

Church of England Boys' Society

This is for boys aged from 8 to 15 years. As in the case of the "Fellowship" it asks for absolute loyalty to the Church and Sunday School. The C.E.M.S. men are sponsoring St. John's branch and are taking a great interest in the lads. The boys seem to be thoroughly enjoying their Friday nights at the Hall and a good start has been made.

General Notes

Holy Baptisms

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Graeme John Wilson	Peter Denzil Jones
Maxine Denise McCullagh	Ann Cheryl Turner
Dana Rosemary Shennan	Kathryn Ruth Crack
Robert James Lehner	John Vincent Doyle
Barry Arthur Gerke	John Goss McFarlane
Judith May Buchanan	Leon Howard Routley
Jennifer Ann Eastoe	Barbara Jeanette Artis
Gregor Maitland Beecroft	Cheryl Dawn Slater
Christopher Gavin Luttrell	Raymond Harry Fitzpatrick
Dianne Kaye Lamb	Gloria Fitzpatrick
Helen Irene Milner	Coralie May Fitzpatrick
Peter Leslie Callander	David Leslie Orpwood
Gregory Collins	June Elizabeth Palliser
Brian Maxwell Heyward	Margaret Joan Molloy
June Laraine Woodfield	Christopher James Quarrel
Vivienne Lorraine Wallace	Merilyn Elizabeth Becket
Maree Denise Westbrook	David Kenneth Frost
Leoni Christine Williams	Patricia Joy Milne
Kathleen Diane Hodge	Maureen Anne Cawe

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Ian James Goldsworthy and Sheila May Wise
 Headley Charles Bennett and Stella Margaret Stott.
 Robert James Le Fevre and Peggy Jean Lambert.
 Geoffrey Harold Crawford and Janet Letitia Cummings.
 Roy Arthur Devine and Barbara Campbell Hopwood.
 Trevor James Walsh and Eunice Peck.
 Francis Bartlett Batt and Gweneth Lorna Summers.
 William Roberts Young and Irene Ella Gregg.

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Important

The cost of the publication of the "Messenger" has recently increased. As we desire to keep it free from advertisements, more subscriptions are needed if it is to continue publication.

St. John's Parish Messenger

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER, 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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 St. John's—
 Groote Eylandt,
 Gulf of Carpentaria.

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 Koko, via Masaka, Uganda.

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People's Wardens:
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Hon. Treasurer:
 Mr. F. CARNIE.

Vestry:
 Messrs. F. CARNIE, F. R.
 DOWSE, A. HOLLINGS-
 WORTH, A. THOLLAR,
 W. H. VERRALL and
 F. COOKMAN, with the
 Churchwardens.

APPOINTMENTS

SUNDAY SERVICES, 8, 11 and 7—Sunday School, 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (Kindergarten only)
 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—Baptisms every Wednesday, 11 a.m. M.M.A. (first), 2.45 p.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.

FRIDAYS—C. of E. Boys' Society, 6.45 p.m. C. of E. Young People's Fellowship, 7.45 p.m.

SCOUTS, CUBS, GUIDES and BROWNIES meet weekly.

ST. OSWALD'S TREVALLYN—Holy Communion, 1st Sunday, 9.30 a.m., 3rd Sunday, 9.30 a.m.
 Morning Prayer; other Sundays at 7 p.m.
 CORMISTON—3 p.m. by special notice.

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,

Not for many years has St. John's lost by death so many of its devoted members in so short a time. Mr. Leslie Lakin's unexpected passing came as a shock to many. He leaves a wonderful record of devoted service to the Church that, outside his home circle, was the chief interest of his life. He held the highest offices that a parish can give. A Synod Representative, Churchwarden, foundation member of the Vestry, it can be truly said that he served his Master with quiet and sincere devotion. There are many improvements in the Church's property that will always be associated with his unselfish work for St. John's.

