

from the 6th to the 8th March, the change of day was made for this month only. The M.M.A. provides medical comforts and clothing, etc., for mission stations. Women of the parish are invited to join the group, which works in a practical way for the support of missionary nurses and doctors.

#### A.B.M. AND C.M.S. RALLY

A combined Missionary Rally will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, 7th March, at 7.45 p.m. Speakers from both missionary societies will tell of work being done in the field. A sound film will be screened, and the latest news concerning the Mount Lamington disaster in New Guinea will be reported. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

#### M.S.L.

The first meeting of the Missionary Service League was held at the Rectory on Tuesday, 20th February, after a church service. The annual report and balance-sheet showed that interest had been well maintained. The sum of £15 was allocated to C.M.S. funds, and £3 each to Grootte Island and Roper River for medical supplies. Office-bearers were re-elected, and it was decided to make a special survey of Tanganyika during the year. The historical and geographical background will be outlined and missionary work studied, with special reference to evangelistic, medical and educational activities. The next meeting will be held after service on Tuesday evening, 20th March, at the Rectory. New members will be made most welcome. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday in each month.

#### 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. The boxes are opened every quarter in March, June, September and December, and returned to the holder without delay. The Rector will be glad to hear of more parishioners who would like to have a missionary box and so help the missionary work of the church by regular donations throughout the year. No coin is too small!

#### C.E.F.

It was very pleasing to see 16 members present at our first C.E.F. meeting for the year, and we were pleased to welcome two new members whom we hope will enjoy fellowship with us.

A letter of appreciation has been sent to Nancy Clark thanking her for her loyal support and good work as a member of our fellowship and wishing her every success and happiness in her new position.

Members, please keep in mind the Fellowship 8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION and BREAKFAST on the second Sunday in the month, 11th March.

Owing to the holiday, Fellowship was cancelled for the 2nd March, so our next meeting will be Friday, 16th March, at 7.45 p.m.

#### PRIVATE EASTER COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to know of sick or aged parishioners who desire private celebrations of Holy Communion at Easter. He will be greatly helped if notice is given as early as possible.

#### EASTER DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Easter decorations will be most gratefully received at the Church on Easter Eve, Saturday morning, about 10 o'clock.

Members of the Flower Guild would be very glad of help from other churchwomen to enable them to finish decorating before midday.

#### "PARISH MESSENGER"

Mrs. R. E. Smith, 6/-; Mr. T. Gill, 2/-; Church Boxes, £3; Miss B. Weymouth, 2/-; Miss A. Harrap, 2/-.

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

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Carol Dianne Adams, Jane Wintha Quon, Marlene Alice Bennett, Wayne Leslie Keating, Peter Rex Alford, Ian Leonard Howard, Rodney Maxwell Langridge, Diane Mackenzie, Judith Anne Keeling, Constance Newton West, David John Murray.

#### MARRIAGES

Mervyn John Hudson and Jean Amelia Pearton, Kenneth George Neal and Janet Barbara Walker, Geoffrey Davis and Nancy Gwen Harris, Laurie Thomas Charles Mills and Keitha Lenna Summers, Ivan Arthur Reid and Edna Fay White, Albert Horace Lyll, Watkins and Emily Jane Keefe.

#### AT REST

Lydia Margaret Burns, Freda Isobel Martin, Dragomir Trajkovic, Louisa Emma Shea, Gwendoline Mavis Blackberry, Beatrice Christina Ferguson.

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 C.M.S. Summer School gave us challenging and up-to-date facts about the missionary work being done in other lands, especially in Persia, India and Tanganyika. We would like to thank Rev. H. C. Gurney, Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Pullen, and Deaconess Ruth Jackson for their addresses, and I am sure that as a result of

their visit we shall have a more personal interest in their work and remember them each in our prayers. We are most grateful, too, to Bishop Donald Baker, the Chairman of the Summer School, for his inspiring and scholarly devotional talks, which we shall long remember.

Missionaries are labouring as our representatives in the field, and they rely on us to support them. Give your help and co-operation to our own parish missionary groups—the Missionary Service League and the Women's Medical Missionary Auxiliary. Take a Missionary Box, become a subscriber to the missionary magazine, "The Open Door," and read what is going on. In these and other ways you can help forward the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

This month we are called once again, during the sacred season of Holy Week and Easter, to meditate on the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When John the Baptist directed his own disciples to Jesus, he spoke of Him as "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." This title of Our Lord is connected with the prophecy of Isaiah, chapter 53, which is the most quoted Old Testament message in early Christian literature. We know that the death of Jesus on the Cross was for our salvation, and it is for us to accept, by Repentance and Faith, that "full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world."

The Gloom of Calvary was soon dispelled by the Joy of the Empty Tomb. Jesus had risen; death had no more dominion over Him. His resurrection gives us an assurance of life after death. Christ was the first fruits of them that slept. St. John the Divine in the book of "The Revelation" speaks of Jesus in Heaven as "The Lamb." The redeemed stand before the throne of God, and "The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their Shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life; and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Let us learn again the full meaning of surrender to Him Who is "The Lamb of God," striving to show ourselves thankful for that free gift of Salvation by living more faithfully according to His will.

May this sacred season be a time of spiritual blessing for us all.

With every good wish—  
Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### ST. OSWALDS, TREVALLYN

The Women's Guild had a well-attended meeting last month, when a printed card with the Guild Prayer and the Syllabus for 1951 was distributed. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21st March, at 3 p.m. As this will be in Holy Week, there will be a service in the church with an address, after which members will go into the hall. All women are invited to attend.

