

presence of our new Rector and his wife and from Teachers and Scholars a warm welcome is extended to them. **Re-Opening Day:**

Sunday School re-opens on 5th February at 10 a.m. and it is hoped that the Sunday School both so far as teachers and scholars are concerned will be the best we have ever had.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Brian Trevor Quill, Maurice Terrence Jones, Louise Ann Goodall, Kim Jillian Browne, Helen Margaret Bayes, Terry James Atkinson, Barry John Shepherd, Guy Murray Reuter, Helen Mary Young, Kenneth Maxwell Jordan, Wayne Geoffrey Bowkett, Philip John Hughes, Terence Raymond Turmine, Gaye Denise Fitzallen, Philip John Hatton, Terence Raymond Hatton, Kenneth Stanley Rushton, Michael Ralph Jestrinski, Jill Lynette Dangerfield, Colleen Jessica Wing, Brian Edwin Maynard, Cynthia Helen Trinder, Andrew Philip Gee, Ruth Kenny Stickle, Christine Ann Stebbings, Cheryl Anne Breward, Beverley Joan Hodggets, Elizabeth Jean Calver, Jennifer Mary Batt, Janice May Lyndon, Adeline Letitia Hampton, Jennifer Margaret Vial, David Leigh Vial, Robert Leonard Milner, Gary Charles Richardson, Carol Ann Hinds, Peter Leonard David Hinds, Graham George Worker, Annette Hepburn, Leeann Carol Adams, John Reginald Bailey, Patrick John Odegaard, Judith Anne King, Stephanie May Ikin, Lance Clifford Knight, Lorraine Jeanne Kelly, Andrea Margaret Ford, Noeline Robyn Gift Eadie, Lynette Anne Barry, Lorraine Faye Barry, Noel Jeffrey Edwards, Susan Olive Crocker.

#### MARRIAGES

Fred Keith Houghton and Benita Joan Smith; Thomas Richard Burnett and Joan Margaret Roach; Leslie Keith Crane and Sylvia Jean Preece; Maxwell Clarence Talbot and June Estella Stone; Peter John Vernon von Stieglitz and Joan Denise Wayne; Collings Edward Ford and Keitha Mary Mathews; Maurice John Gould and Kathleen May Shipp; Albert Vaudrey Robinson and Inez June Davidson; Henry Carl Woodberry and Violet Gillie; Kenneth William Lewis and Dorothy Rita Johnson;

Kenneth Newton White and Beverly Laurina Sutor; Kenneth James Fitch and Beryl Maud Stone; Gilbert Maxwell Henderson and Margaret Melody Brown; Francis John Stokes and Hazel Olive Hogan; Leonard Walter Binns and Dulcie Alberta Willis; Oswald Francis Wallace and Kathleen Joan Westlake; George Ellis Douglas Smart and June Doreen Piety Pilkington; Owen Charles McBain and Irene Nancy Marshall; Maxwell Frederick Collins and Gwendoline Mary Russell; Leo Charles Murfett and Eileen Patricia Foley; Verdun Clancy Button and Patricia Goss; Maxwell Tyson Yates and Noreen Joan Morrison; Max Dann and Shirley Joy Williamson; William John Hutchison and Gwen Elsie Edwards; Robert John Flett and Beryl Irene Walley; Arthur Kenneth Jackson and Barbara Nancy Tattersall; Charles Clive and Betty Patricia Murfett; Clifford Horace Davenport and Ruth Elvie Eliza Rushton; Edward George Rees and Doris Jane Verrall.

#### CHRISTMAS "REMEMBRANCE BOWL"

In response to the "Remembrance Bowl" Appeal at Christmas Dinner tables, the Rector received £12 in donations for the fund for the relief of starving, homeless and churchless Christians in Europe. This amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer.

#### DONATIONS TO "PARISH MESSENGER"

Mrs. K. Edwards, 6/-; Mrs. Stebbings, 4/-; Mr. T. H. Gill, 4/-; Mr. F. Jones, 6/-; Mr. T. Calvert, 2/-; Mr. M. Gee, 2/-; Mrs. Best, 2/-; Mrs. Alexander, 3/-; Mrs. Genders, 10/-; Mr. Brownrigg, 6/-; Mr. A. Hollingsworth, 2/-; Anon., 2/-; A.A.C. 4/-; Church Boxes, £3; Miss M. Johnstone, 5/-.

