

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"

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.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B.

HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK,

R. WRIGHT

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Our Annual Fete has now been held, and what a wonderful success it was. On the day of the Fete we counted £570 and more money has come in since. Everyone worked with a grand spirit of making it a success and our efforts were greatly rewarded. I said in the last "Chronicle" that I hoped we would be able to pay off £500 of the debt on the Parish Hall and this week when the Parish Council met they did that. This means a saving of £30 per year in interest. There is now just under £500 still owing on the Hall. What a wonderful thing it would be if in 1959 we could completely remove the debt. To all who worked so wonderfully for the stocking of the stalls and to all who brought or helped in any way, I offer my sincerest thanks.

A new Brochure has been printed dealing with Parish affairs and the progress made, and copies of this will be distributed by the canvassers who are now making visits in various parts of the parish. A number who promised to contribute weekly sums to our general funds have not sent in anything during the year. Canvassers are concerned with these cases first and then hope to get new contributors.

Sets of envelopes cost money and for people to take these and make no use of them means they are a liability to us. In several cases adults have said they sent envelopes to Sunday School by children, and in some cases we have not received them. Please be careful who you send your envelopes by. Children sometimes are tempted to think they can do things and no one will know. There is a letter box in the front door of the Rectory where many adults place their envelopes and safety is assured to all placed there. It is embarrassing to all when the envelopes are not received. Please remember that even if a note is placed in one envelope to cover a period, ALL EMPTY ENVELOPES should be sent in to cover that period. Some seem to think we do not need all the envelopes, but we do to keep our books in order....Quite a few adults lose their envelopes. Please make use of the wall holder and hang it up in a safe place, then you will know by the date on each envelope whether you are ahead or behind with them. I am satisfied that the Weekly Contribution Scheme is the only way to keep the Church solvent. It is businesslike, Christian and in keeping with Holy Scripture, 1 Cor. 16-2. In trouble we soon fly to the Church for help, but three quarters of those who call themselves Christians give no regular support to the Church.

Some people help the Church in various ways. I want to pay tribute to the voluntary work which has been done around the Church property in the last three years. One silent worker is Mr. Garnett who from time to time comes in and cuts all the Church lawns. He came in just before the Fete and made all the lawns look very nice. Mr. Garnett cuts lawns as a business, but never charges the Church. Thank you Mr. Garnett.

For some time I have been more than greatly concerned with providing more spiritual help for the children and so I have asked Miss J. Napier who is the Scripture Union Secretary, to organise with the help of others, a Junior Christian Endeavour branch. This will be for boys and girls of nine to twelve years of age. They will meet on the first Sunday afternoon in February at 2.30 in the Parish Hall. As an ex-Endeavour member I must confess to owing a great debt to the Society.

A kindly gesture, much appreciated by us all, was recently made by one of our Churchmen and his wife who wished to remain anonymous, in meeting the interest on the Parish Hall for the year, amounting to £50. Such thoughtful acts greatly encourage us and we thank them for their kindness.

Christmas will soon be with us again. I will welcome information about any desiring Holy Communion in their homes. This is a very busy season but any desiring private Communion may have same by letting me know as soon as possible. District Visitors do a wonderful work and often supply me with names but occasionally some folk are overlooked. The great need in this very busy parish is for more District Visitors, some visit nearly 200 homes per month. I wish I could get more who would offer to do a small number. It means distributing the "Chronicle" and finding out how the people are in health, etc. Most people welcome such visits.

During January my wife and I will be away but the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Scott, of Ballan, Victoria, will be in residence at the Rectory. I feel sure that Mr. and Mrs. Scott will enjoy the fellowship here at Petersham. Mr. Scott will take the Sunday Services on January 4th, 11th and 18th, and will be available for such other urgent calls as may arise, such as funerals, etc.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of my wife and myself of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

REFRESHMENTS

On behalf of the ladies of the Refreshment Committee at the Parish Fete we wish to thank the many friends who contributed to our successful effort, with gifts of money, flowers, bread, butter, meat, cakes, scones, biscuits, tea, sugar and fillings for sandwiches. We have pleasure in recording a total of £45, compared with last year's figure of £33. To each and everyone who helped in any way we say thank you.

U. COOK, E. JONES, Organisers

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 21st, 7.15 p.m.—Carols by Candlelight.

Christmas Day—December 25th, 1958

6 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7 a.m.—Holy Communion

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion

10.30 a.m.—Family Service.

NEW YEAR SERVICE

Wednesday, December 31st, 11.30 p.m.—Holy Communion and Address

LADIES' GUILD

At our Ladies' Rally on 28th October we had a very interesting talk by Mrs. Cordell in which she stressed the need for sending literature of the "Written Word of God" to the Mission Fields.

Our next Street Stall will be on Friday, 12th December, owing to the regular Friday being too close to Christmas.

On 25th November a number of our Ladies visited the "Milleewa" Church of England Boys' Home at Ashfield, and it was most interesting to learn something of the work being done there, through the Church.

