

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Walter James Hodge
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Wendy Dorothes Parry
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Jennifer Louise Gee
Scott Cecil Bennett
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Richard Joseph Clark
Stephen Dent
Carol Anne Thomson
Jennifer Suzanne Thomas
Cynthia Ann Weatherhead
Peter Robert Tulloch
John Warren Bernal

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Roy Price Wicks and Marjorie Dearing.
Ronald Leonard Hines and Gloria May Davis.
Francis Henry Thomas Towns and Valerie Alys Jones.
Bruce Kenneth Button and Peggy Lillian Turner.
Norman Henry Edward Saunders and Winsome Ethel Cash.
Geoffrey Edward Derbyshire and Valerie John Chidlow.
Geoffrey Thomas Biffen and Dulcie May Martin.
Howard Faulkner and Thelma McDougall.
Donald Austin Wilkins and Gwenneth Isabel Eastoe.
Eric Roy Smith and Aloma Juanita Wright.
Derrick Alexander Williams and Ona Clarice McBain.
William Edward Brown and Daphne May Leggett.
Leonard James Johnston and Dulcie May Watterson.
Marriott Lucadou-Wells and Grace O'Neill.
Basil Cameron Bailey and Phyllis Jones.
Eddy Beckett and Maisie Elizabeth Hogan.
William Robert Keith Lowe and Dulcie Laurel Jordan.
Thomas William Bonnily and Reatha Alwyn Penno.
Darrel George Bolton and Marjorie Edith Baxter.
George Butcher Paul Anderson and Eileen Margaret Baxter.
Robert Percy Robinson and Ada Margaret Davidson.
Hugh Charles Pike and Lois Jean Scott.
Geoffrey Keith Perkins and Ivy Isabel Butler.
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St. John's Parish Messenger

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER, 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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Gulf of Carpentaria.
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St. John's Hostel:
MATRON—MRS. D.
WARDE.
For middle-aged and
elderly people.
Tariff: 35/- per week up

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.

Churchwardens:
Rector's Wardens:
Mr. A. A. CASTLEY.

People's Wardens:
Messrs. H. BROWNRIGG
and F. JONES.

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

Rector's Notes

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from attending Synod in the Cathedral city of the diocese. Synod week is always a very strenuous time, as, in addition to the usual sessions, there are extra meetings arranged so as to take advantage of the presence of the clergy in Hobart. It was rather a tense Synod with several controversial bills and motions before it, some being of far reaching importance.

A Synod lasts for three years; that is, there are three annual sessions of the one Synod. This year marked the opening of a fresh Synod and the usual elections for Diocesan Committees were held. I was again privileged to be elected to the Diocesan Council and the Northern Board of Patronage. The Diocesan Council is our most important committee, as it functions on behalf of Synod between its sessions. It controls the finances of the diocese and acts in many ways as an advisory body to the Bishop.

Synod procedure is based on Parliamentary practice and is at times a little difficult to follow, especially to new members. It incidentally gives some advantage to Members of Parliament who are synodsmen, of whom there are not a few.

St. John's was privileged this year to hear the Synod preacher, who, at the Bishop's request, gave his address both in Launceston and Hobart on the same Sunday. We appreciate the compliment and were glad to welcome the Rev. O. V. Abram, of St. Jude's, Randwick, Sydney, who delivered a most inspiring address. Many old St. John's people remembered Mr. Abram as Senior Curate here during the incumbancy of Canon Baker.

I have to record still another of our old and faithful members passing to her rest. The late Mrs. Atherton was privileged to live a long and useful life. Passing well over the eighty mark, with a fine record of Church loyalty and devotion, she gently passed on to that rest she had richly earned. Staunch and kindly in nature and possessed with a saving grace of humour, she made many friends. At both the Parish Church and at the Mission she will be remembered with affectionate regard. We extend our sympathy to the members of her family in their great loss.

I know you are all anxious to hear further news of our carillon of tubular bells. Word has been received from Sydney that the hammer heads have arrived from England and that it was hoped to despatch the bells in the very near future. The bells will make a very worthy Peace Memorial. We still need about £40 if the bells are to be installed free from debt. We shall be glad to receive further subscriptions.

It is encouraging to see our youth work growing. In pre-war days we were justly proud of our youth organisations, which included a Young Men's Bible Class that was unique in the diocese. We have now revived our young people's monthly tea on the third Sunday in the month with a response that is distinctly hopeful.

Our revived branch of the C.E.M.S. has just held its first annual meeting. Already I believe we are one of the largest branches in the diocese with our numbers steadily increasing.

You will be glad to hear that our St. John's Hostel is making excellent progress. Its furnishing has been completed and is now most comfortable. A friendly and homely atmosphere is in evidence and the guests are well catered for. The garden has been transformed and will soon be supplying vegetables to the hostel.

There are several important events that will be happening in the near future and for which I want to claim your interest. Our G.F.S. branch will be holding its annual fair on Saturday, 26th October, at 3 p.m. We are deeply indebted to our branch for many gifts of furnishing for our beautiful church and I hope we shall all try and support this effort.

Our St. John's Mission will hold its annual fair on Wednesday, 20th November, at 3 p.m. Much quiet but effective work is being done at the Mission and I hope St. John's people will rally in support to their effort.

May I also remind you of our St. John's Week in November. This is really our Patronal Festival, which would be extremely difficult to celebrate at its proper date of the week after Christmas Day. As you will remember, we usually have two Sundays for the purpose with various functions during the week between. The first Sunday will be a sort of family reunion day with emphasis on the part played by our historic church in the life, not only of Launceston, but of a still wider circle. The second Sunday will be our Sunday School Festival. I hope to invite visiting preachers for these important services. Gatherings of a social nature will be held during the week, one being a concert arranged by our choir. Further details will be printed in a leaflet and distributed to you in due course.

The Missionary Afternoon recently organised by the members of our Missionary Service League was both successful and instructive. This effort is creating quite an individuality of its own and serves to remind our people of our missionary responsibilities. The Missionary Court was attractively set up and the talks given most interesting. Those responsible deserve our warm praise. The financial results will be divided between the work in the Northern Territory and the Special Appeal Fund.

St. John's is a church that has always realised the importance of the social side to Church life, although putting the spiritual first. Our two tennis courts are at present being renovated and brought into first class condition. Our young people are looking forward to a successful season.

The Church is being challenged to-day to face very difficult tasks. There is so much to attract our young people away. Church-going is not the popular thing it was years ago. Sunday is no longer a day of quiet and uplift. Excursions, band concerts and social gatherings tempt people away from worship. Popular demand is for the opening of picture theatres and such like on Sunday. In other words we have to face the fact that many people to-day think they can do without the Church and all it stands for. Many of those who, in the perilous days of the war, sought Divine aid, seek only their own indulgence, neglectful of the warning, "If thou do at all forget the Lord, thy God, then ye shall surely perish." This, then, constitutes the challenge. How shall we meet it? Not by attempts to force people into our mould or by restricting their liberty of choice. But by presenting to them a consistent Christian life. A life that reflects the gentleness, kindness and patient understanding of our Lord. By an earnestness that will command respect. By prayer that the Church may be so filled with the Holy Spirit of God that it will become as in apostolic times, a mighty force. Filled with such love that must win in the end. Ours must not be a defeatist attitude for the ultimate victory has been already promised. A little handful of plain, simple and ordinary fishermen turned the world upside down. And the promise that made that possible still holds good.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.