

MISSIONARY BOXES

The quarterly opening of C.M.S. Missionary Boxes in March brought in more than £16/10. The Rector would be glad to know of parishioners who would be willing to have a missionary box in their home and so assist the work of the Church in other lands.

MOUNT LAMINGTON DISASTER

The Rector has received a letter from the Chairman of the A.B.M. appealing for financial help for the Church in New Guinea which suffered so terribly during the war and now has to face the heavy loss of personnel and buildings through the Mount Lamington eruption. Many parishioners have contributed generously to the fund raised by the "Examiner." Others have sent contributions to St. John's Church. As it is estimated that the Diocese of New Guinea will need £25,000 to restore what has been lost, the Rector would be glad to receive additional donations from those who may have overlooked the appeal.

ANZAC SUNDAY

On Anzac Sunday, 22nd April, the preacher at Evensong at 7 p.m. will be the Ven. Archdeacon Atkinson who will also refer to St. George's Day which falls on the Monday. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Anzac Day, Wednesday 25th April at 10.15 a.m.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEA

A Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 18th April, at 5 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. Frank Winn of the East Launceston Methodist Church. All young people are cordially invited to come.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival services will be held on Sunday, 8th April when the preacher at Evensong at 7 p.m. will be the Rural Dean of Launceston, Rev. Canon Lansdell, Rector of St. George's Invermay.

HOLY BAPTISM

In future Holy Baptism will be administered, after arrangements have been made beforehand, on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. except on the first Sunday in the month. Forms of Application must be filled in by parents. These forms may be obtained at the church or the Rectory and should be handed back a week

before the day of the Baptism. Both parents should be present at the Baptism together with Godparents.

"PARISH MESSENGER"

December, 1950: Mrs. S. Stebbeings 4/-, Mr. R. Stebbeings 5/-, Mr. H. R. Lakin 5/-.

March, 1951: Mrs. Galloway 10/-, Miss Hammond 6/-, Miss M. Gee 2/-, Mrs. Genders 2/-, Mrs. Edwards 2/-, Mr. F. Jones 2/-, Miss E. M. Jones 2/-, Mrs. O. N. Mansbridge 4/-, Mrs. A. Bullock 5/-.

HOLY BAPTISM

Stephen Kenneth Kelb, Helen Mary Kilby, Eve Wadley, John Stephen Towers, Julie Elizabeth Roberts, Christopher Ian Bucknell, Glenda Rae Parsons, Patricia Jean Hill, Dorothy Mary Henderson, Dorn Elizabeth Henderson, Gayleen Janice Jones, Garry Allan Wheeldon, Christine Monaghan, Suzanne Widdowson, Robyn Joan Atherton, Christine Maree Pickett, Darryl Stanley Coombes, Joanne Paula Kilty, Vivien Anne Tilley, Paul Bock, Wendy Ann Brown, Kent John Sutton, Martin James Trotter, Narella Susan Jones.

MARRIAGES

John Graham Walsh and Margaret Hogarth; Peter Robinson Burleigh and Beverley Ann Roach; August George Neilson and Gwendoline Scott; Richard Martin Green and Joan Margaret Manson; Maxwell John Munro and Dawn Millicent Hancock; Maxwell Keith Stewart and Phyllis Edna Wright; Walter Henry Charles McGrath and Margaret Doreen Furley; Max Vernon Garwood and Wilma June McNear; Ronald Raymond Bennett and Glory Dawn Cantwell; Peter Alfred West and Vivian Rae Bingham; Geoffrey Blundstone Campbell and Beverley June Walters; Raymond William Blake and Beverley Evelyn Sanders; Cecil Honey and Marjorie Wilhelmina Hay Gregson; Rex Augustus Quill and Vera Adelaide Read; James Albert William Hynes and Marjorie Rose Bennett; Raymond Jack Eastoe and Billie Margaret Mills; Edward McRae Pedley and Peggy Carrington.

AT REST

Sarah Ann Kirkup, Frederick Thompson Brown, Helen Mary Kilby, John Drydon Richards, Stanley Charles Morley, Elizabeth Ann Morgan, James Kenneth Scott, Mary Eleanor Kiddle, Nils Persson, Samuel Holmes.

