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Rector: Rev. L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory, 157 St. John St.,
Launceston. Phone 525.

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



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, M. L. Cox, R. H. E. Watson, M. M. Easther and F. R. Dowse.
Hon. Lay Readers: Messrs. A. R. Prowse and G. R. Radford.
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.
Vergers: Mr. T. G. Shadwick, 39 Elizabeth Street, Launceston.

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. 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), G. Robson, E. R. Fowell and J. H. Bain.

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. 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,

The annual meeting of the Tasmanian Council of Churches was held recently and revealed that much has been accomplished by the churches working together in co-operation. In Launceston for more than a year, weekly services have been conducted at the General Hospital, and two broadcast sessions given each Sunday over the local stations. From time to time combined gatherings are arranged to hear some prominent visiting speaker, and regular meetings are held when the ministers of the district together with representative laymen confer on matters of common concern and interest. At present a 'Home and Family Week' is being organised to take place in Launceston from 28th September to 5th October. Its purpose is to bring before people the Christian ideals of home and family life as the basis of true happiness for the individual and as the foundation of community welfare. Prominent speakers are coming from the mainland to give addresses and interesting displays and entertainment will be provided in the Albert Hall which will be the centre for meetings and activities. Encouraging co-operation has been shown in plans already made and it is anticipated that the experience of cities in other states and in New Zealand will be repeated here, in the very remarkable interest and influence aroused.

The Tasmanian Council of Churches is in effect the Tasmanian branch of the World Council of Churches. We are all conscious of the great need for more co-operation and unity among the churches than is sometimes apparent. It has been said that we may belong to different regiments and wear different uniforms but we are all soldiers in the one army of the one Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us never make the mistake of thinking that Unity is the same as Uniformity. Why should lack of uniformity suggest unhappy divisions? If we are really earnest in our desire for Unity and Co-operation in Religion let us join the Fellowship of the World Council of Churches at an annual subscription of a guinea which goes to meet the cost of administration in Geneva, Australia and Tasmania. We all give much more than this annually to our church. By this additional payment we will be joining and supporting the only world wide movement

for unity and common action by the Christian churches. I shall be glad to give further information and to accept subscriptions.

We had very encouraging attendances at our Easter services and on behalf of our Churchwardens I would like to thank you for the generous response to the annual Easter appeal. We were very glad that the Rev. A. H. Roake was able to be with us at St. John's and St. Oswald's. We were helped by his addresses.

We are very pleased to hear that Mr. T. G. Shadwick is making a steady recovery after his illness, and would like to thank Mrs. Shadwick for all that she has done to help us despite her worry and anxiety.

With good wishes,
Yours sincerely,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

During the past month our numbers in the Sunday School have been increasing steadily. In the Senior School we have three teachers and need at least four more. Once again we draw your attention to our need for more teachers. Can you help?

On the third Sunday in the month Matron Rogers of the Launceston Girls' Home gave the Fellowship an interesting talk on her duties and life in the Home. The next Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 25th May, at 5.15 p.m.

The Junior Fellowship has been formed and met for the first time on Monday 21st April under the leadership of Miss Pat Roberts. All young people from 12 to 15 years are invited to attend.

Donations towards robes for the Senior Choir have been received and any further donations may be handed to the Rector or Mr. Stewart.

The Harvest Festival services have been arranged for Sunday 18th May. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, groceries and flowers may be given to the Sunday School children or brought to the services which will be at 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Evensong.

The numbers at the Easter Festival services were very encouraging and the Junior Choir's assistance helped to make the season more festive. We wish to thank the parents who have made the choir robes for the children.

—F.A.S.

