

M.S.L.

The first meeting of the Missionary Service League for 1951 will be held on Tuesday, 20th February. It will take the form of an Opening Service in the Church at 7.30 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting to be held in the Rectory.

All members are asked to be present.

C.E.B.S.

The first meeting for the year will be held on Monday, 19th February, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

We hope to arrange for special speakers to visit us during the year and also make preparations for a Social Evening to assist our funds. New members will be most welcome. Church people are reminded that this is the only society of our Church where lads can gather together for fellowship and games.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We resumed after the holidays on Sunday, 4th February, and had a good attendance of children for our first day back. We welcome Mr. Bruce Dent as a teacher in the senior school, and hope others will come to take classes whose former teachers have moved from Launceston. There is a great need for men and women who are willing to accept the responsibility and privilege of Sunday school work in our Kindergarten, Junior and Senior Departments. The Rector and Superintendents will be most ready to give information and assistance to those who offer themselves for this service to our Lord and His Church.

HOLY BAPTISM

Gail Patricia Macleod, Terry William O'Byrne, Bradley John Wilson, Michael Arndell Searl, Ruth Myers, Gail Ann Nichols, Mary Clarissa Young, Robyn Jeannine Willis, Glenn Sydney Weedon, Robert James Horwood, Rosemary Elizabeth Padman, Steven Frederick Rice, Ann Louise Wilkinson, Kenneth Sullivan Bradford, Donald Brian Richards, Jennifer Dawn Brain, Barry John Little, Peter Roland Webb, Susan Hodge, Robert James McLaren, Kevin John Cash, Gaye Dianne Holt, Yvonne Kaye Thomson, Laraine Nancy Grant, David Stewart Haas, Vicki Maree Reid, Donald Keith Campbell, Norman John Hollingworth, Ann Mar-

garet Fisher, Richard Stamford, Peter Alfred Collings Ford, Terence Roger Towell, Marilyn Helen Gooding, Helen Laurine Kerkham, Leigh David Morice, Rodney Allan Jordan.

MARRIAGES

Kenneth Thomas Bomford and Olive Blanche Thomas, Mervyn Clarence Bolch and Dorothy Gladys Dawe, Philip Geoffrey Pinel and Barbara Dorice Luttrell, John Graeme Padman and June Margot Cookman, Stanley George Hammond and Lois Violet Verrail, Douglas Roy Geiger and Zelda Brown, Lisle Erasmus Williams and Gwendoline Esther Talbot, Charles Joe McDonald, Muriel Winifred Joyce Shaw, Harold Max Wells and Pauline Vilma Keegan, Joseph Coley and Jessica Blanche Bone, Cyril Ernest Larter and Mavis June Seen, Aubrey John Leedham and Viola Iris Langmaid, Eric William Judd and Doreen Amelia Hodge, Morris Seymour Pike and Jacqueline Mary Abbott, Vilnis Roberts, Ievins and Gwendoline June Colgrave, David Lewis Healey and Zela Lilian Weavell, Hedley Charles Boyd and Mary Jane Burr, Merville Victor Rice and Josephine May Barnard, Victor Lionel McHenry and Jean Simmons, Ronald Charles James and Joan Lilian Byrne, Alfred William Rushforth and Gwen Elsie Anthony, George Albert Viney and Eunice Valma Parsonage, Desmond Derek Izard and June Langley, Trevor Leslie Davis and Patricia Cruse, Geoffrey Frank Beauchamp and Dorothy Vernon Lewis, Dudley Gray Stephens and Peggy Loraine Shepherd, William James Lock and Faith Merle Warren, John Lovatt Bailey and Audrey Fay Williamson, Gordon Lawson and Betty Margaret Bailey, Edward George Ralph and Fay Johnstone, Robert Richard Grubb and Beverley June White, Kenneth Rolph Tidey and Mary Greenhatch, Lance Dudley Smith and Beverley Hope Miller.

AT REST

Lewis Kenneth Guest, Howard Peter Griffiths, Cecil James Peart, Mary Bowden, Joan Johnson, Zoraida Hammond, Andrew Thomas Ainslie, Reginald Vernon Miller, Tyron Francis Gower, George Edward Walters, Austin Charles Wright.

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.
Sundays Schools.—St. John's, 9.45 a.m. St. Oswald's, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 a.m. and 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.

LAY OFFICERS.

Churchwardens: Messrs. H. B. Brownrigg, F. J. Jones, and F. A. Cookman (Hon Secretary).
Vestry: Messrs. F. S. Carnie (Hon. Treasurer), F. R. Dowse, A. G. Hollingsworth, A. W. R. Thollar, M. L. Cox and R. H. E. Watson.
Hon. Lay Readers: Messrs. A. W. R. Thollar, A. R. Prowse and G. R. Radford.
Sunday School Superintendents: Messrs. A. W. R. Thollar and Miss E. J. E. Kiddle.
Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Lindsay O'Neill, 143 Elphin Road, E. L'ton.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The season of Lent which we have now entered reminds us of the Forty Days Our Lord was in the wilderness preparing for His ministry. It was a time when He was apart from the distractions of the busy world; a time when He had opportunity to ponder and pray and plan. We are told that when it

finished "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit." May we so use the next six weeks by making time to ponder and pray and plan that we, like Him, may be strengthened to face the future "in the power of the Spirit." In addition to the usual Sunday services, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. On Thursday evenings at 7.30 p.m. there will be devotional services in the Chapel, with meditations on I. Corinthians, Chapter 13. Let us be more faithful in our Bible reading and Prayers and Worship during the Lenten season, and so form habits of devotion which will continue for the strengthening of our spiritual life.

