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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 OFFICERSChurchwardens: 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 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. I. Hayes (Secretary and Treasurer),
and N. D. James.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

I sometimes feel that people's associations with the Church are too often concerned with raising money, providing meals and attending to material matters of property and organisation and not enough concerned with the great spiritual truths which the Church exists to teach. Finance and matters of business have an importance of their own but we must never deceive ourselves by thinking that our duty to God and our knowledge of God can be estimated in £ s. d. or hours spent in church activities, necessary though they may be. After speaking of our material needs our Lord once said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Putting first things first, having the right priorities and scale of values is vitally important.

The season of Lent associated with our Lord's Temptations and the Forty Days in the Wilderness, and leading up to the great drama of the Passion on Good Friday and the triumph of the Resurrection on Easter Day, is a time when our Church calls us specially to deepen our spiritual life by acts of self-denial, more devout and frequent worship, and a more sincere desire to receive and practise our Lord's teachings.

Both at St. John's and St. Oswald's special courses of Sunday addresses will be given as outlined in another paragraph. At St. Oswald's the Rev. A. E. Palmer will give devotional talks on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m., and at St. John's there will be Bible Studies from the First Epistle to the Corinthians on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. We hope that many will find these helpful.

Our Sunday Schools have resumed and attendances show how parents are anxious for children to have the benefits of religious knowledge and training. We are very conscious of our privilege and responsibility in making the most of our opportunity in the Sunday Schools, but we are greatly handicapped by the shortage of teachers. This need has been mentioned before but it is still urgent and must not be overlooked. I cannot think that we as a Church lack members willing to help in this most important work among the young people.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD N. SUTTON

ST. OSWALD'S, TREVALLYN.

With the commencement of Lent, special services and sermons will be given at St. Oswald's. At the 9.30 a.m. Celebration a series on "Things that Matter" will be given. At the Evensong each Sunday, a series on the Seven Deadly Sins will be given. I shall be following the suggestion of Miss Dorothy Sayers and dividing the "sins" as warm-hearted or despicable sins: March 7, Gluttony; 14, Lust; and cold-hearted or reputable sins: March 21, Covetousness; 28, Envy; April 4, Sloth; 11, Pride (the basic sin).

Each Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. there will be a devotional service with an address by the Rev. Angus E. Palmer, of Holy Trinity Church.

Envelope Scheme: While several new subscribers have joined the envelope scheme, we have still a good way to go before we have reached our aim of 60 subscribers by Easter. Have you joined yet? Remember: "It's not the amount, but the habit that counts."

Family Service: 10.30 a.m. on March 21. "Mothering Sunday" message.

Lenten Appeal for Missions: Deaconess Bullard, of Kaywa, Tanganyika, will appreciate exercise books of any description, pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, crib sheets and blankets and any material suitable for making into bandages. Mrs. C. R. Carter has kindly undertaken to pack and post any gifts for the Deaconess.

While this appeal is primarily addressed to our young people, the help and encouragement of mothers will be appreciated.

—V.A.M.

ST. OSWALD'S GUILD.

A well-attended church service conducted by Archdeacon Sutton was held on 17th February. This was followed by a general meeting when the year's activities were discussed. An opportunity was taken to welcome Mrs. Maddick to Trevallyn, and our Vice-President, Mrs. P. Crooks, on her return from England. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 17, at 3 p.m. Visitors warmly welcomed.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' UNION.

Our first meeting for the year will be on Thursday, March 25. As this coincides with the QUIET DAY devotional service to be held this year at St. Aidan's, it was agreed at the Executive meeting of our branch that we should have a Communion service at St. John's at 11 o'clock followed by

a basket lunch in the Kindergarten Hall, each member bringing enough for herself. After lunch members could leave for the service at St. Aidan's which begins at 2.30 p.m.

C.E.C.W. MARCH MEETINGS.

The annual womens' meetings in the north will be held at the end of the month. The Bishop will conduct a Quiet Morning on Tuesday, March 30, commencing with a celebration of Holy Communion, and meetings will be held in the afternoon and continue on Wednesday. Representatives will attend from all parts of the diocese.

LENTEN ADDRESSES.

Special courses of addresses will be given at St. John's during Lent. On Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. on "The Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia" (Revelation, Chapters 2 and 3). On Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., "Christian Morals for Today" will be the subject considered. On Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Chapel, the First Epistle to the Corinthians will be read using the modern translation by J. B. Phillips. Discussion will be welcomed.

On Wednesday mornings during Lent Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and also at 10.15 a.m. as usual.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Parents & Friends Association of the Sunday School at their last meeting donated £10 toward the cost of last year's picnic. It was decided to change their night of meeting to the first Friday in the month. Next month this will be on Friday, April 2, at 8 p.m., in the Kindergarten Hall. All welcome.

A Parish Fair is planned for May. Parish organisations are invited to send representatives to a meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 10, at 8 p.m.

A Piano is Needed for our Parish Hall to replace the old instrument. The Vestry would be glad to learn of any parishioner who could provide a suitable piano for this purpose.

Adult Confirmation Service on Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m., in St. John's Church.

Sunday School Teachers' Conference in St. John's Kindergarten Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 27. All teachers urged to attend.

C.E.M.S. Mr. E. C. Rowland gave a very interesting talk last month on the early history of the Church in Australia. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 7, at 4.45 p.m., when Mr. B. O. Maumill will speak as the Tasmanian delegate to the

Frankston Conference. Visitors and members from other branches will be welcomed.

Missionary Boxes should be handed in this month for the quarterly opening.

Ruridecanal Conference will be held in St. John's Hall on Monday, March 29, at 8 p.m.

Girls' Friendly Society commenced on Tuesday, March 2. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, in the Kindergarten Hall. It will be preceded by a short service in the Chapel at 7.30 p.m. Girls and young women will be welcomed warmly.

Youth Fellowship Tea will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on Sunday, March 21, at 5 p.m. Each bring own food. All young people invited to attend our first Fellowship Tea for this year.

Missionary Service League will meet on Tuesday, March 23. After a service in the Chapel at 7.30 p.m., the annual meeting will be held in the Kindergarten Hall. Parishioners and friends specially invited to attend.

A Communion Breakfast for young people is held after the 8 a.m. celebration on the second Sunday in each month in the Kindergarten. All welcome.

HOLY BAPTISM.

Christopher William Burgess, Geoffrey Charles Lyne, Glenys Maree Colbeck, Yvonne Dorice Innis, Graeme Arthur Chandler, Dianne Doris Brimfield, Deborah Anne Green, Ricky Tasman Maynard, Bronwyn Carol Simpson, Nola Jill Henry, Patrick Warner Digney, Jeromie William Digney, Roslyn Turner, Stephen James Dunn, Kim Maree Breward, David Kent Pinel.

MARRIAGES.

Norman Cecil Rawnsley and Masie Agnes Grace Cocker; Keith Gerald Longden and Pamela Joy Brooks; Lawrence David Webber and Eileen Jean Styles; Geoffrey Gordon Preece and Onie Lois Pritchard; Donald Sidney James Brooks and Shirley June Stephens; Neil Maxwell Burrows and Frances Ellen Kean; Charles Alexander Huxtable and Florence Amy Douglas; Ralph Cocking and Madge Emmeline Delanty; Lerrol Keith Sharp; and Yvonne Joyce Wadley.

AT REST.

Henry Leslie Sayer Tasker, Lee Anne Bennett, Gladys Foster Atkins, William Augustus Brown, John Keith Richardson, Owen Claude Pease, Nancy Beatrice Le Marchand.

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