

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, 19th November, the Sunday School had a most successful Anniversary. Services were held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and it was pleasing to see the large gathering of parents and friends at these services. Special speaker for the morning service was Rev. George Christopher, Rector of the Parish of St. Leonards, and Rev. Keith Kay, Rector of St. Aidan's, spoke at the afternoon service. The Rector gave the address at the evening service. The lessons at the services were read by two of the teachers, Messrs. D. Madden and D. Gilmour, and scholars Laurie Bassett and Ray Watson.

Our Sunday School picnic is to be held at Gravelly Beach on Saturday, 2nd December, and, as previously mentioned, we are endeavouring, with the help of parents and friends, to do the whole of the catering ourselves this year. We are grateful for the way in which parents and friends have expressed their willingness to help, and would like to thank all those who have so generously given cash donations and have offered to send along cakes, etc. We feel sure the picnic will be a great success.

The Kindergarten Prize Giving and Christmas Tree, to which Santa Claus has been invited, will be held in the Kindergarten Room at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 13th December. The Senior School Break-up and Prize Giving will be held in the Senior School at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20th December. In the Senior School, scholars gaining 70 per cent. of the total marks for the year will be entitled to a prize. Marks for scholars who have been absent through sickness are specially dealt with. It is hoped that all parents and friends will be present with us at these gatherings.

The Sunday School Carol Service will be held in St. John's on Sunday, 17th December, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

## GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The United G.F.S. Social evening was held in St. John's Hall on Tuesday November 14th, which also marked our social side of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of G.F.S. The Rector and Mrs. Sutton welcomed

members from St. Paul's, St. George's and the Holy Family, but owing to a very wet night some were unable to attend. St. John's members arranged the Programme of Team Games and Competitions, and the juniors from Holy Family sang two lovely songs.

A plentiful supper was served and a big Birthday Cake with 75 candles added to the fun.

## "PARISH MESSENGER"

Miss E. Martin, 2/-; Miss L. Verrall, 2/-; Mr. S. G. Hammond, 2/-; Mrs. L. Lakin, 10/-; Mrs. Whitfield, 2/-; Mrs. Best, 2/-; Mrs. Bird, 10/-; Mrs. Edwards, 2/-; Misses Sutton, 6/-.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Carol Anne Goss, Mayne John Williams, Michele Jane Senior, Steven Hedley Farquhar, Paul Leonard Glover, Kerry John Faulkner, Tony James Guy, Barry Maxwell Rees, Anne Shirley Jackson, Tresna Cheryl Mackrill, Rhonda Fay Gamble, Bronwyn Diane Shepherd, Stephen Mercer, Paul Arthur Castley, Judith Anne Hayward, Wendy Lynette Torney, Suzanne Mary Wood.

## MARRIAGES

Thomas William Maxwell Moore and Jean Shirley Shipp, Paul Michlik and Joan Elizabeth Warren, Michael Philip Kendal Shoobridge and Audrey Thelma Jacobson, Kenneth John Retallack and Moira Wynne Dean, Neil Stanley Clayton and Beverley Elaine Kettle, Raymond Thomas Sevier and Evelyn Adelaide Hughes, Jack Mervyn Button and Mary Florence Saunders, Pascoe Augustus Volkmer and Corris Ila Peck, Geoffrey Arthur Walker and Elice Joy Miller, Lawton Reginald Sydney Cabalzar and Patricia Joy Crothers, Maurice Warner Davis and Lenna Styles, Rex Charles Nichols and Alice Styles.

## AT REST

Louisa Mary Benjamin, Emma Selina Von Stieglitz, Elizabeth Isobel McEnnulty, Mabel Brewer, Avenal Hope Shelton.

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

## NEXT "PARISH MESSENGER"

As our parochial organisations will be in recess during January and many families away on holidays the "Parish Messenger" will not be issued again until February 1951.

## St. John's Parish Messenger

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## RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

As there are many reports from parish organisations appearing in this issue my letter will have to be shorter than usual. First of all I would like to record our sincere appreciation of the visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. His friendly personality and challenging call for more definite Christian witness in our daily lives will, I hope, long remain an inspiration to us all.

