

St. John's Choir

A good year's work was reported at the Annual Meeting and many expressions of appreciation have been received at the high standard still being maintained. A special feature has been the loyalty of the members, many of whom come considerable distances.

The experiment of adding a Junior Girl's section to the choir has proved most successful. The girls have been regular in their attendance and several have shown particular promise as possessing extra good voices.

A small committee has been appointed to go into the possibilities of a choir outing in the summer. Such would help to still further cement the good feeling already existing among the members.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Henry Vinsom Pittam and Amy Gladys Elston.
Gordon Francis Heyward and Vilna Berenice Hesketh.
Eric Thomas Chandler and Margaret Littlejohn.
Robert James Andrews and Una May Glover.
Keith James Brient and Elaine Stella Church.
Raymond Arthur Brown and Mavis Jean Webber.
Gordon Stanley Dean and Florence Amelia Anderson.
Harold Gordon Reid and Edna Meryl Triptree.
Maxwell Tasman Davis and Beverley Eileen Tregurtha.
George William Lionel Hodge and Rene Yvonne Betts.
Trevor Gordon Dennis and Nancy Broomhall.
Douglas Norman Harris and Thelma Joan Burton.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Decie Diane Lewis	Kaye Annette Clarke
Edward Gath Spicer	Warren Henry Waddingham
Ian Rodney O'Toole	Barry James Chapman
Wendy Goss	Janice Fay Lawrence
Robert William Trinder	Philip Raymond Page
Bernice Rusthan	Marlene Ann Bowkett
Peter Devereux White	Randall Ludlow Askell
Eric William Warren	Toni Elizabeth Walker
Shane Molloy	Kenneth Talbot Rex Bennett
Judith Molloy	Peter Noel Langridge
Donald James Turmine	Craig Winstone Church
Pamela Annette Beauchamp	Suzanne Harding
Wayne Anthony Roberts	Lesley Anne Smythe
Shirley Ann Holmes	Patricia Mary Groves
Margaret Anne Buckney	Brian Frederick Groves
Sharon Margaret Brown	Penelope Margaret Ward
Joseph Thomas Clark	Robert William Hallam
Maria Stanford	James Geoffrey Bass
Suzanne Mary Roberts	Ronald William Keating
Marie Jean Howell	Kerry Maxwell Sanders
Anthony Reardon	Colin James Anderson
Barry James Shaw	Kaye Louise Tucker
Pauline Amy Rainbow	Clive Russell Williams
Lily Amy Rainbow	Robert George Blythe
Judith Irene Robinson	

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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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St. John's—
Groote Eylandt,
Gulf of Carpentaria.
Depot—
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Kako, via Masaka, Uganda.

Hon. Lay Readers:
Messrs. A. THOLLAR, H
F. PRIESTLY, A. R.
PROWSE, C. VINEY and
G. RADFORD.

St. John's Hostel:
Matron:
Miss MALLINSON
For middle-aged and
elderly people.
Tariff: £2 per week up

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

People's Wardens:
Messrs. H. BROWN RIGG
and F. JONES.

Hon. Treasurer:
Mr. F. CARNIE.

Vestry:
Messrs. F. CARNIE, F. R.
DOWSE, A. HOLLINGS-
WORTH, A. THOLLAR,
L. LAKIN and F. COOK-
MAN, with the Church-
wardens.

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,

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on Wednesday, July 30th, at 8 p.m., with a good number present. The various Reports and Financial Statements revealed a very encouraging year and this could not have been accomplished except by the keen and unselfish work of a large body of workers.

But the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry are much concerned over the continual flooding of our glebe farm. Last year a considerable sum was spent in attempts to restore the banks which had broken away. Unfortunately this was not successful and the parish cannot afford to be continually spending money only to see high tides and winter flooding neutralise such efforts. It seems fairly clear that the only permanent cure must be found in the new scheme for the diversion of the North Esk now under consideration by the Government and the City Council.

In fairness to the farm tenant, the rent has had to be reduced until some permanent cure is effected and this of course means more strain on parish finance.

