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# St. John's Parish Messenger

Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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DECEMBER, 1951

Rector: Rev. L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory, 157 St. John St.,  
Launceston. Phone 525.

Lay Assistant: Mr. F. A. Stewart, 39 Elizabeth Street, Launceston.



### 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. John's Sunday School, 9.45 a.m.

Wednesday, 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion. Saints' Days and Holy Days: as announced.

Holy Baptism (by arrangement beforehand).—Sundays at 3 p.m. (except first Sunday in month).

Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

### LAY OFFICERS

Churchwardens: Messrs. H. B. Brownrigg, F. J. Jones, and F. H. Cookman (Hon. Secretary).

Vestry: Messrs. F. S. Carnie (Hon. Treasurer), A. G. Hollingsworth, A. W. R. Thollar, M. L. Cox, R. H. E. Watson and M. M. Easter.

Hon. Lay Readers: Messrs. A. W. R. Thollar, A. R. Prowse and G. R. Radford.

Sunday School Superintendents: Mr. A. W. R. Thollar and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, 143 Elphin Road, E. L'ton.

### ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH, TREVALLYN

Services: Holy Communion, First Sunday at 9.30 a.m.; Morning Prayer, Third Sunday at 9.30 a.m.; Other Sundays: Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.; Women's Guild, 3 p.m. on Third Wednesdays.

Secretary of Guild: Mrs. E. R. Fowell, 6 Osborne Ave. Trevallyn. Phone 1579.

Churchwardens: Messrs. H. B. Fowler, M. Plumridge, and A. R. Prowse.

Vestry: Messrs. E. D. Rogers (Secretary), P. D. Gee (Treasurer), R. Hart, G. Robson, E. R. Fowell and J. H. Bain.

### ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CORMISTON

Services: 3 p.m.—First and Third Sundays in the month.

St. David's Women's Guild: 2.30 p.m. on Second Wednesday.

Secretary of Guild: Mrs. C. Thorne, Phone: Tenalga.

Churchwardens: Messrs. P. B. Holmes, T. J. Hayes (Secretary and Treasurer), and C. J. S. Sanderson.

Yours sincerely,  
Leonard M. Sutton.

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Our Bishop has called us to use this season of Advent as a time for the deepening of our personal prayer life. To help us he has issued a Prayer Card which may be obtained from Church or from me or Mr. Stewart. I hope many will take this card and use it faithfully both as a preparation for Christmas and also as the first step in a two year plan for "A Recall to God." The next step will be the formation of Prayer and Study Groups during the season of Lent. May I remind you of our Bible Study Group which meets in the Clergy Vestry at St. John's on Thursday evenings at 7.15 p.m. All attending find the informal talks helpful.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the Rector of St. Paul's on his appointment as Archdeacon of Launceston. I have known Archdeacon Dudley for more than twenty years and realise that he brings to his high office great intellectual gifts and a rich spiritual experience. We extend our warm greetings and good wishes to the Revd. T. B. McCall as he takes up his appointment as Rector of Holy Trinity Church. To Archdeacon and Mrs. May who are retiring to live in Hobart we express our sincere thanks for all that they have done for the Church of England in Launceston. We trust that they will have health and enjoyment in the years ahead.

The visit of His Grace the Archbishop of York gave us the opportunity of meeting another of our leaders whose guidance and inspiration has meant so much to the Church of England. Enriched by the experience of a long life, his wisdom and Statesmanlike mind gave a better sense of proportion to our view of the present complicated international situation. Let us respond to his plea for prayers for world peace.

Once again we are beginning to sing Christmas carols. Let us remember that we cannot celebrate a real CHRISTMAS if we leave CHRIST out of our rejoicing. Invite Him into our homes and our lives. Let us come to Church and thank God for the birth of the Christ child. So may we all have a holy and blessed Christmas. All at the Rectory join me in this wish for you and yours, and every happiness in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Leonard N. Sutton.

## ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

Progress has been made in the renovations at the Church cottage. The stoves have been installed and it is hoped necessary repairs will soon be completed. It has been planned to have a working bee to tidy up the grounds on a day to be announced. The Fellowship is holding a Christmas Party and Break-up on Friday, 14th December, at 7.30 p.m. The Guild had a splendid meeting last month when a talk was given by Mrs. Edginton. The next meeting will be in February. A Carol service will be held on Sunday evening, 23rd December at 7 p.m.

## ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The Lord Bishop of Tasmania will preach at St. David's at Evensong, on Sunday, 16th December at 3 p.m. Afternoon Tea will be arranged after the service to enable the Bishop to meet parishioners. The Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, 12th December at 2.30 p.m. New members are specially invited to come. There will be a Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 8 p.m.

## ORGAN RECITAL

An Organ Recital will be given by Mr. Lindsay O'Neill at St. John's on Sunday afternoon, 16th December at 3.15 p.m. The programme will include vocal items by Beryl Kekwick.

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We wish to thank parents and friends for donations of cakes and money for our Picnic. We welcome Mr. T. Burns who has come to take Mr. Thollar's place as Superintendent. The Kindergarten Sunday School Christmas Tree and Prize Giving will be held in the Hall on Wednesday evening, 12th December, at 7.15 p.m. The Senior School Prize Giving and Break-up will be on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.30 p.m. All parents and friends are invited to be present.

## MISSIONARY BOXES

Parishioners are asked to hand in their Missionary Boxes as early as possible this month for the quarterly opening. The M.S.L. concluded its meetings for the year with a service of Thanksgiving conducted by the Rev. G. Christopher who later screened pictures of medical work in Tanganyika. A Free-will Offering of £20 was made for C.M.S. Missions in Northern Territory.

## ST. LUKE'S AUXILIARY

At a meeting held in St. John's Hall on Wednesday, 21st November, it was decided to form a "St. John's Auxiliary to St. Luke's Hospital." Mrs. F. G. Dougharty was appointed secretary, and Mr. F. Jones treasurer. Both agreed to carry on until the next meeting which will be held early in February.

## XMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian homes to place on the Christmas Dinner Table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work among victims of war in Europe, the Middle East and Korea. In these countries there are some 60 to 80 millions of our fellow men women and children who are homeless, Stateless, without any means of support or any hope for the future. Let us contribute liberally for their relief. Donations may be sent to the Rector, or direct to the Treasurer of the Tasmanian Council of Churches—Mr. W. B. Beattie, 1 Campbell Street, Newstead, Launceston.

## CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins at 10.45 a.m. There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

At St. Oswald's, Trevallyn, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of Flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be most welcome. They should reach the church on Saturday morning, 22nd December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist in arranging the decorations on Saturday afternoon.

## BROADLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

The annual end of year Broadland House School Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday 16th December at 11 a.m. The Bishop will be the preacher. Speech Night will be at the Albert Hall on the following evening, Monday, at 8 p.m.

## C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL

The next C.M.S. Summer School will be held at St. John's from Sunday 17th February till the following Thursday. The Chairman will be the Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. A. Stanway, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Stanway.

## MOTHERS' UNION

At our November meeting forty-three members greatly enjoyed an address by Lady James who spoke on Spain. Members have been invited by Mrs. Ransom to Afternoon Tea at her home at Longford on Thursday, 13th December. Buses are leaving Webster Rometch Garage in the Quadrant at 2.30 p.m. Fare 4/-. It is hoped that all members will be able to come. Our next meeting will be in April, 1952.

## OLD FOLK'S TEA

The Annual Tea for Elderly Folk will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Thursday, 20th December. This function has been arranged for many years by the Launceston City Mission in co-operation with the churches. As usual St. John's parish will be responsible for a table, and for this good cause donations of money or of fruit, cakes, or other refreshments will be gratefully received.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Juanita Maree Von Stieglitz, Rosemary Von Stieglitz, Leon John Hampton, Brendan James Dawe, Donald George Corkery, Anthony George Knowles, Graeme Maxwell Talbot, Dianne Faye Robertson, David Malcolm Drummond, Pamela Kay Thompson, David Murray Atkins, Vicki Maxine Dunn, David Charles West, Stephen Andrew Dunn, Suzanne Edith Boag, Shirley Ann Neal.

## MARRIAGES

Raymond Charles Paul and Dorothy Aileen Halligan; Herbert Simon Rossiter and Fay Gill; Vernon Keith Seymour and Joan Mary Ratcliffe; John Henry Atkinson and Eileen King; Keith Munting and Barbara Louise Hayes; John William Fraser and Esma Lorna Dudley.

## AT REST

William Henry Penno, Elaine Margaret Street, Emily Potter, Thomas James Bunting, Annie R. Duniam, George Henry Porter, Albert Ernest Hearn, Christina Barbara Cox, Edith Galloway, Donald Milton Hopwood, Henry John Walters, Laura Isobel Brown.

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