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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. Easter 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. E. R. Fowell, 6 Osborne Ave., Trevallyn. Phone 1579.
 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. 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,

This month marks the beginning of my fourth year as Rector of St. John's as I was instituted on 30th September, 1949. Mrs. Sutton and I are most grateful for the support and kindness which we have received since we came to Launceston. I am very conscious of many things still undone which I had hoped to do when I began my ministry here. However, as a parish we thankfully acknowledge God's guidance and help down through the years and must always remember that our work for His Kingdom is to be measured less by human plans and effort than by our desire to do His Will and seek His Help.

The Diocesan Synod which met last month was a time of happy fellowship and profitable discussions both for men and women. I have been elected to the Diocesan Council, the Council of Patronage for the Arch-deaconry of Launceston, and the Ordination Candidates' Council. While this means that time has to be given to matters outside St. John's, it also means that as a parish we are making a contribution to the wider life of the diocese.

The annual Confirmation service will be held on Monday, 6th October, at 8 p.m. There will be candidates from St. John's, St. Oswald's and St. David's and some thirty girls from Broadland House School. Most of them will make their first communion the following Sunday at 8 a.m. I hope all communicants will encourage them by coming to this service and welcoming them into their closer fellowship with the church. To form the habit of being regular and faithful communicants is to learn one of the most helpful ways of spiritual refreshment. Many of us are less frequent than we should be in attending the 8 o'clock celebrations of Holy Communion on Sunday mornings. Read through carefully the Exhortations in the Holy Communion service in the Prayer Book, especially the second one. You will find them immediately after the Prayer for the Church militant. I am sure they will give us much food for thought.

We extend our best wishes and greetings to the Rector and parishioners of Holy Trinity, Launceston, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of their present church. I am to give an address at the breakfast following the

Communion service on the Festival Sunday.

May I remind you of the annual Hospital service in connection with St. Luke's Day, to be held on Sunday, 19th October, at 7 p.m. The address will be given this year by Dr. Keverall McIntyre. Doctors and nurses will take part in the service and all connected with the medical profession are specially invited to attend.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

On Sunday, 12th October, at 7 p.m., the address at Evensong will be given by Mrs. C. G. Hayes, a C.M.S. Missionary from Hyderabad. Our Youth Fellowship welcomed Miss Rita Posa, Diocesan Youth Organiser, as speaker at our last Tea. Her talk on the opening words of the creed was greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, 15th October, at 8 p.m. the film "Great Discovery" will be screened. The entire cast is made up of Christian laymen and laywomen. This film will give a Christian answer to questioning people, especially the youth of the day.

Practice has begun for the Sunday School Festival and it is hoped that the children will attend regularly.

ST. OSWALD'S WOMEN'S GUILD

The annual meeting was held on 17th September, when our president, Mrs. L. N. Sutton, and Vice-Presidents, Mesdames F. A. Stewart and P. L. Crooks were re-elected. Mrs. H. B. Fowler was elected Secretary and Mrs. H. W. Humphris Treasurer. A warm expression of appreciation was afforded Mesdames E. R. Powell and M. Plumridge the retiring office bearers. Our guest speaker, Rev. C. W. Auldish, spoke of Home and Family Week. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th October, when arrangements will be made for the Fair to be held in St. Oswald's Hall on Saturday afternoon, 25th October.

It is hoped all members and helpers will attend. All donations and gifts for the Fair will be gratefully received. Remember the new date for the Fair, OCTOBER 25.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION

Last month at our service the Rector gave an address based on the three aims of the Mothers' Union and the 43 members present reaffirmed their vows to these ideals. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd October, at 2.45 p.m. when Mrs. W. H. Hill, of Longford, a for-

mer missionary in China, will be the speaker. The united M.U. Festival will be held at St. Paul's on Wednesday, 12th November, at 2.30 p.m.

C.E.M.S.

At the annual meeting held last month, Bro. I. H. Johnston was elected as President for the year, and Bros. C. F. Targett and F. Carnie Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 5th October, when the speaker will be Mr. A. A. Newton, who will give an illustrated talk on Ceylon.

SHILLING-IN FUND FOR HOMES

The C.E.M.S. has inaugurated a "Shilling in Fund" to assist the Diocesan Homes for Children. They are in dire financial need and the recent synod pledged its strong support. The plan is to make a quick drive throughout the diocese for a shilling donation from all our people and other friends who realise the great work the Homes are doing. The objective is 60,000 shillings, £3,000. Help us by collecting a 'bob' from friends, hand to C.E.M.S. members or the Rector.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Diocesan G.F.S. Exhibition of Needlework, Arts and Crafts, Cooking and Floral Work took place on Saturday, 27th September, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Bishop Cranswick introduced Mrs. Bright Parker, the Victorian organiser and Secretary of the Commonwealth Council of G.F.S. who opened the Exhibition and in the evening gave a talk with slides on G.F.S. work. Our St. John's branch with 136 points were again successful in winning the shield.

Our St. John's G.F.S. Annual Fair will be opened by Miss Rooney, on Saturday, 18th October, at 3 p.m. Donations of vegetables, cakes, etc., will be gratefully received. Please come to the Fair. Part proceeds will be for the Diocesan Babies' Home.

YOUTH SOCIAL

On Saturday, 11th October, St. John's C.E.F. are holding a Social in the Parish Hall, to which everyone is invited. Proceeds will be in aid of the Youth Camp at Sidmouth, and our own funds. Tickets are available from any member for 2/6 or you may pay when you come. An attractive programme has been arranged. The Fellowship meets every 2nd and 4th Monday in the month and all young people are invited to come along.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Parents' and Friends' Association

A Fair and Pedlars' Parade is to be held on Saturday, 25th October, at 2.45 p.m. to raise funds. Donations of goods or money, and offers of assistance will be gratefully accepted. In recent weeks our members have brightened up the Parish Hall by painting the window and door frames and hanging attractive floral curtains. The Fair is being organised to meet the cost of the curtain material and other expenses, and it is hoped that enough money will be raised to enable us to make a donation to the Sunday School Picnic Fund.

The Sunday School Teachers' Association met last month at St. Peter's when Miss Posa spoke on "The Junior Lesson" and Miss Rushforth on "The Development of the Imagination." The next meeting will be in March, 1953.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Because of 'Home and Family Week' it was decided to forego the October meeting so members are asked to note that the next meeting of St. John's auxiliary will be on Thursday, 6th November. In recent months we have supplied 6 dozen towels, 45 draw sheets and 72 sheets at a cost of approx. £160.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The M.S.L. will meet at the Rectory on Tuesday, 21st October, at 7.30 p.m.

Over £32 has been received for C.M.S. in the September opening of Missionary Boxes.

The morning service will be broadcast from St. John's on Sunday, 19th October, at 11 a.m.

Donations for 'Parish Messenger': Miss M. Johnstone, 10/-, Anon. 5/-.

HOLY BAPTISM

Warwick David Harris, Stephanie Robin Harris, Vonda Joan Burrill, Kathleen Isabel Smith, Bevin Lindsay Duniam, Julie Molloy, Peter Thomas Budgeon, Garry William Budgeon, Joylene Anne Chapman, Bruce Maxwell Kerham, Glynn Robert Morice, Leigh John Kelly, Wayne Raymond Clark, Leslie John Armstrong, David George Bird, Julie Mae Greenhatch, Christine Elizabeth Clark.

MARRIAGE

Noel Rowe Curtis and Constance May Squibb.

AT REST

Charles Henry Waddle, Mary Edwards, John Newell Barrett, Albert Edward Ruffin, Ida Rose Bennett.

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