

demonstrated by a film strip, on the Life in Palestine.

Practices for the Anniversary were commenced during this month. We are grateful to Mr. L. O'Neill, our Organist, who has willingly consented to train the Scholars for their Anniversary this year which will be held on Sunday, 19th November.

#### BADMINTON CLUB

The 1950 Season concluded successfully and happily with a "Back to Childhood" Evening on 27th September when a match was organized between two teams of members.

The standard of play has been fair and out of six Social matches we have been successful in four. We congratulate those members who played in the N.T.B.A. Tournaments, especially our captain, Arthur Murtagroyd.

The curtain which we purchased recently has proved a great asset and we are thankful that despite this expenditure we hope to finalize the year's accounts without any debit balance.

We thank all who have contributed to the welfare of the club in any way.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEA

Reminiscences of the life of a missionary in the New Hebrides formed the basis of the talk given by Rev. W. F. Paton of Mowbray Presbyterian Church at our last Tea.

The speaker, who was himself a missionary on a remote island in the group, is a member of the well known Paton family who have contributed so much to the witness of the Presbyterian Church in the New Hebrides. He was able to tell us of some of the "old stalwarts" whose courage and fortitude laid the foundation of the work which is going on to-day.

We welcome all young people to our next Tea on Sunday 10th October at 5 p.m. when the speaker will be Rev. G. T. Inglis of Paterson St. Methodist Church.

#### ARRANGING BAPTISMS

Forms of Application for Holy Baptism have been printed by the Diocese for use in the Church of Eng-

land throughout Tasmania. These forms may be obtained at the church or Rectory and ask for particulars needed for the Church Register together with information about Godparents. A week's notice is usually required for a Baptism which is administered BY ARRANGEMENT, on the SECOND and FOURTH SUNDAYS in each month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Also on Wednesday mornings at 11 o'clock. Both parents and godparents should be present at the Baptism if possible.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Fiona Louise Harris, Susan Caroline Goodman, Brenda Marilyn Stokes, Lorraine Josephine Garrard, Leon Gerald Payne, Gay Christine Callahan, Anthony John Stevens, Penelope Prouting-Smith, John David Pinel, Suzanne Elizabeth Barrett, Aired Ernest Waters, Rhonda Elizabeth Medhurst, Diane Ellen Kelp, Jillian Patricia Blackwell, Denise Aileen Dabner

#### MARRIAGES

Felix Douglas George McCullum and June Mary Margaret Garrett; Mervyn Reginald Birchall and Hilary Norma Davey; Graeme Thomas Edwin O'May and Marie Allen Westaway; Maxwell Henry Bird and Ienne Winsome Dargan; James Ronald Hill and Doreen June Wright; Aubrey Michael Roach and Betty Iris Turner; Walter Reginald Fidler and Judith Beverley Briggs; Max James Dadd and Betty Lorraine Smith; Peter Bert Blundell and Betty Irene Livingstone; Ernest Henry Petty and Patricia Whiteway; Bernard George Walker and Frances Rebecca Hinds; Noel Wright Clarke and Joyce Melba Chadwick; Daniel Gray Connell and Margaret Virginia Brodribb; Harry Donald Lockhart and Margaret Doreen Turner, William Athol Dawson and Faith Harriett Barber; Walter Jesse Sims and Amelia May Brain.

#### AT REST

Grace Gertrude Dally, Alice Elizabeth Sidebottom, Robert William Jacobson, Harold Crawford, Jeannie Susan Nicholas, Catherine Jane Butt. 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.

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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,

The visit of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of England, will have taken place before the next "Parish Messenger" is published. This is a unique event in the life of the Anglican Church for never before has an Archbishop of Canterbury visited Australia. He will reach Launceston about midday on Friday, 3rd November, and that evening will attend a great gathering of Church people in the Albert Hall at 8 p.m. I hope all members of St. John's will be present, not only to give a loyal welcome to His Grace, but also to receive that inspiration which his message and the Christian fellowship of the meeting will give. Tickets admitting Church people to the reserved section of the hall will be available through the Rector. He will preach in St. David's Cathedral, Hobart on Sunday morning, 5th November, at 11 o'clock when the service will be broadcast over national stations. In St. John's we hope to be able to listen to the Archbishop's sermon through our system of loud speakers.