#### AT REST

Kate Mary Beck; Adelaide Louisa Young; Isabella Drake; Nicholas Malysh; Roy Brockwell Scott; Victor Roy Bailey; Harold Edward Snell; Arthur Wells; Clara Carmichael Whitfield; Clara Cecelia Davis; Charles Monteith Green; Emily Fanny Edwina Brewer; Alma Jordan; William Arthur Lehner.

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.

FEBRUARY, 1950

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.  
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 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,

The resignation of Mr. Arthur R. Gee as our Organist and Choirmaster marks the completion of twenty-two years of faithful and devoted service to St. John's. This is a record for our parish and seldom equalled in other churches. Before coming to Launceston Mr. Gee was organist at St. George's Anglican Church, Burnie, for seventeen years, and he left there to take an appointment at the Paterson Street Methodist Church. After fifty-five years as a Church Organist Mr. Gee can look forward to a well-earned rest from the constant claims of weekly services and practices. On behalf of all St. John's people I wish to thank Mr. Gee for all he has done to beautify our services, and maintain the standard of our music over the years. We trust that he will have good health to enjoy the more leisurely days of the future, and for many years to continue in the fellowship of St. John's.

Mr. Lindsay O'Neill of Melbourne has been appointed to succeed Mr. Gee. He comes to us from the Congregational Church, Auburn, Melbourne, where he has been Organist and Choirmaster for the past three and a half years. Mr. O'Neill studied under Dr. Floyd at St. Paul's Cathedral and is highly commended by him. He is also commended by Mr. H. Davis, Organist and Choirmaster of Scots Church, Melbourne. I met Mr. O'Neill in Melbourne in January and was greatly impressed by his gifts as an organist: I am sure that he will prove a worthy successor to Mr. Gee. Mr. O'Neill will take up his duties at St. John's towards the end of March.

While in Melbourne I also met Mr. Frank Stewart who has been a Captain in the Church Army for the past four years and now desires a parochial appointment which will enable him to study for ordination. His Lordship the Bishop of Tasmania, through whom I first heard of Mr. Stewart, has approved of his appointment to St. John's as a lay assistant in the parish. Mr. Stewart has recently been married and I hope that he and his wife will be able to arrive from Sydney about the middle of February. Like Canon Greenwood before me, I have been seeking for an ordained curate to help me in the ministrations of this busy parish. As this does not appear possible to arrange at present I am very pleased that Mr. Stewart is coming for he will be able to give me much help in the services on Sundays and also in Youth work and parochial visiting.

In regard to securing accommodation for Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, and also for Mr. O'Neill, I would be most grateful for any help friends can give. Mr.

Stewart requires a small flat or unfurnished rooms with the use kitchen etc. Mr. O'Neill is anxious to secure private board not far from the church.  $\ddagger$  shall be glad to give further particulars.

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, commences the Lenten season. May we all use this yearly opportunity for the deepening of the devotional life by sincere preparation for Good Friday and Easter. Let us spend more time in Prayer and Bible study and be more frequent at Divine Worship, especially the sacrament of Holy Communion.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

### 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 Saturday, 11th February to Wednesday 15th February.

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, Secretary for Aborigines Missions, the Rev. Charles Maling, of Tanganyika, and the Rev. A. Cloudsdale, going out to Tanganyika next month.

Meetings will be held in St. John's Hall, Elizabeth Street. They will commence with a Youth Tea at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 11th February, which will be followed at 7.45 p.m. by a Public Welcome to the Leaders and a Film Talk on missionary work in the N.T. by the Rev. J. B. Montgomerie. On Sunday, 12th February, the leaders of the Summer School will preach in Launceston churches as advertised and give addresses in the Sunday Schools. On Monday, the Rev. Chas. Maling will give an address on Tanganyika at 7.45 p.m. On Tuesday there will be a Women's meeting at 3 p.m., and in the evening at 7.45 p.m. the Rev. J. B. Montgomerie will give a Film Talk on missionary work among the aborigines. The Summer School will conclude on Wednesday, 15th February, when St. John's branch of C.E.M.S. will hold a Men's Tea at 6 p.m. to meet the Leaders. This will be followed by the great Thanksgiving Service in St. John's at 7.45 p.m., when the preacher will be the Chairman, the Rev. Edward Walker and the annual Thankoffering received. A very cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners and their friends to attend the services and meetings. Let us remember that the missionary

work of the Church is not a voluntary interest for the few, but an obligation to be accepted by all. Jesus said to all His disciples: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

### C.E.M.S.

The C.E.M.S. has started off another year with a Church Picnic at Longford on January 30th. The outing was very successful; the weather was ideal and the hundred or so adults and children who arrived either by train or cars, thoroughly enjoyed themselves with swimming, cricket and the usual cups of tea.

