

on behalf of all the Launceston branches of the M.U., took the opportunity of presenting Mrs. Greenwood with a reading lamp and two books as tokens of their appreciation of her many years' service as a Mothers' Union speaker. In thanking members for the gifts, Mrs. Greenwood said that it had always been a joy for her to speak at M.U. meetings as the work was very dear to her heart.

Mr. E. Atherton and Miss E. Abra rendered items during the afternoon.

Our next meeting will be held in March on a date to be announced.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

FELLOWSHIP — Our Fellowship Teas were brought to a very happy close on Sunday, November 13th, when we took the opportunity of welcoming The Rector, Mrs. Sutton and David. The Rector closed our tea with a most helpful and inspiring address. Fellowship Teas will commence once again the third Sunday in March, 1950.

C.E.B.S.—The long week-end in November enabled a party of our lads to journey to Devonport, where they spent a very happy week-end. On behalf of the boys and myself I would like to thank the following people for the kindness which they bestowed upon us — The Rector of Devonport, the Misses K. and G. Viney and the members of the C.E.M.S.

Our Table Tennis Team played a very good game at St. Aidan's on Saturday night, November 19th. The opposing team defeated us five games to six.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.—This always looked forward to event will take place at Gravelly Beach on Saturday, December 10th. Buses will leave Elliott's Shop Corner at 9.30 a.m. Those willing to help cut sandwiches and prepare for the Picnic should meet at the Hall, Friday night, December 9th at 7 p.m. Donations of food etc. for the Picnic will be gratefully appreciated.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The Rector took a service at St. David's, Cormiston, for the first time

on Sunday afternoon, 6th November. Canon and Mrs. Greenwood were present and the opportunity was taken to present the Canon with a Smokers' Stand as a token of the parishioners' appreciation of his ministry. In expressing his thanks for the gift the Canon spoke of the growth of Cormiston, and said that it had become an important centre for Church services. The Rector said that it was his intention to arrange for a service to be held on the first Sunday in every month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

HOLY BAPTISM

Elizabeth Margaret Pinkard, Peter Robert Gatenby, Jennifer Anne Crawford, Anne Elizabeth Mundy, James Richard Catterson, Terrence Paul Turner, Robyn Lesley Dwyer, Sharon Ellen Dwyer, Gaye Elizabeth Coker, Veronica Mary Griffith, Daphne Ann Patricia Baxter, Susan Theresa McGillvery, Wayne John Jones, Peter Harold Jones, Arthur Maxwell Walters, Ann Rebecca Walters, Diane Mary McDonald, Michael Charles Ellings, Helen Christine Wilson, John Reginald Quarry, David George Quarry, Edward Stanley Stephens, Robin Alwyn Quor, Roger Robert Thomson, Judith Ann Dell, John Michael Dell, Wendy Lanham, Lynette Patricia Colgrave, Pauline Norma Bassett, Bruce John Godden.

MARRIAGES

Stephen Sydney Brown and Joan Mabel Ogilvie; Allan Wheeldon and Audrey Valentine Townsend; James Henry Bird and Rhona Bernace Fitch; Leslie Samuel Butt and Eva May Nunn; John Andrew York Burleigh and Phyllis Mary Johns; Robert Edgar Shaw and Amy Louise Hornbrook; David Charles Dunn and Patricia Rose Derbyshire; Denver Charles Kenny and Gladys June Rose.

AT REST

Edith Kathleen Thollar, Mary Ann Marsden, Flora Louisa Kate Chandler, John William Atto, William Isaac Young, Emily Alexandria Gould, Doreen Kirkham.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.

