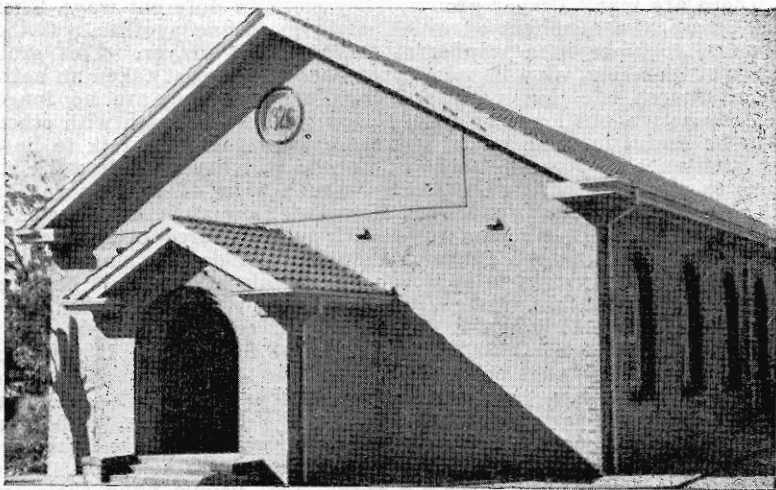


The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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PARISH HALL

PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Every Sunday), 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS at 11 a.m.
3rd SUNDAY AFTER EVENING PRAYER.
SAINTS' DAYS AS ANNOUNCED.

9.45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND EXTENSION GROUPS

11 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER 7.15 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs L. C. Calver (Rector's), W. Sopwith, E. Quelch

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs V. Barrett, T. H. Bosward,
H. G. Brodie, K. Grant, W. H. Hall, J. W. Humphreys, D. B. Hunter,
N. T. Kennedy, B. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw, W. R. Williams and R. Wright.

SIDESMEN: Messrs R. F. Atkinson, R. Boots, J. M. Boyle, J. Ditchburn, J.
Gorman, A. Jones, B. Livingston and G. R. Miniter.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: T. H. Bosward—LM 2778.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs H. J. Shaw and A. Jones—LM 5218

ORGANIST: Miss Kathleen O'Neill.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

What is prayer? This question has been asked so often over the years. How has prayer changed things for those reading this article? The writer of a hymn says—"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered of unexpressed"—Read this hymn carefully and prayerfully, and ask yourself—What is prayer to Me? How closely have I to walk with God before He'll answer my prayer?

There are many Prayer groups. They work in different ways. There is one group, the members of which never meet one another, yet they are bound together in a wonderful fellowship of prayer. This group consists of members, who, in most cases have in the past taken an active part in Church life, but now, due to illness, or age, are no longer physically active, but long for an opportunity to be in touch with others, and to be useful in some way. There are ways for these folk to be of great assistance to others if those of us who still live an active life are willing to play our part. Let me tell you a story—I was approached in this way—"I have a friend, Mrs. X, who is now an invalid, she is by no means old, but it is so sad to see her so embittered because of her illness. Do you think the Prayer Fellowship can do anything for her? She is not an easy person to approach but if only a way could be found to take away such bitterness? The name and address was taken and a letter of invitation to join the Fellowship was sent. The reply was in this strain—"I have no faith in God, let alone in prayer. If you want to pray for me, I cannot stop you, but it won't do any good. As for me praying for others, just count me out—Where is God?—I look up and out of the window, and what do I see? Just nothing, perhaps an ugly cloud passing occasionally. What do I hear all day but the birds who can enjoy life as I cannot. What would prayer achieve? I have been stricken down, and here I'll stay. Let people mind their own business instead of giving my name to others."

