

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Birthday Fellowship has reached a membership of over 200, but of these some have passed on to "Higher Service" and the help greatly missed. The Fellowship was started in 1936 in order to assist in raising the salary of our Northern Depot Missionary, Miss Garrard.

The Birthday Gift is one shilling, but most members prefer to give more. The average amount reaches over £16 annually and over £99 has been collected in our Birthday Box during the past six years.

Our membership reaches from England and India as well as across the Strait and forms another link to bind the friends and members of old St. John's closer than ever on life's friendly road.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Kevin George Chapman
Warren Cyril Marshall
Peter Thyne Clemons
Walter Alan Robertson
Geoffrey John Barker
Jill Curtis
William Alfred Harper King
Marie Jean Roach
William John Shaw
Shirley May Martin
Leslie Victor Davis
Barry Charles Davis
Bruce Stuart Sanderson

Helen Winifred Viney
John Robert Mawdsley
Heley Mary Williams
Dorothy Anne Williams
Raymond Wilfred Frost
Donald George Frost
John Henry Gray
Desmond Arthur Gray
Gillian Elizabeth Grubb
Gillian Frances Langford
Margaret Anne McGrath
Janice Waters
Warren Anthony Butler

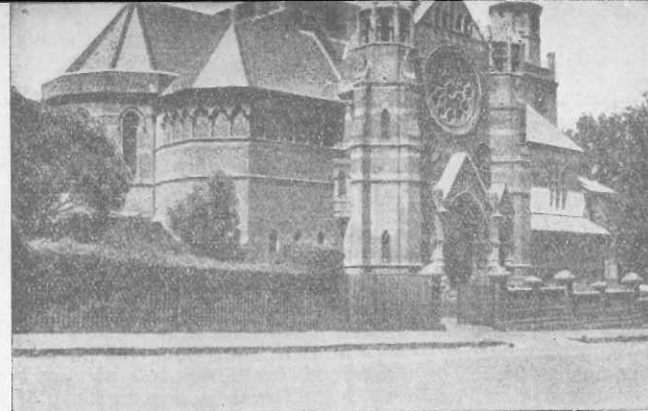
HOLY MATRIMONY.

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Henry Beaumont and Jean Barrett
Charles George Bushby and Edith Florence Withers
Gordon Charles Franklin and Marjorie Doris Cramp
Eric Broomhall and Jessie Viola Brown
Bonnie Australia Gilbert and Myra Elsie Stebbings
Geoffrey Basil Baker and Alice Jean Berry.
Gordon Thomas Walsh and Irene Vera Blyth
Winston George Hutton and Alice May Lawson
Thomas Barter Wiggins and Elaine Agnes Lohrey
William Robert Broad and Nancy Joan Clark
Alfred Russell Jones and Doris Mary Reardon
Heley Cyprian Anthony Pitt and Meta Margery Archer
Arthur James Upton and Dulcie Irene Leech.
Harald William Askeland and Beverley Tennyson Allen.
Percival Staples and Mavis Evelyn Batten.
James Stuart Cameron and Elizabeth Gladys Room

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St. John's Parish Messenger

October and November, 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,

Once again the King called the Empire to prayer and, if Launceston is any guide, then the response was very encouraging. Most of our Churches reported very large congregations.

Here, at St. John's, it was a day of inspiring services. At 11 a.m. the congregation was probably the largest in its long history. Apart from members of the general public about 400 paraded as representing patriotic organisations, including 200 airmen from Western Junction. In addition to the usual seating capacity of the church we used every seat from the school hall. Anticipating an extra crowd we hired 150 chairs from the Albert Hall and every one was needed. It was certainly an inspiring sight to see our great church filled from end to end with a deeply reverent congregation. The Archdeacon preached a powerful sermon and held the congregation with close attention. The special "Order of Service" allowed everyone to join in every detail of the service. The Governor's representative, Capt. E. E. von Bibra, read the First Lesson and Squadron-Leader C. C. Hayward, of the R.A.A.F., the Second.

