

## VISITING PREACHER

The Rev. Eric Bellingham, M.A., a C.M.S. missionary with the United Church of South India, will give the address at the evening service on Sunday, 10th September, at 7 p.m.

## C.E.F.

During August we had a very interesting talk given to us by Miss C. Atkinson, who has recently returned from Germany after working there for some time with the G.I.S. She told us of the severe hardships which were being endured by the many thousands of Displaced Persons in Germany and their urgent need for old clothing and tinned food, so our members are endeavouring to help as much as possible in bringing along any old clothes and tinned food they can, which Miss Atkinson will then send on to Germany.

We also had a very enjoyable Folk Dancing Evening and a Film Evening at the Public Library given by the National Fitness Council of Tasmania, when some very helpful points were learnt from films on Youth Clubs in America and other countries.

## H.M.

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rev. George Christopher, the newly appointed Secretary of the Tasmanian Branch of the C.M.S., visited the Sunday School during July and gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Church Missionary Society. As a result of this visit, the Sunday School has decided to adopt one of the mission children. Full details of the girl we are adopting are not yet to hand, but it is believed she will be from Tanganyika. Our responsibility in this connection is to raise an amount of £6/10/- a year to help towards supporting and keeping her.

A social will be held for scholars of the Sunday School from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd September, in the Sunday School Hall. A charge of 6d will be made. We hope to give the scholars a really good supper, and in this direction we would appreciate the help of parents and friends for donations of cakes, etc. Plans are being made for a very enjoyable evening.

We were very interested in the film strip shown by the Rector dealing with Indian boys and girls attending the C.M.S. School at Dummagudem on the Godavari River.  
L.V.V.

## KINDERGARTEN

We have welcomed six new children during the month, and have commenced practising our hymns to be sung at the Sunday School Festival in November. We have been asked to collect empty tooth paste tubes, and some have been brought along.  
E.K.

## PARISH MESSENGER

Mrs. Best, 2/-; Mrs. Edwards, 2/-; Mr. D. R. Young, 4/-; Mr. T. Calver, 2/-; Church Boxes, £3; Mrs. Crow, 2/-.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Susan Julie Green, Brenda May Mackie, Gail Karin Cartledge, Brian Murray Mansell, Larry John Digney, Timothy Lewis Digney, Margaret Rae Turner, Kenneth Leslie Boyles, Arthur Edward Cox, Stephen Kent Tyson, Patricia Madge Hallam, Kenneth Charles Morrison, Darrel Geoffrey Hughes, Beverly Jean Dennison, Ruth Alma Evans, Peter John Turner, Arleen Elsie Jordan, Deborah Spencer Withers, Barry Wayne Colgrave, Leon William Breen, Julie Anne Trimper, Allen Frederick Woolley.

## MARRIAGES

Barry Millwood and Lorna Bertha Kettle; Lucas Matthew Fitzmaurice and Annie Greenhill Wood McLelland; Peter Edward Renault and Juanita Madge Dunn; Karl Robert Stone and Betty Joyce Murray; Bevis Charles Tubb and Leonie Margaret Hodgetts; Mervyn Lockwood Bennison and Elizabeth Davis; Geoffrey Farquhar Smith and Patricia Ivy Fisher; Valentin Tunevitch and Vera Borisenko; Reginald James Craig Southam and Joan Mary Randall; Thomas Lionel Newman and Dorothy Mary Jarmy.

## AT REST

Thomas Henry Faulkner, Charles Mervyn Coulter, John Victor Drake, Peter John Turner.

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

## St. John's Parish Messenger

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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,

At the end of this month I shall complete the first year of my ministry among you. The time has passed very quickly for me, and I am conscious of leaving many things undone which I had hoped to do. However, I am very grateful for your friendship and co-operation, which have given my wife and me much happiness and encouragement. On the anniversary of my institution as Rector of St. John's, Saturday, 30th September, I invite those of you who can come to join me at Holy Communion as an act of thanksgiving for God's blessings in the past, and pray that He will continue to guide and help us in the future. The service will be at 7 a.m.

Next month the Archbishop of Canterbury will commence his visit to Australia when the "Dominion Monarch" reaches Fremantle on October 16th. This will be the first time that the Primate of All England has visited the Southern Hemisphere, and so will be an event of unusual interest and importance for all. He is due in Launceston on Friday, 3rd November, when a great Public Meeting will be held in the Albert Hall in the evening. More details will be given later; in the meantime, I hope all members of our church will reserve that evening so that a fitting welcome may be given to His Grace.

The Synod of the diocese will meet in Hobart on Tuesday, 12th September, and continue its deliberations during that week. This will be my first Synod in Tasmania, and I am looking forward with much interest to attending. May I ask you to remember us in your prayers, that all things may be done in accordance with God's will.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

## CHURCH SOCIAL

A Church Social will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 29th September, at 8 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all worshippers at St. John's, especially those who are members of our parochial organisations, to be present. A varied and enjoyable programme is being

arranged by a special committee, who are planning for all to have a good time. Ladies are invited to bring a basket, and the men will contribute a silver coin.

## MARRIAGE GUIDANCE LECTURES

The newly formed Launceston Marriage Guidance Committee has

arranged a series of short talks by a group of competent speakers, including three doctors, a barrister, a clergyman and other lay folk, to be given in the Public Library Class Room in Cameron St. on four successive Monday nights at 8 p.m., commencing on Monday, 25th September. Two addresses will be given each evening, and there will be opportunity after each address for questions to be asked. On the first evening the subjects of the talks will be—"Marriage, a Life Partnership," and "Marriage, a Legal Contract." Later addresses will deal with both the economic and sexual aspects of marriage. An invitation is given to all young people interested in marriage, as well as those who have been married, to attend.

#### ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

A meeting of women will be held in St. Oswald's Church Hall on Wednesday, 20th September, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of taking steps to form a Women's Guild in connection with the Church of England at Trevallyn. A warm invitation is extended to all women to attend.

#### MOTHERS' UNION

We all greatly enjoyed the address given by Mrs. Jackson at our last meeting on the subject, "Home Makers." Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 28th September, at 2.45 p.m.

#### NEW COMMUNION VESSELS

On Sunday morning, 6th August, at the 11 o'clock celebration of Holy Communion, the Rector dedicated two new chalices and patens of solid silver which have been presented to St. John's by Mrs. Florence A. Pardey, who has been a worshipper at this church for sixty years. The valuable and beautiful gift was a thank-offering for the happiness which has marked her long association with St. John's. They will replace the silver-plated vessels which have been in use from the early days of the church. The maker was F. J. Mole, of Brisbane, and the vessels are a tribute to his craftsmanship. We tender our grateful thanks to Mrs. Pardey for her gift.

#### MEMORIAL WINDOW

A stained glass window has been placed in the south ambulatory near the door in memory of the late Mr.

and Mrs. A. Green, who were closely associated with St. John's for many years. The window bears the following inscription: "A.M.D.G. In loving memory of Arthur and Florence Green. The gift of their children." The figure represents St. Matthew.

#### RAILS AT CHANCEL STEPS

Through the interest and generosity of Matron McClymont, a movable hand rail has been provided for use at the chancel steps near the lectern for the assistance of communicants as they go forward and return from the communion rails. We are most grateful for this gift to the church. The rail is of oak to match the choir stalls, and rests on two supports of polished brass.

#### HEARING AIDS

Hearing aids have been provided in St. John's Church to assist members of the congregation who find difficulty in following the prayers, lessons and sermons with accustomed clarity. Four have been placed in seats usually occupied by parishioners in different parts of the church, and they have proved very successful. We wish to thank Mrs. F. A. Pardey for meeting the cost of these hearing aids and their installation. We would be glad to know of other worshippers who would like to use units if installed. The Rector would be glad to give full information to anyone willing to provide for the extension of the system, which is linked up with the present microphones.

#### BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL FAIR

As in previous years, St. John's Parish will be responsible for the Savouries Stall at the School Fair to be held at Broadland House, 10 Lytleton St., on Saturday afternoon, 30th September. We invite parishioners to help us by donations of money or kind, which may be left at the Rectory or handed to the stallholders on the day of the Fair.

#### CHOIR NOTES

We are happy to report the appearance of one or two new members in the senior choir and several additions to the boys' section. It is hoped that with training and experience the lads will soon be able to make some real contribution towards

the general effect of our singing on Sundays.

All who attend practices find that the time so spent is fully occupied. The new choirboys are at present learning some of the tricks of good chanting, whilst the senior choristers are seeking and finding a more intellectual form of entertainment as they assiduously apply themselves to the study and digestion of that more meaty variety of church musical fare—the anthem. It is hoped that they will not suffer the pains of musical indigestion.

We have missed Miss Marjory Crow from our ranks of late, but we are glad to hear that she is steadily recuperating after her recent illness, and look forward to her return to St. John's. Mrs. Beryl Crouch, whom we recently welcomed as a new soprano to the choir, is suffering from a bad throat; we wish her a speedy recovery.

L. O'N.

#### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

During August practices have been held weekly for the G.F.S. Exhibition to take place in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 7th October, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. All parishioners will be warmly welcomed. We are also working for our annual Fair, which will be held on the last Saturday in October. A needlework competition for the best made Apron is in progress. The beautiful G.F.S. banner presented to us recently by a member, Gwyn West, was used in the Youth Rally and carried by Leon Henry.

Our next Tea night is at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th September, when we hope to have a full attendance of members.

E.K.

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

The August meeting of our society was held in the presence of a large muster of our members. Our speaker, was Mr. F. R. Dowse, who told members of his visit to Canberra and of his impressions of the beautiful avenues of trees which are grown in nature strips unhampered by overhead wires.

Several working bees have been held in the Rectory grounds, which have greatly improved the appearance of the lawns and kerbings.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 3rd September, at 5 p.m., which will take the form of the annual meeting.

#### MISSIONARY SERVICE LEAGUE

The monthly meeting of the M.S.L. was held in the Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday, 15th August, when two films were shown with the aid of the new film strip projector. One film was on the missionary work in Africa and the other on the work amongst the aborigines of the Northern Territory. After the films a letter was read from the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Cloudsdale, two Tasmanians who recently went to the work in Tanganyika.

It was decided in future to meet on the FOURTH TUESDAY every month instead of the third.

At the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 26th September, at the Rectory, a Bible study will be taken by Mr. Stewart and a short talk given on Iran. We hope also to hear some letters from the field.

A warm invitation is extended to all who are interested in the missionary work of the Church to join us.

#### DO YOU USE TOOTH PASTE?

If the answer is "Yes," would you kindly save the empty tubes, and encourage your friends to do likewise, and bring them along to the church porch, where there is a special box to place them in? If more convenient, send them along by the children to Sunday school, or drop them in the Rectory letter box. We are collecting them to sell as scrap metal in support of the Church Missionary Society.

#### FELLOWSHIP TEA

Last month we welcomed the Rev. G. W. Christopher, State Secretary of C.M.S., who gave us a very helpful message. After service the same evening young people of the congregation were invited to have a cup of tea with us in the Kindergarten Hall, and we had a happy opportunity of meeting together.

The next Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 17th September, at 5 p.m., when the Rev. W. F. Paton, M.A., B.D., of Mowbray Presbyterian Church, will speak to us. A friendly invitation is given to all young people to come.