

expected that members of the Air Training Corps will also attend to mark the tenth anniversary of the formation of the A.T.C. in Australia. All friends are invited to be present.

RURAL DECANAL CHAPTER

A meeting of the Launceston Rural Decanal Chapter will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Thursday, 14th June at 8 p.m. All Churchwardens, Vestrymen, Sunday School Superintendents, members of the Women's Council for Church Work, members of Parish Councils, Lay representatives on Synod, and Lay Readers are asked to attend. The Bishop will give an address on matters of importance.

C.E.F.

We had a very successful Film Evening on Friday, 4th May when over £4 was raised for the Church Jubilee Fair Fund. Our thanks to Mr. Christopher for the showing of the Films and also to those who made the lovely sweets we had on sale.

Would members please note, the Annual Meeting of the Fellowship is to be held on Friday, 15th June, in the Kindergarten Hall at 7.45 p.m. and we would like you all to make a special effort to be present.

Also, on Friday the 22nd June at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall a combined Meeting of all Northern Fellowships is to be held and at which we'd like to have as many members present as possible, so do please keep in mind these two dates and come along.

H.M.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEA

A happy group of young people gathered in the Kindergarten Room on 20th May when the speaker was Rev. L. S. Dudley of St. Paul's church. Mr. Dudley, who spent some years in India as a C.M.S. missionary, spoke of the growth of the Christian Church in that country.

Rev. G. M. Browne, Chaplain of the Launceston Church Grammar School, is to speak when we meet at our next Fellowship Tea on Sunday, 17th June, at 5 p.m. We invite all young people, especially visitors, to come along.

MOTHERS' UNION

At the annual meeting in May presentations were made to Mrs. F. W. Beck and Mrs. A. R. Gee, retiring

secretary and treasurer, in appreciation of their many years of loyal service. They were also elected Vice-Presidents. Mrs. H. R. Cox and Mrs. M. M. Easter were appointed as secretary and treasurer respectively, and Mrs. G. M. Galloway as assistant secretary. The annual reports indicated a very successful year of useful activity.

The Musical Market in support of the Diocesan Children's Homes raised £54/3/7, including Afternoon Tea, £3/16/10; Cakes and Savouries, £10/4/-; Produce £6/7/11; Work £31/18/10; Donations £1/16/- . We are most grateful to all who made the afternoon such a success.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 28th June, at 2.45 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. W. H. Macfarlane.

"PARISH MESSENGER"

Church Boxes, £1. Anonymous, 10/- . C. H., 4/- . Mrs. Edwards, 2/- .

The Churchwardens invite parishioners to contribute towards the increased cost of printing the "Parish Messenger."

HOLY BAPTISM

Gary Smith, Julie Ann Olding, Marshall John Preddy, Janet Beryl Fitch, Julie Anne King, Michael Geoffrey de Vere, Ross William Maynard, Neville Davis Burgess, Lionel George Burgess, William John Bassett, Graham David Dale, Sharyn Elizabeth Kidd, Danny James Matthews, Leonard Thomas Matthews, Josephine Anne Matthews, Robert Tyson Matthews, Michael John Matthews.

MARRIAGES

James Leslie Coulston and Coralie Josephine Dean; William Frances Clare and Betty Joyce Saunderson; William Robert von Stieglitz and Betty Carmen Wheeler; William Walter Peters and Lily Josephine Jones; Eric Charles Pickett and Beverley Thompson; Alan Wedderburn Watson and Lyle Gwendoline Bradshaw; Jack William Thomas Green and June Edna Hill; Reginald Douglas Barker and Jessie Frances Griffiths.

AT REST

Graeme Leslie Lowe, Kathleen Mary Bentley, Margaret Wallace Ramsay, Stella Isobelle Talbot.