St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

DECEMBER, 1949

Rector: Rev. L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory, 157 St. John St. Launceston. Phone 525.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays. St. David's, Cormiston: 3 p.m. First Sunday in month.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer, with Holy Communion on Fifth Sunday.
St. Oswald's, Trevallyn: Holy Communion, First Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Third Sunday at 9.30 a.m. Other Sundays at 7 p.m.
Cormiston: 3 p.m.—First Sunday in month.
Sunday Schools.—St. John's 10 a.m.; St. Oswald's, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion. Thursday: 7.30 p.m., Evening Service. Saints' Days and Holy Days: as announced.
Holy Baptism (by arrangement beforehand). Wednesday at 11 a.m., and on the Second and Fourth Sundays at 3 p.m.
Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

Having been in Launceston for two months now, we are all feeling much more at home than we did when I wrote my first letter for the "Parish Messenger." We greatly appreciate the friendship which has been extended to us by all, and despite the unsettled weather, have been delighted by the beauty of the gardens and landscape. I am feeling more at home, too, in St. John's Church with its dignity of architecture and furnishings. The reverence of the services is most helpful in creating an atmosphere of worship. May we all make that worship truly congregational by taking our full part in the prayers and singing.

The new hymn book "The Book of Common Praise" which we have introduced at St. John's, will assist us in this respect, for it contains not only all the old favourite hymns and tunes which we know so well, but also many well chosen new ones which have a vigour and appeal we shall welcome. It was fortunate that the new book was published just at the time that circumstances made it possible for us to introduce it. We have the distinction of being the first church in Tasmania to use it, and possibly the first church in the whole Commonwealth.

On behalf of the Churchwardens I wish to express thanks for the response to the Annual Free-will Offering Appeal made last month. To date £100 has been received. This will go towards the cost of the new hymn books, which amounts to £180. Parishioners are invited to donate 7/6 for the cost of a book. Music editions for Choir use cost 17/6.

The Service Register reveals that, for some time past, the attendance at the 10 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion on the Second Sunday in the month has averaged only seven worshippers. This would seem to indicate that that service no longer meets the need for which it was instituted, namely to provide a corporate service for the members of the Mothers' Union. After careful consideration and consultation with others I have decided to discon-

tinue this 10 a.m. service in order to be free to visit the Sunday School on two Sundays in the month instead of only one as is the case at present.

Mrs. Sutton, Pat and David join me in wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every blessing in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins at 10.45 a.m. There will be Festal Evensong with Carols at 7 p.m.

At St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of Flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be gratefully received by those undertaking the work. They should be sent to the church as early as possible on Saturday morning, Christmas Eve.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Sunday School Festival held on Sunday, 20th November, was well attended, and the large congregations enjoyed the children's singing of hymns and choruses. The following Saturday a very happy Picnic was held at Gravelly Beach.

The Kindergarten Sunday School Prize Giving and Break Up will be held on Tuesday, 13th December, at 7.15 p.m. The Sunday School Carol Service will be held in the Church at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, 18th December.

The Prize Giving and Break Up for the senior Sunday School will take place on Wednesday, 21st December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parents and friends of the children are invited to be present at these gatherings. After the Christmas and New Year vacation Sunday School will resume again on Sunday, 5th February, 1950.

C.E.M.S.

At our November meeting twenty four members were present. After tea the rector gave an address on the Prayer Book explaining how the Prefaces give us the principles on which

the services of the Church of England were formed.

Our December meeting will be devoted to Christmas carols and music. The first meeting for the new year will be on Sunday, 5th February, 1950. All men are given a cordial invitation to attend our gatherings.

C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL

The annual Summer School for Northern Tasmania, in connection with the Church Missionary Society, will be held at St. John's from Sunday, 12th February, to Wednesday, 15th February, 1950. The Chairman will be the Rev. Edward Walker, of All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., a former C.M.S. missionary in India. The deputation speakers will be the Rev. J. B. Montgomerie (Aborigines) and the Rev. C. D. Maling (Tanganika).

CAROL SERVICES

On Sunday night, 18th December, the "Service of the Nine Lessons" will be taken at St. John's. This service tells the story of Our Lord's Incarnation as revealed in Holy Scripture and sung in Carol and Hymn. Carols will also be sung on Christmas Night.

At St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, there will be a Carol service at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 18th December.

BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL SERVICE

The annual end of year Broadland House School Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, 11th December, at 11 a.m. The Rector will be the Preacher.

THE "CHURCH NEWS"

The Diocesan "Church News" is the official monthly paper for the Diocese of Tasmania. It contains a letter from our Bishop, and a letter from Mrs. Cranswick. Reports of Parish activities. Late news from the Missionary Societies, Youth Notes, Diocesan Council Notes, Correspondence and Articles of general interest. The annual subscription is 3/6 postpaid. Parishioners of St. John's are urged to become subscribers and so keep themselves informed as to the

life of the diocese as a whole. The Rector will be glad to receive subscriptions or they may be sent direct to the Diocesan Book Depot, 27 Murray Street, Hobart.

OLD FOLK'S TEA

The Annual Tea for Elderly Folk will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Thursday, 15th December. This function has been arranged for many years by the Launceston City Mission in co-operation with the churches. As usual St. John's parish will be responsible for a table, and for this good cause donations of money, or of fruit, cakes, or other refreshments will be gratefully received.

NEW HYMN BOOKS

The new Australian Hymn Book, "The Book of Common Praise" now in use at St. John's, may be purchased at The C.M.S. Depot, 92 St. John St., Launceston. It is available in several types of print and bindings, with or without the Book of Common Prayer. Prices range from 7/6 to 27/6. They are specially suitable for Christmas gifts.

MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

A very happy time was spent at the Missionary afternoon on Saturday, September 3, and we thank all those friends who helped us in any way. The proceeds will go to help the C.M.S. work in the Northern Territory. At our last meeting for the year a welcome was given to the Rev. L. N. and Mrs. Sutton after which supper was served, bringing our missionary activities to a close until February of next year.

ST. JOHN'S C.E.F.

The Fellowship had its Christmas break up on November 18th when we had a play reading and films evening, followed by supper, to which Parents and Friends were invited.

The fellowship has now gone into recess until the New Year but members are playing Tennis on Friday nights and Saturday mornings during the summer months.

ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

The final tea for 1949, which took the form of a Christmas Gathering, was held on Sunday 20th November with a record attendance.

A Christmas Cake was cut by Mrs. Sutton and after tea all joined in Christmas Carols. A duet was sung by Marie Murgatroyd and Marie Potter, and Kaye Huston rendered a solo.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Girls' Friendly Society has had a very happy and successful year. Contributions were given to Church Missionary Society, British and Foreign Bible Society, Home Mission Union, and tinned fruits were given to be sent to Groote Eylandt in the Christmas Box.

A united G.F.S. Service at St. George's was attended by our members. The annual fair was held in October and was very satisfactory, £48/11/3 being the result.

We were very sorry to part with Mrs. Greenwood, our President for many years, but look forward to a happy and useful time with Mrs. Sutton.

Our year closed with a United G.F.S. Social at St. George's on November 3rd.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

Our October meeting began with a short service in the chapel conducted by Mrs. Greenwood in the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Later, about 50 members adjourned to the Kindergarten Hall, which was tastefully decorated to welcome Mrs. Sutton.

Many letters were read from our Link Branches in England, gratefully acknowledging parcels.

Mrs. Greenwood thanked all who had helped by serving on stall or sending goods to Broadland House Fair. To the members of the families of Mrs. Thollar and Mrs. Heather, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

When business had concluded, Mrs. Greenwood tendered her resignation as President of our Branch after 16 years, and extended to Mrs. Sutton a hearty welcome on behalf of all M.U. Members.

Reference has been made at previous meetings of our deep appreciation of Mrs. Greenwood's cheerful and helpful leadership.

It was proposed and unanimously carried that Mrs. Greenwood be asked to act as Vice-President, which she consented to do. Our new President, will, we hope, find much happiness with us.

The United Festival was held on November 24th at St. John's. The Rector conducted the church service which was attended by some 300 members. Afternoon tea was served in the Parish Hall when Mrs. May,