As we once again prepare for the Christmas Festival let us remember that it is for us a season of joyfulness because we believe that the birth of Jesus was God giving Himself to the world. We shall never understand this great Christian truth unless we hear the voices of the angels singing: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." When we glorify God by obeying his laws then peace will come. This is true for each of us as individuals and for the world in which we live.

All at the Rectory join me in wishing you 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 Evening Prayer 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 most welcome. They should reach the church by 10 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist in arranging the decorations.

## MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The final meeting of the M.S.L. for 1950 was held in the Kindergarten

Hall on Tuesday, 21st November. The meeting was preceded by a Service in the Church at which the Rev. G. W. Christopher, the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society in Tasmania, told us of the challenge to Christians here at home to support the missionary work of the Church overseas. During the Service members' freewill offerings which took the place of the annual fair, were received; these amounted to £16/17/6.

During the meeting in the Kindergarten Hall Mr. A. Thollar made a presentation to Miss Lois Verrall on behalf of the St. John's Missionary Service League. Miss Verrall has been a member of the M.S.L. for twelve years and we are very sorry that she will be unable to be with us after her wedding; we wish her every happiness in the future.

## MEDICAL MISSION AUXILIARY

November 1st brought to a close another year of useful service rendered by a small band of workers for Medical Missions and Missionaries in Northern Australia and Tanganyika. Our work was greatly encouraged by letters acknowledging our parcels which have all been received.

**ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN**

Our Church Fair on Saturday 25th November was a very happy and successful function more than £30 being raised for our funds. We are very grateful for the support given by parishioners and wish to thank all helpers. The effort was arranged at short notice and we are very encouraged by the result especially as there were other functions held the same afternoon. Plans for the building of a Church cottage are being further considered by the Vestry and it is hoped that a report will be presented to a meeting of parishioners early in the coming year.

At the last meeting of the Vestry, Mrs. F. W. Beck on behalf of the women members, said it was felt that the newly formed Guild gave them full opportunity for supporting the church, and that they would prefer that men be appointed to the Vestry in their place. Warm appreciation of their loyal and faithful service to the Vestry was expressed by members, and in the circumstances, Messrs. E. D. Rogers and E. R. Fowell were appointed to vacancies.

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, there will be a Carol service at 7 p.m. when the address will be given by Mr. W. J. Williams, M.B.E., B.Sc. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.

**ST. OSWALD'S GUILD**

It was very encouraging to note the interest and co-operation of Guild members at our November meeting. Mrs. G. T. H. Harris gave a very interesting talk on her trip to England and stressed particularly the honesty, courtesy, and patience of the English people. A printed syllabus will be sent to our members before the next meeting on Wednesday, 21st February, 1951, which will be the first for the New Year.

**ST. OSWALD'S YOUTH NOTES**

On Sunday November 26th a very successful S.S. Festival was held with good attendances at all services. The highlight of the day was an address at the Fellowship Tea by a New Australian from Holland.

We were pleased to welcome our Rector and Miss Beryl Sweetman, also Miss Lois Verrall to whom we made a presentation on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage.

Parents and Friends are reminded of the Picnic which will take place at Gravelly Beach, December 9th., buses leaving Elliott's Shop corner 9 a.m. Donations of food, cakes, etc., will be appreciated. These may be brought on the morning or left with Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Burrows.

**ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON**

The Ladies' Guild held their first meeting last month when an encouraging attendance of members agreed to meet on the second Wednesday each month at 2.30 p.m. in the Church. It was decided to run an Afternoon Tea stall at Mr. Thomson's forthcoming Clearing Sale to take place in December. Donations of Cakes and Sandwiches will be gratefully received at Mrs. Thomson's home on the morning of the Sale. A Temple Day will be held in February.

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, a Carol Service will be held at 7 p.m. and on the following Sunday, 31st December, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 3 p.m.

There will be an evening service on Sunday, 21st January, at 7 p.m. We were glad to welcome members of St. Oswald's Vestry to our evening service in November and sent some produce for their Fair.

