

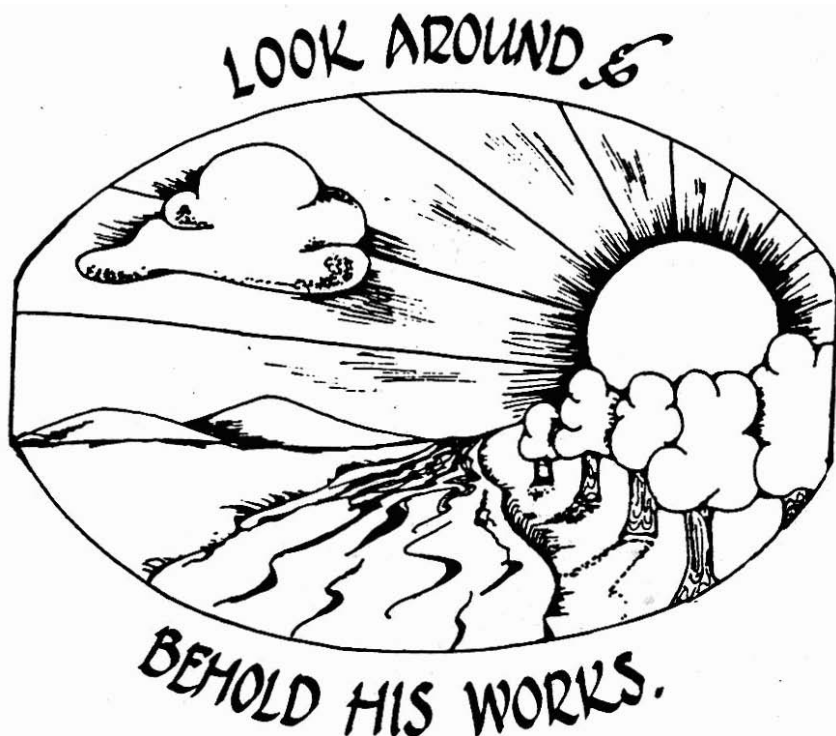
All Saints' Anglican Church, of Australia Petersham

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MAY 1987



The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham, 2049.
24th April, 1987.

Dear Friends,

As Christians we continually live in hope. Hope for the Christian is not a matter of what might happen if my luck holds out. Hope for the Christian is rather what will happen in God's good time, or when God knows it will be the right time.

Sometimes, most times, the fulfilment of our hope is not exactly as we expect it. It is always better, and it is always good. One thing is sure that despite all the disappointments we experience; despite all the difficulties and frustrations we meet, the end in God's hands. It is always good; not just for God, but also for us.

The Christian has hope, and that hope never disappoints. It may be different from what we expect, but it never disappoints.

I believe that at last we are beginning to see some of that fulfilment in our parish. Many have looked for it for a longtime. It may not necessarily be as we planned or even expected, but I believe it is starting to happen.

For the first time since I have been rector of the parish we have a full Parish Council, and I might add the largest Parish council we are permitted. Even with a full parish Council there are still a number of members of the congregation who could have been elected or appointed. These are members who already play important roles in our church life.

Our youth work is now established. The group of teenagers who meet weekly is up to sixteen in number. This shows expansion, but it will require hard work to maintain and build upon. I would ask your earnest prayers in this matter.

My wife, Helen, has begun a women's group once a month and there is much enthusiasm for this very, very, informal gathering. It has been a real "getting to know each other" exercise without any fear of being forced into something.

To my amazement we already have a Confirmation Class of three adults and four teenagers. This is four times greater than I expected. (Actually there will be two classes one for adults the other for teenagers). I must now see if the bishop will come to the parish church rather than combine with another parish.

We are pleased at the numbers attending Sunday School. This has been very encouraging. We are welcoming new families and older established pupils have continued. We need Sunday School teachers if this work is to continue to grow. In Christian work things don't stand still - they either grow or die. Sunday School is a matter of real concern teacher wise. We have great opportunities.

What I have mentioned indicates real growth, and I consider them hopeful signs for the future, but I know that the way things will progress will not be "like it was in the past". For a start that would not be growth. It would be going backwards. Petersham in the 1990's will not be Petersham on the 1950's, or 30's or even 1890's. Nor can we even guess what it will be like, but All Saints' Church (both the building and the people) will have an important part to play. I am sure of this.

I see our church playing an important part in the life of not just Petersham but of the whole inner west of Sydney. I believe this will be a centre for christian work far beyond Petersham. Again we need to

be guided, and our guidance must come from God. I have a great sense of hope for the future but I doubt whether any of us can anticipate how that future will take shape, but all true believers will rejoice as we see God's plans worked out.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Last month the Sunday School in conjunction with the Youth Fellowship held a Family Night. Brian Roberts and Helen Plumb from the Bush Church Aid Society came along to tell us of the work of the B.C.A.