Without mentioning the name, the Fellowship members were asked to pray for Mrs. X, and one member, Mrs. A, who had had a similar experience of sudden inactivity was asked to correspond with Mrs. X—The Correspondent (who is the one in charge of the Group) continued to write and to pray. Some months later came another letter from Mrs. X. A letter of rejoicing in this strain—"Thank you for all your pray-

ers. I still lie in bed but now as the clouds go by I see beauty in their formation and I give thanks to God for the singing of the birds as they go from bough to bough outside my window"—Another letter has been received—Here is an extract—"I want you to know that prayer to me now, is the time when I can talk to God as a Friend and Saviour. I have a feeling sometimes that His Hand is on my shoulder in a way that comforts me tremendously. Better still, I believe implicitly that He will heal my spine in His own time, and I shall walk again as upright as He intended. I am content to leave it all in His Hands. In the meantime there is plenty to enjoy. For one thing there is a peace in my heart that has never been there before . . . I have grown very fond of Mrs. A. We exchange letters once a month and I do value them. I am blessed with an angel in disguise in the form of a neighbour, she is the next door farmer's wife. She takes my washing home and brings it back ironed, cleans the house, puts fresh flowers about, says a few cheery words and departs."

Has God work for us to do in this parish of All Saints, Petersham, in the forming of a Fellowship of Prayer? Are we being called to be instruments for Him in finding for ourselves and for others that PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

Anyone interested in joining this Fellowship of Prayer is asked to write a few lines to The Secretary,

Fellowship of Prayer,

All Saints' Rectory,

325 Stanmore Road,

Petersham.

Maybe you have a problem which can be overcome by the power of prayer, so do not hesitate to write. All correspondence treated confidentially.

Send, Lord, an angel with dear homely ways,
One not too bright for my tired eyes to see;
One not too splendid. In life's drabs and greys
Fagged hearts sometimes crave just restful harmony.

Send one to help, who knows the frets and fears
(The various odds and ends which line the brow:
Send one who understands a woman's tears,
And, Lord, in pity, send that angel now.

God heard. The angel sent to ease the load
Was just a woman neighbour down the road.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

The School has continued to meet during the holiday period and with the resumption of Day School, we expect our attendance to soon be normal.

To avoid the clash of exams., Christmas Parties, the Parish Fete, etc., which made it rather difficult for both Scholars and Staff, it was decided to transference the Picnic from November to February, therefore, it is planned to hold the Picnic on Saturday, February 24th at Watson's Bay.

FROM THE Y.C.I. MANUSCRIPT JOURNAL

Keeping It Up

The good folk of All Saints did not rest on their laurels after the "big year" of 1960 with its Centenary Celebrations, £1000 Fete, Y.C.I. Jubilee, etc., but showed that they were "not weary in well doing" during the year just closed.

Let us take a brief look at some of the happenings during 1961. The erection of a retaining wall and the laying of a concrete path on the Northern side of the Church, from the East end to the Northern Porch as well as an excellent Porch to the Parish Hall was carried out by voluntary labour in 1960, but it was not until 1961 that the Hall Porch was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. P. J. Bazely, who took a very prominent part in the planning of the Hall, which was erected during his incumbency.

After some years the external woodwork of the Rectory was painted, some of the interior was also painted, and while paint brushes were being wielded the Main Porch of the Church was given a "face lift". While on the subject of painting, the Parish Hall interior was painted, thanks to the generosity of the Senior Parishioners Club.

The Church roof had extensive repairs and the Western Windows had wire guards placed on them, and it is hoped that finance will soon permit to have guards on the remaining windows.

A brass Alms Dish was dedicated to the memory of the late Ernest C. King, a Warden and Church Treasurer for many years.

A pair of maple and plate glass doors were placed on the Northern Porch by the Family and Friends of the late Harold F. Jones, the doors were made by the Rector and Y.C.I. Members who also renovated the Porch and had the fluorescent light installed.

In the field of Sport, both the Basketball and Baseball Teams were runners-up in the respective competitions.

Having reached the record total of £1000 for the Fete, it did not seem possible to better this figure, and when we managed to pick on the midst of a very rainy period the outlook was anything but hopeful, and it was a most pleasant surprise to learn that the total reached £1038, plus insurance.

Our little resume shows that 1961 was a rather satisfactory year, and proves that when a lot of people do a little the result is worth while. So we enter another year with much to do, the completion of the Porch to the entrance of the Kindergarten Hall, the window guards, as already mentioned, the fluorescent lighting of the Church and, of course, what we all hope for, the painting of the interior of the Church.

These are some of the targets we can aim at for the near future. Let us all do our part and keep up the good work of our Church.

