

It is only fitting that the splendid and honorary services rendered by our Lay-Readers should be recognised in this way. The address given by Mr. Rose was both appropriate and helpful.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The prayers of our people are asked for the next Missionary Summer School, to be held in February next. The speakers will be Bishop Eooth, of Melbourne (Chairman), and Sister Pethybridge, of Tanganyika.

ST. OSWALD'S NOTES.

The Sunday School Festival for St. Oswald's will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. The happy children, with their bright singing, form a feature always looked forward to by parents and friends.

Both girls' and boys' clubs have broken up for the summer, the last night taking the form of a social. Congratulations to Jim Hollingsworth on winning the table tennis championship.

The annual picnic for St. Oswald's Sunday School will be held on Saturday, December 10th, an event eagerly looked forward to by the scholars.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION NOTES.

The annual Fair was held on Thursday, November 3rd, and this year was blessed with fine weather. Mrs. Ferrar, of St. Leonards, opened the Fair with a very happy speech, delivered in her own inimitable manner. About £30 was realised, this being slightly in excess of last year. The Parish Church and St. Oswald's rendered very valuable help on the stalls.

The Mission Boys' Club held their break-up, and invited the girls of the Y.P.U. to join them in a very jolly evening.

Miss Kelly is again providing the Sunday School scholars with a Tea on Tuesday, December 6th, at 6 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Raymond Lindsay Rosendale.
Janace May Jones.
Tonia Anne Adkins.
Claude Geoffrey Mansell.
John Gregory Graham.
John Terence Case.
Edward Charles Morrison.

HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Thomas William Gibbons and Eileen Ivy O'Sullivan.
Edward Maxwell Arnol and Mary Elizabeth Walters.
Gordon Roy Morgan and Margaret McGregor Nichols.
Francis John Marston and Evaline Muriel Furley.
Thomas Dudley Kearnes and Helen May Sutton.
Robert Leon Gale and Betty Sutton.
Harold Edwin Hay and Melva Victoria Braid.
Henry Thomas Johnston and Mabel Templeton Fisher.
Basil Owen Winspear and Vera Florence Hall.
Kenneth Gordon Powell and Elizabeth Victoria Batten.

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Afternoon Tea & Light Refreshments

St. John's Parish Messenger

December, 1938, and January, 1939

A Message from the Mother Church
of Launceston.

St. John's Church was opened 1825,
but our records go back to 1811.

*St. John's Church as it will appear
when the design is eventually
completed.*



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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.

MONDAYS—Missionary Service League, C.M.S. Depot. 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAYS—G.F.S., 7.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS—Boy Scouts and Cubs, 7.30 p.m. M.M.A., 1st and 3rd, 2.45 p.m. Baptisms every Wednesday, 11 a.m.

THURSDAYS—Choir Practice, 8 p.m. Missionary Band, 4.15 p.m. Fourth Thursday, Mothers' Union, 3 p.m. Church Service, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAYS—B-ownies. 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—First Sunday in each Month, 3 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 LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

It is difficult to express in adequate terms just what is in our minds at the present time. With deep reverence and humility we say from the bottom of our hearts. "Thanks be to God." We have passed through a week that will live in our memories throughout our lives. I have been much helped by the knowledge that from the very beginning of our building operations a band of our people have been specially praying for God's blessing on the venture. And how wonderfully and graciously those prayers have been answered. In the early stages there were serious difficulties to be overcome, and great responsibilities had to be undertaken. Yet as each arose so the guidance seemed to come. Looking back upon it all one feels a deep sense of unworthiness at so many signs of God's unmistakable seal of approbation on the forward move. Even nature smiled its benediction, and the glorious sunshine made our "Consecration Day" a never to be forgotten experience.

A fortnight before the opening it seemed a physical impossibility for the Church to be ready. Yet the miracle happened, thanks to the workmen who worked until midnight each night for several weeks.

