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157 St. John St., Launceston. Phone 525.
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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.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,

Last month I completed my fourth year as Rector of St. John's. The time seems to have passed very quickly and many things which I had hoped to do have not been accomplished. And now as I think of my wider responsibilities I realise that there is more to do than before. However, we are most grateful for all the help and co-operation which we have received, and Mrs. Sutton joins me in thanking you for your friendship and kindness in so many ways. Whatever our vocation in life we should always try and remember that God has a plan for each of us to fulfil, and that He who has called us will help us and guide us in the way.

The Launceston Show which is being held this month is not only an indication of our prosperity and progress but also of God's goodness to us in this favoured land. In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to "Give us this day our daily bread" but I am afraid many of us forget to say "Thank you" to Him. The Bible teaches us that material prosperity is closely related to spiritual and moral standards. The best way we can express our gratitude is by living as He has revealed to us in the life and teaching of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The first communion of the newly confirmed will be on Sunday, 11th October, at 8 a.m.

On St. Luke's Day, Sunday, 18th October, we are to have our annual Hospital Service in St. John's at 7 p.m. when the address will be given by Dr. C. Craig and matrons and nurses from the Launceston hospitals will be invited to attend. Members of the medical profession will take part in the service and we extend a warm invitation to all parishioners to be present.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

The work here goes steadily forward and the attendances at the Family Communion on the third Sunday at 9.30 a.m. every month is encouraging. We feel sure that these services have a helpful influence in home life. We are privileged to have the Revd. George Rees as preacher on Sunday, 18th October, at 9.30 a.m., when he will be visiting Launceston for the Christian Endeavour Convention. This month there are to be six young people presented to the Bishop for Confirmation at St. John's at 8

p.m. on Wednesday, 7th October. They will receive their first Communion on the Sunday, 18th October, at 9.30 a.m. when it is hoped that all former candidates will be present to welcome them into full communicant membership of the church. The Vestry draws your attention to Weekly Free-will Offering Envelope System of contributing to the Church funds. Mr. Stewart will be glad to give full information. Essential and urgent repairs to the foundations of the church have been carried out at considerable expense, and in order to meet the cost the Vestry has arranged a Temple Day on Sunday, 25th October, when there will be special services at 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. and a Recital of Music at 3 p.m. Your liberal support is invited. Details will be published later. Once again Mr. J. N. Gee has begun to train the children for the Sunday School Festival which is to be held early in November; would parents help by seeing that children attend regularly.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

At our last meeting an interesting talk on "A Trip through the Holy Land" was given by Mrs. Bushby. Members agreed to sell buttons for the Homes' Appeal on 2nd October, and assist with the catering for the Christian Endeavour Welcome Tea on October 15th. A Stall is held the last Friday of each month at the Fire Reel.

The annual meeting of the Guild will be on Wednesday, 21st October, at 3 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all Parents and Friends of Sunday School children to attend with our regular members.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

The annual meeting of the Guild was very well attended with a number of visitors and new members. The report for the year showed that the Guild had been responsible for several additions and improvements to the church, and the financial statement showed a nice bank balance. It was decided to purchase curtains to screen off the sanctuary from the rest of the building. New officers were elected for the year 1953-1954. President, Mrs. Holmes; Vice-President, Mrs. Hayes; Secretary, Mrs. J. Thompson; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Kelb; Treasurer, Mrs. Mackey. We were very pleased to welcome Lady James as our Guest Speaker, whose travel talk was much appreciated. We were also glad to have with us the Rector and Mrs. Sutton, Rev. and Mrs. F. Stewart, Mrs. James, Snr., and Miss Arnold. We look forward to another successful year.

C.E.M.S.

