

A recently formed Mothers' Club at St. Oswald's is commencing to function well. The object of this body is to stimulate interest and assist the youth work at the Church, also to run social evenings to enable everyone to meet. On 6th May a stall is to be run outside the hall with the object of raising funds to purchase a projector for the Church and School. Your support is asked in this matter. All Mothers interested will be made very welcome in joining this organisation.

Geoffrey Radford,
Superintendent, St. Oswalds.

ST. JOHN'S GUIDE COMPANY

St. John's Guide Company meet in the Kindergarten Hall every Wednesday night from 7.15 to 9 o'clock. We will be very pleased to welcome any girls between the ages of 10½ and 16 years who are interested.

The annual Combined Girl Guide Church Parade service for the Launceston companies will be held this year at St. John's on Sunday morning, 28th May, at 11 o'clock.

D. Poole, Captain.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

As in past years, at the beginning of Lent each scholar of the Sunday School was given a C.M.S. Lenten Box in which to place Lenten Self-Denial Offerings for Missions. On Palm Sunday, at 9.45 a.m., a special children's service was held in the Church and the scholars brought their Lenten Offerings. The offerings amounted to approximately £17.

At this service the Rector introduced our new Organist, Mr. L. O'Neill, to the Sunday School and a warm welcome extended to him by both Scholars and Teachers.

During the month Mr. O'Neill visited the Sunday School and spoke to the boys about the important place the junior choir boys occupy in our Church. Several boys expressed their desire to join the choir and Mr. O'Neill is now training these lads.

Bible Classes: — Last year, under the guidance of our Superintendent, Mr. A. Thollar, and Miss S. Brownrigg, we were able to commence Bible Classes, in conjunction with our Sunday School. These classes are for all over the age of 14 years and a

welcome is extended to any who would like to join them.

L.V.V.

HOLY BAPTISM

Graeme Denis Bailey, Marilyn Jean Keogh, Paul Maxwell Cox, Jillian Lee Millar, Julie Ann Lewis, Suzanne Margaret Dowde, Kevin Bryce Bowkett, Wendy Faye Thwaites, Teana Thwaites, Douglas Sidney Dean, Kerry John Biffin, Geoffrey Howard Biffin, John William Gilbert, James William White, Robyn Maree Hume, Hilton Michael Houstain, Denis Richard Hume, Raymond John Smith, Margaret Anne Smith, Jennifer Christine Brain, Helen Alison Lord, Dianne Slater, John Rendal Collins.

MARRIAGES

William Arthur Tarrant Hoskins and Sheila Jean Howard, Kevin Gordon Brown and Mary Joan Warrington, Kevan Frederick Matthews and Maris Joan Bishop, Silvanus Graeme Wilmot and Letitia Jean Evans, Daniel Owen Noland and Winifred Harvey, Allan Hume and Harley Smith Johnston, Keith Alexander Rosier and Faye Amelia Jordan, Alan Cumming Everett and Olive Rani Penno, Gordon Ray Westlake and Kathleen Norris Trippree, Ralph Arnold and Jean Margaret Murfet, Laurence Brakey and Stella Joyce Birch, Allan Walter Barwick and Ida Margaret Richardson, Harold Joseph Rogers and Norma Emily Eeles, Grahame William Davis and Helen Margaret Sprott, Charles Leslie James Boyd and Florence Alice Yates, Donald George Richardson and Margaret Ella Batten, Peter Lloyd Brown and Claire Elizabeth Curwen, Colin Milford Blackwood and Beverley Mavis Crawford, Harry Basil Turner and Constance Mary Bradley, Douglas Montague Millwood and Avis Edith Carins, Leslie Frank Armstrong and Dorothy Margaret Bird, Kenneth John Blyth and Betty May Newton.

AT REST

Kelvin Harley Stebbings, Nellie Elfreda Nielsen, Valerie Greig Huston, Isabella Archdall Sutton, Max Athol Learoyd, Isabel Mary Stevens, Emma Lehner, Cecilia Newson Kerkham, John Gunning.

