

The Chronicle of All Saints Petersham

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Out of Focus

Lucky fellow — that's a fine TV set he has there. Just one thing wrong, though — he can't get the picture right. The manufacturer issued an instruction leaflet, but the man who bought this set hasn't bothered to read it.

Maybe your life is like the picture on that TV screen — distorted, out of focus. Maybe you, too, have neglected to read the instructions. You'll find them in your Bible. Read it daily.

Let God have His way in your life — at home — at church — at work.

Rector's Notes

My dear Friends,

In recent weeks there have been a number of folk who've asked about the possibility of having help in getting to and from church. Now this is of course, very encouraging. It has served to alert me once again to the need to make it possible for people to worship with our church family.

This no doubt, can involve a number of things, but primarily it means demonstrating in practical ways that we of the congregation **want** to welcome others to join us. One of the best ways to do that will be to make ourselves available to call and pick up people who are interested in coming to church. So I'm anxious to establish a roster of drivers who are willing to pick-up and take home some of our older parishioners. The two services involved in the recent enquiries are the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. morning services. Please contact me if you can help form such a roster.

There is the other side too of course. If any reading this would like to be on the list of those to be picked-up — please, contact me with that information also.

In May we remember 'MOTHER'. Some of us will no longer be able to visit her on the special day — but none the less will be glad of the stimulus of that day to recall with gratitude all that 'MOTHER' has meant in life. Many of us will be taking the opportunity to join in some celebration to express our deep feelings toward a woman who fulfils that ministry for us and our children even now.

Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood used to remind his classes in seminary from time to time of the inestimable value of a good woman in the life of a man—and also, conversely, the potentially devastating influence of an evil woman. To do so he used a formula which is interesting to contemplate.

"A good woman has the power to make a bad man good,
A bad woman has the power to make a good man bad.

Rarely does a good man have the power to make a bad woman good,
Or a bad man have the power to make a good woman bad."

Despite what our modern women's libber's would have us believe, it has always been true that the balance of power is with the woman. She may be spoken of as the weaker sex, but God has built into womanhood a strength which no man enjoys, and without which no man can be everything he ought to be.

The Bible has acknowledged this. All we have to do is read the Book of Proverbs of the Old Testament. It has plenty to say about the evil woman whose devices bring destruction to the young man as well as to his loved ones. Then in Chapter 31 there is portrayed the opposite—a good woman whose influence is immeasurable and never to be forgotten.

The truth in Chapter 31 is what inspires us to make use of Mother's Day to express our real feelings of appreciation. Too often we say "Oh she knows I love her". And maybe she does, but it means a great deal

to hear it. So let us tell her how much she means to us. It will do a great deal for the faithful wife and mother to be told by her loved ones what her life means to them. We shouldn't wait for Mother's Day of course—let this month encourage us to do it more often and with tangible evidence of the truth of our words.

And let us thank God that He has given us a wife or mother who qualifies for such appreciation.

Your sincere friend in Christ,

S. W. GISSING

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ASCENSION DAY—Thursday, 19th May.

7 a.m. Holy Communion.

PENTECOST—Sunday, 29th May.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

10 a.m. Morning Prayers.

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LADIE'S GUILD

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 17th May will commence at 1 p.m.—being business only.

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WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

Come to our Stanhome Party on our next meeting night, 10th May, at 8 p.m. in the Kindergarten Hall—just next to the Parish Hall. If you can't come and enjoy the fun but would like to order some Stanhome products, we have plenty of Order Forms. Just let Mrs. Gissing or any Club member know—or ring 569-2291 with your order. Do hope we'll see you on Tuesday night, 10th May.

Can you spare about two hours once a month on the second Tuesday night each month? If so, a warm welcome is awaiting you at our Women's Evening Group meeting. Your age does not matter. Please come.

We propose to hold another Jumble Stall on Friday, 17th June, setting up the stall on Tuesday night, 14th June—our meeting night. Please let us have any of your unwanted clothes, particularly winter clothing. If you would like us to collect the goods, please phone the Rectory on 569-4735.

Ida Barrett, Hon. Secretary.

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SENIOR PARISHIONER'S CLUB

The record attendance of our Club 48. We are still anxious to make it more, although this is very pleasing. Our Mother's Day and Birthday Celebrations will be one Thursday next month. We are hoping this will be the record, because I am sure, if you once come, you'll come again.

We have had some of our members in hospital again; Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Forest. Mrs. Emery has had a broken wrist and Mrs. Myer's husband is very ill in hospital.