During Lent Mr. Stewart is holding mid-week devotional services on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. On Good Friday there will be a service at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. on Easter Day, when there will also be Evensong at 7 p.m.

At the February Vestry meeting further consideration was given to the building of a church cottage at St. Oswalds. It is expected that a report will be made to parishioners at an early date.

The painting of the Church and Hall has been completed and they now look very fresh and clean.

A Youth Fellowship has been formed, which meets in St. Oswald's Hall on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. All young people of 14 and over are invited to join.

#### ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

As many will be away for Easter, it has been decided to hold our Temple Day on Sunday, 1st April, when there will be a special service at 7 p.m. All are asked to help us in reaching our objective of £50 for the work of our church.

#### ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION.

The first meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, 22nd April, the day before Good Friday, at 2.45 p.m. There will be a devotional service in church, with a short address. All women of our parish are invited to attend.

#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SPECIAL SERVICES

Monday—7 a.m., Holy Communion.  
Tuesday—7 a.m., Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m., Devotions.  
Wednesday—7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m., Holy Communion.  
7.30 p.m., Devotions.  
Thursday—2.45 p.m., Women's Service.  
8 p.m., Holy Communion.  
GOOD FRIDAY  
8 a.m., Litany and Ante-Communion.  
10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer.  
1 to 3 p.m., Devotions on "Seven Words."  
7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.

#### EASTER DAY

6, 7, 8 a.m., Holy Communion.  
10.45 a.m., Matins and Holy Comm.  
7 p.m., Evensong.

#### CLASSES FOR Th.A. STUDY

A number have indicated their interest in the proposal to form classes in Launceston for the purpose of studying the course leading to the diploma of "Associate in Theology" (Th.A.), awarded after examination by the Australian College of Theology.

The Rector will be glad to give information, and asks all interested to meet him at the Rectory after evening service on Sunday, 4th March, when Miss Beryl Sweetman, Diocesan Youth Organiser, will be present.

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

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 4th March, at 5 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall, when the speaker will be Mr. L. E. Amos, Principal of the Launceston Technical School, whose subject will be "Secondary Education." All men of the parish, together with their friends, are invited to attend.

#### CHOIR NOTES

During Mr. O'Neill's absence on a well-earned holiday we were most fortunate to have the help of Mr. C. W. Barton, who played for the Sunday services and conducted the choir practices. We would like to thank Mr. Barton for all that he has done to assist us, and hope that he will be able to renew his association with us from time to time.

We are busy practising the music of the "Crucifixion" (Stainer), which will be sung before Easter. Some mechanical trouble in the organ has caused concern, and steps are being taken to have necessary adjustments made.

#### RURAL DECANAL CONFERENCE

The Rural Decanal Conference will be held in St. John's Hall on Thursday, 8th March, at 8 p.m., when matters of common interest to parishes in Launceston and district will be discussed. The Lord Bishop of Tasmania will attend. The Rural Dean, Canon F. H. Lansdell, is anxious to have items for the agenda as soon as possible.

#### PARISH FAIR PROPOSED

At the request of the church warden and vestry, a proposal to hold a parish fair in aid of church funds was considered by a preliminary meeting of members of parish organisations and others interested. It was felt by those present that the suggestion was a good one, and would receive the full support of parishioners. Another meeting will be held after evening service on Sunday, 1st April, when representatives from parish organisations will discuss definite plans.

#### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Our first meeting for the year will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday, 6th March, at 7.30 p.m. It will also be the annual G.F.S. Council meeting, which has been arranged earlier this year in connection with the conferences of churchwomen's organisations being held in Launceston. It is hoped that all members will attend.

#### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now that we have settled down for the year's work, we are glad to see a goodly number of children in our Sunday School. If there are children not

attending Sunday School, and whose parents would like them to, we would be very glad to welcome them. Sunday School is held every Sunday morning from 9.45 to 10.45 a.m.

On Sunday, 11th February, the Rev. H. C. Gurney, a missionary from Iran, visiting Tasmania in connection with the C.M.S. Summer School, gave a most interesting address to the scholars and teachers.

We would like the parents to encourage the children to use the Lenten Missionary Boxes which have been given out. These are to be returned on Palm Sunday or Easter Day.

The Rector and Superintendents of the Kindergarten and Senior Sunday School would be glad to hear of any who would be willing to offer themselves as teachers.

#### KINDERGARTEN NOTES

We were pleased to see the number of children present when Sunday School reopened after the holidays. Twelve children were moved up, and others will be as soon as they return to school. We welcome many new children who will fill the places of those promoted.

We shall miss Miss Nancy Clark and Miss Kathleen Bilton, who have left Launceston for school teaching in the country. We welcome Miss Marie Potter as a teacher, but really need three more helpers. Who will help us in this important work from 9.45 to 10.45 a.m. each Sunday?

—E.K.

#### C.E.B.S.

We held our first meeting for the year on 19th February, and are looking forward to many enjoyable evenings with interesting programmes. Our chief need at present is for more equipment. Who will donate a pair of boxing gloves or a medicine ball? We also need a large padded mat suitable for wrestling. Mr. F. Stewart will be glad to give full information about these things. He will also be glad to hear of new members. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall on alternate Monday nights at 7 p.m.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEA

A Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Palm Sunday, 18th March, at 5 p.m. All young people are invited to come.

#### M.M.A.

Members of the Medical Missionary Auxiliary will hold their first meeting for the year on Wednesday, 14th March, at 2.45 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. The meetings usually take place on the first Wednesday in each month, but on account of the united meetings of churchwomen being held