

Pennants but Social matches are being arranged to commence shortly.

We have several new members and have a few vacancies.

Membership is open to all members of St. John's and those interested may contact Arthur Murgatroyd (Capt.) Doris Fowler (Treas.), Sybil Brownrigg (Sec.) or the Rector.

S.M.B.

THE REV. R. A. EZZY

The Rev. R. A. Ezzy who has been Rector of St. Leonard's for the past five years, has been appointed to the parish of Macquarie Fields. Mr. Ezzy has taken services at St. John's on several occasions and will be remembered by many for his faithful ministry as Chaplain at the Launceston General Hospital. Our prayerful good wishes are extended to him in his new parish. The Rev. G. W. Christopher, Th.L., of Sydney, who has been appointed Branch Secretary for C.M.S. in Tasmania, will follow Mr. Ezzy at St. Leonard's.

C.E.F.

A short hike and lovely Camp-fire was enjoyed by the members on the 5th May and on the 19th we had a very active Games Evening which proved most popular on such a cold night. Also at our meeting on the 19th, it was decided that our C.E.F. have a Corporate Communion at the 8 p.m. Service on the 3rd Sunday in every month, would all members please note and attend regularly.

It is our Annual Meeting on the 16th June, so members please make a special effort to be present and give your support in the Election of the Committee, etc., for the next year.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Attendance: Both the Senior and Kindergarten Schools have had a successful month. Miss E. Kiddle, the Superintendent of the Kindergarten, reports that many new scholars have been enrolled during the month and the numbers have grown considerably.

Presentation: On Sunday, 28th May, the Superintendent, Mr. A. Thollar, on behalf of teachers and scholars, made a presentation to Miss Marney Poole, who is leaving Launceston to live on the Mainland. Miss Poole, who has been teaching in the Senior School this year, was previously associated with the Kindergarten. Her services will be greatly missed. Here

is an opportunity for someone interested in Sunday School work to offer to take over Miss Poole's class.

Teachers' Meeting: On Monday, 5th June, 1950, at 7 p.m., a Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, for both Senior and Kindergarten Teachers, will be held at the Rectory. A full attendance would be appreciated, please.

L.V.V.

Donations to

"PARISH MESSENGER"

Misses Sutton 6/-; Miss Weymouth 3/6; Mrs. Beech 2/-; Mrs. Dougherty 2/-; Miss Green 2/-; Mrs. Edwards 4/-; Mr. R. J. Young 6/-; Mrs. Griffiths 2/-; Miss Heather Morton 2/-; Mr. R. C. Sutton 2/-; Mrs. Prowse 2/-; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones 5/-; Mrs. Galloway 10/-; Mrs. Mansbridge 4/-; Misses Gregory 5/-; H. R. L. 4/-; Church Boxes £4/10/-; Miss E. Martin, 4/-.

HOLY BAPTISM

Carolyn Nas, Diane Lois Goffton, Denise Ann Trinder, Glenn William Clark, Shirley Ann Reynolds, Elaine Joy Reynolds, Malcolm Maitland Beecroft, Judith Anne Nash, Wendy Gwyneth Findlay, Anne Sylvia Plumb, Ann Shirley Beech, Stephen Allan Neville, Christopher Stanley Neville.

MARRIAGES

Trevor Raymond Jordan and Marjorie Dorothy Doreen Rigby; David Arthur Handley and Marjorie Jean Hodgman; Francis Hume Cotton and Colinette Lorraine Campbell; Douglas Richard Pratt and Lorna Mabel Rattray; Charles Raymond Smith and Molly Cochrane Cunningham; Alan Cecil Poole and Betty Patricia Heald; Bevan George Brown and Pamela Jessie Smith; William David Cox and Joan Olive Dando; Robert Ambrose Walker and Patricia Raye Brain; William Maxwell Cumming and Noreen Shiela Brown; Dudley Allen Chugg and Elaine Isobel Rawnsley; Jeffrey Darrel Ellis and Audrey Joan Griffiths; Carlyle Erris Castles and Molly Gladys May Gleeson.

AT REST

Ethel May Mayne; Ellen Eugene Bruff Baker; Ethel Maude Jones; Henry James Richardson; Sarah Boland; Albert Robert Arthur Carter; John Athan; Frederick Smet-hurst; Graham Frederick Baker.