When this little paper is issued the annual Summer School of the Church Missionary Society will be taking place. I hope many of you will be able to attend one or more of the evening meetings in the Parish Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and also the Thanksgiving Service in St. John's on Thursday at 7.45 p.m., when the preacher will be Rt. Rev. Bishop Donald Baker. Remember, too, the Women's Meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m., and the Men's Tea on Thursday at 6 p.m. The visiting missionaries from Iran, India and Africa will help us to a world-wide vision of the Christian Faith.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

A meeting after Evensong on Sunday, 4th February, decided that our "Temple Day" would be held on Easter Day, 25th March. It is our objective to raise fifty pounds (£50) in direct giving, and your prayers are asked in our undertaking.

We were pleased to have a visit from Capt. R. Buckingham, of the Church Army, and a retiring collection was given to assist the funds of the Society he represents.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

The enlargement of the Church Hall kitchen has been completed, and the improvement will be greatly appreciated by all using it. The repainting of the exterior of the church is now in hand, and it is hoped that the remaining work will soon be finished. Sunday School has resumed again after the January vacation, and parents are asked to encourage the children to be regular in their attendance. St. Oswald's Guild will hold their first meeting for the year on Wednesday, 21st February, at 3 p.m. Important business will be discussed, and all members and intending members are invited to attend.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WOMEN'S MEETINGS IN LAUNCESTON

Commencing on Tuesday, 6th March, and continuing till the Thursday, members of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Mothers' Union, and the Church of England Council of Women will meet at St. John's Parish Hall in conference. Representatives from parishes throughout the diocese will

attend. Mrs. Cranswick will preside. On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock there will be a celebration of Holy Communion, with address and intercessions by the Lord Bishop of Tasmania.

MEMORIAL WINDOW

At Morning Prayer on Sunday, 24th December, the Rev. Canon Greenwood dedicated a memorial window in the South Transept representing the figure of St. George. It bore the following inscription: A.M.D.G. In loving memory of F/O James Beck, D.F.C. Killed in action, 4th April, 1945. Aged 24 years. Erected by his parents." The Canon spoke of his character as an example of the best of young Australian manhood.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Rector will most gladly give information to adults who desire to be confirmed. The Lord Bishop of Tasmania has arranged to hold a special Confirmation Service for adults early in March, and those who wish to be presented to him are asked to let the Rector know as soon as possible. The service is usually held in St. John's.

C.E.F.

Would all members please note Fellowship for 1951 will commence on Friday, 16th February, at 7.45 p.m. sharp, in the Kindergarten Hall. Any new members will be made very welcome, so come along.

COMMUNION LINEN

We are very grateful to Mrs. Gallo-way for undertaking the care of the purificators, and to Mrs. Easter

for looking after the other linen. We thankfully acknowledge Mrs. Gallo-way's gift of a dozen and a half linen purificators, which supplied a definite need.

GIFT OF CHALICE AND PATEN

At the 8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve the Rector dedicated a sterling silver Chalice and Paten, which were used for the first time in St. John's on Christmas Day. The chalice is six and a half inches high, and matches the larger vessels dedicated earlier in the year, being made by F. J. Mole, silversmiths, of Brisbane. The vessels, which will be specially appropriate for week-day celebrations, were the gift of Miss Ada Harrap. We express our sincere thanks to Miss Harrap for her beautiful gift to St. John's.

CLASSES FOR Th.A STUDY

It has been proposed to form a class in Launceston for those who desire to study for the diploma of "Associate in Theology" (Th.A.), awarded after examination by the Australian College of Theology. The course of study covers two years and includes a knowledge of the Scriptures, The Book of Common Prayer, Church History and Doctrine. It is an interesting course of reading specially planned to help Sunday School teachers and lay readers and other church workers, as well as the general layman. The Rector will be glad to give any information and hear of those interested.

CHOIR NOTES

As we resume activities after the holidays, we would like to take this opportunity of inviting any folk of the parish who possess voices and would like to sing in a choir to link up with us at St. John's. Any who are interested are invited to contact the organist. There are some vacancies, particularly for sopranos and altos.

Our ranks have become somewhat depleted of late owing to the fact that three members have left the district. Lois Verrall, who was married at St. John's in December, has made her new home at Lower Wattle Grove. Nancy Clark has been transferred by the Education Department to Wesley Vale, and Cynthia Johnston recently left Launceston to fur-

ther her studies at New South Wales State Conservatorium.

Our very best wishes go with these girls. We greatly appreciate the help they have given St. John's Choir during their association with us.

MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP TEA

A Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday afternoon, 11th February, at 5 p.m., when one of the missionaries visiting Launceston for the C.M.S. Summer School will give the talk. All young people are invited to come.

C.E.M.S.

The speaker at the December meeting was Archdeacon Atkinson, who took as his subject "Time" and its relation to the Birth of Christ. He also told of the Julian and Gregorian Calendars.

At the February meeting arrangements were made for a Parish Picnic to be held at St. Leonard's on March 5th, when it is hoped that a good number of parishioners will attend. Further details will be available later. One of our projects, the erection of a stage in the Parish Hall, was discussed and further details were left till our next meeting.

Mr. L. O'Neill gave a talk on "Music." He traced the evolution of the organ from the early days of the first flutes to the present pipe organ. Mr. O'Neill's most interesting talk was concluded with a demonstration on the organ in St. John's Church, illustrating the three manuals: (1) The swell, (2) the great organ, and (3) the choir organ, which is incomplete.

A Men's Tea will be held on Thursday, 15th February, at 6 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall, in connection with the Missionary Summer School, to which all men are invited to meet the leaders of the School.

Our next meeting is to be held on Sunday, 4th March, in the Kindergarten Hall at 5 p.m., to which all men of the parish are invited.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

We wish to acknowledge donations totalling £5 which were handed to the Treasurer of the Tasmanian branch of the World Council of Churches, Mr. W. B. Beattie.