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Launceston. Phone 525.

Curate: Rev. F. A. Stewart, 39 Bain Terrace, Trevallyn. Phone 542.

**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. R. W. J. Hart (Hon. Treasurer), F. R. Dowse, M. L. Cox, F. S. Carnie, M. M. Easther and I. H. Johnston.

Hon. Lay Reader: Mr. A. R. Prowse.

Sunday School Superintendents: Mr. T. E. Burns 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, 11 a.m. Women's Guild, 3 p.m. on Third Wednesdays.

Secretary of Guild: Mrs. H. B. Fowler, 20 Delamere Rd., Trevallyn.

Churchwardens: Messrs. H. B. Fowler, M. R. Plumridge and J. N. Gee.

Vestry: Messrs. E. D. Rogers (Secretary), P. de W. Gee (Treasurer), J. H. Bain, T. M. Tatlock-Goodrick, G. D. Robson and E. R. Fowell.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CORMISTON

Services: 3 p.m. First Sunday and 7 p.m. Third Sunday in the month.

St. David's Women's Guild: 2.30 p.m. on Second Wednesday.

Secretary of Guild: Mrs. J. K. Thomson.

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

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

The growth of the Sunday School is indicated by the attendance of 160 children one Sunday last month. Extra accommodation is urgently needed and a suggestion that additional rooms could be provided in the space under the church should be seriously considered very soon. More teachers are also needed. We hope many will offer to help in this most important work next year.

On Sunday, 30th November, the Junior Sunday School Festival was held when the Kindergarten children gave a beautiful presentation of the Nativity. The Rector thanked Mrs. D. Rogers, the Superintendent of the Junior Sunday School, and her helpers for the training of the little ones and the arrangements for the service. All the children received a prize or gift book. The Senior Sunday School Festival will be on Sunday, 15th December at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Rector will distribute the prizes in the afternoon and at both services special music will be sung.

Christmas Day Services will be; 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and 7.30 p.m. Evensong. On Christmas Eve at 7.30 p.m. a Communion preparation service will be held when it is hoped many will avail themselves of the opportunity of preparing for the Christmas season.

ST. OSWALD'S WOMEN'S GUILD

At the final meeting for 1952 we entertained members of St. David's Guild, Cormiston. Mesdames Sutton, Fowell, J. Gee and Miss Abra contributed to an enjoyable programme. This was followed by a talk on "Housekeeping in Mexico and Persia" by Lady James which was greatly appreciated. Members decided to make a donation towards Sunday School activities. The first meeting for 1953 on Wednesday, 18th February, will begin with a service in St. Oswald's Church.

ST. DAVID'S CORMISTON

The Guild has had a very successful year and we have been glad to welcome several new members. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th December. The first meeting for 1953 will be February.

We would like parents to note that a Sunday School is to commence at St. David's next year. Details will be announced later, in the meantime Mr. Stewart would like to have the names of all children who will attend and adults willing to help.

St. David's Christmas Communion service will be on Sunday, 28th December, at 9.45 a.m. There will be Carol service on Sunday, 21st December at 7 p.m. when the Rev. A. H. Roake will give the address.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

There was a large attendance of members for the last meeting of the year. Visitors were welcomed from St. Oswald's Guild and St. David's Cormiston. Songs rendered by Mrs. Goodyer were greatly enjoyed. Mesdames Sutton, Jacobs, Denham, Carlstrom and Best spoke of the help and encouragement and fellowship enjoyed as members of the Mothers' Union and all present, listening to the speakers, felt what a privilege it was to belong to the Mothers' Union and how we would like others to share it. An absent member, Mrs. J. M. Pardey, wrote of the happiness she had experienced in fellowship with members of the Mothers' Union, and enclosed a cheque for £50 to help any effort the M.U. is undertaking.

Members are invited to a service at Christ Church, Longford, and afterwards to afternoon tea at 'Bowen Lodge,' the home of Mrs. V. L. Ransom, on Wednesday, December 10th. Buses leave Webster Rometch Garage, the Quadrant, at 2.15 p.m. Fare about 4/- return.

"THE MESSIAH"

This year the Launceston Philharmonic Society is to present their seventh annual recital of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" in St. John's Church on Friday, 12th December, at 8 p.m. Mr. John H. Stephenson will conduct and Mr. Lindsay O'Neill will preside at the organ. The soloists will be Beryl Kekwick (soprano) Leslie Adams (tenor) Robert Payne (bass) and Iris Graham (contralto). This is the first time that the Philharmonic Society has given their recital in St. John's Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. G. M. Galloway 10/-; Mr. J. N. Gee 10/-, Mrs. Best 2/-, Mr. H. B. Brownrigg 4/-, Mrs. R. Gee 4/-, Mrs. Robson 3/-, Mrs. Cox 10/-.