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

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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. 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,

In future we hope that it will be possible to issue the "Parish Messenger" every month. By this means you will be able to keep in touch with the activities of our various church organisations and know about special services and meetings held in the parish. It will also enable me to make announcements of general interest to all connected with St. John's as well as to share with you thoughts of spiritual truth.

There are, however, two matters in which I would like your help. The first concerns the distribution of this little paper. Copies may always be had at the church, but there are many parishioners who for one reason or another do not secure a copy in this way. In many parishes there are district visitors who call each month on Church of England families in their neighbourhood to deliver the parish paper and keep them in touch with the church. Through them the rector hears of sickness and other matters needing his attention. In these days when parishes are so understaffed and clerical help so difficult to secure, district visitors can be of the greatest help in maintaining an effective parochial ministry. To organise a band of district visitors to cover the whole parish would take some little time. As a first step in this direction I would be most grateful to receive offers of help from ladies who would be willing to co-operate by devoting an hour or so each month to this work.

The other matter concerns meeting the cost of the printing of this paper each month. A comparatively small number of donations are received for this purpose and the Vestry is anxious to have a large number of annual subscribers who would contribute at least 2/- a year towards the cost of production. If you would help us in this way kindly enclose your donation in an envelope marking it with your name and address.

This month we celebrate two great festivals of the Church: Ascension Day and Whitsunday. The first marks the last appearance of the risen Christ to His disciples on the Mount of Olives and His Ascension to heaven. The second reminds us of the gift of the Holy Spirit to His disciples on the day of Pentecost in whose power and wisdom they were enabled to fulfil His command to teach all nations, and be witnesses unto Him throughout the world.

God is ready to give us the same Holy Spirit: in our own strength we shall fail, but in His strength we shall succeed.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 25th May, at 2.45 p.m., when members are asked to bring gifts for the Work Stall at the Annual Musical Market, in aid of the Babies' Home, to be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 31st, at 3 p.m. All parishioners are invited to take part in our effort for this very worthy cause by coming to the Musical Market and bringing their friends. In addition to the Work Stall, cakes and produce will be on sale. Afternoon tea will be served, and musical items given. Gifts in kind and donations may be left at the Rectory.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

We are very grateful to Mr. H. Harvey for the time and trouble taken in removing the beehives from the church. We would like to thank Mr. Stewart for the interest he has shown in renovating the interior of the building. The inside walls have been painted, and a new carpet purchased, together with curtains for the east end. These are to be dedicated by the Rector on Sunday afternoon, 7th May, at 3 p.m.

Arrangements have been made to have the electric light installed early in the month, so that an evening service will be held on Sunday, 21st May, at 7 p.m. This will take the form of a Harvest Festival. All are asked to bring gifts to the church, or leave them with parishioners some time before Saturday, 20th.

A working bee was held on Monday, 24th April, and it was very encouraging to see such a happy band of workers. The ladies scrubbed out the church and polished the furniture. Many thanks to all who helped. The next job to be tackled is the painting of the outside of the church. The men folk will undertake this work. Will you lend a hand?

We hope to introduce the Weekly Free-will Offering Envelope system at St. David's. Mr. Stewart will give full particulars.

During the next few months the ladies are arranging Social Evenings to raise funds for building a fence in front of the church. These will be in preparation for a Fair to be organised later. Rally round and help.

Remember there are now two services each month at St. David's: on

the **FIRST SUNDAY** at 3 p.m. and the **THIRD SUNDAY** at 7 p.m.

C.E.M.S.

At our April Monthly Meeting, the speaker was the Rev. W. F. Paton of the Mowbray Presbyterian Church, who told members of his missionary work in the New Hebrides.

General routine business was made as short as possible, leaving more time for fellowship during our tea and the Speaker was able to have sufficient time to give his most interesting talk.

At our next meeting on the 7th May, our speaker will be the Rev. D. S. Jones, of Chalmers Church. To this and all our meetings we welcome all men of the Parish.

It has been decided to hold an after-service 'get together' of parishioners similar to those held in the past. The arrangements will be in the nanos of the C.E.M.S. and will be held in the Kindergarten room after Evening Service on Sunday, 7th May. We would welcome all who can come along.

