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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 3.30 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. I. H. Johnston (Hon. Treasurer), M. L. Cox, F. R.
Dowse, M.B.E., L. Denham, M. M. Easther and R. W. J. Hart.
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.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

History records that England was united as a Church before she was
united as a kingdom. "A united Church gave the example for a united
people. The Church offered an example of union; it also offered an example
of peace."

This month in the United States of America two great Church conferences
are being held which point to the ever-growing spirit of unity which is draw-
ing Christian peoples together above the divisions or nationality, race and
colour. It may well be that once more the Church can give an example of
peace and unity to a divided world.

On 4th August, at Minneapolis, a Pan-Anglican Congress will begin a
ten-days' session when speeches and discussions will be centred around the
theme: "The Call of God and the Mission of the Anglican Communion."

Intensive consideration will be given to the structure, worship, message and work of the Anglican Church around the world. Four topics have been named: "Our Vocation," "Our Worship," "Our Message," and "Our Work." The Holy Communion will be celebrated according to the rites of nine different Churches of the Anglican Communion. These are: English, American, Scottish, Indian, Canadian, Japanese, New Zealand, West Indian and South African. Over six hundred bishops, priests and laymen and women will attend as official delegates from all over the world. It is expected that the findings of the Congress will have a wide influence.

On the 14th August, at Evanston, near Chicago, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches will commence. It will continue until the end of the month, and delegates from 161 churches will study, pray and plan together. The main theme will be "Christ the Hope of the World," which will be considered under the headings of "Unity and Disunity," "Evangelism," "Social Problems," "International Affairs," "Racial Tensions," "The Christian in his Vocation." There is no doubt that the reports from the Evanston Assembly will do much to draw churches together in a spirit of deeper fellowship and wider co-operation. May we remember those who are attending these two great conferences in our prayers. We at St. John's should have a special interest in them because Archdeacon Barrett, a former curate in this parish, is Tasmania's special delegate. We look forward to his return when he will be able to give us a full account of both Minneapolis and Evanston.

Last month I was on the mainland attending the meetings of the C.M.S. Federal Council in Sydney. When in Melbourne we visited Canon and Mrs. Greenwood at their very attractive home in Sandringham. They are both very well and send their warm regards to all.

Yours faithfully,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the parish was held on Wednesday, 28th July, and was attended by some fifty parishioners. The Churchwardens' Report and Financial Statement were presented and short reports were read from the Choir, Sunday Schools and parish organisations. The Rector nominated Mr. H. B. Brownrigg as his warden and Messrs. F. H. Cookman and F. J. Jones were re-elected people's wardens. Messrs. M. M. Easther, L. Denham, F. R. Dowse, M.B.E., and R. W. J. Hart were then elected Vestrymen, the Rector's nominees being Messrs. M. L. Cox and I. H. Johnston. Messrs. A. W. Jones and A. G. Hodge were elected auditors. After a full discussion it was decided to recommend the introduction of the Envelope system of church finance for the consideration of the Vestry. It was pointed out that the upkeep of church property was an ever-increasing financial drain on church funds. Full support was urged for the Parish Fair to be held on 24th and 25th September.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Rector has received the following letter from a representative of members of the Latvian Lutheran Church who hold their service in

St. John's Church once every two months: "On behalf of the Latvian congregation I would like you to accept the few shillings enclosed as a donation towards the repairs which we have noticed taking place at the Church. We are only few in number and our donation small, but we desire you to accept it in appreciation of your help to us." (Enc. £2.)

PARISH FAIR

August Meeting of Stallholders

Plans to date were discussed and with the progress made so far our Fair should be a successful one.

The plants and flower stall will provide the wants of most gardeners for spring planting, and cut flowers should also be plentiful.

There will also be a luncheon available to patrons and other stalls will have plenty to offer. On Saturday afternoon the Fair will be continued as a Fun Fair with slide, pony rides and shies, and several other novelty attractions, conducted mostly by the younger people.