Quite a number have had a few days in bed at home. We wish them all better health, and are glad to see each one returning to the Club in turn.

Remember only 25c gives you a happy afternoon and a lovely cup of tea from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

FAMILY BAR B.Q.: This year instead of the Sunday School Picnic we have decided to hold a Family Bar B.Q. in the Church grounds commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, 28 May.

Games will be held in the grounds for about 2 hours followed by the Bar B.Q. at 5.00 p.m. then activities in the Hall after the Bar B.Q. We ask all who attend to provide their own meat. The Sunday School will provide the salad, cole slaw, cordial drinks and cups of tea, etc.

Please bring along your own knives and forks, plates and cups.

All parishioners are welcome to attend with the Sunday School.

LENTEN OFFERING: I would like to thank all who filled their Lenten card. At present we have received \$44 to send to the Church, Mission Society. If you have not yet returned your card please do it as soon as possible.

Noel Cragg, Superintendent.



FLOWER ROSTER

May, 1st No donation arranged by Mrs. Clark.

May, 8th Mother's Day, donated by Miss Cole in memory of her mother and by Misses Nisbet in memory of their mother and father, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

May, 15th Donated by Mrs. Young in memory of her husband M. Toss Young arranged by Mrs. Clark.

May, 22nd No donation, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

May, 29th Donated by the Craigie family in memory of brother Don, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

June, 5th Donated by Mrs. Willis, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

June, 12th No donation for Sanctuary flowers, an anonymous donation for War Memorial, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

June, 19th Donated by Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sally, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

June, 26th Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her brother, Mr. J. Oliver, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

Our grateful thanks for extra flowers for Easter, from Mrs. Shaw. in memory of Judith McPhee (nee Shaw) and Mrs. Kaiper, Detroit, U.S.A. Also from Mrs. Colburt and Mrs. Thompson.

The Flowers in our church each Sunday are given by parishioners in memory of relatives and friends. If you would care to make a donation, Mrs Bosward (569-2778) will be glad to make the arrangements for you. Preferably there should be at least 6 weeks notification to help parish organisation.

APPRECIATION FROM LOCAL NURSING HOMES FOR EASTER VISIT AND GIFTS

From "Armon Nursing Home" the following "Thank you Note" was received:—

"Just a note to thank you very much — For you all at All Saints Church of England. With thanks, from the patients at "Armon Nursing Home", for the lovely Easter gifts."

And the following, from Braeside Church of England Hospital:—

Please accept the thanks of all of us at Braeside for your recent happy Easter visit.

To you and the members of your Ladies' Guild at All Saints' Church much is owed. You've given so freely of time and money to us—I promise you this will be remembered: to quote one of our patients, "they are good people up there". Indeed you are and thanks also to Rev. Gissing for his most robust support in our Easter sing-a-long.

The very best to you all.

Yours sincerely,

OLWEN DAWSON, Matron at Braeside.

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GOD AND YOUR MARRIAGE

"We are souls living in bodies. Therefore, when we really fall in love, it isn't just physical attraction. If it's just that, it won't last. Ideally, it's also spiritual attraction. God has opened our eyes and let us see into someone's soul. We have fallen in love with the inner person, the person who is going to live forever. That's why God is the greatest asset to romance. He thought it up in the first place. Include Him in every part of your marriage, and He will lift it above the level of the mundane to something rare and beautiful and lasting."

—Peter Marshall

LOVE IS . . .

Doing something for others
even when you don't have the time,

Love is making others happy
when you would rather be alone.

Not being irritable when others
get in your way or interrupt you,

It is kind and patient
regardless of the circumstances.

Looking for ways to make others happy
no matter who they are,

Love is honest and just, but
also tender, understanding, and compassionate.

More than a paper valentine
or sentimental love note,

It is operative all the time —
and lasts for a lifetime.

Not getting upset or angry
on the spur of the moment,

It chooses to be consistent through hard experiences,
and finds its joy in God — not circumstances.

— Don Highlander in Family Life Today.

OVER A CUPPA!

For those of us who are Mothers, the celebrating of "Mother's Day" brings to us sobering thoughts of our responsibilities as mothers. In Marjorie Holmes' little book called "I've got to talk to somebody, God", she has a prayer which I feel, as a mother, is one to which I would add a loud and strong "Amen". Let me share it with you — "Help me to help my Children" — it's called and it goes like this:—

"Oh, God, help me to equip my children to resist temptation.