Our final meeting of the year and Christmas Party, will be held on Wednesday, 10th December at 2 p.m. at the Rectory. Please note the change of day from Tuesday to Wednesday. The Guild will then go into recess till Tuesday, 10th February, 1959.

Our President and members take this opportunity of wishing all Parishioners the Compliments of the Season.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our Club Competitions and Christmas Party was thoroughly enjoyed by our girls and the nice cup of tea served by the mothers was very much appreciated by our good friends of the Club who came along to help make our evening such a success. Congratulations are in order for the girls who were successful in gaining awards for their work through the year and on the night of the Competition. By the time the December Chronicle is delivered to you our Annual Concert will be over, so we would like to take this opportunity of thanking our girls for their splendid work and attention. To Mrs. Taylor (Instructress) who put such a lot of work into arranging the Concert, a very sincere thank you. To Mrs. Collis (Pianist) for her donation to our Club and her co-operation at all times, to all the Mothers of our girls who so willingly make new costumes and uniforms to help make our functions such a success, please accept the thanks of all concerned in our Club.

A Merry Christmas, a Bright and Happy New Year to our girls, parents and friends of the Physical Culture Club.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

AWARDS FOR 1958

7 years—1st, Barbara Collis; 2nd, Annette Meehan; 3rd Laramie Elliott,
 9 years—1st, Jennifer Dallas; 2nd, Julie Hird; 3rd, Roselyn Meeham
 11 Years—1st, K. O'Sullivan; 2nd, Lynette Harris; 3rd Ruth Champion.
 11 Years,—Yearly Awards: Barbara Connell; Diane Hird; Sandra
 Rowney
 13 Years—1st, Sandra Hunter; 2nd, Valerie Harris; 3rd Wendy Lewis.
 15 Years—1st. Pam Hunter; 2nd Jacqueline Rowney.
 1st Year—1st, Marguerite Hicks; 2nd, Marjorie McPherson; 3rd
 Lynette Sanderson.
 Mothers Group—Mrs. Lewis.

Y.C.I.

Our Members had a very enjoyable evening at our Commemoration Night on the 14th November. The Rev. Ernest Wheatley of the Australian Board of Missions was our special speaker, and he gave a most interesting "Talk" regarding the activities of the A.B.M. in New Guinea. The Reverend Gentleman's information was augmented by the screening of coloured slides of the territory described.

During the business meeting the Honorary Secretary detailed some of the early history of the Y.C.I., our organisation being formed in the Parish of All Saints', Petersham on the 21st November, 1910. On Sunday the 16th November last we held our 48 Commemoration Service in the Parish Church. We had a good attendance of Y.C.I. members including several, in the Choir, and the service was greatly appreciated by the whole congregation. Our President and Rector delivered an appropriate and thought provoking address and Messrs H. G. Brodie and B. Sayers read the lessons. As customary the Y.C.I. official hymn was included in the service, and it was rendered with reverence and enthusiasm. The Y.C.I. takes this opportunity of extending the Season's Greetings to all friends of our Institute. Our Bucks Christmas Party will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday the 12th December. All men of the Parish are invited.

L.C.C.

FLOWER ROSTER

- Dec. 7th—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.
 „ 14th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Sopwith in memory of Miss Doris Ritchie
 „ 21st—Donated by Miss Horton in memory of her Brother, arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 „ 25th—Christmas Day. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Champion.
 „ 28th—No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 Jan. 4th—Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

The flowers in the Church on 30th December were given by the children of the Kindergarten and Sunday School in memory of Mrs. Quelch's mother, Mrs. Griffiths.

Donations of flowers or money for flowers for the Church for Christmas Day would be very much appreciated. We would be pleased of any help to arrange the flowers on the morning of Christmas Eve.

The matter of the standing order for Sanctuary Flowers at the florist has been under consideration. The present amount of 12/6 is the same amount as has been for some years, in spite of the greatly increased cost of flowers, it has been decided to increase the standing order from the beginning of the New Year to £1. Anyone wishing to give flowers may give this amount or any portion of it.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES

Dec. 6—Kindergarten

„ 12—Y.C.I.

„ 16—Fellowship

„ 17—Parish. All Welcome (Bring a gift, get a gift).

Sunday School Prize Giving, Sunday, 21st December, 9.30 a.m. Preacher: Rev D. Davies, LL.B.

TABLE TENNIS

N.S.W. Table Tennis Association 1958-59—Summer Competitions.

The five All Saints' teams have performed as follows in the opening rounds of the competition:

Round 1—30th October:

No. 1 Team—Defeated No. 3 Team, 9-2.

No. 2 Team—Lost to Macdonald Hamilton, 0-11.

No. 3 Team—Lost to Burwood Police Boys, 5-6.

No. 5 Team—Lost to Arncliffe Y.M.C.A. 0-11.

Round 2—6th November:

No. 1 Team—Lost to Grace Bros. 5-6.

No. 2 Team—Lost to No. 4 Team 5-6

No. 3 Team—Lost to Burwood Police Boys 2-9.

No. 4 Team—Lost to Adult Deaf Society 1-10.

Round 3—13th November:

No. 1 Team—Defeated Burwood Police Boys 9-2.