Girls' Friendly Society: From the proceeds of their annual Fair the G.F.S. have sent £20 to the Diocesan Babies' Home, £5 to the Mail Bag Sunday School, and £20 has been banked in the Church Carpet Fund. Our G.F.S. will be in recess till Tuesday, 3rd March, 1953.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the Sunday evening service on 21st December, at 7 p.m. On Christmas Eve at 7.45 p.m. there will be community singing of Carols in St. John's Church to which all are invited.

The Churchwardens wish to thank parishioners for their response to the Annual Appeal for Church Funds.

There will be a Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve at 11.15 p.m. in St. John's Church.

The next issue of "Parish Messenger" will be in February.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We wish to thank parents and friends for donations of cakes and money for our Picnic. The Kindergarten Sunday School Christmas Tree and Prize Giving will be held in the Hall on Wednesday evening, 10th December, at 7.15 p.m. The Senior School Prize Giving and Break-up will be on Tuesday, 16th December, at 8 p.m.

C.M.S. SUMMER SCHOOL

The next C.M.S. Summer School will be held at St. John's from Sunday, 8th February, till the following Thursday. The Chairman will be the Rt. Rev. G. A. Chambers, the first Bishop of Central Tanganyika, who is now at the Embassy Church, Paris.

MISSIONARY BOXES

Parishioners are asked to hand in their Missionary Boxes as early as possible this month for the quarterly opening.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's on Christmas Day at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and after Matins at 10.45 a.m. There will be Evening Prayer at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PRIVATE COMMUNIONS

The Rector is anxious to arrange private celebrations of Holy Communion for the aged and sick at Christmas time. He would be most grateful to know, as early as possible, of those who desire this ministry.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Gifts of flowers for the Christmas decorations of the church will be most welcome. They should reach the church on Wednesday morning, 24th December. All members of the Flower Guild and other helpers are invited to assist.

XMAS REMEMBRANCE BOWL

Through the World Council of Churches an appeal is being made to all Christian homes to place on the Christmas Dinner Table a "Bowl of Remembrance" for donations to continue and extend urgent welfare work among child post-war victims in Europe, Middle-East and Korea, who are destitute. Let us contribute liberally for their relief. Donations may be sent to the Rector.

OLD FOLKS' TEA

The Annual Tea for Elderly Folk will be held in St. John's Parish Hall on Wednesday, 17th December. As usual St. John's parish will be responsible for a table, and for this good cause donations of money or of fruit, cakes, or other refreshments will be gratefully received.

HOLY BAPTISM

Julie Christine Davidson, Raymond Maxwell Cantwell, Christine Margaret McGrath, Peter Lloyd Rowberry, Shane William Farquhar, Allan Arthur Rouse, Kevin John Evans, Andree Joy Wingrove, Christopher Arnold Abineri, Steven John Davis, Rodney John Atkinson, Wendy Gaye Sluce, Jeffrey John Cowley, Pamela Margaret Garrard, Margaret Anne Willis Fysh, Sally Patricia Padman.

MARRIAGES

Geoffrey Leslie Beaumont and Pamela Gibbs; Graham James Dale and Cloreen Beverley Fitch; David Claude Penman and Judith Audrey Hosking; Keith Robert Morrison and June Edith Slater; Maxwell Walter Phillips and Barbara Wickham; Reginald Graeme Martin and Beverley Dawn Chandler; Harold Anthony Hepburn and Rita Margaret Burgess; Raymond Charles Bradmore and Audrey Elaine Russell; Gordon Thomas Moore and Dorothy Evelyn Johnston; Edwin James Johnstone and Kathleen Elizabeth Gill; Albert James Lewis and Geraldine Elizabeth Badkin; Maxwell Ronald Malcolm and Joycelyn Norma Buckley; Albert Edward Lyall Cunningham and Marjorie Amelia Atkins; Athol Arnot Edwards and Dawn Margaret Cinnamon; Maxwell Keith Robinson and Barbara Patricia May Garner; Albert Arthur Buller and Elsie May Airey.

AT REST

Frances Margaret Goyne, Marie Magdalene Boyes, Walter Edward Rainbow, Keith Digby Lewis, George Jones.

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