Don't let me expect perfection of them, or demand perfection of myself. But help me to equip my children to live decent happy lives in a world where it is so hard to be good.

We have taken our beautiful world and damaged it so badly for them. We have filled it with physical threat, and moral dangers. All this propaganda for sexual license, Lord; for breaking laws we don't like; all the drinking — and now these soul-and-mind-scarring drugs.

Oh, dear God, arouse in me such a strong sense of what is truly right and truly wrong that I can convey it to them. Give me the words to express these things, and the courage to say them.

God, keep me close to my children, so that they aren't afraid to talk to me freely. And give me the patience to listen, no matter how inconvenient the times when they come.

Give me understanding, God. Give me wisdom. The wisdom to guide them, and the wisdom to keep quiet when that is best. Don't let me invade their privacy. Don't let me try to live their lives for them. Don't ever let me betray their trust.

God, fortify me so that I can fortify my children. Give me the strength of character to demonstrate through my own behaviour what I claim to believe.

Oh, God, help me to equip my children to live decent happy lives in a world where it is so hard to be good."

And here's a Recipe that's quick and easy — something nice to offer those "scamps" when they come in from school — or maybe — for that lonely little neighbour we invite in for a cuppa:—



CARAMEL SQUARES

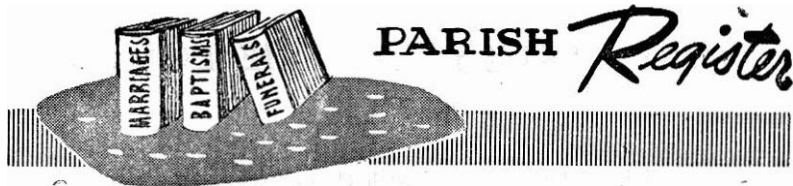
4 ozs. butter or margarine
1 egg
1 cup S.R. flour
1 cup brown sugar

1 cup mixed fruit (nuts and choc.
bits may be added if desired)
vanilla — about 1 teaspoon

Melt shortening and brown sugar gently over low heat. Cool mixture. Then beat in egg. Next. add fruit and flour and vanilla. Bake in moderate oven for about 20 minutes. Mark in squares while warm. Leave till cold to cut. I cook this in a slab tin — you may dust the top of the slice with powdered icing sugar.

To those of you who are "Mums" I would wish you a very Happy Mother's Day and to all of you who share our Parish Paper I say "May the Lord be with you in His Living Presence".

Betty Gissing



HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till, death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

March 19th—Roy Herbert Joyce (Petersham) and Angelina Dubravka Cudic (Petersham).

March 19th—Douglas Malcolm John Graham (Darwin) and Rhonda Margaret Gilbert (Bardwell Park) by Rev. T. E. Champion.

April 2nd—Bruce Arthur Lionel Livingston (Marrickville) and Joan Louisa Gorman (Lewisham).

April 2nd—Bradley John Shilling (Lidcombe) and Heather May Smith (East Ryde).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

March, 2nd—Gwendolyn Frances Daphne Mann of 1/138 The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill.

April, 9th—Charles John Robins of 9/34 Gould Avenue, Petersham.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion—Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayer—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

Famuy Service—3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector. Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, N. Cragg.

Parish Council—The Church Wardens and Messrs. F. Evans, R. Swankie, H. Spill, Mesdames I Barrett, E. Sopwith and J. Livingston.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. J. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—I. Raht.

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CAN I TRULY SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER?

- I cannot say OUR, if I never meet with God's other children.
I cannot say FATHER, if I have not received Jesus, His Son.
I cannot say WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, if I am so occupied with earth that I am laying up no treasure there.
I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME, if I am not called by His name, nor seek to honour it in my life.
I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME, if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.
I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE, if I am questioning, resentful of or disobedient to His will for me.
I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.
I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, if I am ungrateful for past provision.
I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US, if I harbour a grudge against anyone.
I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, if I deliberately place myself or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted.
I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL, if I am not prepared to fight it with all the spiritual weapons available.
I cannot say THINE IS THE KINGDOM, if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.
I cannot say THINE IS THE POWER, if I fear what men may do, or what my neighbours might think.
I cannot say THINE IS THE GLORY, if I am seeking glory for myself.
I cannot say FOR EVER AND EVER, if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.
I cannot say AMEN, if I do not truly mean every word of the prayer, And this prayer honestly will cost me everything.

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.