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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We have been greatly encouraged by the attendances at the services in recent months which seem to indicate a wider recognition of the spiritual values of life. Over the Easter period, although many were away on holidays, our congregations were larger than usual not only at St. John's, but also at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, and St. David's, Cormiston. By the witness and inspiration of regular public worship and a sincere endeavour to follow the Christian way of life day by day, we shall make a very real contribution to the solution of our problems. It has been pointed out by many writers that we cannot have a better world without better people. That is the greatest need of our times. Within three weeks we are to have a most important Federal election. It is our responsibility as Christian citizens to exercise our franchise intelligently and conscientiously. If the party elected to govern fulfills its election promises we shall have as good a government as we deserve. Whether the newly elected government succeeds or fails will depend in a very large measure upon the character of the individual citizens they have to govern. That is where religion comes in. Let us not think that our responsibility ends at the ballot box.

It is important to notice that the prayers for the King and members of the Royal family which occur so often in our Anglican services mean more than loyalty to a reigning monarch. They are meant to include all those who have the great responsibility of government in our democratic state. So we pray for those who make our laws and administer them "that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace" to the honour of God and the good of his Church and people.

On behalf of the Churchwardens I would like to express our thanks for the response to the Easter appeal for Church funds. Recent expenditure includes the painting of the roof of the Parish Halls and essential maintenance work on St. John's organ. The instrument has now been restored to its usual dependable state and quality of tone.

Mr. Frank Stewart who has given such loyal and faithful service as my assistant for more than twelve months past is at present on holiday in Melbourne. I would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to his work in the parish especially at Trevallyn and Cormiston. The growth of the congregations and general interest at St. Oswald's is largely due to his visiting and sincerity. Likewise his ministry at St. David's has brought people together in support of their church which has been redecorated with additional furnishings in a very attractive way. Mr. Stewart is studying for examinations in November and hopes to be ordained deacon early next year.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

We wish to thank the Rector for conducting the service at our last meeting on 21st February, which was very much appreciated by members.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 18th April will be an American Tea and all members are asked to make an effort to support this function.

The Guild has also arranged to hold a **JUMBLE SALE** at Herd's Mart on Tuesday, 24th April, and arrangements for collecting donations or parcels of clothing etc. can be made by advising the secretary, Mrs. E. R. Fowell. Phone 1579. D.F.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual Quiet Day was observed by a celebration of Holy Communion at St. John's at 10 a.m. and a United Service at St. George's at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 26th April, when there will be the usual service in the chapel at 2.45 p.m. followed by a Social Hour in the Kindergarten Hall when the Rector will be the speaker.

Mrs. G. Galloway, 6 Olive Street, has volunteered to organise the Q.V. Hospital visiting. Any member knowing of young mothers at the Q.V. kindly contact Mrs. Galloway. Phone 1540.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

Our "Temple Day" was held on the Sunday after Easter when Evensong was sung. The church was beautifully decorated by the Guild with the help of two other friends from Launceston. A very encouraging congregation filled the church and we were very pleased to welcome as our special preacher the Rev. Canon Greenwood. The collection for the evening amounted to over £16. We feel that there may be some who were unable to attend the service and remind them that they may send their envelope in or bring it to a future service.

We are very fortunate in having an organist in our midst. Miss Bucknell has kindly offered to play for our services and we greatly appreciate her help.

The Ladies' Guild meet on the second Wednesday in each month when new members will be most welcome. The last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. Thorn our secretary, when the usual Guild stall brought in over thirty shillings. The next meeting on Wednesday, 11th April, will be held in the church. Arrangements for the coming Social

will be discussed.

PARISH FAIR TO BE HELD

Representatives from Parish organisations met after evening service on April 1st and gave their full support to the proposal to hold a Parish Fair in November on a date to be fixed. Mr. Max Cox and Miss Heather Morton were nominated as joint secretaries and stalls were allotted provisionally. It is hoped that all parishioners will co-operate in making the Fair a great success. The secretaries will be glad to receive offers of donations of all kinds.

TH. A. CLASSES

Classes have been formed for the study of the course leading to the "Associate in Theology" diploma awarded by the Australian College of Theology. They meet in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Monday evenings from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Lectures are being given on the Old Testament by the Rector of St. John's, and on Christian Doctrine by the Rector of St. Paul's. Later in the year the Rev. G. M. Browne, Chaplain Launceston Church Grammar School, will lecture on Religious Education.

