

St. Oswald's, Trevallyn

Thanks to a special effort on the part of Mr. V. Weetman, our usual congregation was considerably augmented in numbers at two special services. The Trevallyn cricket club attended officially at the second of these to mark the opening of their season. The Rector was able to give them a warm welcome and was glad to be told that they hoped to make this an annual effort of an official kind.

The annual Sunday School Festival is to be held on Sunday, November 25 with services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The excellent singing of the children has always been a feature of these festivals. As *The Messenger* will be in the printer's hands at that date, details will have to be left until the next issue.

The Sunday School continues to flourish and is a most encouraging part of the work in this beautiful suburb.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Harold George Brown and Frances Elizabeth Olsen.
Allan Norman Gower and Dorothy Gwendolyne McIvor.
Herbert James Pitt and Betty Joyce Rickard.
William Joseph Lees and Margaret Joyce Ferrall.
Murray William Walker and Beatrice June Playsted.
Edward Roy Lambert and Marjorie Reid.
Arthur John Gerke and Phyllis Ivy Dunn.
Thomas Roy Gratham and Joan Eleanor Garrott.
Thomas Bruce Stancombe and Sheila Margaret Mary Birley.
Allan Isaac Reeve and Betty Joan Hart.
Charles Herbert Clark and Ethel Caroline Brown.
Henry George Thomas Goss and Kathleen Jean Baily.
William Richard Stewart Pratt and Geva Claudia Bullock.
Ernest Donald Savage and Hazel Joy Cowling.
Jack Bruce Targett and Valma Ivy Sharpe.
Robert Nathaniel Franklin and Lillian May Baylis.
John Thompson and Lilian Patricia Dargan.
Geoffrey Kenneth Walter Aylett ad Glory Peggy Cox.
Thomas Henry Bertram and Vera May Cutler.
Roy Edward Trigg and Naomi Patricia Caldwell.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Judith Ann Kenyon	Robert Lewis Plumbridge
Kathleen June Maher	David Alexander Oliver
Yvonne Jean Wiltshire	Wayne Robert Mills
Victor Stephen Arthur Clark	Donna Rexene Mansfield
Ronald Maxwell Roberts	Ann Lynette Hite
Jillian Mary Valentine	Wayne Reginald Walsh
Cynthia Day Henty	Graham Boatwright
Margaret Beverley Record	Shirley Mary Kelb
Gaele Dian Moore	Glen Selwyn Stowe
Verna Jean Milner	Barbara Ann Trickett
Noel Raymond Kingshott	Suzanne Squires
Malcolm William McLaren	Pamela Vivienne Triptree
Ian William Richards	Colleen Wendy Harris
Judith Ann Hinds	Judith Ann Goodger
Mervyn Richard Gee	Diana Kathleen Lockyer
Gillian Frances Taylor	Maureen Kaye Boag
Monica Joan Brient	John Arndell Kelly

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St. John's Parish Messenger

December, 1945, and January, 1946

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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G. A. CHAMPION 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., also 5th Sunday at 8.15 p.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.

SCOUTS, CUBS, GUIDES and BROWNIES meet weekly.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN—Holy Communion, 1st Sunday, 9.30 a.m. Evening Prayer, other Sundays, at 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S MISSION, CANNING STREET—Service every Sunday, 7 p.m. M.U., Thurs., 2.45 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,

How cheering it is for us all to see our young men and young women coming back home from their war service. It occurred to me recently, when placing a new list of names in the church porch, how many of our young people have served in the various sections of the armed forces. Their return will add new life and vision to our Church activities. We gladly give them the warmest of welcomes.

With the end of the war, we felt justified in once more celebrating our Patronal Festival Week with the usual activities. Strictly speaking, our Festival Day is on December 27, that is St. John the Evangelist Day, but it would be almost impossible to keep to this date being as it is right in the midst of the Christmas holidays, so then we have a St. John's Week during November. The Services held on November 18 were well attended, likewise the Sunday School Festival on the 25th. Too much praise cannot be given to our teachers for all their unselfish work on behalf of the children.

We have not yet been able to resume our possession of the Mission House in Canning Street, but we hope soon to see the new hostel well established and doing that very necessary and helpful work for which the property is well fitted.

