

are indebted to the Rev. W. L. B. Verrall, M.A., and Mr. Tas. Calver, for some excellent work being accomplished through this club. The Girl's Club at Trevallyn will hold their annual meeting on Friday, March 24. The girls seem to appreciate the excellent work of their leader, Miss Freda Calver.

The St. John's Mission "Mothers" have started their weekly Thursday afternoon meetings. The kindly interest and warm friendship shown by the Mission Worker, Miss Kelly, to the members makes their meetings of great value.

We still badly need teachers for the Mission Sunday School. It would strengthen Miss Kelly's hands very much if help could be forthcoming.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Jean Margaret Stretton, Cynthia Marlene Ellis, Keverall William Belham, Edward Henry Oliver, Patricia Elaine McLennan, Robin Anne Edwards, Richard John Wood, Betty June Robinson, Janet Carter, John Melville Yates, Martha Helen Webb, John Charles Russell, Joy Alice Robinson, Mollie Gwendoline Jarmy, Helen Atherton, Graham Albert McColl, Peter Graeme Thomas Evans, Brian Donald Walker, Roger Malcolm Hay, Anthony Vivien Frederick Smythe, Anthony David Quinn, William Robert Bonney.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

William Henry Baxter and Gwendolynn Ruby Halfhide.
Athol James Burns and Lorna Jean Flint.
Reginald Alan Rainbow and Lila Amy Ruffin.
Harold Charles Neville and Phyllis Dorothy Dawe.
Denis Rupert Cossins and Birdia Jessie Moore.
Raymond Horatio Johnston and Ismay Doreen Cox.
Albert George Williamson and Elsie Lavinia Millwood.
James Walter Williams and Jessie McQueen.
Malcolm Ernest Burton and Yula Clarice Williams.
Ernest Harold Boatright and Lorna Nancy Bell Kent.
Wallace John Rowett Russell and Freda Edith Wright.

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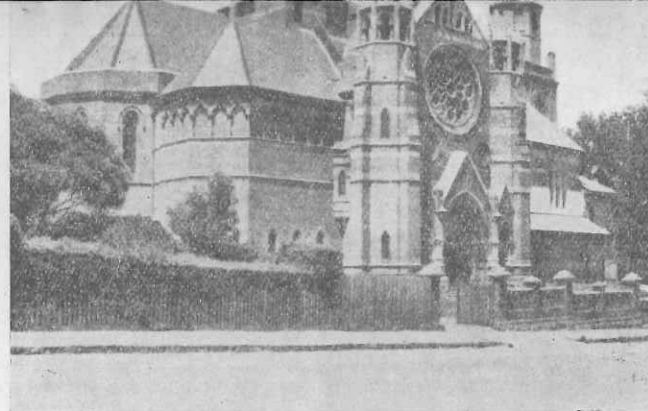
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St. John's Parish Messenger

APRIL AND MAY, 1939

A Message from the Mother Church of Launceston

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

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APPOINTMENTS:

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11, and 7—Sunday School, 10 and 2.30 p.m.
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 p.m.
Young Women's Class, 2.30 p.m.
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—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 ST.—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 Notes

My dear Friends,—

I am sure you all join heartily with me in congratulating the Rev. W. L. B. Verrall, M.A., TH.L., on his Ordination to the Priesthood. This is an important step in his life and we feel sure success awaits him in his future career. The wide scope which this parish affords to the Curate and the privilege of ministering in so beautiful a Church is a great experience which must form an excellent back-ground for the Ministerial life.

We also offer sincere congratulations to Mr. Verrall on his engagement to Miss Mavis Kemp, of Devonport.

We are all delighted with the improvement to the back of the Church by the erection of the new vestibule. The workmanship is excellent and the treatment somewhat unique. I do not know of any other Church in Australia with the glass doors such as ours. The suggestion came from several Churches in England where this idea has been successfully carried out.