ST. OSWALD'S WOMEN'S GUILD

A most successful American Tea was held last month when over £15 was raised. We would like to thank all who helped. Our next meeting

will be on Wednesday, 21st May at 3 p.m. when Miss Burrows will be the speaker.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

Plans for the new vestry and meeting room at the church have been drawn and submitted for approval. It is hoped to make an early start on the work. In support of the building fund the Guild has arranged a Fancy Dress Social to be held in the Cormiston Sports Pavilion at 8 p.m. on Saturday 17th May. All friends are invited to give us their full support by attending the Social or sending along donations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"PARISH MESSENGER" — Donations: Mrs. Cox 2/-, Miss Douglas 2/-, Mrs. E. Grubb £1, 'A Parishioner' 10/-, Mrs. H. W. Butler 2/-, Mrs. A. J. Henigan 2/-, Mrs. C. L. Beech 2/-, Mrs. S. Best 1/-.

The Missionary Service League meets on Tuesday, 20th May, in the Rectory at 7.30 p.m. when Miss S. Brownrigg will give a talk on the life of Sir Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador.

At a meeting of parishioners held on 2nd April especially for the purpose, Messrs. F. H. Cookman and R. W. J. Hart were elected Lay Representatives in the Diocesan Synod for this parish.

CONFIRMATION has been arranged by the Bishop for Monday 6th October at 8 p.m. Preparation classes will commence next month and those desiring to be confirmed are asked to give their names and addresses to the Rector now. As a general rule candidates should be at least fourteen years of age.

ON ASCENSION DAY, Thursday, 22nd May, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. The usual Mothers' Union service will be held at 2.45 p.m. with meeting following. At 7.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with address.

We would thank C.E.M.S. Members for covering church kneelers with feltex by having a working-bee one evening last month.

Our Sunday School Parents' and Friends' Association is holding a Conversazione on Monday, 5th May in the Kindergarten Hall. All parents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. The Children's Harvest Festival service was well attended and many gifts were brought by the Sunday School. The Children's Lenten Offering amounted this year to more than £24 which will be forwarded to the C.M.S. A Junior

Worshippers' League is to be formed to encourage Sunday School children to attend the first part of the morning Church Service.

We welcome some new members to the Choir which is practising music for a special choral service to be arranged soon.

On Mothers' Day, 11th May, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and appropriate addresses given at the morning and evening services.

The Monthly Youth Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 18th May at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. All young people warmly invited to come.

Secretaries of Parish Organisations would give great assistance to the Rector by letting him have reports for the "Parish Messenger" not later than the last Monday in the month. This month the day is Monday 26th May.

HOLY BAPTISM

Peter Howson Collett, Gregory John Costello, Garry John Rusden, Craig Tullio Ellis, Leonie Belinda Willis, Kathleen Louise Parker, Julie Margaret Shepherd, Lesley Irene Fraser, John Rodney Erl Button, Penelope Godfrey.

MARRIAGES

Arthur Maxwell Rayner and Hazel Rose Gillie; William Donald D'Alton and Margaret Alice Shennan; Claude James Wickham and Margaret Caroline Chugg; Frank Lawrence Brewer and Norma Leonie Margaret Lowe; Ronald Farquhar and Shirley Dawn Burns; Walenty Zuj and Doris Olive Graves; Warren John Wade and Heather Lois Sutherland; Herbert John Quarry and Dorothy Margaret Gray; Noel Lee Madden and Rita Jean Chick; Roy Harold Thomas Abra and Dorothy Rebecca Keygan; Peter Gilbert and Barbara Jean Burston; Neil Harry Jory and Eileen Elizabeth Hallam; Leo Anthony Minol and Ruth May Hurst; Lincoln John Scott and Betty Isabella Buckney; Alwyn Hector Cummins and Shirley Doreen Bennett; Peter Coombe and Sylvia Audrey Abraham; James Stewart Roxburgh and Judith Weston Clark; Ronald Fielding and Barbara Jones; Charles John Gellion Cox and Lorraine Letitia Shennan; George Kenneth Faulkner and Jean Margaret Wallace.

AT REST

Rachel Elizabeth Peden, Edgar Thomas Walton, Leonard Francis Millwood, James Harry Stewart, Kate Purcell.

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