

## St. John's Mission

Heartiest congratulations to our Mission Worker, Miss Isobel Oates, and her workers on the great success of the Mission Fair. Just over £50 was taken on the day, and everything went with a fine swing. The decorations and excellent value of the goods were most creditable. Mrs. F. Stops opened the Fair with a very happy and appropriate speech.

The Sunday School Festival is fixed for 5th December, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. This will usher in the usual Christmas parties, always looked forward to by our folks at the Mission.

## HOLY BAPTISMS

*"Suffer little children to come unto Me."*

Helen June Heather	Vivien Joy Blyth
Colleen Denise Batchelor	Stephen Bruce Ferguson
Lorraine Andrea Waddle	Peter David Brooks
Gregory Bruce Waddle	Carole Anne Itchins
Patrick John Kinnane	Alexander Robert White
Walter Raymond Dart	Peggy June Sydes
Timothy Norman Russell Watts	Anthony John Harding
Sancia Fayette Thorpe Unwin	John Kelvin Butler
David Andrew Bramich	Norma Black
Ann Margaret Walters	

## HOLY MATRIMONY

*"Those whom God hath joined together."*

Stanley James Nash and Corrie Margaret Rogers  
William Owen Browne and Alice Margaret Munro  
William Henry Neilson and Rita Beatrice Mawby  
Allen Montague Panton and Valcie Fahey Harding  
Geoffrey Charles Ellis and Florence Mae Clark  
John Albert Gourlay and Lilian Beatrice Fahey  
John Bastow Goss and Avis Gall Saltmarsh Curran  
Raymond Douglas Dickenson and Hazel Joyce Webb  
Robert Harold O'Toole and Lorna May Hay  
Cyril Arthur John Donnelly and Bebe Adele Likeman  
Rex Kenneth Hortle and Thora Edith Cooper  
Thomas Joseph McCullagh and Dawn May Dally  
George Albert Smith and Sylvia May Donaldson  
David Aburn Webster and Agnes Maria Ralph  
Eric James Stanley Davis and Ellen Elizabeth Marshall  
Francis William Horder and Ruby Zelma Brain  
Clifford James Lewis and Joyce Margaret Long  
Herbert George Almond and Doreen May Rees

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# St. John's Parish Messenger

December, 1943, and January, 1944

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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and J. H. DINGLE.

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Rector's Warden:  
Mr. A. A. CASTLEY.

People's Wardens:  
Messrs. E. A. GEE and H.  
BROWNRIFF.

Vestry:  
Messrs. L. LAKIN, E. F.  
HESSELL, F. JONES, A.  
HOLLINGSWORTH, A.  
THOLLAR and F.  
COOKMAN, with the  
Churchwardens.

## APPOINTMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11 and 7—Sunday School, 10 a.m. 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.

TUESDAYS—G.F.S., 6 p.m. (first). M.S.L., 7.30 p.m. (third).

WEDNESDAYS—M.M.A. (first), 2.45 p.m. Baptisms every Wednesday, 11 a.m.

THURSDAYS—Intercession, 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice, 8 p.m. Missionary Band, 4.15 p.m. Fourth Thursday, Mothers' Union, 2.45 p.m.

FRIDAYS—Cubs, 6 p.m. Scouts, 7.30 p.m.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sundays, 9.30 a.m. Evening Prayer, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, 4 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, CANNING STREET—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,

Since the last issue of the "Messenger" I have had the pleasure of attending the Federal Council of the Church Missionary Society in Sydney. It was a very rushed trip, but a very enjoyable one. I was only away exactly eight days, and yet was able to attend the meetings from the start to the finish.. Flying from Launceston to Melbourne and vice versa reduced the travelling time considerably. I felt that I had to make the effort this time, as I was getting out of touch with the Council's proceedings, and as chairman of the State Committee this was not wise.

The meetings are always a great inspiration. One feels something of the great missionary power that C.M.S. is exercising. In spite of war the society is still pressing on with continued success. I still believe that the C.M.S. is the greatest spiritual force in the C. of E. to-day.

I was able to return from the Federal Council with the good news that His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney would be coming to Launceston as Chairman of our 1944 C.M.S. Summer School. To make this possible we have brought forward the date a little and so the School will take place at St. John's from Saturday, 15th January, to Thursday, 20th January, inclusive.

We are indeed fortunate in having His Grace to lead the School. He not only comes to us as one of the greatest Church leaders in Australia, but also as a missionary of wide experience. He was for many years a Missionary Bishop in China, and will be able to tell us much of that great country.

Another member of the team will be Mr. C. P. Taubman, of Sydney. Mr. Taubman, who is a member of the C.M.S. Federal Council, has visited missionary fields in Africa, India and the Northern Territory. He will be bringing moving films taken in these countries by himself and these will be shown each night of the School.

It is possible that a third member of the School may be coming, but this is not yet finalised.

There will be a great public welcome to the leaders in St. John's Hall, on Saturday, 15th January, at 8 p.m.

Our C.M.S. Summer Schools mean much to us, and we look forward to the 1944 one with keen anticipation.

I would like to warmly congratulate the members of our St. John's branch of the G.F.S. on the success of their recent Fair. The result seems to grow each year. £40 was taken, £35 of which is being donated to the funds of the Red Cross.

Our Sunday School Festival was a great success, as usual. The children sang very nicely, the congregations were splendid (a full church at night), and the offering of £22/16/9 the best for many years. I cannot praise our devoted teachers too highly. They are doing a fine job and a very vital one.

I am hoping to get help this Christmas from the Rev. W. Witt Gregson, who has retired from the parish of New Norfolk and is settling down in Launceston. It is extremely difficult for one man to minister to so many communicants on Christmas Day, and this help will be most welcome. I am hoping that Mr. Gregson will be able to help at other times.

As this will be our Christmas issue, I want to wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. Time does not dim the great message of our Saviour's coming. The world needs Him more than ever. May peace soon come to this stricken world, and may all realise that lasting peace can only be found in service to Him Who came not to be ministered unto but to give His life a ransom for all. As Tiny Tim says in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," "And may God bless us all!"

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

## St. Oswald's, Trevallyn

The tragic death of Mr. Edgar Smith came as a great shock to everyone in Trevallyn. He was deservedly popular with all, and a splendid example of clean and upright living. We express to the young wife, his parents and members of his family our most sincere and deep sympathy. We all realise in some measure what this great loss means to them, and our hearts go out to them in their heavy sorrow.

At a meeting of the St. Oswald's Vestry it was decided to postpone the jubilee celebrations until May of next year, which will then coincide with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church.

A social in the Hall held recently for the young people of St. Oswald's was a great success. The large number present thoroughly enjoyed an excellent programme of games and competitions. Thanks are due to Mr. Dingle and Miss Freda Calver, who sponsored the effort.

We shall soon be losing Miss Calver, who goes in the New Year to Sydney as the bride of the Rev. G. Rees. It would be difficult to measure the fine service she has rendered, both at St. Oswald's and also the Parish Church. She is splendidly equipped for her new life, and our good wishes go with her in her new home.

We should be glad to hear of volunteers for distributing this little paper in Trevallyn road, The Crescent, and Bald Hill.