You will be interested to know that a friend of St. John's, who has just returned from a visit to England, has brought back a stone from the beautiful Cathedral of Southwell (Lincs). It is a small stone, called a "dog's tooth" from the similarity of the carving to the teeth of a dog. This stone will be mounted and placed in the north ambulatory with a small framed photo of that famous Cathedral.

I hope soon to get into touch with the Rector of the Parish Church of Launceston, Cornwall, England, and see if they will kindly let us have a small stone to be also erected in the north ambulatory. This will link us up with the mother town of Launceston, after which our own beautiful city is named.

You will have noticed the new hymn boards that have just been placed in the Church. One has been given by Mrs. Hewton in memory of her sister, Miss Steedman, who for so many years was an active worker for our Choir and G.F.S., and the other has been donated by Miss Boyes, of Hobart, in memory of her sister, Mrs. Marion Taylor. The carving on the boards is by Mr. Gordon Cumming and has been excellently carried out. Both boards are splendid additions to the furnishings of St. John's.

Our C.M.S. Summer School proved very helpful. Although the deputation consisted of the Chairman and one Missionary only, they both gave of their best and the School ranks high up with those held in previous years. Bishop Booth's devotional addresses will long be remembered and the bright and illuminating talks of Sister Pethybridge were appreciated by all.

This issue will reach you just before Easter. It is perhaps the greatest of the Church's festivals. Our Services will be as usual with Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and Morning Prayer and H.C. at 10.45 a.m., with Evensong at 7 p.m.

One excellent preparation for the Easter Communion is the careful observance of the Holy Week Services. These are all set out in the leaflet which has been printed and distributed. The Good Friday Services will be as last year with one exception. The Service usually held from 12 noon to 3 p.m. will this year be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. I have made this alteration chiefly for two reasons. First, the service commencing at 12 noon comes too close after the Morning Service and, secondly, the portion of Service from 12 noon to 1 p.m. is very

sparsely attended. By having it from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. will enable more to attend for the full time and so follow the sequence of addresses better.

I want to earnestly appeal to you all for a special liberal offering this Easter. The Churchwardens and Vestry have decided to paint the exterior of the Rectory this autumn. The work is very necessary and they are to be congratulated on the care and attention they are giving to our Church property.

Mr. H. R. Lakin has informed me that we have to meet accounts totalling nearly £150 for April, payment of Rates being a very large item. This is in addition to the cost of painting the Rectory.

To encourage our children to attend Morning Service I have started a branch of the "Young Worshippers' League" under the charge of our Mission Worker, Miss Kelly. The children receive a stamp each Sunday to place in an album, and usually a two-minute talk is given on the subject of the stamp. We should be glad if parents would send their children along to our Morning Service and let them join the "League."

Our various organisations are now beginning to function for the winter. They make our parish life very full, busy and happy. Behind it all there lies the spiritual objective to bring our people into daily contact with our Lord. Nothing must be allowed to overshadow this. Ours is indeed a goodly heritage. We have a magnificent Church, a fine congregation and a deep spiritual life.

The utterances of many denominational leaders of late make sad reading. It is true the Church's task does not get more easy. It may become still more difficult. But I believe our Lord will honour the cause where His Gospel is faithfully preached and the spiritual ideal striven for. Yes, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

He who is with us is greater than they that are against us. And thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

General Notes

St. John's Badminton Club held its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 15, at 7.30 p.m. There was a splendid attendance of members and the club seems assured of a most successful season. Play will commence just after Easter. Already over 40 members have signified their intention of joining again this year.

The St. John's branch of the G.F.S. opened its winter session by a short Service in St. John's Church, afterwards adjourning to the Kindergarten Hall, where the annual meeting was held. The members are looking forward to another helpful year. Evidence of the keenness of the branch can be seen in the many articles of Church furniture in St. John's which the girls have provided.

The St. John's branch of the Missionary Service League will hold its first meeting for the year on Monday, March 27. This will be the annual meeting and will be preceded by a Short Service in the Chapel.

The St. Oswald's Boys' Club held its annual meeting on Friday, March 17, at 7.30 p.m. Judging by the very large attendance, the club seems assured of a very good season. We