

# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays.  
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.  
St. David's, Cormiston: 3 p.m. First Sunday in month.  
Sunday Schools.—St. John's 9.45 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,

This month we remember once again, on Good Friday and Easter Day, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The assurance they give of God's forgiveness of sin, and of the victory of Life over Death, meet Man's greatest spiritual needs. While God freely offers us those blessings, it is for us to receive them joyfully by accepting Jesus as our Saviour and by following His way of life. This is no easy or formal matter. It calls for self-sacrifice and the living of a God-centred life. It demands courage and faith of a high order. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

To those who accept our Lord's invitation, life in this world and hereafter has a new meaning. Good Friday and Easter Day are not holidays, but holy days, when we strive to realise afresh the meaning and cost of Redemption, and re-dedicate ourselves to that kind of living over which, as Christ's Resurrection shows, death has no final power.

Since the last issue of the "Parish Messenger" changes have taken place in the parish. Miss I. Oates who has been associated with St. John's for the past seven years as Parish worker has taken an appointment on the staff of Broadland House School. Mr. F. Stewart, formerly a Captain in the Church Army, has come as our Catechist. While at St. John's he will study for entrance into Christ's College, Hobart, for theological training leading to ordination. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and assure them both of our friendship and help, and hope that their association with St. John's will be a very happy one.

After the evening service on Sunday, 19th March, a representative gathering of parishioners, Church officers, Choir members and other friends, met in the Parish Hall to express their good will and sincere appreciation for the long and faithful service rendered to St. John's over the past twenty-two years by Mr. Arthur Gee our retiring organist, and choirmaster. After several speakers had conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Gee the feelings of gratitude and esteem of all present, on behalf of the parishioners I asked them to accept two lounge chairs as tokens of our thanks and best wishes for the future. In responding Mr. Gee expressed his own and Mrs. Gee's deep appreciation and said they were looking forward to being able to sit together as worshippers in the church they both loved.

Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, who has succeeded Mr. Arthur Gee, took up his new duties on the last Sunday in March. We already feel sure that he will uphold the best traditions of his predecessors in maintaining the music of our services at the highest level. To him as to Mr. Stewart we extend our friendship and loyal support, and hope that he will have many happy years at St. John's.

We thank Miss Oates and Mr. Gee for all they have done for St. John's and know that they will still be with us in the worship and fellowship of our church.

Much concern has been felt by us all at the condition of our old historic church tower. We hope that the repairs to the plaster will prove effective in preventing any further deterioration in the fabric. It may well be that the tower will continue in its present state for many years without any more trouble developing. I trust that such will be the case.

Let me commend to your careful notice the services arranged for Holy Week and Easter. May this sacred season be a time of spiritual blessing for us all.

With every good wish,  
Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### HOLY WEEK and EASTER Special Services

Monday—7 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Tuesday—7 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.30 p.m. G.F.S. Service.  
Wednesday—7 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
Thursday—8 p.m. Holy Communion.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m. Litany and Ante-Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.  
1 to 3 p.m. Devotions on "Seven Words."  
7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

#### EASTER DAY

6, 7, 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
10.30 a.m. Matins and Holy Comm. 7 p.m. Evensong.

#### ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH, TREVALLYN

We extend a very warm welcome to Mr. F. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart who have come to our parish. Mr. Stewart has already visited a number of our homes and taken services at St. Oswald's. We pray that his ministry will be greatly blessed.

The new lights in the church are greatly appreciated both on account of the better illumination they give and also for their appearance. We thank those responsible for their installation.

Plans are being considered for making more space available in the school hall. When the improvements are made it will be a great convenience to all who use the hall.

For some time the small frontals used on the lectern, and the book-markers for the Prayer Books and Bible, have been in a state of disrepair. We would be glad to hear

of any parishioner who would be willing to donate a set for use at one or other of the Church seasons. The colours most needed are White and Violet.

We greatly enjoyed the visit of the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson who spoke at the Young People's Fellowship Tea, and preached at Evensong, on Passion Sunday. We shall look forward to another visit from him before very long.

On Good-Friday there will be a service at St. Oswald's at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Day at 8 a.m. when Canon Greenwood will take the service.

#### ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

We would like to thank Mr. Stewart, the new Catechist, for the interest he is taking in our church and also for his weekly visits to the Cormiston School. The interior of the church is being painted, and a working bee is to be organised to carry out repairs and paint the outside. An effort is to be made to tidy up the grounds and to have a new fence erected. A new curtain has been purchased for the east end and the old organ replaced by one from St. John's Mission, in much better order. When the electric light is installed, an evening service will be held on the third Sunday in the month at 7 p.m. in addition to the afternoon service at 3 p.m. on the first Sunday.

#### C.E.M.S.

Our monthly meetings are still being well attended. At our last meeting in March our speaker was Mr. F. Stewart, who told us something of his work in the Church Army before coming to us at St. John's.

Fine weather once again attended the Picnic held on the March holiday. A bus load of adults and children and several cars went to Myrtle Park and had an enjoyable time.

The working bee to help Canon Greenwood with some of his garden layout has been held and some good work was put in by members attending.

Our first morning corporate communion on the second Sunday at 8 a.m. was well attended, and we look forward to the support of members at this service each month.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, at 5 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. W. F. Paton, M.A., B.D., of the North Launceston Presbyterian Church. A very friendly invitation is extended to all men of the parish to attend our meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m.

—M.M.E.

#### ST. JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

A happy gathering in the Kinder-ten Hall on Sunday 19th March marked the first of the Fellowship Teas for 1950. We were pleased to welcome Mr. F. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart to our midst. As the speaker for the evening Mr. Stewart told something of the training and experiences of a Church Army Captain and reminded his listeners that we are all, or should be, Ambassadors for Christ.

The Teas are informal gatherings on the third Sunday in each month and we invite all young people over 14 to come along, especially new comers to the parish.

—S.B.

#### C.E.B.S.

We held our first meeting for the year on Monday, 13th March, when we welcomed Mr. F. Stewart as our new leader. It was decided that, in future, our branch should be divided into two divisions, Seniors and Juniors. Meetings will be held on alternate Mondays. The Juniors, aged 8 to 11 years will meet in the afternoon and the Seniors, for older boys, in the evenings from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock. Barry Olding has been elected Secretary and David Sutton, Treasurer. Mr. Stewart will be glad to give full information about C.E.B.S. New members will be welcomed. After Easter we are looking forward to visiting St. Oswald's branch.

#### THE CHOIR

A very cordial welcome is extended to Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, our new Organist and Choirmaster. We hope his association with St. John's Church will be a very long and happy one. The music of "The Crucifixion" (Stainer) has been claiming our time at recent practices. After Easter we are looking forward to learning some more of the hymns in our new hymn book. Mr. O'Neill would be very glad to hear of men, women or boys whom we could welcome as choir members. Can you help the Church in this way?

#### PRIVATE EASTER COMMUNIONS.

The Rector is anxious to know of sick or aged parishioners who desire private celebrations of Holy Communion at Easter. He will be greatly helped if notice is given as early as possible.

#### EASTER DECORATIONS.

Gifts of flowers for the Easter decorations will be most gratefully received at the Church on Easter Eve, Saturday morning, about 10 o'clock.

#### C.E.F.

Our first C.E.F. meeting for 1950 took the form of a Hike to the Punch-bowl and was enjoyed by all present making a good start off for the year. Dr. Pentezeche, from the State High School, gave us a most interesting and instructive talk on Greece and Holland at our last meeting.

I would ask all members to make a special effort to be present at the Evening Service on Good Friday, at 7.30 p.m.

This year we have had C.E.F. cards printed for the first time, setting out our programme for six months.

Any boy or girl over the age of 15 years who would like to join the Fellowship would be made very welcome and can find out all particulars from,

H. Morton, Hon. Secretary.  
179 St. John Street.

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on the First Sunday after Easter, 16th April. The preacher at 11 a.m. will be the Rev. John Garrett, M.A., B.D., Australian Secretary for the World Council of Churches. Donations of Fruit, Vegetables, Produce and Groceries will be received at the Church on Saturday morning.