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

St. John's Parish Messenger

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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. 7 p.m. Third Sunday. 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,

I am most grateful for the offers of help which I have received from ladies who are willing to act as district visitors in the parish and distribute this little paper to Church of England families in their neighbourhood. I feel it will be some little time before the whole plan is fully working but I would be much encouraged to have more offers of assistance from those able to help in this way.

This month I have been making a list of all houses within the parish boundaries and I find that there are some 1800 homes at least. This number does not include Trevallyn, Riverside or Cormiston, or those attending St. John's who live outside the parish boundaries. Probably more than 40 per cent of the families represented by these homes would claim membership of the Church of England, but unfortunately in many cases their names are not recorded on our lists. It would be a very great help to us if all parishioners made sure that their names were on the Parish Roll. This can be done by making the following statement, and posting it to the Rectory.

"I, the undersigned, declare that I am of the age of eighteen years and upwards, and claim to be a member of the congregation of St. John's Church, Launceston, in Tasmania. And I also declare that I am a bona fide member of the Church of England in Tasmania, and that I belong to no other religious denomination which is not in communion with that church.
Dated at Launceston this _____ day of _____ 1950. Signed _____

In preparation for Confirmation which is to be held early in October classes will be formed at St. John's in July. I would be glad to have the names and addresses of all who wish to join these classes. As a general rule the Bishop requires that candidates should be not less than twelve years of age. Fourteen years is often found a suitable age.

For the assistance of the clergy a simple form of Notice of Infant Baptism has been prepared. These may be obtained at the Church or from the Rectory. Parents are asked to fill in the form and return it some days beforehand.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

On the 7th May at 3 p.m. the Rector dedicated the new carpets and curtains at the first service held since the renovation of the church interior. On Sunday 21st May at 7 p.m. the newly installed electric lights were used for the first time when a most successful Harvest Festival service was held. Social gatherings are being arranged in preparation for the Fair to be held later in the year. All parishioners are asked to help. Plans have been made to paint the exterior of the church when the weather is warmer. The Envelope System of Weekly Free-will offerings has been introduced: Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Holmes will be glad to give full information. The Rector will take the service on Sunday 4th June at 3 p.m. and Mr. Stewart will give an address illustrated by the Film Projector at the service on Sunday evening, 18th June, at 7 o'clock.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held at St. Oswald's on Sunday, 4th June. The Rector will take the 9.30 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion and Mr. F. Stewart will give the address at 7 p.m. Evensong. A Pleasant Sunday afternoon will be held on June 18th at 3.15 p.m. when the musical programme will be arranged by Mr. Lindsay O'Neill and Mr. J. H. Stephenson. A very warm invitation is extended to all to attend. The Choir has been formed and all able to assist are asked to attend the practices held after Sunday evening services. Mr. Stewart would like to have the names of all Church of England families on Trevallyn or at Riverside for his visiting list.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual business meeting was held in May after the church service. There was an excellent attendance of members and the reports of the year's work were most satisfactory. Thanks were extended to all office bearers who were then re-elected for a further term. For some time past we have been working for the annual Musical Market held on Wednesday 31st May. This effort for the Babies' Home was most successful resulting in £54 being raised. We would like to thank all who gave us their help and support.

G.F.S.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June at 6 p.m. Tea. All members are specially asked to be present. We

are all working hard for the exhibition which is to be held on 30th October in Hobart and a week later in Launceston.

Diocesan Extension Fund

The Rev. Canon C. G. Williams, Commissioner for the Diocesan Auxiliary and Extension Fund, will preach in St. John's on Sunday evening 4th June. The fund exists to make grants to parishes not self-supporting and to assist the clergy in meeting the cost of superannuation, etc. An appeal is being made for annual subscribers to the fund.

LOST PROPERTY

The following articles have been left in the church during recent weeks and we would be glad to return them to the owners if they would claim them from the Verger.

Spectacle case, child's shoulder strap bag, man's tie, baby's white bootee, a purse, 3 combs, child's pink glove, eye shade, brown knitted cap, 2 pairs woollen gloves.