No. 2 Team—Lost to Burwood Police Boys 1-10.

No. 3 Team—Defeated Adult Deaf Society 6-5.

No. 4 Team—Lost to Arncliffe Y.M.C.A. 0-11.

No. 5 Team—Lost to Hibernians 1-10.

Round 4—20th November:

No. 1 Team—Defeated Snell 6-5.

No. 2 Team—Lost to Adult Deaf Society 5-6.

No. 3 Team—Lost to Arncliffe Y.M.C.A. 0-11.

No. 4 Team—Lost to Grace Bros 0-11.

No. 5 Team—Lost to Burwood Police Boys 4-7.

The first team players have played consistently to record three meritorious victories and now appear to have a good chance of qualifying for the finals for the first time since the inception of the Club in 1957.

Peter Whalan continues to improve with every match, whilst Charles Hemmings, Neil Moore and John Yard are providing excellent support.

Terry Morris has joined the No. 2 Team as Player coach and already the team members are displaying greatly improved form. Popular member Bill Rowe has departed for New Guinea and the Club wishes him every success in his new environment.

The No. 3 team deserves special praise for a thrilling six rubbers to five victory over the Adult Deaf Society. Jim Ball, Trevor Thompson and Graham Davies inspired skipper John Minter to a brilliant victory in the deciding singles rubber. John left his team mates in no doubt with a sensational win in straight games to clinch the match.

The No. 4 team were unlucky to lose to the Burwood Police Boys in the opening round by the closest of margins. John Rowe and Robert Ball teamed skilfully to win the first game of the doubles but lost the second game 22-24 after having led 20-19. The opposition rallied to win the third game and eventually clinched the match by six rubbers to five.

The No. 5 team caused the biggest upset of the season with a surprise victory over the No. 2 team by six rubbers to five. Richard Cornford led the No. 5 team in fine style and received good support from Geof Gorman and Kevin Lipscombe.

Table Tennis Church Parade

The attendance of the Table Tennis Club at Morning Prayer on the 16th November again proved an outstanding success. Sixteen players were present and the Lessons were read in fine style by James Ball and Trevor Thompson. Robert Ball and Bill Rowe assisted with the collections.

The next Table Tennis Service will be held on Sunday, 21st December, 1958 at 11 a.m.

Mr. R. Moore continues to do a sterling job as team manager of the No. 1 team, whilst Mr. H. Cornford is performing a wonderful job of work as manager of the No. 5 team.

BRUCE LIVINGSTONE, Hon. Secretary

THE SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club will hold their first Christmas Party on Saturday, 20th December at 2 p.m. Will all members please attend?

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. B. Tant and Miss Winters for their generous donations towards our Christmas Appeal.

Once again District Visitors from All Saints' will be able to distribute small Christmas gifts to the "Home of Peace" and other nursing homes in the district. We are most grateful for any donations to this particular fund, and further details can be obtained from the Rector.

D. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

FLAT TO LET

One of our Parishioners has a small flat to-let, bed sitting room and kitchen, suitable for one person, apply 39 John Street, Petersham.



PARISH *Register*

BAPTISMS

Michael Ian Jones; Carol Ann Jones, Alby Robert Jones; Eleanor Carmichael; Noel Gordon Sutherland; Vickie Ann Love; Diane Joan Robinson; Lynette Adele Robinson; Alan Warren Pickup; Ronald Howard Smith; Steven Gregory Jones.

MARRIAGES

Claus Robert Gustav Genssen to Joan Evelyn Reynolds; Lawrence Douglas Muir to Fay Irene Blanch; Athol James Cross to Elaine Cynthia Gray; Kenneth Rushworth to Vivienne Elizabeth Stubbs; Clifford Charles Griffith to Carol Florence Toyne; Albert Allan to Myra Doreen Walker.

FUNERALS

Nov. 4th—John Horton.
 „ 5th—Clara Sophia Griffith.
 „ 6th—Elsie Marguerite Kerruish.
 „ 19th—Rose Ann Stephenson.
 „ 21st—Alicia Honora Elliott.
 „ 21st—Frank Charles Rae.
 „ 25th—Charles Edward Goldspink.
 „ 25th—Myra Lavina Horgan.
 „ 29th—Harold Porter.
 Dec. 2nd—Charles Alfred Archer.

OBITUARY

There passed away recently an old identity of Petersham, Mrs. Bessie Jane Browne, who died at her son's residence in Bathurst. Her three sons were former choir members and also members of the Y.C.I. Mrs. Browne was a keen member of All Saints' Church for many years. We extend to the sons Tom, Bil and Les, our deepest sympathy.

We tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. E. Quelch in the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. C. S. Griffith. Mrs. Griffith has been a sufferer for many years. The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on 5th November when many friends were present.

The sudden passing of Mr. C. E. Goldspink was a great shock to us all. Mr. Goldspink was a greatly respected business man in this town, as was evidenced by the number who attended the funeral service in All Saints' Church on 25th November. We extend to Mrs. Goldspink and her family our deepest sympathy.

WALTERS & SON

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