A total of sixty members of the congregation, Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship came along to the festivities which included Damper, Billy Tea, and a Sausage Sizzle. After the sausage sizzle Brian and Helen from the B.C.A. showed slides of the work of B.C.A. in Quilpie.

The Sunday School has now recommenced classes for the second term of 1987. The next Family Service will be held on 17th May, commencing at 9-30am.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

SECONDHAND CLOTHING & JUMBLE SALE

FRIDAY 15TH MAY 1987 & 26TH JUNE 1987

9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH HALL

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 12th May at 1-30p.m. We are still appealing for new members, and would love to welcome you.

The next second hand clothing and jumble stall will be held on Friday 15th May commencing at 9 a.m. Thanks very much to all those good friends who continue to send us goods.

We would like to give advance notice of "New Idea" P.A.N. Public Relations "Tasty Tips" demonstration to follow our October meeting, further details later, but keep Tuesday 13th October free for a "Tasty" afternoon at All Saints'.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Our 29th Club Birthday was celebrated last month, with a good attendance on a beautiful day. To mark the occasion we had extra table and door prizes and Mr. Ken Rowland played Happy Birthday and some old songs on the piano for us at afternoon tea time. Thanks Ken.

We are still hoping to enroll more new members. Please think about it. Its only 80 cents for a happy afternoon of competitions with for small useful gifts such as jellies, fruit etc. With door prizes and a friendly chat over afternoon tea. See you any Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.



FLOWER DONATIONS



- MAY 3RD. - Donation by Miss Perry.
 Donation by Miss Leslie in memory of her family.
 Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MAY 10TH. - In loving memory of our dear sister
 Elsie Hillery, from Bert & Kath Gamble;
 In memory of our mother, from the Misses
 Nisbet;
 by Mrs. Carr in memory of her mother.
 Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam.
- MAY 17TH. - In memory of Mr. B, Young & family friend
 Mr. J. Ivesley, by Mrs. H. Young.
 Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MAY 24TH. - In memory of David Alexander Rodgers, from
 Mavis, Margaret, Alan & Marie.
 Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam.
- MAY 31ST. - To the memory of his sister Elsie Wall,
 from Bill ~~Wall~~ *Wall & Family*.
 Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam.

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LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP Tuesday May 19, 7-30p.m. - Questions about the H.S.C. Guest Miss Zoë Brownfield.

RECYCLING

This year is nearing the half way mark and that brings our paper recycling business to an end. All Saints' has done very well from it and we are fortunate that bequests over the last two years will help to compensate for the lost income. In common with household and living expenses, church and religious expenses increase every year and we have no cause to sit back self satisfied with what we have accomplished.

We hope that many of our outside helpers will accept this invitation to meet with us for a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' on 14th June at 9-30 a.m., the day after our last collection. For this purpose we will arrange transport for anyone who wishes it, to and from the church. We hope that you will accept this invitation and if necessary avail yourselves of the offer of transport and join us in thanks for all that has been accomplished.

Editor.

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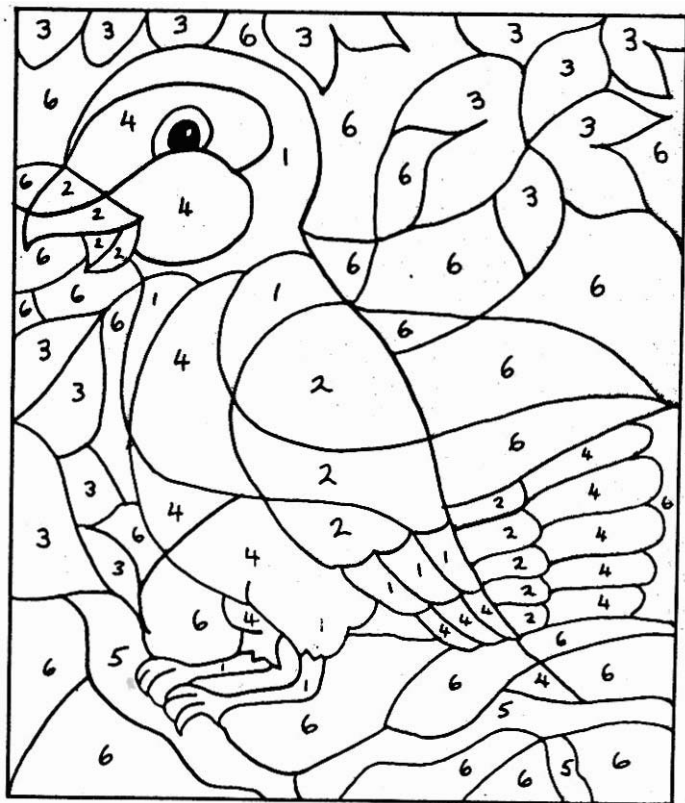
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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All young people, High School age & over - 7 p.m.
Saturdays Parish Hall.

Everyone welcome.