THE CHOIR

Attendances at practices have been rather encouraging lately in spite of colds, influenza, and wintery nights; but there is still room for improvement. All choristers will readily appreciate the necessity for good attendances on Thursday evenings especially as new hymns, chants and antems are becoming a regular feature of the practice. A profitable and interesting evening is assured all choir members who are prepared to give their support and interest to this very vital part of our church work. Who said that the church choir practice was a dull affair?

Meanwhile our new choirboys are making steady progress on Tuesday nights and will soon be ready to appear at the Sunday services.

Lindsay O'Neill.

C.E.M.S.

At our May meeting we had as our Speaker the Rev. D. S. Jones of Chalmers Church, who gave a very interesting address explaining the interest and help that the laymen can give the Church. He told us something of the ideas of the Presbyterian laymen in helping young men with regard to finance to encourage them to enter the ministry and also, the financing of motor car purchases.

The 'get together' held after Evening Service on Sunday, May 7th was very successful; these informal gatherings can do a lot to help parish-

ioners and visitors to meet one another over a cup of tea. Another gathering will be held on Sunday Evening, 4th June, when all parishioners and visitors are welcome to come along. It has been suggested this would be a good opportunity for the congregation to practice some new hymns.

Our next Meeting will be held on Sunday, 4th June, at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall when our Guest Speaker will be the Rev. W. E. Northey, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. We extend a welcome to this and to all our meetings to all men of the Parish.

FELLOWSHIP TEA

There was an excellent attendance at the Young People's Tea in May and an address given by Rev. Keith Kay, Rector of St. Aidan's, was much appreciated.

Mr. Kay based his message on our Lord's command "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me" and reminded his listeners that our Saviour is "counting upon us" to make known His Gospel of Redeeming Love.

We will be meeting again on Sunday 18th June at 5 p.m. when the address will be given by the Rev. K. B. Leaver of Christ Church. We invite all young people over fourteen to join with us, especially visitors and newcomers to the parish.

S.M.B.

ORGAN RECITALS

Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, our organist, is planning to give the first of a series of Organ Recitals at St. John's early in July. These will probably include instrumental and vocal music. Mr. O'Neill always plays both before and after the Sunday services and members of the congregation are invited to enjoy what many find to be a helpful preparation or conclusion to worship.

As is generally known St. John's organ is incomplete, provision having been made in the original plan for many additional stops. From time to time in the past these have been added. At a recent meeting of the Vestry it was decided to open an Organ Fund for the purpose of receiving donations for the completion of the organ. Parishioners past and present are invited to contribute.

FILM PROJECTOR

A Film Projector has been purchased for use in the Sunday Schools and parish organisations generally. The cost was £25 towards which the

Sunday Schools and other parish groups have contributed. The Rector would be glad to receive further contributions.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In order to reach C.M.S. mission stations in North Australia in time for Christmas, cases must be despatched from Launceston before the end of June. Gifts for this purpose may be left at the C.M.S. Depot, 92 St. John Street, as soon as possible. Articles that are specially useful include Baby clothing, woollen cardigans, toys, soap, nailbrushes, washers, coloured pencils, crayons, cottonwool, gauze, bandages and medical goods.

YOUTH RALLY

It is proposed to organise an Anglican Youth Rally in Launceston and a meeting to discuss preliminary arrangements will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday 11th June at 4 p.m. All parish Youth organisations are specially asked to send representatives.

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Scout District Fair, to have been held last month, will now take place on Thursday, 8th June in the King's Hall, 125 Charles Street, commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Further details will be published in the papers and announced over the air. We have been busy collecting for our stall, and further donations of jams and produce will be gladly received. Parishioners are invited to come along and make the Fair a great success.

The Cubs would welcome any boy between the ages of 8 and 11 years who would like to join. We meet in the Parish Hall on Friday evenings at 6.30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S GUIDES & BROWNIES

The annual combined Guide Service was held at St. John's on Empire Sunday which was also Whitsunday. There was a good attendance and fifteen flags and banners were carried.

The Brownies have been re-formed and Mrs. E. Rutland of 15 Green Street, Invermay, who is their leader, will be glad to welcome new members. Girls from 7 to 11 years may join. Meetings are held on Saturday afternoons in St. John's Hall from 1.30 to 3 p.m.

BADMINTON CLUB

Play has commenced and the 1950 Season promises to be a good one. The Club will not be playing in