Edna May Cousens.
Thomas James Diprose and Clara Adeline Robinson.

Frederick Ernest Johnson and Esther Mildred Ethel Trickett.

Lewis Alfred Maney and May Frances Burkett.

Frederick Henry Green and Marguerite Mabel Worsley.

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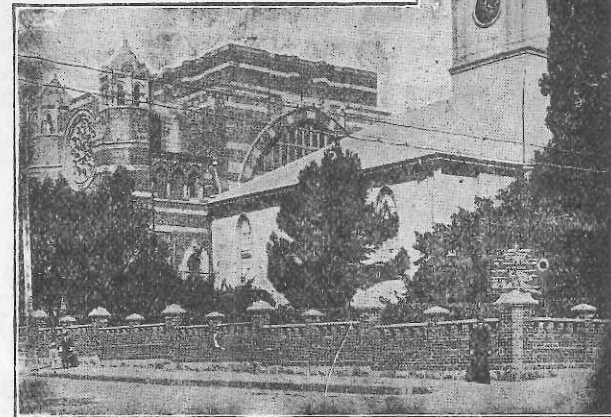
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APPOINTMENTS:

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 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. 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.

The Christmas season, with all its happy re-unions, has passed, and we now face a new year with its history still unwritten. May it prove a very blessed one indeed to us all.

I have long since learnt the un-wisdom of stressing numbers in spiritual work, for they can be, and sometimes are, a very uncertain guide. But we can truly rejoice at the splendid response of our people to the Christmas services. The great numbers that joined in Holy Communion spoke of happy fellowship with Him who came to bring peace and goodwill to men.

Before a further issue of this Parish Messenger is before us we shall have entered another important season of the church's year, and one that I am anxious to use to the fullest extent possible.

The appeal of Lent is one of peculiar importance to this age in which we are living. No one can question for a moment the fact that it is a pleasure-loving one. Therefore the call of Lent, with its message of self-discipline and self-denial, comes with added emphasis.

Space forbids elaboration of this truth, but I want most earnestly to appeal to every one of you to use the Lenten season to the full, making it a time of real spiritual uplift.

I am particularly anxious to use the coming weeks as a time of definite evangelism, when by both prayer and effort we shall strive very earnestly to bring people into a personal knowledge of Christ as Saviour and King.

I hope to publish a Lenten leaflet setting out a series of sermons for the Sunday evenings in Lent, with the Holy Week services and Easter Day Communion.

It is for these Sunday night services particularly that I ask for your prayers and interest. They will be of evangelistic appeal, and I ask for your co-operation in an attempt to reach many who may be careless or lapsed in their church attendance.

If every regular member of St. John's congregation made a promise to bring at least one extra person to church in Lent the result would be surprising. This is one simple but effective way to make Lent a time of definite evangelistic appeal.

My colleague, the Rev. C. J. Nash, will also be preaching a series of Lenten sermons at St. Oswald's.

Lent has always been recognised as a time of special self-denial, and an opportunity to carry this out is offered in the Lenten boxes, which will be sent to all in due course. As last year, the appeal is for church expenses, and a liberal response will considerably relieve the anxiety of the churchwardens in meeting the necessary financial obligations of the parish.

One of the happiest recollections I have of my rectorship of a neighbouring parish is my association with the missionary summer schools held at St. John's. I am looking forward to a still closer association with the forthcoming summer school in February, when as Rector of St. John's and chairman of the Northern Committee of the C.M.S. I will have the opportunity of joining in what is always a very happy and instructive time. I warmly commend the school to your sympathetic interest. You will find full details in the Missionary Notes.

It is very encouraging to hear from Miss E. Murray, C.M.S. Northern Secretary, that the response from St. John's for C.M.S. has been particularly fine for 1933. Missionary effort requires an unselfish outlook, and our parish is to be warmly congratulated on its very fine endeavour.

I am printing in this issue a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Wynn Evans. It will speak for itself. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her in her sad homecoming.

You will remember the recent demonstration of the use of amplifiers in St. John's. Whilst in Melbourne on a short holiday I made very full enquiries as to their use in St. Paul's Cathedral, not only seeing and hearing them, but also interviewing the firm who were responsible for their installation.

I am extremely glad to say that, thanks to a very generous offer on the part of an old member of St. John's, we are to have the benefit of their use in our church. The generous benefactor is Miss Bennett, but it was only through my earnestly expressed desire that she would allow her name to be mentioned. Miss Bennett has on many past occasions generously helped our beloved church, and this is still another expression of her love and regard for "dear old St. John's." I want to thank Miss Bennett very sincerely indeed for her kind and generous gift.

It is now several months since my predecessor, the Rev. D. Ross Hewton, passed away. His long and successful labours at St. John's will not soon be forgotten. He has left behind the memory of a kind, earnest, and devoted ministry. But I feel sure you would all wish that some tangible memorial should be placed in the church he loved and served so well. I have spoken to Mrs. Hewton as to her wishes in the matter, and she desires me to do what I think is most fitting. I shall be consulting the churchwardens, and an opportunity of some kind will be given to you all to share in what I know will prove a worthy memorial of a worthy clergyman.

W. GREENWOOD,
Rector.

ST. OSWALD'S.—The annual picnic of St. Oswald's Sunday School was held this time at the Punch Bowl. The weather was fine, and the children, thanks to the splendid help rendered by the teachers and committee, had a truly happy time.

The congregation at St. Oswald's are asked to use fully the Lenten season as a time of real spiritual development. The Rev. C. J. Nash will preach a special course of sermons on the Sunday nights during Lent.

SHOOBRIDGE HALL.—Most of the societies and organisations at St. John's Mission are in recess after a very strenuous year's activity. Our mission worker, Miss I. Kelly, has been to Melbourne on a well-earned holiday, and returns with renewed energy to carry on the work in this important centre.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON.—A very enjoyable concert and social was held recently. The programme was provided by members and friends of St. John's choir, and was highly appreciated. Thanks are due to the performers, also to Mr. Lawrence Green and Mr. Jacobson for so kindly motor-ing the party down.

GENERAL NOTES.

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mrs. Wynn Evans. The reason for its publication will be evident:

S.S. Marella,
Wilson's Promontory,
26/12/33.

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

This is just a short note to acknowledge your telegram, so kindly sent to Groote in my time of great sorrow.

I do indeed thank you and the congregation for your expressions of sympathy.

I would appreciate it very much if you could see your way clear to put in your church paper my sincere thanks to all at St. John's.

Much as I would like to write a personal note to each of my husband's friends, I am afraid it cannot be done, as in the packing up of my effects I have lost all the telegrams.

Thanking you, and wishing you and your wife many years of fruitful service,

Yours very sincerely,
GWEN EVANS.