

St. John's Mission Notes

The Annual Fair at the Mission, held early in November, was the most successful for many years. About £40 was taken. His Worship the Mayor very kindly opened the Fair on a lovely sunny afternoon. Miss Kelly and her workers deserve all our congratulations.

The following dates should be borne in mind: Mothers' Break-Up Party, December 12th, at 3 p.m.; Kindergarten Christmas Tree, Tuesday, December 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Louis John Cawthen.	Jill Elizabeth McEnulty
Ralph Fleming Edwards	James Henry William Colgrave
Roy Lachlan Mawby	Donald George Eyles
Lenna Albina West	David Raywood Thollar
Janice Gail Lowe	Vernon Paul Totham
Betty Joyce Lowe	Adrian Rex Marshall
Wendy Patricia Swain	John Christian James Waldron
Geraldine Louise Westlake	Audrey Fay Clayton
David Charles Heckschere	Ruby Joyce Clayton
Janice Hayes	Hazel Florence Clayton
Raymond Henry Johnstone	Patricia Dawn Clayton
Anthony Rex Gardner	Anthony William Hodges
Pamela Judith Dean	Judith Barbara Green
Margaret June Dean	Barry Joseph Kiddle
Mary Julia Harris	Lola Jean Brewer
Robert George Jessop	Julie Ann Perkins
Marlene Joy Carroll	

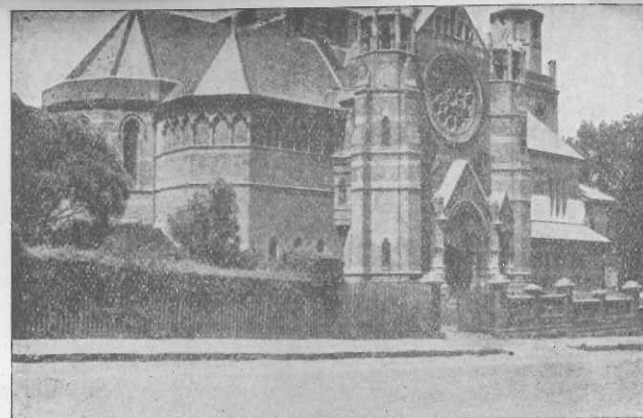
HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Ril' Roy Martin and Hazel May Chugg.
Harold Hedley Church and Thelma Mary Peter.
Alwyn Francis Mackey and Winifred Lena Blackberry.
John McGeachie Hood and Isobel Joan Holland.
Frederick Richard Beaumont and Olga Amelia Nielman.
Albert Edward Fitzallen and Lois Jean Camm.
William James Maxwell Wenn and Beryl Jean Turner.
Harold Vincent Douglas and Linda Mary Mullins.
George Arthur Rossiter and Thora Adeleine Martha Breward.
Claude Edwin Jarvis and Joan Phyllis Watts.
Anthony Bartley Headlam and Joyce Emily Peace Rowell.
Eric James Scott and Mavis Winifred Hasell.
Richard Edward Gee and Violet Annie Doris Watts.
Thomas Bannister Brooks and Nancy Jean Christmas.
Maxwell George Lamb and Mona Nellie Dudgeon.
Jack Mace and Lorna May Harris.
Eric John Williams and Doris Irene Kirkwood.
Richard Bruce Anderson and Mary Ann Mitchell Weetman.
Ian Grantham Johnson and Marjorie Ward Goss.
Harry Charles Roberts and Lyra Bellatrix Waldron.
Raymond Allister Elliott and Rachel Mary Parkes.

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St. John's Parish Messenger

December, 1940, and January, 1941.

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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Depot: MISS T. GARRARD, C.M.S., Kako, via Masaka, Uganda.

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. Young Women's Class, 2.30

MONDAYS—Missionary Service League, C.M.S. Depot, 7.30 p.m. (First and Third).

TUESDAYS—G.F.S., 7.30 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

Dear Friends—

We are all delighted to have the Rev. A. and Mrs. Gamble back again once more among us. I am very glad to say that Mr. Gamble has agreed to help on the staff as he did previously. This assistance is most timely and acceptable, for the load is a very heavy one in so large and important a parish as St. John's. His ministry is always helpful and I hope we shall be privileged to have them with us for some months at least.

In spite of heavy and continuous rain our Confirmation was a most inspiring and helpful time. The Bishop expressed his delight with the service and the large number of candidates. This Confirmation had an added significance in that it was the first time in the history of the diocese that the Confirmation Service had been broadcast. I hear from several sources that the reception was excellent.