The centenary of what is perhaps the world's best known hymn is to be celebrated on the first Sunday in September. The Rev. Henry Francis Lyte, Vicar of Lower Brixham, Devonshire, wrote the beautiful lines "Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide" under rather pathetic circumstances. Feeling the approach of life's eventide and sitting in the Vicarage garden just outside his study, he was moved (inspired perhaps would be the better word), to put into poetry the thoughts that filled his mind and these found their expression in the words of the well known hymn. Two months later he passed on to his Eternal Rest. Two other well known hymns came from this fertile mind—"Praise My Soul" the "King of Heaven" and "Pleasant are Thy Courts Above," as well as other lesser known hymns. I hope to make the Evening Service of Sunday, September 7th, a commemoration of this event, using Lyte's hymns and closing with "Abide With Me."

A welcome visitor to Launceston recently was the Diocesan Youth Organiser, Miss Maida Williams, M.A. Her talks to Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders were most helpful. These were given in St. John's Mission Hall, Canning Street, and a number of our St. John's young people availed themselves of the opportunity of this skilled assistance.

As in past years our parish will share with the City Mission and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Annual Charity Wattle Day Appeal on Friday, September 5th. Each participating Society receives one-third of the results of the street button-selling and it is to be hoped that our workers will be available on that day.

For many years the Second Sunday in September has been used for our Annual Free-will Offering. This method of "Direct Giving" has superseded the holding of an Annual Fair and I am sure we all wish that it should continue to do so. With the heavy losses experienced on the glebe plus the usual heavy expenditure inseparable from such a large Church as St. John's, the Vestry appeals for a particularly generous response this year. For many years now we have been able to avoid an overdraft and we hope for a continuance of such a desirable state of affairs.

Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop on Monday, October 27th. Your prayers are asked for those who are to receive this sacred rite at St. John's on that evening at 7.30 p.m.

Synod will be called upon this year to face in a realistic way, some of the problems that are pressing upon the notice of the Church in every land. We can rest assured that the Bishop will give a lead in his Synod charge. He is anxious that this charge should be discussed by groups and conferences throughout the diocese, particularly by the rural deaneries. For this reason a special meeting of the Northern Rural Deanery will be held in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Saturday afternoon, October 25th, at 2.30 p.m. The Bishop has arranged to be with us for that Conference and notices will be sent out in due course.

All earnest church people must feel a sense of disquiet at the drift away from the churches. It seems as if we must face not only the evangelisation of the missionary fields but also a re-evangelisation of our home countries. Until there is a change of heart on the part of the people, and men and women in a penitential and prayerful spirit seek His will and purpose in life, we can never know real peace and true happiness. If the task seems formidable indeed, let us remember that "if God be for us, who can be against us."

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

C.E.M.S.

The attendances at the monthly meetings continue to keep up remarkably well. The August meeting saw 23 members present and all enjoyed an excellent talk by one of our members, Mr. Max Easter, on photographic printing. The various complicated processes through which the photo passes was most interestingly described by the speaker.

So far, practically all the talks given have been by members of the branch and all have reached a high standard and would have graced worthily any public platform.

The branch has suffered a big loss in the transfer of one of its members to Albury, N.S.W. Mr. Bray was a very popular member, an excellent treasurer and was gifted with a bright and happy personality. We wish him every success in his new home.

The new kitchen, sponsored by the branch is nearing completion and an effort is soon to be made to raise funds towards its costs.

G.F.S.

Members of St. John's branch were glad to welcome the Diocesan Youth Organiser, Miss Maida Williams, to a recent meeting. Miss Williams gave an excellent talk on programme building.

The girls are looking forward to their annual Fair on Saturday, October 18th, at 3 p.m. The object of this effort is for furnishings for St. John's Church.

The combined Festival is to be held this year at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

Young People's Fellowship

Miss Maida Williams, M.A., was the guest speaker at the August meeting and outlined some of the objectives she had in mind, including camps at Taroom and Collins Vale. Also the big united camp at Toowoomba, Queensland, in January next. It is possible that several members of the Fellowship will make the trip their annual holiday.

The Fellowship warmly welcomes any young people of St. John's to their monthly Tea on the third Sunday in the month at 5 p.m.