HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Mavis Lillian Bennett. Eileen Sylvia Appleyard. Nola Yvonne Adams. Barry Campbell Nichols. Roger Grant Duncan. Nancy Florence Perkins. Geoffrey James Reid. Elvie Leila Phillips. Kerry Gordon Spicer. Leonard Kevin Chugg.

Kave Jessica Purden. Claude George Morgan. Helen Josephine Langham. Gerald Leonard Allan Rowlands Barbara Rose Johnson. Joan Margaret Hawthorne. David John Farguhar. Robert James Frank Gunn. Barry James Apted. Russell James Digney. Jennifer Jill Blake Brownrigg, Suzanne Elvina Furley.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Keith Reginald Pickett and Lorna Munnings. James Percy Targett and Marie Una Stevens. Walter Alexander Moon and Agnes Beresford. Thomas Henry Baker and Gwendoline Claxton. Keith William Daniel Kelly and Phoebe Arndell Searle. Thomas Oscar Mellor and May Doris Ford. George Eustice and Orvieta Victoria Katherine Harrison. Thomas Edward Dwyer and Florence Ruth Long. Stanley John Hoare and Mary Sayer. Roderick Gordon Dardanella Burk and Una Ismay Lockwood. Cecil Henry Jones and Gwen Dolion Doris Martin. Sydney Tasman Ellis and Jessie Isabella Lillico. Algernon Walter Raymond Johncock and Corrie Burne. James Cornelius Baker and Millicent Joan Boyd. Archibald Mervyn John Fisher and Mary Maud Wicks. John Henry Bertram Isles and Ruby Charlotte Robertson. Alvin Keith Austin and Beryl Elizabeth Jane Smith. Tasman George Calver and Jean Lily Simons. Thomas France Sydney Viney and Winifred Annie Coulson. Mervyn Alfred Thomas Evans and Laura Jean Heinrick. Leonard Roy Long and Joyce Eileen Adams. Percy Robert Bishop and Elsie Elizabeth Steer.

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APPOINTMENTS:

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11, and 7-Sunday School, 10 and 2.30 p.m. Hely 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

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-

Once more the King called the Empire to Prayer and, on September 8th, millions of his subjects, and of all denominations, joined in earnest supplication before the Throne of Grace, for the Empire's needs. Many will remember the previous occasion in May when, within a few days of the Day of Prayer, the Empire stood in the gravest peril of its history. Then came the evacuation of Dunkirk and the seemingly impossible achieved. Over 300,000 saved instead of the 30,000 at first thought possible. Who shall measure the value of that Day of Prayer in that great epic?

I often think how tremendously grateful we ought to be that we have on the throne of England a man obviously sincere in his Christian life. One who is not ashamed to acknowledge and pray for God's guidance in the national life of the great Empire over which, by the providence of God, he is called to reign.

There must have been between three and four thousand people present in the several services in St. John's on that day. The offerings amounted to just over £60 and I am glad to say the Vestry donated £23 of this to the funds of the Red Cross. The parade of all the Launceston women's war organisations was very impressive, there being about 600 in uniform, apart from members of the general public. It was wise to make this parade a separate Service in the afternoon.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. George Morgan. of Hobart, for 1,200 copies of the hymn, "O Valiant Hearts," which we were able to use at the big Services on the King's Day of Prayer. We are grateful to Mr. Morgan for his continued interest in St. John's.

The present world conflict is at least teaching people something of the spirit of sacrifice. The public is learning to give as the wonderful response to the various public appeals evidences. This was reflected also in our annual "Wattle Day Appeal." which this year reached a record sum, just over £200

being received. After the necessary expenses have been met, one-third of the result will be allocated to the work of our St. John's Mission.

This spirit of sacrifice was also in evidence in the splendid result of our annual Freewill Offering. So far, about £70 has come in and when the many calls on our people are borne in mind, the result is most satisfactory indeed. I want, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Vestry to thank you all for this happy result.

May I commend to your kindly interest the new Club for Servicemen which has been initiated in Webb's Chambers, 205 Charles Street. Here a suite of five rooms has been obtained and fitted out as reading, writing and games rooms. Afternoon tea and supper will be served free to men in uniform and, it is hoped in this way to make a real contribution to the moral and spiritual welfare of our troops. It is sad to see our fine young men walking aimlessly round the city, when on leave, with nowhere to go except the hotel. We hope through the medium of this club to make contact with them and, by showing interest in their welfare, to make some contribution to the comfort of our Servicemen.

Confirmation Classes have already started in readiness for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, November 10th, at 7 p.m. Let us keep the Candidates in our thoughts and prayers. This step can mean so much in their spiritual development. Quite a large number of candidates have come forward without pressure or seeking on my part. This is most encouraging, as it shows that the many spiritual organisations operating in our parish bear fruit at such a time as Confirmation.

After considerable thought I have decided not to organise the usual Parish Tea this year. I am sure this is the wish of the majority of our people. The present very serious times and the constant calls for patriotic effort, make this decision a wise one.

It is good to feel that in all the strain of modern life, in all the fears and anxieties that press from without, we can know of that quiet strength that comes only from fellowship with the Master. How often people mistakenly imagine that peace is merely the product of a quiet life. Not necessarily. Quiet can make our fears even more real. How often we imagine that abundance can deliver from the fear of need. But not necessarily, Abundance can breed selfishness, and increase the capacity for still more. We crave excitement to deaden care, but the result is a false and unreal ease. No, peace comes from within, not from without. It can neither be bought nor manufactured, It is a Divine Blessing given from only one source Whose Voice spoke with authority when He said-"My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled." The promise is to all who will lean upon Him.

Let me come closer to Thee, Jesus.
Yes, closer day by day.
Let me lean harder on Thee, Jesus,
Yes, harder all the way.
Hungering and thirsting for Thee, Jesus,
With blessed hunger here.
Longing for home on Zion's mountains,
No thirst nor hunger there.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.