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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.B.E., 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

SUNDAY SERVICES: 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Evensong. 11 a.m. Sunday School.
Women's Guild, 3 p.m. on Third Wednesdays. Secretary: 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, J. H. Bain, (Treasurer), T. M. Tatlock-Goodrick, G. D. Robson, E. R. Fowell, S. W. Stevenson, D. G. Wherrett and T. G. Calver.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CORMISTON

Services: 3 p.m. First Sunday and Third Sunday in the month.
Holy Communion: Fifth Sunday at 9.45 a.m.
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 N. D. James.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We have all been much encouraged by the attendance at the annual meetings in the parish. Brief reports of them are given in another paragraph. The most important matter that came up for consideration was the proposal that St. Oswald's Trevallyn, and St. David's Cormiston, might be formed into a separate parochial district under a clergyman to be nominated by the Bishop. St. John's promised their full support.

The proposal was accepted by St. Oswald's and St. David's. This was a tribute to the ministry of Rev. F. A. Stewart and the interest of the parishioners willing to progress and accept further responsibility for their church. Unfortunately, owing to an acute shortage of clergymen in Tasmania at the present time, there are vacant parishes and parochial districts both in the north and south of the diocese and it may be some time before the Bishop can act in the matter. We all realise that he has to plan for the welfare of the diocese as a whole and place clergymen where there is the greatest need. The present situation is a challenge to laymen everywhere to offer themselves for Church youth work and layreading as required so that when a clergyman is not available the organisation and witness of the church can continue. I shall be very glad to give full information to those wishing to help.

We extend our congratulations and good wishes to Archdeacon Dudley upon his appointment as Warden of Christ's College, Hobart. His scholastic training and pastoral experience will have full scope in his new duties which will include the training of theological students for the ministry. The importance of this work is underlined by what I have just written about the shortage of men in the ministry of the Anglican Church throughout the world. I would be glad to give a pamphlet about this need and opportunity to young men considering their vocation.

I have planned to visit Melbourne for the Federal Council Meetings of the Church Missionary Society which begin on Tuesday, 11th August, and continue till Thursday. One of the most important matters to be discussed is the South East Asia Challenge to the Christian Church. C.M.S. has undertaken to raise fifty thousand pounds for new missionary work in these countries so close to Australia. The A.B.M. has done the same. We in Tasmania will want to

take our full share of this new responsibility. I invite you all to come to the state Annual Meeting of C.M.S. to be held in St. John's Kindergarten, on Friday, 28th August, at 8 p.m. The Bishop will preside.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

St. John's.—Some fifty parishioners attended and adopted the Churchwardens' Report and Balance Sheet which have been printed and distributed. The Churchwardens and Vestrymen were re-elected for the next twelve months. The Sunday School, Choir and parish organisations presented their reports which revealed progress and enthusiasm. A motion was passed supporting the move of the Council of Churches against organised Sunday Sport. Attention was drawn to the desire for more social fellowship among parishioners especially the young people.

St. Oswald's.—More than forty parishioners attended and before the business of the annual meeting began a full discussion took place concerning the proposal that St. Oswald's might become a Parochial District in charge of a clergyman to be nominated by the Bishop. After careful consideration it was decided to accept the proposal. The Churchwardens' Reports indicated remarkable progress during the year which was due to the active and faithful ministry of Mr. Stewart and the support and co-operation afforded him by parishioners who appreciated having a priest resident at Trevallyn. The Sunday School, Choir, Guild and Fellowship reports were warmly received and the Churchwardens and Vestrymen re-elected for a further twelve months. The Vestry was enlarged by three additional members: Messrs. S. W. Stevenson, D. G. Wetherett and T. G. Calver.

St. David's.—Despite a very wet afternoon a representative gathering of parishioners attended and adopted the Report and Balance Sheet. Messrs. P. H. Holmes and T. J. Hayes were re-elected people's wardens, Mr. N. D. James was nominated as Rector's warden. In the event of the formation of a new parochial district it was agreed that St. David's would give its full support.

