

p.m. the talk will deal with the medical work of C.M.S. in Tanganyika. New members will be welcomed.

#### G. F. S.

G.F.S. members met for tea at 6 p.m. on 1st May, and later a demonstration of glove making was given by Miss M. Crow. This was very interesting and members are now busy making gloves of kid and chamois; a small prize will be given for the best pair.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June, when a demonstration in hat making will be given by Miss B. Bungey.

#### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TEA

A Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 20th May, at 5 p.m. when the speaker will be the Rev. L. S. Dudley, the Rector of St. Paul's, Launceston. All young people are cordially invited to come.

#### ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Saturday, 31st March a number of our teachers attended a meeting of the Northern Tasmanian Sunday School Teachers' Association held at St. George's, Invermay. The meeting which was attended by about sixty teachers was presided over by the Bishop. During the afternoon Mr. Lindsay O'Neill gave a very interesting address on "Music in the Sunday School." This was followed by a talk and demonstration on the use of the flannel-graph by Miss Beryl Sweetman, the Diocesan Youth Organiser. The afternoon session closed with a service in the church at which the Bishop gave the address. After the service there was a basket tea and this was followed by a discussion on Sunday School examinations.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Association would be held at St. Aidan's on Saturday 30th June, it is hoped that all teachers will endeavour to be present.

Following an appeal for more choir boys made by Mr. O'Neill four more of our boys have joined the Junior Choir.

On Sunday 8th April the whole Sunday School attended a special children's Harvest Festival Service in the church. It is hoped to make this an annual Service for the Sunday School.

The film strip "The Day's Work," from the series "2000 Years Ago" was shown by the Rector to the

whole Sunday School on 29th April. It depicted the work of a typical carpenter and potter in the time of our Lord and gave some scenes of the evening meal in a home. Film strips are shown to the children usually about once a month.

#### ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB

The annual meeting was held on 18th April. The usual business took place and in appreciation of their interest and sportsmanship, Mrs. W. Greenwood and Miss D. Fowler were elected life members of the club. Members are keen and commenced the season's play on Wednesday 25th April. We play each Wednesday from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. There are vacancies for new members and all interested are asked to contact Miss Marie Murgatroyd (Secretary), Mr. A. Murgatroyd (Captain) or Miss I. Oates (Treasurer).

#### "PARISH MESSENGER"

Mrs. L. Lakin 4/-, Mr. L. O'Neill 10/6, Mrs. Anderson 1/-, Mrs. Best 1/-, Mr. F. Jones 6/6, Misses Sutton 6/-, Anonymous 10/-, Miss E. Martin 4/-, Mrs. Edwards 2/-, Mrs. Gallo-way 10/-.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

Charles Royden Bassett, Colin Wain Hodgman, Cheryl Jane Berwick, Anne Maree Reid, Edward Scott Hodgetts, William Geoffrey Terry, Shirley Elizabeth Baker, Jennifer Anne Holding, Susanne Elizabeth Thwaites, Tony Stephen Barker, Megan Parnell Hutchinson, Sally Kathleen Jackson, Terry Kenneth Brient, Christopher John Reinmuth, Helen Maree Cocker, Frank Michael Stewart, Bryan Edgar Smith, Diane Maree White, Christopher John Bishop.

#### MARRIAGES

Kenneth Hutchins and Florence Ivy Heazlewood, Constance Peter Tsakires and Mavis Norma Higgins, Raymond George Nas and Betty Dorothy Goodger, Arthur Mervyn Scoilyer and Dorothy Jean Rodman, Bryan Martin Miller and Valerie Irma Graham, David Reece Mackrill and Shirley Grace Taylor, Raymond Frederick Kearnes and Betty Margaret Gibson, Robert Thomas Francis Flach and Mary Irvine Friend, Ian Wragg and Merle Hogan, Michal Bochenek and Rita Mary Brooks.

#### AT REST

Zilla Von Stieglitz, Helen Maree Coker, Thomas Jones Davies. 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.  
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 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), 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: Mr. 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,

This month we are celebrating the opening of the first parliament of the Australian Commonwealth which took place in Melbourne on 9th May, 1901. The historic ceremony was performed by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and began with an act of worship and prayer. After the singing of the "Old Hundredth," the Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun, read the state prayers for the King and the Royal Family, and then this prayer for the Commonwealth:

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to regard with thy merciful favour the people of this land, now united in one Commonwealth. We pray for thy servants the Governor-General, the Governors of the states and all who are or shall be associated with them in the administration of their several offices. We pray thee at this time to vouchsafe thy special blessing upon the Federal Parliament now assembling for their first session, and that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory and to the true welfare of the people of Australia, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hast taught us, when we pray to say: Our Father . . ."

Earlier, on the 1st January in the same year, at the ceremony of the inauguration of the Commonwealth, which was held in Sydney, the Archbishop used a prayer which had been composed by Baron Tennyson, son of the late Poet Laureate; "We beseech Thee, grant unto this union thy grace and heavenly benediction, that a strong people may arise to hallow thy name, to do justly, and to love mercy.

We pray Thee to make our Empire always a faithful and fearless leader among the nations in all that is good, and to bless our beloved Queen and those who are put in authority under her, more especially in this land. Let thy Wisdom be their guide, strengthen them in uprightness, and vouchsafe

that all things may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be deepened among us."

In this Jubilee Year we do well to remember this initial emphasis given to prayers for Divine Blessing upon our Australian Commonwealth when it began fifty years ago. May we continue to pray for that same Divine Blessing in the years that lie ahead. When we come to the festival of Whitsuntide this month, may we pray especially for those who have the great responsibility of government in these difficult times of changing world order, that they may seek for, and be conscious of the Guidance of God's Holy Spirit.