### ANZAC SUNDAY

Special services will be held on Anzac Sunday, 23rd April, which is also St. George's Day. Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. will be broadcast over station 7NT. At the Evening Service the preacher will be the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson.

### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School re-opened for the year 1950 at 10 a.m. on 5th February. So that more time could be devoted to the work of the School and to enable scholars and teachers to be out in good time to attend the morning service, it was decided that from the 1st Sunday in March the commencing time be changed to 9.45 a.m. This new time is a great improvement and is working satisfactorily.

#### Attendance:

Although there is a good attendance, the numbers comparing favourably with other years, there must be many boys and girls in this Parish who could attend the Sunday School. The Sunday School plays a most important part in our Church life, and it would be pleasing to see our numbers doubled in the near future. We appeal to all parents and friends for their co-operation in this direction.

#### Teachers:

We are grateful for the assistance being given to our school by Mr. and Mrs. F. Stewart, and from teachers and scholars a warm welcome is extended to them. We will be pleased to receive the names of any who are interested in Sunday school teaching. L.V.

### HOLY BAPTISM

Susanne Gerda Morris, Graham Daniel Morris, Diane Elizabeth Sherriff, Helen Dianne Quillerat, Dennis Jeffrey Roach, Elizabeth Margaret Laver, Wendy Dawn Sing, Marie Joyce Pitham, Jennifer Madalene Dale Whitehead, Paul John Later, Patricia Marlene Cobbing, Raymond Walter Milner, John Tacey, Catherine Anne Walker, Brenda Evelyn Shaw, Gregory John Gibbs, Kevin John Burston, Peter James Barry, Paul Prestidge Tole, Bronwyn Margaret Thollar, Glenda Joyce Sparkes, Peter Alan Robertson, Ian Charles Summers, Bryan James Swain, Glenn Roy Wiseman, Kevin John Fitzpatrick,

Terence Patrick Artis, Dana Noreen Ewence, Gaye Elizabeth Burgess, Janice Suzanne Burgess, Dane Edward Burgess, Suzanne Maree Watts, Helen Lucy Fletcher, Ruth Lynette Jones, Pauline Ann Hawthorn, Wilfred Thomas Anthony Parker, Cynthia Joy Preston, Susanne Florence Hawthorn, Lynette Dorothy Boyd, Joan Ella Boyd, Wendy Carol Boyd, Pamela Florence Boyd, Carole Anne Hodge, Robert Laurence Andrew Best, Marilyn June Titley, Sheryl Anne Freeman, Lorraine Sheffield, Kenneth Geoffrey Saward.

### MARRIAGES

Frederick Hibbins Eddington and Doris Daphne Maud Smith, Noel John Towell and Marie June Smith, Kenneth John Wilson and Margaret Elizabeth Miller, Richard Field Thomas and Gillian Arndell Youl, Douglas Aubry Booth and Betty Winifred Harris, Ronald Leslie Frazier and Norma Jacqueline French, George William Raynor Summers and Dulcie Annie Jean Hardy, Ronald William Tomkinson and Kathleen Alice Torney, Robert Hamilton Fulton and Jean Winifred Shackcloth, Alfred Ernest Wilkes and Betty Blanche Milburn, Leland John Davies and Frances Joan Edwards, Donald Charles Cooper and Geraldine Cecile Dale, Hermann Karl Ernst Kropf and Joan Alice Johnson, Noel William George Bryan and Randal Thelma Granda, George Liddell and Martha Rose Sherriff, Alan Studley Holmes and Keir Elizabeth Brown, Ernest Arthur Dyer and Beryl Jean Porter, Maxwell John West and Betty Dawn Reid, Colin Malcolm McDonnell and Frances Jill Headlam, Horace Edward Hocking and Jessie Isabella McLaren, John Henry Hawksley and Eunice Minnie Johnson, Elwin Ashley Harriess and Mavis Elsie Stewart, Ronald Alexander McKenzie and Joy Widdowson.

### AT REST

John Henry Hoys, George Alfred Briant, Herbert Harden Dean, Tasman Bathurst Brandon, Ethel Cookman, William Woolley, Henry Thomas Barwick, Lynette Rae Glover, Christine Rennie Knight, Albert Walter Joscelyne, Stanley James Nash.

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