All interested are invited to attend.

C.E.M.S.

The speaker at the March meeting was Mr. L. E. Amos, headmaster of the Launceston Technical High School, who spoke on Secondary Education. He told how children are examined for entry to High Schools, also of the subjects taught in those schools. Mr. Amos answered questions by members and was thanked by the president for his interesting address.

Mr. J. Brown a visiting horticulturist, gave a travel talk to members at the April meeting. He spoke about Trinidad, Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Honduras, Malaya, New Zealand, and finally Tasmania, all of which he had visited in the last few years. Members thanked the speaker for his interesting talk.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th May, when we would like to see a large gathering of members. All men of the parish are invited to attend our meetings.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Early in March we were very pleased to welcome Miss Ivy Sutton as a teacher in the senior school; we are most grateful for her offer of service.

Additional teachers are urgently required in the Kindergarten Sunday School. Those willing to help

are asked to see Miss Kiddle or the Rector.

On Palm Sunday a special children's service was held when our Lenten offerings were given so that the children of other lands might be led to know the Lord Jesus Christ. More than £18 has been received.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mrs. M. E. Kiddle on Thursday, 22nd March. Mrs. Kiddle was for very many years a most devoted teacher in our Sunday School and always took the greatest interest in our work. We offer our sincere sympathy to Miss E. Kiddle and the members of the family.

CHOIR NOTES

The music of Stainers "Crucifixion" sung by our choir on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week was, from a musical stand point, effective and encouraging—at least to those of us who were engaged in the work. But what is of far greater importance, one could not help feeling that a certain atmosphere was created—especially during some of the very quiet choral passages, in which the presence of God seemed to be very real. We are grateful to the soloists, Mr. Bruce Kekwick and Mr. Arthur Jones who, in a very able manner, made their contribution towards a somewhat moving rendition of this Lenten Cantata.

We were pleased recently to welcome Mr. Robert Ward of Hobart to the "bass department" of our choir. This department (not to be confused with the basement of a department store) let me hasten to add, is a musical way of referring to that small group of gallant souls, who, standing hard by the chancel wall (on the right hand side) fearlessly and fervently warble forth the bass line which is the very foundation of our harmonic "framework."

Interest at practices is now centering around the recent acquisition of 30 copies of the Church Anthem Book which is a wonderful collection of the very best in English Church Music. L. O'N.

C.E.F.

At our last C.E.F. Meeting we were shown a very interesting Film by Mr. Christopher on C.M.S. Work in Africa.

The number of members who attend the Fellowship at 8 a.m. Corporate Communion and Breakfast on the second Sunday in every month is pleasing but there is still room for

improvement and so we would like to see more members come along. Please try to make a special effort once a month.

We were very pleased to welcome two new members during March and hope they will enjoy Fellowship with us. H.M.

C.E.B.S.

Our meetings are held in the Parish Hall on alternate Monday nights from 7 to 9.15 p.m. Boys from nine to fifteen years of age will be welcomed as members. We would like to thank Matron McClymont for a donation which enabled us to purchase a set of boxing gloves. We have also bought a medicine ball with our own subscriptions. We would be grateful for further donations which would enable us to secure additional equipment.

G.F.S.

Our annual meeting was held on the 3rd April when the Rector conducted a service in the chapel, and later presided when the annual report and balance sheet were presented to members. These showed a very successful year of progress. The office bearers were re-elected for another year with a smaller committee. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st May, commencing with a tea at 6 o'clock. Later in the evening instruction in the art of glove making will be given by Miss Marjorie Crow. New members will be welcomed.

CHURCH COTTAGE AT TREVALLYN

Preliminary matters in connection with the building of a church cottage at St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, have advanced, and it is expected that the April vestry meeting will consider plans for the dwelling, and arrange for a meeting of parishioners at an early date.

M.S.L.

In connection with the special survey of missionary work in Tanganyika which we are making this year, an interesting talk was given at our last meeting by Miss Oates and Mr. D. Gilmore on the geographical features of the territory. At our next meeting on Tuesday, 17th April, at 7.30 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall the Rector will give an outline of Christian missionary work in Tanganyika up to the present time. All parishioners are invited to attend.