Any donation of goods, etc., may be left at the Rectory or with the Secretary, C. H. Targett, 17 Gloucester St.

The dates to remember 24th and 25th September.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Messenger" Donations. — Mrs. G. M. Galloway, 10/-; Mrs. H. Butler, 2/-; Mrs. W. Crawford, 4/-; Mrs. H. Hogarth, 10/-.

Missionary Boxes opened last quarter contained £27/10/9 for the Church Missionary Society.

Mothers' Union. Last month the Rev. A. Palmer, Rector of Holy Trinity, gave an interesting talk on the work of the Missions to Seamen. The speaker for our next meeting on Thursday, 26th August, will be Mrs. W. H. Macfarlane. £59/14/3 are the latest figures from the Musical Market.

C.E.M.S. At the annual meeting on 1st August the following office bearers were elected for the next twelve months: President, C. H. Targett; Secretary, J. E. Bingham; Treasurer, B. Irvine; Publicity Officer, R. H. Watson. At our meeting last month Mr. K. J. Hodge showed slides of New Zealand and gave a commentary which was very interesting. The speaker at our next meeting on 5th September will be Mr. L. Denham.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Stewart, of King Island, are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son. We extend congratulations, too.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 15th August, at 5 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall. All young people warmly invited. Bring eats.

Rev. C. W. Auldish, B.A., B.D., president of the Launceston branch of the World Council of Churches, will preach at St. John's on Evanston Sunday, 15th August, at 7 p.m.

Glenview Anglican Homes for the Aged will benefit, together with similar institutions by a BUTTON DAY to take place on Friday, 20th August. Please give your support. "Glenview" is in Hobart.

Pets and Pedlars' Parade, organised by the Sunday School Parents and Friends' Association will be held in St. John's Hall on Saturday, 21st Au-

gust, at 3 p.m. All parishioners are invited to come and join in the fun and support the Sunday School.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

On Friday, 2nd July, the Bishop of Tasmania instituted the Rev. M. L. Hughes as Vicar of the new Parochial District of Trevallyn and Cormiston. A large congregation was present, including parishioners from Cormiston and St. John's. At the social gathering of welcome following the service Rev. C. W. Auldish spoke on behalf of other ministers, Mr. J. N. Gee for St. Oswald's, Mr. T. J. Hayes for St. David's, Mr. F. H. Cookman for St. John's and Mr. M. R. Plumridge presented Rev. A. V. Maddick with an attache case in appreciation of his ministry at St. Oswald's since Christmas.

Mr. Vernon N. Weetman, who was Treasurer of St. Oswald's for 25 years and now lives at Huon, spoke of the early years of the church.

The Rector said that St. John's would always follow the progress of St. Oswald's with helpful interest.

HOLY BAPTISM

John Phillip Madden, Margaret Anne Armstrong, Charles Arnold Rose, Christine Olive Littlejohn, Christine Davis, Peter Reginald Izard, Philip Andrew Sutor, Paul Watkins.

MARRIAGES

William Robert Page and Eileen Thelma Nina Apted, Mervyn Stanley Blyth and Lois Jean Rodman, Trevor Harrington Reid and Susanne Maud Grounds, Stanley Ronald Donegan and Jeanette Fay Stone, Jack Laurence Wells and Mary Vivian Freeman, Ian Robert Armitage and June Bingham, Donald Gordon Brown and Patricia Fay Swain, Frederick Kirby and Dorothy Marsh, Terraine Godfrey Webb and Phyllis May Grace, Victor Ivan John Ion and Peggy Dawn Floyd, William George Abbott and Pamela Noelene Packard, Herbert Kingsford Scolyer and Phyllis Margaret Lack.

AT REST

William Kenworthy, Albert Henry Collis, Leonard Arthur Dargavel, Ella May Harrison, Martha Maria Crawford, Eleanor Bond Meredith and Hermann Rupp Lakin.

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