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Rector: Ven. Archdeacon L. N. SUTTON, M.A. (Oxon), The Rectory,
157 St. John St., Launceston. Phone 525.
Hon. Assistant Priest: Rev. A. V. Maddick, B.A., Dip.Ed.
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,

I do hope many of you will be able to attend the special services and meetings arranged in connection with the Church Missionary Society Convention from Sunday, 6th June, to Thursday, 10th June. Full details are given on the leaflet widely distributed. The week-night meetings will be in St. John's Hall at 7.30 p.m.

I have received very gracious letters from Dr. Rajah B. Manikam and Mrs. Manikam expressing their sincere pleasure and thanks for their visit to Launceston. Mrs. Manikam greatly enjoyed our service and we shall not soon forget her message to us on Mother's Day. She wrote: "I hope and pray that this, our Christian fellowship and friendship will continue in the years to come."

Mrs. Sutton wishes me to express our thanks for the many enquiries and kind gestures shown concerning her painful accident by scalding. I am glad to say that her condition is gradually improving.

I hope all who wish to be confirmed this year will let me know at once.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON.

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN

June 6th, 7 p.m.: The Reverend E. K. Cole, of Kenya.

June 20th, 11 a.m.: Family Service. 7 p.m.: Evensong sung by the Grammar School Choir, with an Address by the Headmaster, B. H. Travers, Esq., There will be Supper in the Hall afterwards. Would ladies please bring a plate?

Heartiest thanks to those boys and girls who helped to collect clothes for the World Council of Churches' Appeal, and to Mr. J. N. Gee and Mr. T. Calver who put their cars at our disposal.

A branch of the Young Wives' Fellowship is to be formed on June 10th at Mrs. Calver's home, 59 Forest Rd. The meeting will commence at 8 p.m. If you have not received a personal invitation, please accept this, and come.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD

Recently the Guild has had drop-down tables erected in the kitchen of the hall. We are grateful to Mrs. Fowell and Mrs. Plumridge who undertook to paint them. Appreciation was expressed to Maples, Brisbane St., for the gift of a table for use during meetings. On Wednesday, 16th June, representatives from other parishes will visit us. Members are reminded that Miss Joan Kirwan (Hyderabad) will speak at an after-

noon meeting at the home of Mrs. G. L. Carter, 93 Forest Road, on Thursday, 10th June.

ST. DAVID'S, CORMISTON

St. David's Guild held its usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, 12th May, when there was a good attendance of members. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Sutton and Miss E. Kingsmill, who gave a short address which was much appreciated. The need for a case to hold the Communion vessels was discussed and Mrs. Apter, Sunday School superintendent, said that the Sunday School would like to present the case. Her offer was gratefully accepted. The case was dedicated by the Rector at the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 16th May, when the church was beautifully decorated with harvest gifts. These were donated to St. Luke's Hospital, from whom a letter of appreciation has been received. The Guild will meet on Wednesday, 9th June, at 2.30 p.m., when all will be welcome.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes in preparation for Confirmation, which will be held at St. John's early in October, are to commence this month. All who wish to be confirmed are asked to hand names and addresses to the Rector at once. The first class will be held on Sunday afternoon, 20th June, at 2 p.m. in the Rector's vestry.

CHOIR VACANCIES

Before they left to take up residence in Adelaide, the Rector thanked Mrs. B. Crouch and her two daughters for the loyal and helpful service they have given to the Choir. During this year a number of others have moved to Hobart, Melbourne, South Australia and other places, and our ranks are sorely depleted. Can YOU help us in this very important part of our Church worship? Choir practices are held on Thursday nights from 7 till 7.45 p.m., giving opportunity for members to attend other gatherings afterwards. Mr. Lindsay O'Neill will be most ready to give information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

At their second annual meeting a successful year of activities in support of the Sunday School was reported. In addition to giving financial assistance, social functions for the children were organised, lino purchased for the Bible Class room, an electric toaster for the young people's Communion Breakfasts, and a framed picture of the Queen for the Parish Hall. The Rector thanked all members for their help and said that all parents should join and so support

the Sunday School. Mr. R. H. Watson was re-elected as president, Mr. D. G. Thompson, vice-president, Mr. F. B. Stevens, secretary, and Mr. Ivan Johnston treasurer. An "At Home" will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Thursday, 24th June, at 8 p.m. Donation 2/6.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our annual meeting was held last month when very satisfactory reports were read by the secretary and treasurer. All office bearers were re-elected, Mrs. R. H. Watson being nominated as vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. F. W. Beck, who has given outstanding service to our branch for so many years, and Mrs. S. V. Denholm was nominated to the committee.

