

General Notes

The Sunday School prize-givings at St. John's for both Kindergarten, Morning and Afternoon Schools, were very happy functions. Over 100 scholars belonging to the Kindergarten were present, and gave evidence of the growth of this important department.

1948 will see our Morning and Afternoon Senior Schools united, and will meet in future at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning, starting from February 1st.

C.E.M.S. members are reminded of their first meeting on Sunday, February 1st, at 5 p.m.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Stanley Hall and Constance Mavis Clark.
Leslie Maurice Hammond and Margaret Joan Docking.
Alan John McKenzie and Frances Allanby von Stieglitz.
George Stuart Shepherd and Patricia Dawn Rattray.
Jeff Bradley Atkinson and Lorna Louisa Thomas Hill.
Lindsay James Eldridge and Ruby Clara Wilson.
Denis Scott Holmes and Edna Fryda Salmon.
Malcolm Hugh MacLaine and Betty Jean Brown.
Eric Leslie James and Hazel Adelaide Harris.
Edrie Other Lionel Whitchurch and Audrey Pearl Hollingsworth.
Walter David Wilson and Lois Gwen Whatley.
Geoffrey Alan Houston and Shirley Margaret Walker.
Christopher McDougall and Judith Fysh.
Graham David Clarke and Kathleen Elaine White.
Wilfred Henry Nas and Corrine Ruth Stokes.
Colin James Quill and Dorothy Faith Gearing.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Carol Linda King	Michael Adrian Jones
Ian Kent Luttrell	Allen Sydney Richards
John Edward Gee	Graham Frederick Arnold
Dorothy Marilyn Johncock	Michael Dennis Shadwick
Claire Frances Woolnough	Julie Elizabeth Le Fevre
Jill Allison Watson	Colleen Mary Downie
Peter Vernon Rowell	Rodney Kent Summers
Jeffrey Wayne Gibbons	Barry George Long
Ian James Guy	Lynette Mary Pinel
Carol Ann Guy	Kenneth Albert Dodimead
Lilian Kaye Thompson	Graeme Wesley Lowe
Elizabeth Maria Castley	Geoffrey Noel Singline
Dennis Allen Reeve	Maxine Beryl Singline
Kerrie Roxene Webb	Betty Margaret May Lockwood
David John Shaw	Terry Rex Annear
Graeme Smith	Sheena Mary Whitchurch
Pamela Margaret Jackson	Darryl William Jones
Anne Frances Wing	Kenneth Charles Lloyd
Helen Lois Wickham	Janette Sullivan
Patricia Mary McGrath	Brian George Sullivan

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St. John's Parish Messenger

JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 1948

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.

Depot—
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Kako, via Masaka, Uganda.

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Messrs. A. THOLLAR, H
F. PRIESTLY, A. R.
PROWSE, C. VINEY and
G. RADFORD.

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Rector's Warden:
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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,

May I extend to all parishioners and friends of St. John's every good wish for this New Year of 1948. May it bring to us all much happiness, good health and above all, a closer and deeper devotion to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May it see our dearly loved Church pressing on in His service and may we face whatever it may bring to us with that Pauline assurance that "All things work together for good to them that love Him." I am constantly reminded of how blessed we are at St. John's, how great is our heritage from the past and how wonderful are the opportunities that lie ahead.

I speak for many in our parish when I extend to Mr. Russell Young our sincere sympathy with him and his sons in the great loss they have sustained in the passing of Mrs. Young. She leaves a memory of a quiet but sincere life and of many kindly acts done for those in need.

A service of Holy Communion at St. John's Mission on December 21 closed (for a time, at least) the work that has been achieved there for over 50 years. This step has been inevitable for some time, but an earnest desire to carry on has delayed the action. Happy and gracious recollections of past years naturally give us a sense of sadness at this step, but this must be tinged with a sense of satisfaction that improved conditions, old age pensions, child endowment and the like have made much of the relief work unnecessary. The district has changed almost completely, and that for the better.

I am glad to say that the Vestry has asked Miss Oates to continue in the parish under the title of Parish Worker and much of her time will be devoted to young people's work and visitation at St. John's and St. Oswald's.

I want to remind you of the C.M.S. Summer School to be held in St. John's Hall from Sat, February 14 to Thursday, February 19. The chairman will be the Rev. H. M. Arrowsmith, Vicar of St. John's, Toorak, and the Missionary deputation will be Dr. Hannah, Jungle Doctor No. 2, from Tanganyika. Dr. Hannah will be remembered as the young doctor who filled the gap left by Dr. Paul White and who so tragically lost his wife soon after his arrival in Africa. I met him at the Federal Council in Melbourne recently and was much impressed by his sincere and unassuming manner. I feel sure he will be taken to all your hearts when you meet him at the School.

We hope to repeat the successful parish picnic which we held last year at Gravelly Beach. This will take place on the holiday Monday, January 26, leaving from St. John's at 10 a.m. As it is essential that we should have some idea as to whether we shall need a bus or buses, those who wish to join us will have to purchase a

ticket from myself or some member of the Committee. Each person will bring their own provisions, but we hope to supply tea, milk and sugar. You will need to bring your own cup. Given a fine day, we should have a most enjoyable time. Such outings serve to bring us closer together in happy fellowship.

In spite of a wet day, Christmas Services were very well attended and it was indeed inspiring to see the great crowds of communicants gathering at the Holy Table.

I want to conclude my notes by quoting some very beautiful verses I came across recently. They are a paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm by Captain J. Rogers, of the Mercantile Marine.—

The Lord is my pilot; I shall not drift.

He lighteth me across the dark waters;

He steereth me in the deep channels.

He keepeth my log;

He guideth me by the Star of Holiness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I sail mid the thunders and tempests of life, I shall dread no danger; for Thou art with me; Thy love and Thy care shelter me.

Thou preparest a harbour before me in the homeland of eternity; Thou anointest the waves with oil, my ship rideth calmly.

Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take; and I will rest in the port of my God for ever.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

ST. OSWALD'S

The Sunday School Festival was the most successful for many years, the congregations taxing the available seating accommodation. A fine day for the picnic to Gravelly Beach gave the children a wonderful time. Thanks are due to all those who shared in organising both functions.

Our young people's work has been stimulated by Mr. Radford's launching a branch of the C. of E. Boys' Society. Miss Oates hopes to cater for the girls in the coming autumn.

We are indebted also to Mr. Radford for an excellent Carol Service just before Christmas. His Sunday School scholars gave of their best and their efforts were much appreciated by a large congregation.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The Rector, following on his recovery from his recent severe operation, has been able to hold Services in this very nicely furnished little Church. A Christmas communion was much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes worked hard to make the Church look clean and bright for this Service and also did much to clear the Churchyard and so remove fire danger owing to the prolific growth of grass.