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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 Elphia 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 and E. R. Fowell.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, CORMISTON

Services: 3 p.m. First Sunday and 7 p.m. 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 C. J. S. Sanderson.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on Tuesday, 2nd June, will be prominent in our minds this month. As we think of her dedicating herself to the service of the people of the Empire, let us remember her special request to each of us made in her Christmas broadcast: "I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me on that day—to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you all the days of my life." Our loyalty to the Queen will, I believe, lead each of us to do as she has asked. On the Sunday preceding the Coronation, Trinity Sunday, 31st May, Orders of Divine Service issued by Command of the Queen, will be used at St. John's at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. I hope most of you will be present at one or other of these services when special prayers will be offered for the Queen on the occasion of her Coronation. Should we not follow the Queen's example and also dedicate our lives to the service of God and our fellow man? Let us then pray for her, for ourselves and each other that we may all seek and follow God's guidance more faithfully.

During this month I hope to take as the subjects of my Sunday addresses themes which are related to the Coronation. On Coronation Day there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The Combined Anglican Teaching Mission held last month in our Parish Hall was found very helpful and interesting. Many attended each night while others missed only once. It demonstrated the unity which is at the root of our Anglican teaching and the fellowship which binds us together.

May I bring to the notice of our women folk the group of workers who meet on the first Wednesday afternoon in each month at 2.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall and sew for Medical Missions. The M.M.A. Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Carlstrom, 42 Elizabeth Street, would be glad to give any information and welcome new members to the meetings.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

A successful American Tea was held in place of our usual April

meeting. At our next meeting on Wednesday 20th May we are to entertain representatives from each Anglican Parish and hope all our own members will be present. A cream Pulpit Fall, a gift from the Guild, was dedicated by the Rector on Sunday, 3rd May, at Evensong. We are grateful to the members of the Flower Guild and all who helped with the beautiful decorations for Easter and Anzac Day (A. E. Fowler, Hon. Sec.).

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS' AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The first annual meeting was held on Monday, 4th May, when a very successful year was reported. The Association was formed at the suggestion of our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. T. E. Burns, with the idea of promoting greater co-operation between parents and teachers and assisting the Sunday School by supporting efforts to secure equipment and to improve furnishings, etc. The principal achievement during the year was the repainting of St. John's Hall and the supplying and hanging of new curtains. Last October a most successful Fair was held in the Hall which realised £65. Much remains to be done and the full co-operation of all parents and friends is needed if our objectives are to be attained. The annual subscription is 2/- per family or friend. The Chairman, Mr. R. H. Watson, Secretary, Mr. D. G. Thompson, and Treasurer, Mr. I. H. Johnston were thanked for their great interest and help during the year. They were re-elected to office but as Mr. Thompson regretted being unable to accept nomination again, Mr. F. B. Stevens was elected in his place. It was decided to present a Coronation portrait of Her Majesty the Queen to the Sunday School and parents and friends are invited to be present in the Hall on Sunday, 31st May, at 10.30 a.m. when the picture will be unveiled.

C.E.M.S.

At our last meeting a very interesting address on Trees was given by Mr. F. R. Dowse. It was reported that the hydraulic stage had been successfully constructed and was ready for use. Warm expressions of congratulations and thanks were extended to Mr. Max Cox who had taken the initiative in the project, and to all those who had assisted him in this joint C.E.M.S. effort. Members are to continue the work of covering church kneelers with feltex. Plans for the Travel Film Evening

by Mr. John Orchard on Tuesday, 26th May, were made.

At the next meeting on Sunday 7th June at 4.45 p.m. an address on the Coronation will be given.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Miss M. I. Johnstone, 10/-, Misses M. and E. Gregory, 5/-, Mr. F. J. Jones 4/-, Mrs. M. C. Robson 3/-, Mr. M. R. Plumridge 2/-.

Broadcast Service on National station at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 24th May.