Our St. John's Youth Club concluded its year's work by a well-staged concert. Our young folks went to considerable trouble to give a novel setting to the various items, which were well received.

The return of so many of our young people from war service will mean an enlargement of many of our parochial activities and next winter will need some further co-ordination to avoid overlapping. We are hoping for considerable stimulus in our young people's organisations as we get more fully into our stride.

Our St. John's branch of the C.E.M.S. is making steady progress and is already taking an active interest in our parish life. The men have promised to organise the programme for our Parish Social during St. John's Week. The November meeting was held on the stormiest Sunday of the year. Heavy gales and drenching rain could not damp the men's ardour and a very pleasant tea and meeting eventuated. The president and officers cordially invite all men of the congregation to join them in their meetings held on the first Sunday in each month (January excepted) at 5 p.m. The excellent tea provided and the attractive setting of the table reflects great credit on the committee.

Our annual C.M.S. Summer School has been fixed for February 23 to 28. I believe the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Rev. Donald Blackwood, has consented to act as Chairman and amongst the deputationists will be the Rev. Cyril and Mrs. Chambers, missionaries of many years' experience in India. We hope also to have included in the team a lady missionary from another C.M.S. field.

Congratulations to our G.F.S. girls on the excellent result of their Fair. The sum of just over £50 was taken for the afternoon and the girls well deserved the excellent response. Our G.F.S. branch has left a splendid mark on the interior furnishings of our lovely church. They are hoping to continue with further help of new carpets, etc. During the war the branch has also contributed largely to patriotic funds.

Our Christmas services will be held at the usual times. That is, on Christmas Day there will be Communion at 6 a.m., 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., and Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10.45 a.m., with Evening Service at 7 p.m.

We shall celebrate this Christmas with hearts full of thankfulness. Under the providence of God our cause has prevailed and victory has been vouchsafed to the United Nations. As we have prayed earnestly for this we may well pray with equal earnestness that we may be worthy of the Peace. We have indeed much to be thankful for. Indeed few people realise that our losses in the great conflict just concluded are considerably less than in the war of 1914-18. I recently saw some comparative figures and was surprised at the differences shown. We have been so impressed by stories of modern weapons of destruction that it comes almost as a shock to some people to be told that the Empire's list of dead is far below that of the 1914 war. Let us thank God that it is so. That we in our Island State have been preserved from invasion. That we have suffered little in the sense of actual want. That we have been delivered from those pestilences that often accompany war. May the world turn as never before to the Prince of Peace, Whose message and teaching alone can solve the problems of this stricken world:—

Hail! Thou once-despised Jesus;

Hail! Thou Galilean King,

Who didst suffer to release us,

Who didst free salvation bring;

Hail! Thou universal Saviour,

Who hast borne our sin and shame;

By Whose merits we find favour,

Life is given through Thy Name.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

St. John's Mission

The Annual Fair was held on Thursday, November 15, and was favoured by a glorious day. The various stalls were well supplied with goods and it was generally agreed that the hall never looked better at fair time. The Mission Worker, Miss I. Oates, and helpers worked very hard indeed to make a success of the effort.

The Sunday School Festival for the Mission has been fixed for Sunday, December 9, with services at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The usual break-up functions are in hand and are being eagerly looked forward to. The Mission Mother's Annual Outing down the river has become quite an event.

Parish Social

This proved one of the highlights of St. John's Week celebrations. There was a splendid gathering of young and old and well representative of all sections of our parochial life.

The hall was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and flags and gave quite a festive air to the proceedings.

The Committee of the C.E.M.S. made themselves responsible for the programme and the ladies provided a bountiful supper.

During the proceedings the Rector gave a warm welcome to the returned servicemen and servicewomen present and this was very ably responded to by Flight-Lieutenant L. Hammond.

The Rector also used the opportunity of placing before those present the suggestion of installing amplified tubular bells as a Peace Thank-offering, the idea having been previously unanimously approved by the Vestry. The suggestion was received very enthusiastically by those present and steps are to be taken to bring same into effect. Donations have already been promised and these, with others, will be printed in further issues of *The Messenger*.