**ST. JOHN'S CHOIR**

On Thursday evening of 30th November, at the invitation of the Rector of Evandale, we had the pleasure of visiting the attractive little church of St. Andrew and singing Evensong in connection with the St. Andrew's Day Festival. Anthems and special Christmas Carols were rendered by our choir and we were pleased to have Mr. Sutton as preacher on this occasion.

It is hoped that the Christmas Musical Recital at 3 p.m. on Sunday 10th December will be of interest especially to St. John's parishioners as the programme will include two carols for which the Choirboys have been preparing. We are looking forward also to some songs to be sung by Beryl Kekwick who is also a member of the choir.

The annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 17th December at 7 p.m. We have been learning a number of new carols some of which have not been heard before in St. John's. These will give this popular service added appeal and interest.

**BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL SERVICE**

The annual end of year Broadland House School Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday 10th December at 11 a.m. The Rev. R. C. Brown, the Rector of Evandale, will be the preacher. Speech Night will be at the Albert Hall on the following evening, Monday, at 8 p.m.

**C.E.M.S.**

The November Meeting was held on Sunday 5th when a large number of members and visitors heard a talk by Mr. W. J. Williams on the Conference of United Bible Societies held in New York, which conference was held to arrange for the translation, publication and circulation of the Bible in all Countries. He also told of experiences of Bible Society members in Korea, China, India Japan and Brazil. The President, Bro. F. R. Dowse supported by Rev. L. N. Sutton thanked Mr. Williams for his very interesting address.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd December at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, when the speaker will be Archdeacon Atkinson. All men of the Parish are assured of a warm welcome.

A Corporate Communion of C.E.M.S. and C.E.B.S. will be held on Sunday, December 10th, at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast.

**C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL**

The next C.M.S. Summer School will be held at St. John's from Sunday 11th February till the following Thursday. The Chairman will be Bishop Donald Baker of Melbourne, and the speakers will include Rev. H. C. Gurney (Persia) and Rev. L. A. Pullen (India).

**ST. JOHN C.E.B.S.**

On Monday 27th November, the Rector conducted a service in the Chapel when fourteen lads were admitted to membership. The service was attended by the Diocesan Youth Organiser whom we also welcomed to our meeting. The evening concluded with a supper in Mr. Stewart's cottage which was enjoyed by all. The final outing for the year will be a Hike. Four of our members are going to the annual Frankston C.E.B.S. Camp in Victoria in January. We will resume our meetings next year in February.

**ST. JOHN'S GUIDE COMPANY**

On Saturday November 18th we took part in the National Fitness sports, and came second in the Junior Section. We extend our congratulations to the Catholic Youth Organisation who secured first place.

On Saturday evening we joined with all other Companies in a Camp Fire, at St. John's, to welcome Mrs. C. O. Fairbairn our Federal Chief Commissioner.

The Girl Guide Association has just bought the property "Lebrina," Park Street as a headquarters, it will be known as the "Margaret McIntyre Memorial"; this will be a great asset to Guiding in the north.

All guides of the company are eagerly anticipating their Christmas break-up which will take the form of a Camp, to be held at Deviot during the week-end 8th-10th December. After the camp we will be in recess until February 1951.

**C.E.F.**

Our clothes were dampened but not our spirits when twenty four of us got caught in the downpour on our Break-up Evening for this year on 10th November, when we hiked to Distillery Creek for Tea and Supper. Activities were spoilt by the rain and we had to return home earlier than expected but I'm sure most of us enjoyed ourselves despite the weather. Fellowship is now in recess till early in the New Year.

Tennis is to be played as usual on a Friday Evening and Saturday morning for any members of the Fellowship again, on payment of the 5/- fee.

**OLD FOLK'S TEA**

The Annual Tea for Elderly Folk will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Thursday, 14th 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.

Our last meeting for the year was held at Miss Bungey's home on Tuesday evening November 28th and was a Social evening in honour of Miss Lois Verrall who is to be married shortly.