We had over a thousand people in the Church for the Consecration Service, and nearly the same number at night for the Confirmation. How proud those young people will feel in after years to remember they were confirmed on that historic occasion. Our beloved Bishop gave inspiring addresses throughout the celebrations, and kindly waited until the Tuesday to be present at the Parish Tea. He wishes me to say how much he enjoyed his visit, and how much he admires our magnificent Church. It was very kind also of His Excellency the Governor and

Lady Clark to make a special journey to be present at the Service. He also expressed his appreciation of the inspiring and dignified ceremony.

I wonder years hence what memories will especially remain in our minds? One to me will be the keen and eager faces of our choir boys, when, in the choir vestry at the close of the great day, our Bishop spoke to them of the future. He said: "Well, boys, we have had a wonderful day; you have been privileged to take part in a very historic ceremony. We have seen the Nave added to St. John's. I don't suppose we older people will live to see the Church completed, but I hope you will. Some day it is to be a Cathedral Church, and you then will look back and talk of how you were present at this Service." It was good to see the keen and proud look on their faces, and I hope they will live to see the fulfilment of the Bishop's words.

But to us of to-day, we, too, are proud to feel that we have had our share in adding this great nave. Those who have never seen the building can have no conception of its great and noble proportions. The late Mr. Ernest Whitfeld was right in his prophecy when he said that whenever the new nave was added to St. John's it would stand as one of the most beautiful Churches in the Southern Hemisphere.

Looking back on the past year, I realise how much I owe to my Churchwardens and Vestry for their splendid co-operation in carrying the heavy load of responsibility, and to you all for the way in which each and every one has responded to all appeals.

It was natural that our Parish Tea this year should be of special importance. About 300 sat down to a very sumptuous repast, the result of generous giving and hard work in making the tables so attractive. The

presence and happy speeches of the Free Church Ministers of the city, coupled with our own Clergy, made the evening a very jolly one indeed. Our Bishop led off with some good stories, and others followed in like vein.

The weather was again kind to us for the Mothers' Union meeting on the Thursday afternoon. Brilliant sunshine made the Rectory lawns and trees a very pleasant place for the afternoon tea served after the Admission Service in the Church. Our St. John's Branch is the largest in the diocese, and it was very inspiring to see about 100 mothers gathered together in Church for their Service.

Undoubtedly the dominant thought in our minds is that of thanksgiving. It is our privilege to worship in one of the most beautiful Churches in Australia, with all the new additions free of debt. Our best expression of gratitude is to join regularly Sunday by Sunday in the worship within its walls. How apt and true is the Bishop's scriptural quotation: "Our lot is fallen in pleasant places; yea, we have a goodly heritage."

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

GENERAL NOTES.

St. John's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society played an important part in the celebrations during the Festival week. They generously donated a very beautiful carpet for the central aisle of the Church. This was imported direct from England, and cost £100. It stretches from the west door to the Sanctuary, and is about 140 feet long. The girls are deserving of the highest praise in undertaking so great a responsibility. It is good to know that the carpet has been installed free of debt.

The annual St. John's Festival week concluded with the Sunday

School Festival. All the Services were well attended, particularly at night, when the Church was filled to overflowing. The Rev. C. G. Williams' sermon was very appropriate not only for the Festival, but also for the building operations in connection with the new Nave. One of the chief features of the Services was the splendid reading of the lessons by the scholars. It is a test to ask a young boy to stand up in so big a Church as St. John's, and to so large a congregation, and read a lesson. It was a striking demonstration of the excellence of the training given Sunday by Sunday.

St. John's Mission also held its Sunday School Festival on the same day. The Rector distributed the prizes in the afternoon, and the Rev. W. L. B. Verrall, M.A., took the Service in the evening. The change of having the children as a choir in the body of the Hall instead of on the platform was a distinct success. It was better in appearance, gave a better chance for the preacher to face both children and congregation, and appeared a better method in every way.

St. Oswald's will hold their Festival on Sunday, December 4, with Services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. The prizes will be distributed in the afternoon.

It has been suggested that the two Church Grammar Schools should unite for an end of school year Service. This will take place in St. John's on Sunday, December 11, at 11 a.m. Both day scholars and boarders will take part in this Service.

Our St. John's Kindergarten Christmas Tree and prize distribution will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. The earlier hour should be helpful to both children and parents.

The annual Lay-Readers' Service was much better attended this year.