With all good wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

#### ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

We wish to thank all members who worked so hard to make two functions so successful. The American Tea raised £10/10/-, and the Jubilee Sale £37/8/-.

The Guest speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday, 16th May, will be Miss Myrtle Burrows who will speak on Floral Decorating.  
D. Fowell.

#### ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH COTTAGE

At the April meeting of St. Oswald's Vestry suggested plans for the proposed Church Cottage to be erected on the church property were carefully considered. The churchwardens were asked to take steps to have the matter brought before the Diocesan Council for approval after which a meeting of parishioners will be called. The Vestry were confident in their belief that members of the Church of England resident at Trevallyn, Riverside and Cormiston would give their full financial support to this forward move which will result in having an Anglican clergyman living in their district. Any advance donations for the Building Fund received now will greatly encourage us in our plans. These may be sent to Mr. J. N. Gee, 12 Osborne Ave., Trevallyn (churchwarden), or any other members of the Vestry.

#### ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The Ladies' Guild conducted a stall and were given the door takings at the annual Cormiston Cricket Club Break-up. The proceeds of the evening were over £20. The Guild wishes to thank all who donated gifts for the stall and other helpers, and also the members of the Cricket Club for their co-operation.

The offerings for Temple Day have now exceeded £20 and parishioners may still return their envelopes at future services.

In connection with the Commonwealth Jubilee Festival a Young

People's Service was held at St. David's when children from the Cormiston School attended.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held on the Third Wednesday of this month, 16th May.

#### CONFIRMATION

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 next month and those desiring to attend are asked to give their names and addresses to the Rector now. The Bishop requires that candidates should be not less than twelve years of age. Fourteen years is often found a suitable age.

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th May, at 2.45 p.m. commencing with a service in the chapel. The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held in the Kindergarten Hall. All members are specially asked to attend.

We were glad to welcome three new members at our April meeting when there were about fifty present. The Rector spoke of the teaching of the Marriage Service.

The Annual Musical Market in support of the Diocesan Children's Homes will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 30th May, at 3 o'clock. Donations and parcels may be left at the Rectory.

#### JUBILEE SHOW AND FAIR

This year, the Jubilee Year of Federation, most people will be attending some function or celebration in commemoration of our Commonwealth.

St. Johns have found it very necessary to hold a Jubilee Fair later in the year, not only as a celebration but far more important, to raise a considerable fund, if possible, in aid of the Church.

We anticipate this Fair to embody a show section and a stall section and to be staffed by the many willing helpers of the church.

A number of business houses have promised to support our Fair with prizes and donations which is a start and gives us heart for greater effort.

I would like to stress to all parishioners and friends of St. Johns, the importance of this Fair and the real necessity for a whole-hearted and combined effort.

We would like to aim at a target of £500, which is quite within the possibilities, provided everybody accepts their responsibilities. This means that you and I must start to-day and for the next six months exploit every channel to raise funds. If 500 of our some 1500 parishioners of St. Johns were able to make an individual effort of £1, either raised or by donation, the work entailed by the active members of the Church

would not be wasted. I do sincerely ask you to earnestly assist in this our most important work. St. Johns is a church we all love and now is the time to show our real and material appreciation.

Each monthly issue of this paper will contain a money thermometer and I would ask you to watch and make it rise.

The Joint Secretaries will be willing to accept any monies at any time.  
Bank Account: £1.

#### CHOIR NOTES

Four new boys have found their way into the choir. This brings the total number of junior boy choristers on the roll to 17, which is, without doubt, a promising sign. Attendances of boys at practices lately has also been encouraging and a keener interest and enthusiasm is beginning to develop among them.

We could still do with more boys, provided that they have reasonable voices and in this regard I would be most grateful to hear from any parents in our congregation who have boys who would be interested, when I would be pleased to give any information regarding choir membership, practices etc.

L. O'N.

#### ST. OSWALD'S YOUTH NOTES

On Friday evening April 20th. the Christ Church Congregational Youth Fellowship joined with us in a combined Social. This proved to be a very happy evening, and shortly we hope to visit this Group on a return visit.

Sunday April 22nd. was Fellowship Tea night. Even though our numbers were small for some unknown reason, a very successful tea was held when we welcomed Rev. G. M. Browne Grammar School as our speaker. Also we were pleased to have the Rector joining with us.

Our Fellowship continues to function well and we would remind young people of the district that we meet 7.30 every Friday evening, and young people 14 years and over will be made welcome.

Finally I would make an appeal for some kind person in the district who would feel so disposed to donate a deck Tennis set for use in our group, and any donations of equipment will be gratefully accepted. I would also ask that parents and friends take an interest in our work.

G. RADFORD,

Leader St. Oswald's Fellowship

#### C.E.F.

The C.E.F. had two Games Evenings during April which, now the cold weather has arrived and energy is overflowing, were enjoyed by all.

We were pleased to welcome another two new members on Friday, 6th April, being two young men who recently arrived from England to settle here and hope they will enjoy Fellowship with us. It is very encouraging to welcome new members into the Fellowship but we do still want to see our old members present too, as the C.E.F. are now working hard to help raise funds for our own Church Funds and need the support of all members.

Let's see what the C.E.F. can do towards helping their Church at this needful time.

H.M.

#### M. S. L.

Last month the Rector gave an outline of Christian missionary work in Tanganyika from the time of David Livingstone to the present day. At this meeting we were pleased to have a visit from the chairman of the St. Mary's Caulfield (Vic.) branch of M.S.L. At our next meeting on Tuesday, 15th May at 7.30