

HOLY BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Margaret Rita Gurr.	Phillip Rupert Hart.
Donald Lucardou-Wells.	Pamela Jean Roberts.
Alan Lucardou-Wells.	Ian George Murr.
Graeme Geoffrey Miller.	David Paul Jones.
Patricia Ann Bernard.	Bernard Nevin King.
Barry John Claxton.	Lucie Holman.
Gordon Cecil Grindon-Ekins.	Doreen Patricia James.
Peter Massey Grindon-Ekins.	Peter James Ross.
Robin John White.	James Frederick Arthur Simons
John Maxwell Walters.	Rex Rodney Brewer.
Gregory John Marriott.	Dawn Estelle McEwan.
Francis Arnold Keith Owen.	Barry John Donnelly.
Graeme Ashley Denholm.	Warren Blair Spinks.
Geraldine Mary Ritchie.	Kevin John Hurd.
Andrew Hume Brown.	Patsy Joy Willson.
Allan John Cassidy.	Julie Dawn Proctor.
Judith Emily Heather.	Ruth Ann Maher.
Graeme Bernard McArthur.	Toni Lymm Bowen.
Rodney John Morrison.	Noreen Lesley Martin.
Alan Frank Tyson.	Judith Anne West.
Rodney Kenneth Wilson.	

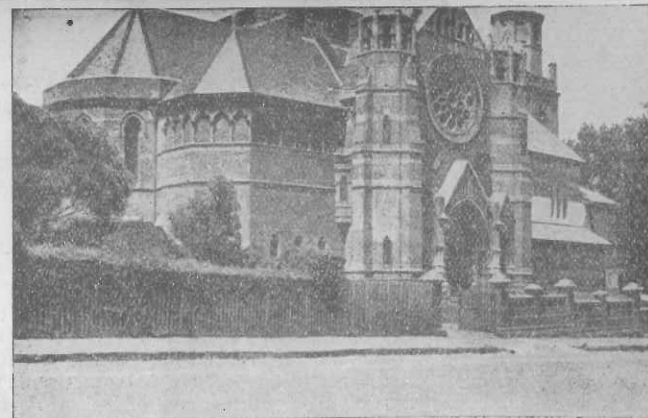
HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Thomas William Freeland and Joyce Irene Newton.
Eric Leonard Smith and Sheila Amy Bye.
Roy Leonard Maynard and Olive Charlotte Adams.
Roy Dudley Cherry and Marjorie Wilson.
Cyril John William Brown and Sheila Isabelle Cox.
Reginald Norman Brown and Muriel Hammersley.
Richard Thomas Ellwood and Violet Joan Trueman.
Alfred Adolphus Hodgetts and Una Scott Brown.
William James Martin and Hazel Isabel Sturgess.
Richard Isaac Blake and Annie Martin.
William John Godden and Clarice Madge Millwood.
Jack Trenberth and Dorothy Kathleen Sellars.
Elliott Henry Medwin and Leila Hardman.
Maxwell Tasman Taylor and Sylvia Mavis Knott.
Sydney John Rushton and Lucy May Shepherd.
Geoffrey John Dineen and Helen Margaret Low.
William George Garwood and Nettie Groves.
Jack Buckney and Joan Mary Simmons.
Andrew Thomas Dunbar and Malinda Grace Simmonds.
Gordon Cedric Warren and Ivy Joyce Edwards.

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St. John's Parish Messenger

June and July, 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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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. (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, 2.45 p.m. Intercession, 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,

The Easter of 1941 will be remembered at St. John's as one of the most inspiring and successful for many years. If numbers have any value, then we have every reason to be grateful. The number of Communicants was particularly large. In fact, at the 8 a.m. Celebration I believe we had the largest number for one service I can recall. You will be interested to know that the Easter offering came to just over £103. This was particularly encouraging when it is remembered that, bearing in mind the many calls now before us, I made little mention of it and simply let the matter rest upon the loyalty of our people. The response speaks for itself.

Since the last issue of the "Messenger" we have lost one of the most loyal and devoted members of our congregation. The passing of the late Mr. Stebbeings was deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends. Fine or rain, winter and summer, Mr. Stebbeings was always in his place at our Morning Service. He was a staunch member of St. John's for over 43 years. We offer to Mrs. Stebbeings and members of their family our sincere sympathy.