"REVERIE"

 HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Services will be held at All Saints' on Sunday, 4th March. Suitable gifts as tokens of our appreciation of God's goodness are asked for. These will be given to the Home of Peace at Petersham. Gifts may be left at the Rectory or Church on the day before the service.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at All Saints' on Saturday, 16th December. The bride was Miss Noreen Adele Ethel Pegrum of Annandale and the bridegroom Mr. Ronald Edward Gundry of Kahibah. The Church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride, who was preceded by three flower girls and followed by three bridesmaids, wore a very beautiful gown and was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The Rector, Rev. T. E. Champion, conducted the service. Miss K. O' Neill presided at the organ. Two most appropriate solos were sung by Mr. Alec Bruce. The bridal party left the Church to the accompaniment of the bells, played by Miss Jan Sayers. The Reception was held at Ca'd'or, Five Dock.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to hear of the successes of a number of our young people either in the Intermedite, Leaving or University examinations. We congratulate them and wish them well in their studies and work in 1962.

FLOWER ROSTER

Feb. 4th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Malone.
„ 11th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
„ 18th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.
„ 25th—No donation, arranged by Miss Speight.
Mch. 4th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Malone.

Gifts for flowers for Christmas Day were received from Mrs. Sumner and family in memory of Mr. Summer, Mr. and Mrs. Plowman, Miss Jullif, Mrs. Slee, Mrs. Ayrton, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Mervyn, Misses Dobson, Mrs. and Misses Nisbet.

On 14th January flowers were donated by Mrs. G. F. Davis in memory of her Father and by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips in memory of their daughter Mrs. Mizpah Dallas.

On 21st January by Mr. and Mrs. J. Humphreys in memory of Mrs. Humphreys Senior, and on 28th January by the Quin family in memory of their Mother.

LADIES' GUILD

Our meetings will resume on February 13, when we will be making arrangements for our Annual Luncheon in March, full details of which will appear in the March Chronicle.

The next Street Stall will be Friday, 16th February, we would be most grateful for any donations of home-made cakes, scones or jam.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

OBITUARY

We extend to Mrs. Ayrton our deepest sympathy in the recent death of her son, Major E. N. Ayrton, who was accidentally killed in North Queensland on 12th January, 1962. We pray that God will comfort both her and her son Ron in their sad loss.

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Our team has again entered the Church Indoor Bowls Competition, which starts this month. We feel confident of doing very well if we apply what we have learned in the past game. During January two new members joined our club and we hope we gain more new members in the coming weeks. We are very pleased to be able to say that our Secretary, Mr. Bert Shaw, will soon be fit to join us again.

J. GORMAN

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our Club Competitions and Christmas Party held on Monday, 11th December was a very pleasing one as far as our girls were concerned. Although each girl could not win awards, the applause given to those who did win speaks well for the sportsmanship of every girl in the Club. We would like to thank Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Dudley who presented the awards and helped make our evening such a success.

It was certainly good to have Miss Anderson (Instructress) back with us again after her recent illness. Congratulations to the girls who worked so well to win the following awards:—

- 5 Years—J. Vardy 1st. Special award: D. Olafsson.
- 7 Years—K. Williams 1st.
L. Elliott 2nd. Special award: C. McPherson.
- 9 Years—L. Pegg, 1st.
C. Challenger 2nd. Special Award: A. Panucci.
- 11 Years—J. Ling 1st.
M. Kelly 2nd
J. Hackett 3rd. Special award: A. Callaghan.
- 13 Years—V. Smart 1st
L. O'Hara 2nd. Special award: R. Hncock.
L. Harris 3rd. Special award: J. Hird.
- 15 Years—D. Hird 1st
M. Jackson 2nd.
R. Champion 3rd. Special award: B. Connell.
- Seniors—L. Slaughter 1st
J. Pullen 2nd
R. Irwin 3rd. Special award: B. Dingle.

The Challenge Cups—M. Kelly, 11 years and L. O'Hara 13 years.
The Senior Challenge Cup was won by Diane Hird.

Our Club will resume classes on Monday, 5th February at 6 p.m.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

CLOTHING SALE

We wish to thank all the kind people who sent along clothing to be sold at our Used Clothing Sale on 2nd and 3rd February.