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

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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 and Third Sundays in the month.
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).—Sundays at 8 p.m. (except first Sunday in month).
Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

On Friday evening, 25th May, a meeting of members of the Church of England and other interested people, passed a motion requesting the St. John's Hospital Board, Hobart, to take over the Launceston Homoeopathic Hospital, and pledged their full support in the undertaking. The press report stated that there were more than 150 present of whom nearly two thirds voted for the motion. I voted against the motion because I felt that the proposition should be referred back to the Diocesan Council for their full and official consideration, especially as the institution was to be called a "Church of England" Hospital. Having discussed the matter with the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. John's and St. Oswald's I found that they were not agreed about the wisdom of the move. Further I share many of the views of those who spoke against the motion. However, the majority of those who attended the meeting agreed to the proposal, and we should be grateful to this group of interested people who have made it possible for the hospital to continue. While we have no financial obligations as a parish, I am sure many will give their individual support to those who will bear the responsibility of management and finance.

I am encouraged by the co-operation of parents in filling in the forms of application for Holy Baptism, and coming on Sunday afternoons with godparents and friends. It has recently been stated that there is no single problem which more deeply disturbs the clergy than the problem of getting parents to carry out the responsibility of training their children, by precept and example, in the Christian Faith, and bringing them to the Bishop for Confirmation as the Prayer Book directs. This month I am beginning classes for those who desire to be confirmed at the beginning of October. I hope there will be many, both adults and children, who will attend a preliminary meeting after Evensong on Sunday, 17th June, in the Kindergarten Hall when the times for the classes to meet will be arranged.

The Diocesan Registrar has notified me that I have been nominated and elected to be a member of the Diocesan Council in the place of the Rev. M. A. F. Downie who has been appointed Rector of Queenstown. I am conscious of the responsibility attached to this honour and will do my best to justify the confidence of those who nominated me.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH COTTAGE

The Churchwardens have been informed that the plans for the proposed Church Cottage have been approved by the Diocesan authorities who are prepared to make available £2,500 when St. Oswald's has the additional £500 necessary to meet the present cost of the building. The Vestry is to meet on 1st June to consider a special appeal to St. Oswald's parishioners in order that the amount may be secured, by donations or interest free loans, as soon as possible. All are anxious that the work should be put in hand with the least possible delay.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

A meeting of parishioners will be held after the 3 p.m. service on Sunday, 3rd June, to consider church matters. It is hoped that a full attendance of members will be present. Plans are under consideration for erecting a picket fence in front of the church and providing a notice board. It has been decided that, during the winter months, the service on the second Sunday in the month will be held in the afternoon at 3 p.m. instead of at night.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The annual boxes of Medical Supplies, and Christmas Gifts for C.M.S. Mission stations in North Australia must be despatched from Launceston not later than the middle of June. They are to be packed on Tuesday, 5th June, at St. John's Hall, and gifts of medical goods, baby clothing, woollen cardigans, toys, soap, nail brushes, washers, coloured pencils, crayons, gauze, cotton wool, bandages etc., may be left at the Rectory, or the C.M.S. Depot, 92 St. John St., as soon as possible.

We would be grateful for packets of used stamps and empty toothpaste tubes which may be left at the Rectory, or Church services, or C.M.S. Depot.

St. John's M.S.L. will meet on Tuesday, 19th June at 7.30 p.m. when a film talk will be given by the Rev. G. Christopher, C.M.S. Secretary.

JUBILEE SHOW AND FAIR

The progress made towards our Fair during the past month is self evident by referring to the money thermometer.

The Committee have decided that the Show and Fair will be held in St. John's grounds on Saturday, October 27. It is necessary that we should, at this time, fix the date and

in so doing we cross our fingers and hope that no other large function will choose this day.

We do again appeal to you to assist us to make this thermometer rise. If this function is to be the success our Church expects, we must have the whole hearted support of all our parishioners.

The many Church organisations are planning ways of raising funds and I would ask you to assist or attend any of these functions.

I intend making an appeal to all the younger members of the Church. This will be something to our mutual advantage and I am sure you will be interested. It is something special and I would ask you to be sure and read the notice in our next Parish Messenger.

Either of the Joint Secretaries or your Rector will be only too pleased to accept any donations. Why not send yours to-day?

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank those who have made such generous donations.

