

# St. John's Parish Messenger

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 1947

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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## Rector's Notes

Dear Friends,

I want on behalf of the Vestry to express warm thanks for the good result of our Annual Free-will Offering, which amounted to just over £70. This is well up to the average and considering the many calls upon our people and the tightening of money generally, is a very satisfactory result.

Our hearts went out in deep and sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Thollar in the recent tragic loss of their little son Martin. He was a dear little fellow and known to many of us at St. John's. It is comforting to know that he was brought up in a fine Christian home and that he has passed on to Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

We regret also to record the passing of the late Mr. Fred. Kiddle after much suffering. His widow and members of his family, have all been keen and loyal members of St. John's. Indeed few have left a greater mark on St. John's Sunday School and Kindergarten than they. We express our sincere sympathy with them in their severe loss.

Before this issue leaves the press our Bishop will have visited St. John's to administer the Rite of Confirmation. I have 40 candidates this year, although at first I thought our numbers would be small. I want you to remember them in your prayers that they may remain true and steadfast. We need their help in these difficult days and upon the shoulders of our young people will soon rest the responsibility of carrying on the witness and traditions of this old Church.

As the next issue of the "Messenger" is not due until the New Year, I want to wish you one and all a very happy Christmas season. May God's blessing be upon our parish and may our loyalty to the Master increase with the years:—

Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

## ST. OSWALD'S

The special Children's Services, to which parents were invited, have been most successful, it is good to see the friendly co-operation between the parents and the Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers.

It is hoped to make a start in the near future with regard to

Service in Church, members sat down to a generous afternoon tea. A feature of the tables was an iced cake donated by Mrs. J. Atherton. In cutting the cake Mrs. Fysh was supported by two old and staunch members, Mrs. Davis (a one time Secretary of the branch) and Mrs. Stebbings.

It was good to feel that whilst young mothers are warmly welcomed, the branch does not forget those who in the years past carried on the work so successfully.

### **Missionary Service Legue**

This year St. John's M.S.L. celebrates its 25th birthday. Such an important milestone was marked by holding a "Round the World" Exhibition on Saturday, August 30th. Much work was put into it and the excellent results achieved were well deserved. Especial thanks are due to Mr. Dowse and his helpers for the excellent stage settings.

The final meeting for the year is to take the form of a Social in the Kindergarten Hall. A special birthday cake is to be cut by Miss Eleanor Murray who is a foundation member of the branch.

### **C. of E. Fellowship**

A branch of the above has been successfully launched, meeting in the Kindergarten Hall each fortnight at 7.45 p.m. Its basis is four-square-Spiritual, Interlectual, Physical and Social. Members have to be at least 15 years old and communicants of St. John's Church. It is for young men and young women. The joint secretaries are Miss Sybil Brownrigg and Miss Shirley Dowse.

### **Young Peoples Fellowship Tea**

These have continued throughout the year with attendances of between 30 and 40. They have succeeded in getting our young people to know each other and incidentally the leaders of the Church. Thanks are due to the splendid work of a band of "older" young people who have prepared the teas and at the small cost of sixpence per head. The teas are held on the 3rd Sunday in the month at 5 p.m.

### **Girls' Friendly Society**

St. John's has one of the oldest branches in the diocese and it still maintains its hold on the girls of our parish. Its monthly meetings have been well attended and its spiritual basis is never

metals and for December Dr. Holman has kindly agreed to speak on "Atomic Power."

The President offers a warm welcome to any men of the congregation who care to come along on the first Sunday in the month at 5 p.m. Tea is provided by the Committee at a charge of 1/-.

Members have fixed on the Evening Communion held on the fifth Sunday in the quarter as their corporate Communion.

### St. John's Sunday School

The annual Sunday School Festival has been <sup>fixed</sup> for Sunday, November 16th., with services at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. The picnic will be held on the following Saturday.

After many months of careful thought and discussion it has been decided to amalgamate our Morning and Afternoon Sunday Schools. St. John's is probably the last Sunday School in the diocese to fall into line in this respect. Commencing with next year the united School will be held each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Mr. A. Thollar will be Superintendent and Miss Lois Verrall, Secretary. The advantages of this step are obvious. There will be the inspiration of a much larger School, a larger staff of teachers and better equipment. This step will only apply to the Senior Schools and not the Kindergarten.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

*"Those whom God hath joined together."*

Ian Thomas Hodge and Elvie Florence Nielson.

Keith Vincent Propsting and Melba Catherine Helen Snodgrass.

Maxwell Leslie Guy and Beverley Marjory James.

Nathaniel Knight and Winifred Marjory Mancey.

Alan James Tyler and Peggy Calder.

Harold Henry Keith Stanley and Patricia Poole.

James George Milne Adams and Rita Catherine Elizabeth Davis.

Maxwell Eric Coombe and Betty Jean Heazlewood.

Cyril William Buckland and Barbara Marie Rowell.

Kenneth Murray Atkins and Aileen Alberta Watts.

Alan James Dale and Mona Kathleen Higgins.

Robert William Burston and Joyce Mavis Jackson.

#### HOLY BAPTISMS

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

Colin James Calver

Michael Charles Ravenshaw