

# St. John's Parish Messenger

MAY and JUNE, 1949.

A Message from the Mother Church of Launceston  
St. John's Church was opened 1825, but our records go back to 1811.



## General Notes

### Holy Baptisms

"Suffer little Children to come unto Me."

Pam Margaret Oliver	Jeanette Inverarity Harper
Kay Lorraine Hodge	Colin Douglas Scott
Gail Patricia Longden	Graeme Maxwell Padman
Jeanette Rosemary Austin	Brian Henry Bell
Barry Reginald Swain	Margot Keitha Smith
Barbara Ann Swain	Lesley Ann Guy
Greta Faye Swain	Dianne Lee Trimper
Wayne Kenneth Jackson	Kevin John Barber
Margaret Ann Fuller	Anna Adele Miedecke
William Allan Davidson	John George Miedecke
Sandra Kay Davidson	Andrew William Miedecke
Helen Elizabeth Rowbottom	Robert John Mercer
Gaye Lorraine Luttrell	Ian Charles Rowbottom
Brian James Stephens	Bruce Garth Fitch
Cheryl Lee Chandler	Darryl Mark Walsh
Suzanne Kaye Garwood	Arthur Leslie Blyth
Christine Cheryl Bowen	Brian Lawrence Roberts
Brian John Fenner	Diane Patricia Freeman
David Robert Pickett	Marlene Ann Hortle
Elaine Dawn Simmons	Patricia Helen Roberts
Christine Joy Furley	Mervyn Kevin Morris
Dianne Elizabeth Neilson	Reginald David McConn
Cheryl Dawn Neilson	Noel Anthony Perkins

### Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together."

Neil Hazlewood Barnes and Lorna May Cassidy  
Geoffrey Robert Morice and Doreen Elizabeth Wallace  
Kenneth Ferguson Wilkinson and Joyce Millicent Gullidge  
Ronald Munro Colgan and Mavis Annie Edmunds  
Gordon John Preddy and Betty Joan Sturzaker  
Geoffrey John Denby and Alethea Eva Chandler  
John William Edwards and Rubina Amy Baker  
Geoffrey Parnel Hutchinson and Keitha Baker  
Tasman Charles Stagoll and Joan Bowen  
Jack Tasman Towns and Freda Muriel McCarron

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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.

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W. H. VERRALL and  
F. COOKMAN, with the  
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### 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.  
MONDAY—C. of E. Boys' Society, 7 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. Y.P.U. weekly 4 p.m.  
THURSDAYS—Evening Service 7.30 p.m. Choir Practice, 8 p.m. Missionary Band, 4.15 p.m. Fourth Thursday, Mothers' Union, 2.45 p.m.  
FRIDAY—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

## Rector's Notes

Dear Friends,

I really think our Easter Services at St. John's were the most inspiring I can recall. Certainly the day was one more akin to summer than to autumn. But beautiful as the weather was, this does not cover the facts. It seems as if people are beginning to turn more to the peace and hope of the Christian message in a sad and distraught age.

Our Good Friday Night Service was probably twice or three times the usual number and at the 10.45 a.m. Service on Easter Day we had a record number of Communicants. The offertories on that day were just over £135 which is testimony in itself that our people give generously to the Church they love.

Again I want to thank the Archdeacon for his very acceptable help on Easter Day. Had he not been able to come I really do not know how I could have administered to so many communicants.

I have never seen the Church look more beautiful and our thanks are due to the band of ladies who took so much trouble to make the Church worthy of the great day.

We congratulate the Rev. Keith Kay on his appointment to St. Aidan's. He will give very acceptable service there as he did at St. John's during my 3 months sick leave. He will be a great strength to the cause of C.M.S. in Launceston.

We are all very sorry indeed that the Rev. A. H. Roake had to resign St. Aidan's owing to continued ill-health. He has been a good neighbour to me and we have had very happy fellowship together. His deep sense of devotion and real sincerity has claimed the respect of a wide circle of Church-people.

The presence of the Rev. Alan Watson in St. John's pulpit on a recent Sunday night was a real landmark in our parochial history. He is one of the out-standing Ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Australia and came at my invitation and with the good-will of our Bishop to make this gesture of Christian unity. His powerful address will long be remembered.

From time to time I receive quite a number of letters from perfect strangers who have visited our Church and speak in very appreciative terms of our Services. Last week I had one such from a Hobart resident who had been in Launceston undergoing medical treatment. I think the dignity, coupled with the simplicity of our Services makes a wide appeal. Mention is often made of the Choir and its fine rendering of the Service. It is encouraging to hear these things.

Most people voted the recent parish picnic to Myrtle Park the best ever. There were 73 people on the buses and private car loads brought the number to over 80.

All our winter organisations are in full swing, each touching some section of the people. Although this makes heavy demands

on those responsible, it is essential that the Church should meet the full needs of its people. We are fortunate in having a fine band of keen workers who give of their time so unselfishly to keep the parochial wheels moving.

Our summer and autumn congregations have been remarkably good, but the hard test is the winter. I want every member of St. John's to realise how important is your individual place in our worship. Even when the long and cold winter nights come, let us try and keep our attendance at Church at a high level.

May the blessing of God go with us all.

W. GREENWOOD,  
Rector.

## St. Oswald's, Trevallyn

Opportunity was recently taken to present Mrs. Raeburn with a small gift in appreciation of her good work in the Kindergarten. Mrs. Raeburn and her family are leaving to reside on the mainland.

Sincere thanks are offered to the Dean of Hobart for so kindly allowing our St. Oswald's C.E.B.S. boys to camp in the Synod Hall, which is particularly convenient for this purpose. The boys are in the care of Mr. Geoff. Radford.

## Mother's Union

The members of St. John's branch are looking forward to again organising their annual "Musical Market." The results of this effort have rendered considerable financial assistance to the Diocesan Children's Home and our own Diocesan Assessment.

## C. of E. Boy's Society

The C.E.M.S. has arranged a roster of members so that one will be present at each meeting of the boys. In this way a continuous link will be formed between the two societies. This help is in addition to the boys leaders who come regularly each week and conduct an interesting programme of athletics, talks and games.

The boys gladly accepted an invitation to be present at a recent meeting of the Young People's Fellowship, competing with great keenness against their older opponents.