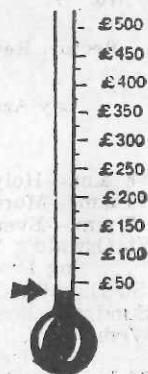
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One Parishioner	1	0	0
One Parishioner	1	0	0
Two Parishioners	4	0	0
Choir	3	10	0
Three Parishioners	3	0	0
Total Bank Acc	32	10	0

OLD COPIES OF "PARISH MESSENGER"

The Rector is anxious to collect a complete set of past issues of St. John's "Parish Messenger" to have them bound as parish records. He would be grateful to receive copies dated earlier than May, 1949.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CLERGY

The Rev. Canon Bryan Green of Birmingham, England, is to visit Tasmania from July 30th to August 6th. He will be conducting a Clergy Retreat and Conference in Launceston from the evening of Monday 30th July till Wednesday morning, 1st August. He will then go to Hobart for the same purpose. The Rector would be glad to know of parishioners who would be able to offer accommodation to a clergyman



for that Monday and Tuesday evening together with the evening meal on Monday and possibly breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. All meals on Tuesday will be provided at St. John's Hall where the meetings will be held. The clergy from the north and north-west coast will attend the Launceston Conference. It is expected that Canon Green will preach in St. John's at Evensong on Sunday, 5th August.

BUTTON DAY FOR CHURCH HOMES

A Button Day has been arranged for Friday 29th June when an appeal will be made for the funds of St. Anne's Home, and Glenview Home, Hobart, and Eskleigh Home, Perth. The proceeds will be shared by the three institutions. As Glenview Home for the Aged is a Church of England Home all parishes are asked to provide twelve button sellers. The Rector would be glad to have the names of those willing to help. They are invited to attend a meeting at Holy Trinity School Hall, on Monday 18th June at 8 p.m. when final plans will be made.

CHURCH KNEELERS

Feltex has been secured to cover the sponge rubber attached to the kneelers in the church. The cost for the material for each kneeler will be 5/- until more feltex has to be bought at higher prices. The Churchwardens would be glad to receive contributions towards the cost and to know from worshippers which kneelers are most used. It is noticed that rubber covered kneelers are in the front section of the church which is less frequently chosen by regular members of the congregation.

CHOIR NOTES

We are happy to report that it has been decided to hold a choral recital which is to be presented after Evensong on 12th August. The programme which is being arranged will include an interesting variety of anthems, solos, duets, trios etc. All sections of the choir are making a special effort. We hope that the congregation will support us in this venture by their interest, attendance, and by making the recital as widely known as possible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Lord Bishop of Tasmania has arranged to hold a Confirmation Service at St. John's on Sunday, 7th October, at 11 a.m. Preparation Classes will commence this month.

All young people who wish to be confirmed this year are asked to send their names and addresses to the Rector, without delay. They should be about fourteen years of age or older. Together with their parents they are asked to attend the evening service at St. John's at 7 p.m. on Sunday 17th June, when the Rector will give an address on "Baptism and Confirmation." After the service a meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall for all intending confirmees and their parents when the most convenient time for the classes to meet will be arranged.

MISSIONARY BOXES

All who have Missionary Boxes are asked to return them to the Rectory or hand them to a church officer at one of the Sunday services as soon as convenient.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

At a meeting of the Sunday School teachers held on Sunday 20th May, Miss Ruby Sutton was elected secretary of the Sunday School. She follows Miss Lois Verrall who resigned last year after many years of loyal and devoted service to the Sunday School.

At the meeting it was also decided that Sunday School should commence punctually at 9.45 a.m. so that the children would have a full hour before closing at 10.45 a.m. when choir members leave to prepare for church.

On Sunday 27th May, after a shortened lesson, the Rector showed a filmstrip entitled "The Travellers," in the series "Two Thousand Years Ago." It depicted travel in Palestine in the time of Our Lord, and was very helpful in giving a background to many of the New Testament narratives.

There is still a great need for more teachers, especially in the Kindergarten section of the Sunday School. Miss Kiddle will be glad to give information.

The Sunday School Teachers' Association will meet at St. Aidan's on Saturday 30th June, at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that all teachers will endeavour to be present.

MILITARY CHURCH PARADE

A Church Parade has been arranged for members of the Launceston units of the Commonwealth Military Forces to be held at St. John's on Sunday, 10th June at 11 a.m. It is