Please keep for us all clean unwanted garments, curtains, coats etc., our sales have become so popular we have decided to hold them more frequently.

Many thanks also to Mrs. G. Hartley, of Balmain, whose generous donation of groceries sold very quickly. Watch the "Chronicle" for further information.

D. SHAW, organiser

CRICKET

Our last match was against St. Columbs, West Ryde. All Saints' lost the toss and were sent in to bat, we started very brightly and the opening partnership was between D. Sayers and G. Purcell. Purcell showing a lot more restraint than in earlier matches, picking the right ball to hit. D. Sayers was very unfortunate to be given out off a ball that did not rise. We declared at 8 for 94.

St. Columbs had to bat out the remaining time and at the end of the first day they were 5 for 50. Bowling: Les Dacey 2 for 6, Purcell 2 for 2, on the second day Barry Purcell, who bowled unchanged, finished with 4 for 4 and Les Dacey, who is a promising leg spinner, took 5 for 26.

Our second innings was 1-58, David Sayers scoring 22 and Barry Purcell 28 not out. It was a good win for our boys.

J. YARD

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

An invitation is extended to the Ladies and Gentlemen within our Parish to attend a Social Club held every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Prizes and afternoon tea are provided. Theatre Tickets are given away free each week by courtesy of "Petersham Odean."

Come along any Thursday and bring a friend.

D. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that there are six "Opportunity Shops"?

That there are two vans calling for goods daily in the Metropolitan area? Or that we called on 8,201 people during 1961 for their gifts?

It's wonderful isn't it?

You would think that with all those people giving us their unwanted things that we would have more stock than we need and yet this isn't so.

Our shops are proving very popular and sell just about everything almost as quickly as we can deliver it to them.

If you are one of those 8,201 wonderful people from last year we say thank you and hope too, that you will always keep us in mind. But if you have not yet had us call for your gift then all you have to do is 'phone 51-4341.

We want all types and conditions of clothing, rags too, books, table or bed linen, fancywork, glassware, pottery, crockery, ornaments, bric-a-brac, tools toys etc., anything you no longer want and which one man can carry to a truck.

You 'phone—51-4241—we call. The day we promise too!

GROWTH OF "CHESALON"

The Council of the Home Mission Union has let a Contract for building anew "Chesalon" Unit to accommodate twenty-four patients at Harris Park. It will be known as the "M. C. Alder Memorial Wing" in memory of Mr. Alder who was Treasurer of the Society for eight years until his death in March last year. This unit will cost £35,000.

Other plans being completed by the Architect are:

The Rehabilitative Geriatric Unit at "Chesalon", Beecroft, which is being equipped to accommodate twelve patients, and in addition to treat as many as twenty out-patients a day;

Alterations and extensions to the "Chesalon" home at Woonona, to house approximately twenty-eight patients plus staff members;

Accommodation for twelve beds at a second "Chesalon" Home at Harris Park.

It is expected that 90 more beds will be added during 1962, to the present 130 in the "Chesalon" Units.

"A Terrible Fact . . ."

More than three people a day apply to be admitted to "Chesalon" Homes. This means that the Society turns away each year more than 1000 people with urgent needs. Can you help to expand the work? Donations for the Society will gladly be accepted through your Parish Church.

CIVIL DEFENCE

Marrickville Council has asked us to publicise the recent formation of a Civil Defence Organisation within the Municipality. Mr. W. F. Tongue of Newington College has been appointed local Controller of Civil Defence, and is seeking volunteers for training in this work. A poster in the Parish Hall gives further details of the scheme.

THE LIGHT OF HIS GLORY

A great gathering is being arranged in the Sydney Town Hall on Friday, February 16th, 1962 at 8.00 p.m. to hear reports on the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches held recently in New Delhi. This is a most important occasion and will long be remembered by those who attend.

Presiding at this meeting will be the Chairman of the Australian Council of Churches, the Right Reverend Dr. A. C. Watson and the message from the New Delhi Meeting will be conveyed by three of these who represented Australia at this historic Assembly; His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend Hugh Gough, Mrs. B. R. Wyllie and the Reverend Alan Walker, special consultant to the Assembly on World Mission. There will be good music provided by the Dulwich Hill Salvation Army Band, one of the finest in Australia.

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