Death has also made its mark for the first time on our list of men and women serving overseas in the A.I.F. Harry Cox died of wounds received in Lybia. Harry was for a time secretary of our Tennis Club, a member of our Badminton Club and a frequent worshipper at St. John's. He was a man of fine physique, a happy temperament and very popular among us all. Our sympathy goes out to his young wife and the members of his family.

Another upon our list, Jack Cox, is reported a prisoner of war. He is our Verger's son-in-law and it was my happy privilege a few years ago to officiate at their wedding. We hope that his young wife will hear soon of his welfare.

Mr. Selwyn Cox, who many years ago took a very prominent part in the parish life of St. John's has very kindly given me some old copies of the annual report of the parish dated some 40 years back. I have found them intensely interesting, particularly in their reference to the founding of our Mission.

There are many people, I am sure, that do not know that the present buildings of the City Mission were previously our Mission premises, before the erection of our present handsome and substantial Mission Hall and Mission House. When taken over by the then-Rector and Committee, it had been the "Queens Head Hotel" and what had been the skittle-alley became the Chapel. It was a venture of faith and speaks well of the enthusiasm of our people of that time (1893).

It was particularly interesting to make comparisons of the figures in the parish balance sheet and those of to-day. I haven't the space to detail these, but one reference at least is worthy of notice. In 1903 our parish raised £28 for Missions abroad, nothing of this amount went to the Church Missionary Society. Last year our contribution to the C.M.S. was just over £253 and this did not include our share of the Depot, which falls very largely upon our parish. Perhaps one other comparison might be made. In 1903 our pew rents were £158, last year they were only £14, which shows that we have not only advanced in Missionary contribution, but also towards the true ideal of a Church of entirely free-sittings, with no distinctions as to where worshippers may sit.

But these old reports show how wide and successful was the influence of St. John's and we have to thank the past generations for their wise planning and devoted zeal for the Master's Cause.

You will be glad to know that our Club for Servicemen is continuing to function successfully. Over 4,000 visits have been made by men from the several camps. We continue to receive many expressions of gratitude for what is being done for them. They seem to particularly like the "club" idea which the premises lend themselves to. The separate rooms are a great asset and the men can choose quiet or games as they wish. It has now been decided to divide the cost of upkeep between the five parishes. Our share is 8/- per week and this amount should be easily forthcoming. Indeed, our Trevallyn ladies have promised to raise half of this themselves. I have asked Mr. A. A. Castley, who is honorary secretary to our Vestry, to receive our contributions, and receipts will be given to those who subscribe. I am glad to say that we have been able to make a good start.

And now a word with regard to our "Messenger." Twice since the war started has the price of production been raised, until now the cost is prohibitive under present conditions. The paper is distributed FREE to parishioners and, unlike many other such parish papers, HAS NO ADVERTISEMENTS. Under the circumstances I have decided only to have 500 copies printed each time, instead of the usual 1,000. This will mean that the paper will not be distributed as in the past by our workers, but will be placed in the pews the first Sunday after publication and thence left in the box in the porch for people to take as they wish.

We have all been much encouraged by the splendid congregations we have had lately. A remarkable series of fine Sundays has helped, but we now have to face the winter, with the usual rain, fogs and frost. I am hopeful that we shall still maintain our good numbers. The new heating and lighting is proving helpful. The keenness of our Sidesmen in welcoming people and the remarkable strength of our choir, both in numbers and efficiency, all contribute to make our services attractive. The considerable number of men and young people present is a very healthy sign.

In Mr. Churchill's stirring words: "Let each to the task." Every organisation in the parish plays its part and we thank God for the witness that St. John's is making to the eternal truths for which the Church stands.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

General Notes

A "Musical Market" will be held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, June 4th, at 3 p.m., in aid of the St. John's cot in the Church of England Babies' Home, Hobart.

St. Oswald's Notes

The Sunday School teachers of the schools in the parish met for their monthly meeting in St. Oswald's Hall on Monday, April 28th. A good number of teachers listened with close attention and interest to a very able address on Kindergarten work given by Miss Freda Calver. The address was profusely illustrated by material used in St. Oswald's Kindergarten School. These were of a wide range and showed a remarkable grip on the value of such aids to teaching. All agreed that it was one of the best lectures given in the Teachers' Association.

St. John's Mission Notes

The "Winter Sale" at the Mission has been fixed for Thursday, June 12th. In addition, there will be a Jumble Stall, gifts for which will be welcomed. The Mission Worker again appeals for teachers for her ever-growing Sunday School. Here is a splendid opportunity to help the children at the Canning Street Mission.