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Monthly News from the Mother Church of Launceston, Tasmania.

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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. Easther.  
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 1.  
Churchwardens: Messrs. P. H. Holmes, T. J. Hayes (Secretary and Treasurer), and C. J. S. Sanderson.

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Since my last letter Canon Bryan Green has visited us and given his inspiring and challenging message. What are we going to do about it? He did not say anything new, but brought us back to the central truth of the Christian Gospel. Through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour we can enjoy a life of personal relationship with God. That life is a life of fellowship with Him, and demands of us that we should enter into the fellowship of His family which is the Church. The Christian life is a life of freedom, growth, and discovery; it involves a moral struggle with the lower tendencies of human nature, for which God gives us spiritual power. It is a life of humility, for there is no such thing as a "self-made Christian." Conversion is not the end but the beginning of the pilgrimage of faith. We learn the reality of Sin and the Love of God which alone enables us to live the victorious life. May we all prayerfully consider these truths and re-dedicate our lives to God in Jesus Christ.

At the end of this month I shall complete the second year of my ministry as Rector of St. John's Church. The anniversary of my institution to the parish falls on Sunday, 30th September, and I hope that many will be able to worship with me that day at the 8 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, or at later services, to thank God for His many blessings to us in the past and pray for grace to know His guidance and will for the future. May I add how much my wife and I have appreciated the help and friendship which we have received since we came to Launceston.

Next month we are to have our Jubilee Year Show and Fair. The organisers and their helpers have put a great deal of hard work and interest into preparations already made. I hope every parishioner will keep the day free—Saturday, 27th October—and come with their friends to make the Fair a great success. Stallholders would be most encouraged to receive gifts for their stalls. These may be left at the Rectory.

This month I have to attend Synod in Hobart, and two weeks later the Federal Council of C.M.S. in Melbourne. These meetings remind us of the wider life of our church.

With all good wishes—

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

## JUBILEE SHOW AND FAIR

Saturday, October 27

Now is the time to begin in earnest and plan the exact nature of the Fair. We have only two months to go and in that time there is much planning and work to be done. The Committee have asked for the names of the persons in charge of each stall with the idea that they will realise their responsibilities and start to get their stall together. Two very important factors must be realised. Firstly, our stalls must be well stocked. I know of many people who are doing a grand job and have already sold some of their goods. I sincerely hope there are many whom I have not heard of

who are preparing work for the stalls. Secondly, we must see that our Fair is well patronised and that we have the people there to buy the goods. We must advertise at every opportunity by telling the people you meet about St. John's Fair: when it is to be held and how worthwhile it will be for them to come along. We must all co-operate in these two main factors and don't leave it for the other person to do.

Again I have pleasure in acknowledging donations and monies handed in from organised entertainment. Miss R. Sutton, Mr. A. Jones and their helpers must be congratulated on their grand effort in Young Peoples' Talent Quest, which raised £30.

## ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

At the Annual meeting parishioners gave the Churchwardens and Vestry authority to purchase a suitable dwelling for a clergyman's residence as an alternative to building a cottage in the church grounds. This change of plans was made in view of the present rising cost of building and the long delays met in completing construction. Very satisfactory negotiations are now being finalised which, it is felt, will meet with general approval.

St. Oswald's Guild will hold their first Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 19th September, at 3 p.m. All members are urged to attend and intending members are assured of a warm welcome.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

"St. John's Parish Messenger" is printed in a new form this month with advertisements in order to reduce greatly increased cost of printing. More annual subscriptions urgently needed.

Acknowledgements: Mrs. W. Nillson 2/-, Mrs. E. Partridge 2/-, Mrs. Edwards 2/-, Miss A. Harrap £1, Misses E. & M. Gregory 5/-, Mrs. Best 2/-, Miss Richardson 3/-, Mrs. C. Saul 10/-.

Missionary Boxes should be returned this month for quarterly opening.

Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 7th October, at 11 a.m.

Jungle Doctor No. 3, Dr. Norman Powys of Tanganyika, will preach in St. John's at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 16th September. He will also speak at the Youth Fellowship Tea that same evening, at 5 p.m.

Broadland House School Fair will be held at the school on Saturday, 29th September, at 2.30 p.m. All are asked to help this effort which it is hoped will result in paying off the debt on the tennis court.

Homoeopathic Hospital Auxiliary (St. Luke's) invite you and your friends to a Musical Afternoon and Stall in Chalmers Hall, St. John St., on Wednesday, 26th September. Admission and Afternoon Tea 2/-.

Diocesan Synod is meeting in Hobart from 10th to 13th September.

St. David's, Cormiston, has a fine new Notice Board. Our thanks again to those responsible.

## PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Mothers' Union will have an Admission Service at their next meeting on Thursday, 27th September at 2.45 p.m. As the Rector will be in Melbourne for C.M.S. Federal Council that week, the Rev. L. S. Dudley of St. Paul's will take the service. Mrs. Sutton has invited all intending members to the Rectory for afternoon tea on the Thursday before, 20th September.

C.E.M.S. had their annual meeting and election of officers this month when the retiring President, Mr. F. R. Dowse was thanked for his help and Mr. M. L. Cox was nominated as his successor. Mr. Cliff Targett is the new secretary, and Mr. W. B. Beattie, Treasurer. The next meeting will be on 7th October.

Sunday School Teachers' Association will hold the next meeting in St. John's Parish Hall on Saturday, 29th September, at 2.30 p.m.

St. John's Tennis Club has commenced their play for the season and would welcome new members.

St. John's Choir is organising a Choral Concert for the Jubilee Fair on a large scale. With supporting artists an interesting programme will be presented. It will be held about the middle of October.

G.F.S. Annual Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 15th September at 3 p.m. For many years this effort has been held to raise money to purchase new carpet for the church. This has been unobtainable for years but has now arrived and is very expensive. Donations of money and goods will be much appreciated. Send along things for which you have no further use. They will help stock our 'White Elephant Stall'.

## PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism: Josephine Richardson, Louise Anne Hollis Browne, Alison Gay Henry, Sally Joan Midgley, Virginia Violet Abra, Amy Merlene Lowery, Gayle Patrice Whatley, Vicki Joy Crooks, Brenton Alan Peck, Carolyn Joy Peck, Susan Maree Armitage, Diane Patricia Tipping.

Marriages: Henry Edward Davidson and Edith Jane Blackburn, Ronald Derwent Fleming and Fay Rita Rees, Lyell John Willcox and Audrey May Armstrong, Robert John Barry and Edna Joyce Dennis, Vernon Frederick Allan and Maisie Langley, Alan Henry Porte and June Mary O'Toole, Everly Leigh Sadlier and Elsie Beatrice Jackson, John David Beveridge and Lily Pearl Stewart, Lindsay Roydon Duniam and Ellen Daisy Clarke, Robert Patrick Gerald Burns and Betty Radford, Lawrence Raymond Burnie and Merla Emily Murfet, Herbert William Morrison and Evelyn Esther Brown, Jack Burgoyne Scurrah and Marie Patricia McCafferty, Adolf Jan Kubiak and Edna Jean Carlson, Kenneth Jack Grant and Marie Frances Raynor.

At Rest: John Thomas Campbell, Valma Amy Woods, Constance May Bennett, William James Lowe, Henry Robert Bucknell, Louise Jane Cartwright. Our sincere sympathy is extended to those who have been bereaved.