We regret also to record the passing of Mrs. A. R. Wiseman. For well over 20 years she took a leading part in Choir matters, giving freely of her musical talents to keep the standard of the Choral music of the Services to its well-known high level. Both Mr. Lakin and Mrs. Wiseman will be missed by many of the older members of the congregation. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the relatives in both instances.

I regret to say that the Rev. W. Witt Gregson, who has rendered very helpful assistance to me, now finds that advancing years compel him to take things more quietly. I shall miss his cooperation very much, and as a Curate still seems an impossibility, must carry on as best I can. But I am fortunate in having the valued help of several excellent Lay-readers, and so we shall manage.

Our St. John's Annual Meeting was well-attended and the Report and Balance Sheet disclosed an excellent position. But still better it revealed that our well-loved St. John's is making its strong witness for the Christian Faith with unabated fervour. Our Youth work has advanced and the future holds much promise. There were very few changes in the appointments to the various offices, an excellent sign of a united and happy parish.

We are hoping this year to make a distinct advance with regard to our Sunday School picnic. In the past we have kept close to the environs of our city, but this time we are taking the children to Paper Beach. Naturally the scholars are thrilled at the idea. It will mean considerably added cost but we are hoping for extra support through the collections on the Festival Sunday and in other ways.

We are living in days of grave responsibility. Wars and rumours of Wars stride across the front pages of our daily press. Selfishness was never so rampant, and exploitation never so undisguised. But amidst it all stands the calm and dignified figure of the Son of God. The world is sick even unto death, but the Master alone holds the remedy for its ills. Yet there are encouraging signs that men are beginning to realise the futility of a materialistic conception of life and are beginning to turn to the Christian Faith for the Peace and Hope that the world cannot supply.

W. GREENWOOD, Rector.

St. Oswald's, Trevallyn

The American Tea held in the Hall on Thursday, August 19, was the most successful effort held for some years. Mrs. French and members of the St. Oswald's Ladies' Committee are to be congratulated on their efforts. The Hall was crowded, although the afternoon was not particularly promising as to weather, and the financial result of £25 most gratifying.

The Youth Work at St. Oswald's continues to develop and Mr. Geoff Radford with the able assistance of Mr. Noel Shaw is doing much to keep the young folks together. They are to take a party of boys to Melbourne for a holiday early in January.

Missionary Notes

The Missionary Service League is trying the experiment of having its monthly meeting at various members' homes. So far the idea has been successful and some very delightful gatherings have been held.

The M.S.L. is holding its annual "Missionary Afternoon" in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, September 11, at 2.45 p.m. Stalls have been arranged with novel settings. Afternoon Tea will be provided and a very pleasant time is assured those who attend. The proceeds are towards the work of the C.M.S. in the Northern Territory. This Mission Field is rather neglected in the matter of support. It is the old story of distant places appearing more attractive, yet Australia has a first duty to the Aborigine whose land we took.

Girls' Friendly Society

The members of our St. John's branch will be holding their Annual Fair on Saturday, October 2, at 3 p.m. The girls have been very unselfish in their efforts to support not only parish funds, but outside objects also. St. John's Church carpet fund should be further augmented as a result of this Fair.

Church of England Men's Society

There were over 50 men present at the August meeting to listen to a magnificent talk by Dr. Holman on Atomic Power. So much is spoken on the subject and so little is known by the average man, that the Doctor's deft handling of an extremely difficult subject was warmly appreciated by all present. Wisely refraining from being too technical the speaker was listened to with almost strained attention. If only the general public realised the terrific implications of Atomic energy both for good and evil, men would not rest until some world agreement was reached either for its total prohibition or its definite control for humane objects only.

Church of England Fellowship

This is a young people's organisation which purposely makes big demands on their Church loyalty. It was good to see 15 members of St. John's branch admitted at a recent Sunday evening Service. It has a communicant basis and asks its members to worship every Sunday and to seek to follow the ideals of the Lord. Any society that asks little of its members gets little in return. It is good to see the branch flourishing under keen and wise leadership.