MOTHERS' UNION

The speaker at our last meeting was Rev. F. A. Stewart whose address was greatly appreciated. The £70 received as the result of our Musical Market has been sent to the Diocesan Children's Homes. Mrs. Sutton reminded members that St.

John's branch of the M.U. was 50 years old on 12th November, 1953. It was suggested that we have a special service of thanksgiving in Church at 11 o'clock on the Sunday nearest to this date, members of M.U. attending in a body; also that representatives from other branches be invited to our November meeting. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 27th August, at 2.45 p.m. when the speaker will be Mrs. W. E. Northey. In support of the annual "Wave of Prayer" members of the M.U. are asked to try and be at St. John's Church on Tuesday, 18th August, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. to keep our time in the intercessions.

On Wednesday, 12th August at 8 p.m. a meeting of younger women will be held in the Rectory for the purpose of forming a group of mothers who are unable to leave young families to attend afternoon meetings. The proposed group will have the same ideals and objects as the Mothers' Union which seeks to promote Christian home and family life and the religious training of children. A very cordial invitation is extended to all interested and able to come.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

At the July meeting of the Guild the Rector outlined the proposal to create a Parochial District including Trevallyn and Cormiston. Later a Demonstration of Cake Icing was given by Mrs. H. Butler. A series of stalls are to be held at the Fire Reel Shed on the last Friday of each month. Donations of Cakes and Produce will be gratefully received. At our next meeting on Wednesday, 19th August, at 3 p.m. there will be a speaker.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The Guild will meet on Wednesday, 12th August, in the afternoon when all members and visitors will be welcomed. The children of the Sunday School are preparing a play to be given in the church at Christmas time. Under the direction of Mrs. Apted and her helpers much interest is being aroused. A very satisfactory report was given of church activities at the annual meeting. We welcome Mr. N. D. James as a new Churchwarden. Holy Communion on Sunday, 30th August, at 9.45 a.m. being the fifth Sunday in the month.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Teenagers' Evening will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday 29th August, at 8 p.m. A donation of 2/- will be used to provide a light supper. A popular programme for an enjoyable evening has been plan-

ned. All church young people are invited.

Glenview Homes for the Aged will benefit by a Button Day to be held on Friday, 2nd October. A meeting of representatives from St. John's and St. Oswald's is to be held on Thursday, 10th September, at 2.45 p.m. at 109 York Street. We want Church people to offer to sell buttons as all we sell goes towards our own Church Glenview Homes in Hobart. Mrs. Sutton will be glad to have offers of help.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, 16th August, at 5 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring some sandwiches or cakes. Tea provided. The speaker will be Bruce Dowse.

C.E.M.S.—On Sunday, 7th September, the annual meeting will be held at 4.45 p.m. with the annual reports and election of officers. The state annual meeting will be held in Hobart on Saturday, 29th August, at St. James', New Town.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary will hold an American Tea in the Kindergarten Hall on Wednesday, 26th August, at 2.30 p.m. All parishioners and their friends are invited.

American Tea in support of the funds of the Parents' and Friends' Association of the Sunday School will be held in St. John's Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd August. All Parents and parishioners are invited to come and give their support.

HOLY BAPTISM

Fay Ellen Rushton, Paul Francis Edwards, Paul McLean Waddingham, Jennier Margaret Roberts, Julie Anne Hoell, Anthony Geoffrey Walters, Barry Kevin Berwick, Christopher John Hudson, John Mark Purcell Hughes, Roger Charles McKenzie, Michael Thomas Muir, Keith Mervyn Belch, Carol Helen Johnson.

MARRIAGES

Maxwell Bert Baker and Merle Ada Brown; Roy Alvin Gilmore and Beverley Ann Collins; Kevin James Powell and Freda Jeanette Jordan; Frank William Thompson and Aileen Dawn Glover; Paul Grima and Betty June Thwaites.

AT REST

Frederick Roy Thomas, Mabel McKillop, Edith Ethel Davies, Lila Alvina Hughes, Reginald Slater, Mina Pauline Grubb, Eileen Veronica May Owen, George McKenzie Eddie, Violet May Maa Louey, May Gertrude Harrap, George Leonard Jones, Thomas Ellis Bagley, Nellie Grindrod.

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