The Evening Service (although there were no official parades) saw a full church. Being broadcast from 7NT considerably widened the circle of listeners. I again received many letters and messages from listeners-in from different parts of the Commonwealth, including one from a Methodist Minister far back in New South Wales. 7NT has an excellent clarity of reception on the mainland. Many spoke of the helpfulness of the service.

Our large body of Sidesmen did yeoman service and were able to seat the great congregations with quiet reverence. Our choir also is deserving of special thanks.

The newly-installed 60-80 watt amplifier was a great success in carrying both sermon and service to every part of the huge building.

Our Bishop hopes to administer the Rite of Confirmation at St. John's on Sunday, 30th November, at 7 p.m. I shall be glad to receive the names of all those who wish to be presented this year. The classes will commence on Sunday, 19th October, at 3.45 p.m., in the Parish Church. I had hoped to have started the classes before this date, but I expect to be away attending the Federal Council of the Church Missionary Society from 2nd to 15th October. Several adults have signified their desire to be Confirmed this year. This fact may encourage others to follow their example.

You will be glad to know that the Rev. A. Gamble has promised to help in the parish for a period of three months, commencing with the first Sunday in October. He and Mrs. Gamble will be warmly welcomed both at St. Oswald's as well as at the Parish Church. This three months will include Christmas, when the strain on the Rector is particularly heavy with so many Communicants.

The Churchwardens and Vestry join me in very sincere thanks for the generous response to our Annual Free-Will Offering. So far just over £55 has been received, which, considering the many calls upon us at the present time, is very satisfactory.

We shall again omit the Annual Parish Tea usually held in November. This certainly seems an effort that can be dispensed with during these anxious days. When that earnestly-desired day of peace comes then we can revive what used to be a very happy gathering.

Some time ago the congregation of the Church of St. David at Cormiston, purchased several of the old cedar seats from the old nave of St. John's. Unfortunately, the seats did not harmonise with the fittings of this little country church, being much too heavy in design. Our St. John's Mission has bought them back and the cedar portions of the seats have been made into a Lectern and Prayer Desk for the Mission. The work has been carried out by Mr. Gordon Cumming, using a design which I was able to borrow from Mr. Louis Williams, the well-known Melbourne church architect. The result is particularly pleasing and I hope when the new furniture is dedicated many will go and see them. They match the new Communion Table made of the same material. The new furniture adds much to the dignity of the Mission.

These are perplexing days and full of anxiety. Yet they are a test of our faith and demand a spiritual courage and determination which is the common heritage of all the Master's followers. We must pray without ceasing that the Empire will come through, not only delivered from a ruthless foe, but purified to fulfill the great task which God has for it. Let us use all the means of grace that come to hand, to strengthen our determination to follow Him, who counted His life not dear unto Himself, but gave Himself for our eternal freedom.

The ills we see—
The mysteries of suffering deep and long,
The dark enigmas of permitted wrong—

Have all one key:
This strange, sad world is but our Father's school,
All chance and change His love shall grandly overrule.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

General Notes

The Annual Wattle Day realised about £170, which was most satisfactory. This will be divided between St. John's Mission and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year was the first time the City Mission did not participate, as they withdrew voluntarily themselves, owing to their inability to get any workers as button sellers. Next year they hope once more to share in the effort as they have done for the last nearly 40 years. The Committee, as a gesture of goodwill voted £10 to their work. The whole of the St. John's Mission portion will be used for relief amongst needy families.

Sunday School Festivals

ST. JOHN'S: 16th November, at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Picnic, 22nd November.

ST. OSWALD'S: 23rd November, at 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION: 7th December, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Missionary Notes

A Picture Evening, organised by members of the Missionary Service League will be held on Monday, 13th October, in the Kindergarten Hall, at 8 p.m. Moving pictures will be shown and supper provided. Admission, 1/-. Proceeds for work of the Church Missionary Society.

The Annual Fair for St. John's Mission will be held on Thursday, 16th November, at 3 p.m., in the Mission Hall, Canning Street. The Mission Worker will be glad to receive donations towards the various stalls, particularly the Jumble Stall. Any personal help welcomed.