On Sunday 8th October, about twenty-five Young Peoples are to be confirmed at the 11 o'clock service. May we remember them in our prayers. I hope, too, that many will attend the service and so welcome them into their closer relationship with the church. Especially do I invite all communicants to join them at their first Communion at 8 o'clock on the following Sunday, 15th October.

As we begin together the second year of my ministry in the parish, may we look forward in faith and confidence, seeking God's guidance and help in forwarding His Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

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

Our annual meeting was held on Sunday, 3rd September in the presence of a large number of members. The Annual Report disclosed a successful year: the attendances had been good and the branch had been active in many ways for the good of the church.

The following office-bearers were

elected: President: Bro. F. R. Dowse. Secretary: Bro. M. L. Cox. Treasurer: Bro. W. Beattie. Committee: Bros. B. Packard, F. Bassett, F. Radford, and F. Stewart. Publicity Officer: Bro. M. Easther. Auditor: Bro. F. Jones.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 1st October, at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, when the speaker

will be Professor W. Sutherland, the City Librarian. We extend a cordial invitation to all men of the parish to attend our meeting.

#### HOSPITAL SERVICE

On Sunday, 22nd October, the Sunday after St. Luke's Day, the patron saint of physicians, a Hospital Service will be held at St. John's at 7 p.m. It is hoped that Hospital Nurses will attend together with members of the Ambulance Brigade. Doctors will take part in the service and a special address will be given. A special invitation is extended to those associated with hospitals and medical work to be present.

#### CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The sacred rite of Confirmation will be administered at St. John's on Sunday 8th October at 11 o'clock, by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania. The confirmees will occupy front seats and their "witnesses" should sit in the pews immediately behind them. The Bishop desires to meet all who were confirmed last year and it is hoped that they will come to the service and remember their own confirmation twelve months ago.

#### CHOIR NOTES

It is encouraging to note that the interest and co-operation of Choir members is being well maintained. This is evidenced by the attendances at practices and the enthusiasm shown by all in the preparation for services and in new music which we have been studying lately.

In the Junior Choir we are glad to report that, as from the beginning of this month, arrangements have been made for the boys to attend two practices weekly, on Tuesday evenings by themselves, and on Thursday evenings when they will be with the adults. We feel that this plan will greatly benefit our work.

We are watching with considerable interest the musical development of the lads and look forward to hearing them in their own anthems and parts as well as in conjunction with the full choir.

We are most grateful to Mrs. T. W. Whetstone of Westbury, who has made an annual donation for the purpose of establishing four Choirboys' Scholarships in memory of her mother, the late Mrs. George Hop-

kins, whose husband was Organist of St. John's for so many years during which time he was largely responsible for building our present very beautiful organ. The "Eva Hopkins Scholarships" will be awarded to the four most promising and useful choirboys.

#### BROADCAST SERVICE

On Sunday, 22nd October at 11 a.m. Morning Prayer will be broadcast from St. John's over the Tasmanian national stations. The Rector will be the preacher.

#### ST. OSWALD'S YOUTH NOTES

On Sunday, September 17th a very successful "Open Day" was held at St. Oswald's, when 30 parents and friends viewed the work of the school and joined in the Service.

As a fitting climax, a most successful Fellowship Tea was held, when parents and friends joined together with the young people at Tea, and heard a most interesting talk from our guest speaker Rev. R. H. Dean, B.A., of the Scotch College. We were also pleased to welcome our Rector and Mr. Stewart.

The S.S. Festival will be held the last Sunday in November and the Picnic the first Saturday in December.

