

And so the work goes on. So long as we seek to do His will, so long can we expect to receive His blessing. It is a glad and happy service and one that some day will bring its reward from Him who came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

General Notes

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Alan John Cross and Nita Violet Hadley.
Reginald Daniel Burgess and Jean Ann Frances Burgess.
William David Wilson and Betty Jean Parker.
Aubrey John Enright and Betty Mary McTye.
Claude McCullagh Shegog and Beryl Lilian Johnston.
Thomas Jeffrey Pratt and Joan Lilian Shegog.
Stanley Arthur Lewis Reid and Beryl Hilary Dawson.
Graeme Propsting and Phyllis Dawn Youl.
Kenneth Bewglass and Doreen Peggy Frances Stephens.
Donald Munnings and Vera Jean Davis.
Kevin Darcy Turner and Edith Dawn Colgrave.
Edward John Bird and Irene Mavis Amiquet.
Kenneth Charles Montague Garwood and Vera Joan Turner.
Charles Thomas Edward Ankin and Esma Joy Fisher.
Patrick Ross Clyde Senior and Betty Dawn Bushby.
James Thomas Murgatroyd and Betty Devina Clements.
Robert Leslie Gatenby and Margaret Lois Kemp.

HOLY BAPTISMS

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Phillip John Diener	Norman Edward Andrews
Christine Joy Lloyd	Judith Ann Lovett
Gillian Christina Boyles	Judith Frances Burns
Eric John Boyles	Susan Judith Elsie Cuff
Richard William Sheldrick	Wendy Julia Phillips
Terence Frank Laver	Jill Estelle Phillips
Ronald George Brient	Diane Barbara Griffiths
John Maxwell Hodge	Roger William Edwards
Rosanne Jill Jessup	Judith Collins
John Ingles Watt	Kaye Lorraine Eastley
Margaret June Holman	Alison Margaret Padman
Aileen Kaye Faulkner	Garry Wayne Wiseman
Leonard Joseph Jones	Patrick Allan Kelly
Jennifer Maisie Olding	Helen Patricia Kelly
Vicki Lorraine Press	Thomas Michael Reinmuth
Glenn William Smith	Roseanne Isobel Hogg
Lesley Annette Finn	Susan Irene Branagan
Wayne Geoffrey Parry	David James Plumridge
Mollie Azalea Lancaster	Rex Leonard Sparks
Monica Joan Cameron	Faye Esther Atkins

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St. John's Parish Messenger

MARCH and APRIL, 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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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.

CORMISTON—First Sunday in each Month. 3 p.m.

A CORDIAL INVITATION is hereby given to ALL to Attend our Services. YOU will be

Rector's Notes

Dear Friends,

We were glad to welcome Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Mrs. McKell to our historic Church. It is a helpful witness when those in high office attend Public Worship and in that way acknowledge the Supreme Providence that guides and directs this wonderful and complex world.

I regret to record the passing of another sincere and devoted member of our Church. The late Miss Trinder was keenly interested in our St. John's Mission and did much to foster its interests. Just before she died she expressed certain wishes to me, one of which was that she should be buried from St. John's Church. This was duly done and a little band of friends and fellow workers joined in the simple service in our beautiful Church, and so she passed on to higher service trusting in the faith that had sustained her through hard and difficult times.

We were glad to welcome back our young people who attended the Conference for Youth Leaders at Toowoomba, Queensland. They enjoyed the fellowship of leaders from most parts of the Commonwealth and the experience and knowledge gained should be of great help when we commence our winter activities.

No one can charge St. John's for lack of social fellowship. Many and varied are the opportunities for social intercourse. One such was the delightful picnic we held at Gravelly Beach recently. We had a most enjoyable day together and as many choir members were present, hearty singing enlivened the journeys to and fro. We have now had two annual picnics of this kind, with growing numbers.

I have just been reading extracts from an old scrap-book from St. John's Mission. This was one describing a fair held in the Albert Hall in 1899 in aid of the Mission House. The Mayor (Alderman E. H. Panton), in opening the fair, said: "The intention of the committee was first to find a home for many young women who came into the city to fill situations and are unable to obtain accommodation at reasonable rates." By a strange cycle of events those words have become literally true once more. Our Mission House is now doing exactly that. And a very important and necessary work it is. Our only regret is that the Church of England on its own initiative is not doing this. Our Mission House, excellently built for this very purpose, was offered to the five parishes of Launceston as a hostel for girls, but the suggestion was not taken up, and now the Y.W.C.A. has stepped in and an excellent work is already in progress. The Churchwardens, Vestry and myself are happy to feel that the work intended to be done in this fine building is once more an actual achievement.

This issue of the "Parish Messenger" will come to you as Lent is well advanced. I sincerely hope we are all using this time of self-denial and self-discipline to the full. It is not easy under modern conditions to keep the Lenten season as strictly as one would wish. Yet its lessons are insistent upon us and needed more than ever to-day. Let us particularly use Holy Week as a time of deep spiritual devotion, that in spirit we may follow the steps of our Divine Lord as He moved to the great climax of the Crucifixion.

I hope we shall seek to keep Good Friday in a spirit of quiet reverence, remembering His sacrifice upon Calvary. Use the various services as an opportunity for solemn thought and nearer approach to Him. Especially use the "Service of Devotion" in St. John's from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

With a Good Friday quietly and reverently spent, we shall be better able to enter into the triumph and victory of Easter Day.

You will receive the usual Easter Card giving details of the times of Services. Especially remember the rendering of Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary" by the Choir on the evening of Passion Sunday (March 14) and Stainer's "Crucifixion" on the evening of Palm Sunday (March 21). Personally I find these two renderings of the utmost value in seeking to capture the spirit of this sacred season. With your Easter card will be an envelope for a Lenten and Easter gift to dear old St. John's. I am sure you will use the opportunity to the full. Our Church has stood for over 120 years as a witness to the Christian faith. It has seen the rise and development of our city. In its pews have knelt generation after generation, raising their voices in earnest supplication. It still stands to-day as a staunch Evangelical witness, to the truths revealed in Holy Scripture. It still seeks to carry out our Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature, as the recent Summer School bears witness. It still desires to put spiritual things first. This is your heritage and mine. Let our Easter gift be one worthy of so great a cause and we shall be blessed in the giving.

It is difficult to measure the spiritual and missionary impetus given St. John's by our annual C.M.S. Summer School. The team this year consisted of only two men, but what it lacked in numbers it more than made up for in quality. The various meetings were well attended and the generous Thankoffering of over £170 spoke for itself. Two additional gatherings to the usual programme are worthy of special mention. Over 60 attended the young people's tea on the Monday night and later plied Dr. Wellesley Hannah with all sorts of questions relative to life in Africa. I want to thank those good friends who supplied the wherewithal to make it possible to invite the young folks without charge.

For the men's tea on the Wednesday evening we had a remarkable response. Over 50 men gathered to enjoy the fellowship of Dr. Hannah and the Rev. H. M. Arrowsmith and these, too, plied the deputationists with all sorts of questions. It was encouraging to see so many men interested in the Missionary cause.

We shall soon be recommencing our many winter activities. I am sure they will cover all our spiritual, mental and social needs. They bring into active service a fine body of men and women who are willing to give of their time and interest to maintain the allegiance of our people.

The experiment, only undertaken after much prayer and thought, of combining our senior morning and afternoon Sunday Schools, has so far proved an undoubted success. The greatly increased numbers, larger staff and more efficient working has encouraged all those engaged in this very vital Church work.