As the C.M.S. Convention is being held on the day first chosen, it was decided to have the Musical Market for the Diocesan Children's Homes on Tuesday, 29th June, at 3 p.m., in the Parish Hall. All parishioners and friends are invited to support our annual effort for this most worthy cause. Final arrangements will be made at our next meeting on Thursday, 24th June, at 2.45 p.m.

Our branch has sustained a sad loss in the passing of Mrs. Florence Pardey, our oldest member. Mrs. Pardey was present at the meeting in 1904 when our branch was inaugurated and has taken a most active interest ever since. She was a regular worshipper and communicant of St. John's and supported the church in many ways. In recent years she donated two sets of silver Communion vessels and provided the first hearing aids for the church. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY

The regular meeting was held on Sunday, 2nd May, when an interesting address was given by Mr. A. T. Bray, who spoke on the "V" rockets and their effects on England during the second world war.

At our last meeting it was suggested that the members prepare for the forthcoming church fair by sowing seeds which will be available as plants for sale at the fair in September. Help from all parishioners who are able to assist in this direction is sought. Some varieties which may be planted from the middle of July till early August, providing seed boxes are covered with glass, are as follows: Snapdragon, phlox, stock, verbena, nemesia, carnation, lettuce, leeks.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th June, at 4.45 p.m., when

an address will be given by Canon R. J. Hewitt, Federal Secretary of the C.M.S. Members from other branches are to be our guests at this meeting.

NEWS IN BRIEF

"Parish Notes" Donations: Mrs. E. Cunningham, 3/-; Mrs. A. Rosevears, Cormiston, 10/-; Mrs. M. Penchoen, 2/-; Church boxes, £1.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade will hold their annual parade service at St. John's on Sunday, 27th June, at 11 a.m.

Harvest Festival Gifts were taken to St. Luke's Hospital, St. Giles' Home, and the Launceston Girls' Home and acknowledged with grateful thanks.

Missionary Boxes. All parishioners who have Missionary boxes are asked to return them for the quarterly opening before the end of June when the financial year closes.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held on Sunday, 20th June, at 5 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. The speaker will be the Rev. A. V. Maddick, who will give a talk on Fiji. All young people warmly invited.

St. John's Teenagers invite young people to join them on Saturday nights in the Kindergarten Hall at 7 p.m.

Cane Basket Making instruction is being given by Miss Groves on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall, arranged by the G.F.S.

HOLY BAPTISM

Wendy Suzanne Watson, Robert Thompson Kent, Merril Elizabeth Gough, Lynette Ann Malcolm, Robyn Maxine Davidson, Geoffrey Paul Jordan, Paul Leslie Hodgson, David Lindsay Stone, Sydney Patrick Holland, Michele McGowan, Philip Donald Clayton, Michael Graham Lowery, Cheryl Ann Pearton.

MARRIAGES

Ronald John Dawson and Barbara Ann Viney; Barry Joseph Goss and Barbara Joy Prior; John Reginald Sidnell and Eileen Vera Garwood; Ronald Victor Kelp and Betty May Dornauf, Desmond Hudson and Elaine Grace Sowell; Leon Norman Taylor and Faith Cowburn; Geoffrey Barry Webb and Ruby May Parsonage; Herbert John Cash and Geraldine Sowell; Richard Campbell Parker and Dorothy May Johns.

AT REST

Mary Maud Salter, Holly Edith Smith, Emma Louise Watkins, William John Hume, Dorothy Selma Edwards, Jessie Rose Hamilton, Violet Louise Dean.

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