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Sunday, 5th February, at 5 p.m. when our guest speaker will be Senator-elect N. H. D. Henty. A syllabus is being drawn up for our meetings which all men of the parish and their friends are invited to attend.

### ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

Now that the January holidays have passed we are looking forward to more regular attendance of members. A letter has been sent to Mr. Lindsay O'Neill of Melbourne assuring him of our loyalty and friendship when he comes to St. John's towards the end of March to succeed Mr. Gee as our Organist and Choirmaster. In February we are to commence the preparation of Stainer's "Crucifixion" music for Passiontide. At a recent practice the Rector thanked Mr. Gee for his devoted service to the Choir over many years past, and, on behalf of all members, wished him every benefit and pleasure which less strenuous days could give.

### ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

Leaving on 12th January, Mr. Geoff Radford took a party of six C.E.B.S.

members for an eleven day trip to Melbourne. Staying at Y.M.C.A. the lads had a most enjoyable and instructive time visiting places of interest.

St. Oswald's Sunday School resumes on Sunday afternoon, 5th February, at 2.30 p.m. We hope children will be regular in their attendance throughout the year. The next Fellowship Tea will be held in March. It has been decided to form a group of the C.E. Fellowship for Young people from 16 years of age. Details will be announced later. Several parents have suggested that a Mothers' Club should be formed to further the Youth work of St. Oswald's. Those willing to help are asked to discuss the proposal with Mr. Radford. The Sunday School Festival and Picnic were greatly enjoyed by all. We would like to thank those who gave us their assistance to make these occasions so successful.

### ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

Our first meeting for the year will take the form of a Quiet Day to be held towards the end of March on a date to be announced. We extend a very friendly invitation to all women of our parish to attend.

### ST. JOHN'S C.E.F.

On Wednesday, November 30th, we held a very successful Concert and Film Evening in aid of our Sidmouth Camp Site Fund. The Northern C. of E. Youth Organisations have been given a block of land at Sidmouth provided we spend £30 on it first; we are busy raising this money, and it is hoped to start building early.

We would like to thank Mr. Fred Smithies for showing some beautiful films of Tasmania and also the other Artists who made our evening so successful.

During the Summer, Fellowship members are playing Tennis on Friday nights.

The Fellowship will recommence on Friday February 17th. Membership is open to all Communicant members of the Church of England who are over 15 years.

### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Sunday School Festival:

The Sunday School Festival was held on 20th November with services at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. The singing was excellent and much en-

joyed by the well attended congregations.

### Kindergarten Break-Up and Christmas Tree:

The Kindergarten Break-Up and Christmas Tree was held in the main hall at 7.15 p.m. on 13th December. This was very well attended by parents and friends. The centre of attraction was the Christmas Tree, which had been delightfully decorated by the Teachers.

Items were given by the Kindergarten and Christmas carols were sung.

A welcome was extended to Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Sutton. Mrs. Sutton distributed the prizes and was later presented with a posy by Susan Easter. Miss M. Poole, on behalf of the teachers, made a presentation to Miss Kiddle in appreciation of her work. At the close of this presentation a visit was made by Santa Claus. The singing of the Children's Kindergarten prayer closed a very happy evening.

### Senior Prize-Giving and Break Up:

The Senior Prize-Giving and Break Up was held in the Main Hall on Wednesday, 21st December, at 7.30 p.m. A very good programme was given by the scholars of the school. Solos were also given by two of the teachers, Miss S. Brownrigg and Miss L. Verrall. Miss Verrall is our Secretary and pianist of the school. Before the presentation of prizes the Superintendent, Mr. A. Thollar, introduced the Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Sutton to parents and scholars. The girls had their prizes presented to them by Mrs. Sutton, who was afterwards given a posy of flowers by Cynthia Gordon. Rev. L. N. Sutton presented the prizes to the boys. Each scholar gaining 70 per cent. and over, of the total marks for the year, was presented with a prize. It was pleasing to see the number of scholars who gained prizes. Various types of expression work used in our Sunday School had been prepared by Miss Oates and these were displayed around the Hall. They illustrated the Christmas Story and were admired by all. It was good to see so many parents and friends present. By their help and co-operation only can teachers keep up the good work of the Sunday School. At each of the Sunday School functions we had the