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102a High Street, Launceston.



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. Easter and I. H. Johnston

Hon. Lay Readers: Messrs. A. R. Prowse and A. G. Hart.

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.
Sunday School: 10.30 a.m.

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. Sunday School: 11 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,

This month we remember once again, on Good Friday and Easter Day, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The assurance they give of God's forgiveness of sin, and of the victory of Life over Death, meet Man's greatest spiritual needs. While God freely offers us those blessings, it is for us to receive them joyfully by accepting Jesus as our Saviour and by following His way of life. This is no easy or formal matter. It calls for self-sacrifice and the living of a God-centred life. It demands courage and faith of a high order. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

To those who accept our Lord's invitation, life in this world and hereafter has a new meaning. Good Friday and Easter Day are not holidays, but holy days, when we strive to realise afresh the meaning and cost of Redemption, and re-dedicate ourselves to that kind of living over which, as Christ's Resurrection shows, death has no final power.

Special services will be held on Good Friday and Easter Day and I hope that all will attend one or other of them. Easter Day is one of the great festivals of the Church when every confirmed Anglican should take Holy Communion. For this to be an act of worship acceptable to God and a blessing to the communicant there must be prayerful preparation with repentance and the sincere resolve to live a new life "walking from henceforth in God's holy ways." Careless and infrequent communions may mean very little.

I would like to draw your attention to the monthly diocesan paper called "The Church News" which is the only publication giving news of the diocese and information about happenings in other parishes. It contains a monthly letter from the Bishop and also from Mrs. Cranswick, besides articles of general interest. The subscription is only 5/- a year and I am sure that all churchpeople interested in the wider life of the Church of England in Tasmania would find it full of news. I think there are many parishioners who don't know about this very readable paper for I hear that other parishes have more subscribers than we have. May I suggest that, if you do not already receive it, you become a subscriber. I shall be very glad to receive your subscription (5/-) and arrange for "The Church News" to be sent to you.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

On Palm Sunday, 11th April, there will be a Family Service at 10.30 a.m. when Palm crosses will be distributed and Lenten Mission Boxes received. Evensong, at 7 p.m., will be followed by a Social Hour in the Hall, when Dr. Engisch will speak on "The Church and Healing." On Good Friday there will be a service at 10 a.m. —Litany and Ante-Communion. On Easter Day Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and there will be Festal Evensong at 7 p.m. We would like to thank Rev. Angus E. Palmer, Rector of Holy Trinity, for conducting the Mid-week Lenten Devotions.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

The membership of the Guild has grown this year and we hope to contact more Anglicans from the Hydro Village. A letter from Mrs. G. Rees describing the Queen's arrival in Sydney, the service which she attended at St. Andrew's Cathedral, and the Archbishop's Reception, was read by Mrs. Richards at our March meeting. Members will help at the Rest

Room for the Aged on Thursday, 22nd April. At our next meeting on Wednesday, 21st April, at 3 p.m., there will be a Singer Sewing Machine demonstration. All visitors will be warmly welcomed.

GUILD SYLLABUS FOR 1954

April 21st: Demonstration.
May 19th: Speaker.
June 16th: Visitors.
July 21st: Discussion.
August 18th: Speaker.
September 15th: Annual Meeting.
October 20th: Speaker.
November 17th: Break-up Party.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

On Easter Day there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. when the Sunday School children will bring their Lenten Mission Boxes. One of our Guild members, Mrs. S. Willett, has gone to Devonport to live. At her last meeting, on behalf of the Guild, the Rector presented her with a set of teaspoons as a token of thanks and good wishes.

MOTHERS' UNION

The annual Quiet Day was observed by St. John's branch with a service of Holy Communion at 11 o'clock when 41 members attended.

After a basket lunch in the kindergarten we joined with other Launceston branches in a devotional service at St. Aidan's conducted by the Rev. K. A. Kay. Later, members were guests of St. Aidan's for afternoon tea. Our next meeting will be on the Thursday after Easter, 22nd April, at 2.45 p.m.

There recently passed to her rest at the age of over 90 one of the oldest and most faithful parishioners, Mrs. Sarah Stebbeings, and we extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

Until prevented by sickness in recent years, Mrs. Stebbeings was a most regular and devoted worshipper at St. John's. She was a faithful member of the Mothers' Union, and the upbringing of her family reflected how deeply the principles of the Mothers' Union were implanted in her own heart and life.

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 16th March. Officers elected were: President, Archdeacon Sutton; Secretary, Miss D. Shott; Treasurer, Miss M. Murgatroyd; Captain, Mr. J. Wilshire. Miss S. Brownrigg was made an honorary member. Intending members should contact one of the above officers. Opening night will be on Wednesday, 21st April, in St. John's Hall. Everyone cordially invited.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SPECIAL SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. and on Thursday at 8 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m., Litany and Ante-Communion.

10.30 a.m., Morning Prayer.

1 to 3 p.m., Devotions on "Seven Words."

7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer.

EASTER DAY

7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion.

10.45 a.m., Matins: Holy Communion.

7 p.m., Evensong.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on the second Sunday after Easter, 2nd May. Donations of fruit, vegetables, produce and groceries will be received at the Church on Saturday morning. There will be a special children's service at 10 a.m.

when each child of the Sunday School will bring a piece of fruit or vegetable.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations: Mrs. Grubb £1, Mrs. Crawford 6/-, Mr. F. J. Jones 2/-, Mr. H. B. Brownrigg 2/-, Mr. L. O'Neill 10/-, Church Boxes £1.

St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory on Thursday, 8th April, at 8 p.m. An American Tea will be held in the Rectory grounds on Saturday, 24th April, commencing at 2.30 p.m. All are invited to come with their friends and support our Church Hospital.

Missionary and Service League held their annual meeting last month and decided to make a special study of the new C.M.S. mission at Tawau, Borneo. The Rector will speak at the next meeting on Tuesday, 27th April, at 7.30 p.m., in the Clergy vestry. All parishioners will be welcomed.

For Easter Decorations gifts of flowers will be gratefully received at the church on Saturday, Easter Eve.

Private Easter Communions: The Rector would like to know early of sick and aged parishioners desiring celebrations of Holy Communion in their homes.

HOLY BAPTISM

Peter James Cassidy, Kevin Leslie Merrington, Andrew Edwin Barnard, Jane Louise Barnard, Denise Izard, Judith Margaret Guy, John Robert Noel Walsh, Robert John Munro, Douglas Peter Will, Glenda Dawn Crouch, Timothy West, Denise Anne Shaw, Ian James Porte, Martin John Barnes, Margaret Patricia Barton, Jeffrey Ronald Green, Kathleen Joy Barker, Carol Hilda Quarry, Graham James Gilbert.

MARRIAGES

Horace James Kelly and Faith Margaret Furlong; William Jackson Fulton and Kathleen Lorraine Tulloch; Raymond John Davis and June Elizabeth Dudgeon; Carl Ronald Howlett and Lois Ethel Parkinson; Neville Stuart Warren and Fayre Patricia Nolan; Alfred Barton Hutton and Mary Catherine Hill; Geoffrey Noel Hanks and Lois Maud Spencer; Thomas John Fitch and Muriel Joan McKillop, Bevis William Hall and Patricia Isabel Moore.

AT REST

Beatrice Blanche Murfett, George William Jessop, William Alexander Blackett, Edith Elizabeth Reid, Herbert Claude Kirby, Harry Bowling, William Witt Gregson.

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