To mark the completion and opening of the Hydraulic Stage in the Parish Hall the C.E.M.S. arranged a Variety Concert on Tuesday, 22nd September. Before the programme commenced the Rector explained how the C.E.M.S. members, under the leadership of Mr. Max Cox, had constructed the stage which supplied a long felt want. A short act of dedication followed and the stage was raised and lowered for the benefit of the audience. An excellent programme was presented by leading local artists to whom we extend our thanks. It is expected that about £15 will be added to the stage fund as a result of the evening. We thank all who assisted in making the concert a success especially the artists, accompanists, and Messrs. Findlays Pty. Ltd. who once again kindly loaned a piano for the evening. Our thanks also to Mrs. E. Cox for a donation of 10/- to the funds.

The work of covering the Church kneelers with feltex and padding has been completed by C.E.M.S. members and the congregation and church officers wish to thank them for their interest and effort in doing this very useful and necessary job.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 4th October at 4.45 p.m. when the speaker will be Rev. A. E. Palmer, of Holy Trinity, who will speak about the Church's work among men of the Merchant Navy.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

This month we are to have a visit from Doctor Kathleen Taylor and her husband Rev. Phillip Taylor, who have been doing such wonderful work in Persia in most difficult and dangerous conditions. Doctor Taylor is well known in Tasmania as the daughter of Bishop Blackwood who was formerly Archdeacon of Hobart. She will speak at a meeting in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Tuesday, 13th October, at 3 p.m. Rev. P. Taylor will preach at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 18th October and also give a talk with slides at the Christian Endeavour Missionary Centre at the Baptist Hall, 45 Brisbane Street (above City Motors) at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 16th October. We hope many will be able to attend these meetings and the service.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Notes" Donations: Mrs. A. Kent, 4/-, Miss E. Martin, 10/-, Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-, Mrs. A. A. Castley, 10/-.

Broadcast Service: The morning service on Sunday, 25th October, will

be broadcast over 7NT at 11 a.m. when the preacher will be Revd. Angus E. Palmer, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, formerly chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, Hobart.

Confirmation Service will be held at St. John's Church on Wednesday, 7th October at 8 p.m.

Annual G.F.S. Fair will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Saturday, 24th October. The opening ceremony will be performed by Miss Rooney at 3 p.m. Donations of vegetables, cakes etc., will be gratefully received. Proceeds will go towards the G.F.S. Church Carpet Fund and other church objects. Please come to the Fair.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 18th October at 5 p.m. All young people invited to come.

Sunday School Teachers are specially asked to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, 9th October, in the Rector's Vestry, when arrangements for the Sunday School Picnic, Festival and Prize Giving will be finalised. The Picnic has been planned for Saturday, 7th November, with the Sunday School Festival on Sunday, 15th November.

HOLY BAPTISM

Christine Anne Walsh, Helena Marree Sallas-Harros, Jennifer Ann Rose-lynn Archer, Wendy Ann Volkmer, Keryn Maree Ila Lethborg, Keiron William Rowe, Maxine Gail Talbot, Lynette Margaret Watts, Kim Douge, Phillip Douge, Tricia Douge, William Frank Lyne Youl, Roslyn Janine Lewis, Lynne Maree Farquhar.

MARRIAGES

Jeffery Allen Morris and Margaret Florence Burrows, Alan Edmund Roe and Pamela Mary Stewart, Alan Lionel Murrowood and Rona Frances Catterson, John Montgomery Maddox and Patricia Marie Shaw, Trevor Rupert Gerke and Norma Aileen Cole, Kevin Frank Stewart and Lorraine Dawn Tatnell, Geoffrey William Hiscock and Cynthia Rita Mayne, Peter John Lethlean and Barbara Henty Jones, Wladyslaw Kretowicz and Frances Aileen Taylor, Geoffrey Karl Lange and Irene Elizabeth Grandfield, Ernest Frederick Floyd and Betty Jones, Alan Donald Sutcliffe and Dawn Kathleen Linton.

AT REST

Phillip Geoffrey Davidson, Francis William Wing, John Stipek, Alexander William Heron, Fay Ellen Rush-ton, Wayne Alwyn Curran, Isabelle Mary Trethewie, Harold William Lowe, Edwin Baker, Linda Mabel McClymont.

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