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SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10 a.m.—Morning Prayer, with Holy Communion on First and Third Sundays.

6 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.

Baptism (by arrangement beforehand).—Sundays at 3 p.m. (except First Sunday in month).

Marriages and Burials by arrangement with the Clergy.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

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 our 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 a 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.

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

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 Thursday after Easter, 22nd April, at 2.45 p.m.

She 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.

Not prevented by sickness in recent years, Mrs. Stebbeings was a regular and devoted worshipper at St. John's. She was a faithful member of the Mothers' Union, and the upbringing of her family reflected deeply the principles of the Mothers' Union were implanted in her heart and life.

ST. JOHN'S BADMINTON CLUB

The annual meeting was held on Monday, 16th March. Officers elected were: President, Archdeacon Sutcliffe; Secretary, Miss D. Shott; Treasurer, Miss M. Murgatroyd; Captain, J. Wilshire. Miss S. Brownrigg made an honorary member. Incoming 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**

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 Communion: 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

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