Saturday night September 23rd at 7 p.m. will commence the first round of a Table Tennis Tournament in the Hall. This will continue each Saturday evening, right through to the finals being played by the winning teams for the Championship. The following teams will take part, St. Oswald's C.E.B.S., St. Paul's Fellowship, Newstead P.F.A. and St. Peter's Scouts.

This tournament is creating a great deal of interest, and good competition should result. The visiting teams mentioned have all played our St. Oswald's Team, and as a result, a tournament was suggested to combine all teams, so that a winning team will be chosen to hold a trophy each year, which we hope to obtain either by a donation or purchasing one.

G. RADFORD.

#### ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

At the meeting held on 20th September attended by nearly forty women it was decided to form a Women's Guild in connection with St.

Oswald's Church. The Guild will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in St. Oswald's Hall and a warm invitation is extended to all women to join. We hope that it will enable members to know each other through friendly fellowship and also be the means of creating greater interest in the church. Mrs. L. N. Sutton was elected President and Mrs. P. L. Crooks Vice-President. Mrs. G. E. Gunn, Treasurer and Mrs. E. R. Fowell, Secretary (acting). The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 18th October, at 3 p.m. A friendly welcome will be given to all attending. Afternoon tea will be arranged.

#### C.E.F.

On 1st September eighteen members spent a very interesting evening when shown over the inner workings of the Post Office here by two Postal Officials. The millions of wires and gadgets in connection with the Telephone Exchange and Telegraph System, are really amazing and gave us some idea of the intricate work which is involved in those Departments.

A Salamagundi Evening was also enjoyed during the month by members when Table Tennis and many other Table Games were played.

We were all very pleased to see Doreen Poole back with us at Fellowship at our first meeting in September and to see her looking so well.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, 7th October, when we hope to see all members present as we wish to finalise arrangements for a Bus Campfire Picnic to Perth on the following Friday, the 13th.

#### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Diocesan G.F.S. Exhibition of Handwork, Cooking and Floral work takes place on Saturday 7th October, in St. John's Hall. The afternoon session commences at 2.30 p.m., and the evening session at 7.30 p.m. In the afternoon there will be displays of Folk dancing, and at night Plays and Choral work will be presented. We look forward to a good attendance of parishioners and friends. Afternoon Tea will be served.

St. John's G.F.S. Annual Fair will be held on Saturday, 28th October at 3 p.m. Donations will be gratefully received at the Rectory. We hope that parishioners will support

us and we assure them of a warm welcome.

An Admission Service was held on Thursday evening, 21st September, when four new members were received into membership.

E.K.

#### ST. JOHN'S MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

At the September meeting of the M.S.L. held in St. John's Rectory on Tuesday 26th September a Bible Study was undertaken by Mr. Stewart, and a short talk was given on the history of missionary work in Iran.

Members were pleased to learn that at the next meeting of the M.S.L. to be held on Tuesday, October 24th, at 7.30 p.m., arrangements have been made for the Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, Bishop of Travancore, who will be visiting Launceston at that time, to address the meeting. A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in the Missionary work of the Church to be present.

#### ST. JOHN'S GUIDE COMPANY

At present we are very busy preparing for an Enrolment and Parents' evening to be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, October 18th at 7.30 p.m. A very warm invitation is given to all Parents and Friends to be present.

There will be no guide meeting on October 11th, owing to the Launceston Show.

#### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

A social for scholars of the Sunday School was held on Friday, 22nd September. There was a good gathering of scholars and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Thanks are extended to Mr. D. Gilmour, one of our Teachers, for the splendid way in which he conducted the games, etc. We would like to thank parents and friends who so generously sent along such a delightful variety of cakes, etc. for the supper.

It was decided that on the Fourth Sunday of each month, in place of the usual lesson, a film strip be shown by the Rector. On 24th September, after the opening service, the Kindergarten and Senior Sections gathered together in the Middle Room of the Sunday School building where the Rector gave a very interesting lesson,