The first Communion of the newly-Confirmed was held on the following Sunday at 8 a.m. Year by year I have tried to keep in touch with those whom I have been privileged to prepare for Confirmation at St. John's and gradually the number increases in spite of the inevitable loss by removal, etc. It was most heartening to see at the reunion Communion some 200 Communicants (mostly young people) who joined with this year's candidates in their first Communion. We have every justification to "take courage and go forward."

Our Churchwardens and Vestry are ever alive to further advance the welfare of the Church. It has been decided to complete the modernisation of the lighting in St. John's and make it uniform. This entails the removal of the two large brass chandeliers which hang under the dome and in the chancel. These chandeliers were, of course, made for use with gas and with this form of lighting gave long and excellent service. With the advent of electricity the chandeliers became obsolete. The following figures will speak for themselves. The large chandelier under the central dome uses 1,460 watts of electricity. With the two new pendants only 1,000 watts are used. Yet, when the light density was tested by a light meter, it showed the old chandelier as giving $1\frac{1}{2}$ degrees and the new pendants 5 degrees, and this in spite of the fact that the pendants use over 400 watts LESS.

For the chancel we are testing out concealed lighting. We had hoped to use this method in the new nave, but its great width made it impracticable. But in the chancel it should be a great success and will mean that no lights will be seen directly by the eye.

These brass chandeliers were a generous gift of the late Mr. Arthur Green and, with the ready consent of the family, are to be sold and the money used to place a permanent memorial in the Church to his memory.

In this issue of the "Messenger" you will find a list of those from this parish who have left Tasmania to serve in some capacity in the King's forces. The list is compiled, not from a residential point of view, but only those who have in some way been definitely linked with the Church. I should be glad to receive further names of such. We remember them by name in prayer in our services at St. John's.

May I remind you of the Christmas Services. Thanks to Mr. Gamble's help, much of the strain of ministering to so many communicants will be relieved. There will be Holy Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10.45 a.m. A short Evening Service will be broadcast from 7NT.

In spite of all the horrors of war I still give you the time-honoured salutation of a "Happy Christmas." Even the war cannot rob us of that great message which our Lord came to bring. He is still the only Saviour of mankind. No "new order" or new ideology can replace the message of the child of Bethlehem, who came to bring peace and goodwill to men. It is the deliberate flaunting of the Christian ideal that has brought Europe to its present state. As proof of this read the contrasting instructions to British and German troops with reference to the Bible and which I print in this issue. Never has the Empire entered a conflict with so clear an issue and so just a cause.

May God, in His infinite mercy, bless and protect our loved ones throughout the Empire and may He speed the day when war shall be no more and men shall look to the Star of Bethlehem which points to the only road leading to light and rest and peace.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

General Notes

List of those from this parish serving overseas:—Tom Bain, Jim Bain, Jack Wright, Jim Castley, Pat Gee, Harry Cox, Eril Boyles, Cecil Luttrell, Frank Rigney, Jack Cox, Ron Coogan, David Coogan, Stan Goss, Bill Hughes, Charles Thollar, Jim Thollar, Clem Johnstone, Max Campbell, Gordon Gleadow, Dal Gleadow, Margaret Mack, Marion Sellars, Doug. Thompson, Roy Hodgman, Nigel Williams, Trevor Eardley Wilmot, Denis Holmes, Don Larsen, Ralph Evers, Wilfred Carroll, Max Jesson, John Alcock, Don Hawkins, Geoff. Atherton, John French, Ken Cross, Roy Nichols, Ron Smith, Roy Curtis, Phillip Archer, Charlie Smith, Jim Henty, Claude Stubbs, Jack Green, Jim Hollingsworth.

THE BIBLE AND THE TROOPS.

H.M. the King's message:—

To all serving in my forces by sea, or land, or in the air, and, indeed, to all my people engaged in the defence of the Realm, I commend the reading of this Book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration.

"The Storm-Trooper's Paper" (German):—

Military obedience and discipline are the bases of war. During the last war, symptoms of mutiny were found in those regiments where Christian ideals were strongest. Neither the Bible nor works of religion must be carried in the soldier's pack. Adolf Hitler has not mobilised the German people for spiritual interests. That is why, during this war, the principles of National Socialism must be the only source of spiritual support.

Let us judge between these two announcements. "And may God defend the right."

St. Oswald's Notes

The Sunday School Festival held on November 17th was a very definite success and splendid congregations attended the three services. A beautiful, sunny day was appreciated by both parents and scholars. The reports of senior and kindergarten schools revealed encouraging increases during the year.

It may not be generally known that the superintendent of our kindergarten, Miss Freda Calver, has been awarded the "All Australia Certificate." This is the highest award given by the Australian Board of Religious Education. We offer Miss Calver our sincere congratulations on her success.