C.E.F.

Good Friday being our first Fellowship meeting for April, it was pleasing to see so many of our members at the Evening Service. On the 21st, a Film Evening at the Public Library was enjoyed by those who attended it.

We had a very successful after-service 'get together' on Sunday, 16th April which was attended by a good number of young people and was enjoyed by all. We were pleased to see some new faces there and hope to see still more at our next 'get together'. A cordial invitation is extended to all to join us on these occasions.

MOTHER'S DAY

This year "Mother's Day" falls on 14th May, the Fifth Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. The preacher at Morning Prayer at 11 o'clock will be the Rev. Canon Greenwood. Holy Baptism will be administered by arrangement before hand at 3 p.m. The Rector will give an address on "Mothers of the Bible" at Evensong at 7 p.m.

THE CHOIR

It was encouraging to see a large, though somewhat augmented choir on Palm Sunday night for the singing of Stainer's "Crucifixion" music.

A separate choir practice for boys is held every Tuesday evening from 6.45 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. We are very anxious to enrol more lads between the ages of 8 and 12 as choristers. Mr. O'Neill will be glad to give full information to boys and parents concerning membership of the choir and the musical training given.

Interest is being taken in the arrival of new music which has been secured from Melbourne. This will be learnt together with other music in our new hymn books for use in our services in the near future.

Our Organist would be very happy to interview any men, women or boys of the parish who would be interested in linking up with the choir. A very warm welcome is assured choristers at our weekly practice every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. This is literally true as we now meet in the Kindergarten Room to the accompaniment of a piano and the crackling of a warm and friendly log fire.

Lindsay O'Neill.

ASCENSION DAY

On Ascension Day, Thursday, 18th May, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and there will be Evening Prayer with address at 7.30 p.m.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

St. John's branch of the Missionary Service League, which meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m., is collecting used postage stamps of all kinds which are sold for the support of C.M.S. We would be grateful if parishioners would save stamps from all mail received and leave them at the Church or Rectory. Matron McClymont, 25 Mulgrave St. is looking after these arrangements. This month's meeting of M.S.L. will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 16th May, at 7.30 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We would like to thank all who sent donations of fruit, produce, and groceries for our annual Harvest which was held this year on Sunday, 16th April. Matron McClymont of the Home for Invalids, where the produce and fruit was taken, was most grateful for the gifts. The groceries will be sent as Food for Britain.

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB

With the coming of cooler weather our Badminton Club has commenced

play for the season. The meetings are held every Wednesday night in the parish Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. Parishioners interested in the game are invited to join the club. The annual meeting, when the election of officers will take place and other business considered, will be held on Wednesday night, 17th May, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

C.E.B.S.

The Seniors are now meeting on alternate Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. and the Juniors, for boys 8 to 11 years of age, on other alternate Tuesdays, after Choir Practice. We would be glad to welcome new members. Mr. Stewart will supply all information. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall.

G.F.S.

Sunday, 4th June, is being observed to mark the 75th anniversary of G.F.S. Present and past members of St. John's branch are specially asked to attend the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion at St. John's which will be their corporate service.

Miss Doreen Poole was chosen as one of the two Tasmanian delegates to the Federal General G.F.S. Conference in Sydney at the end of April. We shall be very interested to hear the report she brings back.

ST. JOHN'S SCOUTS AND CLUBS

We had a Church Parade with the Guides at St. John's on Anzac Sunday when the Rector spoke on loyalty. We are busy collecting produce, jams and other things to stock our stall at the annual Scout District Fair to be held on the afternoon and evening of Friday, 26th May. Parishioners are asked to give the Fair their full support.

ST. OSWALD'S YOUTH NOTES

On Friday, 31st March, a very successful concert was held in the Church Hall. The concert reflected great credit on the young people of the Church for the amount of work, and co-operation, put into making the evening so very enjoyable.

During the Easter holiday a party of C.E.B.S. enjoyed the break at Ulverstone. Thanks are due to the Rev. J. Atkins and Mrs. Atkins, the officers of Holy Trinity, Ulverstone, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Viney for the kindness shown to us during our stay.