Badminton Club has commenced playing as usual on Wednesday evenings. Mr. T. G. Calver (Sec.), will be glad to give information to intending members. Phone 2919.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in Kindergarten Hall on Sunday 17th May at 5 p.m. All young people warmly welcomed.

Vestry Meeting will be held this month on the third Wednesday, 20th May at 7.30 p.m. instead of second Wednesday.

Ascension Day: Thursday, 14th May, Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7.30 p.m.

Gifts to the Church—We gratefully acknowledge the gift of a White Burse and Veil by Mr. J. S. T. McGowen, and of two white book markers by a parishioner whose daughter was confirmed.

Girl Guides—The Annual Meeting of the South Launceston Girl Guide Local Association will be held on Wednesday, 27th May, at 7.45 p.m. at Margaret McIntyre House, Park Street, the Mayoress (Mrs. H. G. Pitt) presiding. The Guides and Brownies belonging to St. John's Church are in this district, and parents and friends are invited to attend and take an interest in the work which is enjoyed so much by their girls.

Harvest Festival Gifts were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, St. Giles Home and the Girls' Home. The Rector has received letters of appreciation and thanks.

Girls' Friendly Society—At the annual meeting held last month all office-bearers were re-elected and Miss D. Poole was appointed assistant secretary in place of Mrs. Olwyn Young. A satisfactory year of fellowship and service was reported.

Film Night—On Tuesday, 26th May another screening of Travel Films will be given by Mr. John Orchard in St. John's Hall. Keep the date free. Arrangements are in the hands of C.E.M.S. Tickets have been printed and will be sold at 2/- in aid of the Parish Hall Stage Fund.

Missionary Service League—Last month the Rector gave a talk on the present day situation of missions in Borneo, Indonesia and Malaya. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th May, at 7.30 p.m. in the Rectory when there will be a talk on Tanganyika.

Mothers' Union—Next meeting on Thursday 28th May will be our Annual Meeting when a full attendance of members is asked for. Last month Archdeacon Dudley spoke on "Human relationships in connection with the Mothers' Union."

Musical Market will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 4th June at 3 p.m. A Musical programme will be arranged. Proceeds for our Diocesan Children's Homes.

Sunday School Teachers are meeting on Friday evenings in the Rector's Vestry from 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. to study methods of teaching and to prepare the lessons in the syllabus. All teachers are welcomed.

HOLY BAPTISM

Dale Francis Burns, Patricia Dawn Bennett, Christopher John Beecroft, Lesley Ann Ferrall, Julie Ann Jones, Sallie Elizabeth Watts, Sherynne Maree Rainsford, Gary Coombe, Geoffrey Stuart James Gilmore, Wayne John Pearton, Susan Leslie Hooker, Susan May Holding, Philip John Wenn, Carolyn Joy Garwood, Kenneth William Kirkman.

MARRIAGES

Hilton Lindsay Miller and Esmá Mignon Marston, Geoffrey Gordon Wood and Joan Pearton, Karl Heinz David and Ellen Wernecke, William George Pinnington and Nancy May Pugh, Douglas Harris and Mary Catherine Jessop, Geoffrey William James Dimmack and Betty May Keygan, Leonard Holmes and Veronica Cleita Rigby, Arthur Joseph Artis and Millie Gwen Homan, Hans Antanas Seigs and Erica Marshall, Ernest Arthur Lamb and Sheila Alison Grace Price, Desmond John Neil and Nita June Kearnan, Geoffrey Woodgate and Cynthia Elaine Howard.

AT REST

Kenneth Wayne Robertson, Lenora Elizabeth Cox, Alfred Harrison Culen, William James Lincoln Claridge, Deborah Sue Griffiths, John Henry Robinson, Allan James Stewart, George Percy Hindes, Malcolm Boyd, George Dobson Norman, Terence Raymond Hatton, Charles Coombes, Thomas Romauld Tynan, Walter Herbert Bennett, Donald Fotheringham Gee, George D. McPhail.

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