

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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JULY, 1976



Rev. ERIC CHAMPION

who will be preacher at our Festival Thanksgiving Service on 15th August.

RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

Recently the proposal to alter the time of the later morning Service has been brought forward again. It was discussed again by the Parish Council and the feeling was that any such alteration should be referred to those regularly attending at the 11 a.m. Service. I have been doing this now for some weeks and, although not everyone has spoken with me, I have not yet discovered anyone who would be impossibly inconvenienced by a decision to bring the time forward. There is another aspect to be considered. There could well be others who would find an earlier hour as more convenient and so be encouraged to share in worship.

It is not a straight-forward matter. It will obviously affect the arrangements for Sunday School and the morning Choir.

One suggestion is that Sunday School and the Morning Service be held concurrently. This would make it possible for families to attend together—each age group being provided for at their own level. This sounds attractive and sensible. However that would cause problems. Sunday School Teachers would be unable to attend the later morning Service—or be in the Choir. Maybe this could be answered by the teachers and children attending the 8 a.m. Service—and by transferring the Choir to that Service.

The other suggestion is that the Sunday School time be moved forward also—to say 9 a.m.—and that the length of Sunday School be shortened to say 50 minutes. The Services would be at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. with Sunday School between. Teachers and children and Choir would still be able to attend the later morning Service as at present. Another possible advantage with this suggestion is that parents may not be faced with the problem of “calling back” children from other activities in order to bring them to Sunday School in the mid-morning. It could help in promptness of starting, and the making of later activities in the day less difficult to achieve.

I am anxious that all interested folk have the chance to consider alternatives, to make further suggestions and to express their personal feelings to me. So I ask that you pray about the suggestions and speak or write to me personally in the next few weeks.

May I add that it is not my motive to indicate any departure from my personal belief that Sunday is the Lord's Day, and that I'm convinced that no matter what arrangements are made, those who really seek to honour God will always make public worship the priority in the use of the Lord's Day. But holding that conviction doesn't mean that we ought not make arrangements the most suitable for the people who live in the latter part of the 20th Century in an urban situation.

The other matter I wish to draw attention to is our coming CONSECRATION FESTIVAL. This year the Tea will be at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th August. Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir has accepted the invitation to be our Guest Speaker, and the Choir of Meriden C. of E. Girls' School will provide a musical programme. There will also be a “Back to All Saints” Festival Thanksgiving Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 15th August with a Morning Tea to follow. Our good friend the Rev. Eric Champion has agreed to be our visiting preacher on that occasion.

I do hope that all our friends will be planning to share these celebrations with us, bringing with them friends and neighbours so that it will be a fitting act of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings given to All Saints over the years. Your sincere friend in Christ,

S. W. GISSING.

ALL SAINTS' PETERSHAM

Receipts and Payments—May, 1976

RECEIPTS

	\$
Offeratories	524.50
Legacy—late L. G. Bayley	500.00
Donations	116.00
Bank Interest	72.83
Hall Rent	9.00
Carillon	1.00
Deficit for May	204.39
	\$1427.72

PAYMENTS

	\$
Stipend, Super'n, Travelling & Sick Accident Fund, etc.	639.82
Parish Super'n Contribution	16.25
Organist	35.00
Cleaning	56.00
Organ Tuning	30.00
Fire, Light & Power	49.98
"Chronicle"	110.40
Repairs, Maintenance	112.08
Transfer to Mission A/c.	4.38
Printing & Stationery	5.59
W. A. Flick—Annual Maintenance & Service	50.60
Insurance on Property	307.62
Australian Performing Rights	10.00
	\$1427.72

Balance of General A/c:—

as at 1/1/76	\$4097.03 Cr
as at 31/5/76	\$2296.23 Cr
Deficit to date for 1976:—	

	\$
January	431.44
February	201.84
March	699.96
April	264.07
May	204.39
	\$1800.80

Balance of Organ Fund Account—

as at 31/5/76	\$150.00
Balance of General Missions Account—	
as at 31/5/76	\$91.70
Balance of Capital Reserve Account—	
as at 31/5/76	\$2247.47

EDITOR'S CORNER

The following two pieces have been submitted by parishioners and your editor is most grateful:—

ON DAY TO DAY LIVING

Don't look for flaws
 As you go through life,
 And even if you find them,
 T'is wise and kind,
 To be somewhat blind,
 And look for a virtue behind them.

THE LONELINESS OF AGE

How few of us treat with tenderness and consideration those who have outlived their generation, and whose early companions and friends have been taken from them! They necessarily live to a great extent in a world of their own, with which those around them are not familiar. Their hearts are with the scenes of the past, and the companions of other years who have long ago passed away. They are "only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown" to pass on to the re-union that awaits them. Who would not do what he or she can to cheer the loneliness of the aged, to smooth their pathway, and comfort them in their declining years?

—L.E.B.

Parish Council Notes:

The Festival Tea will be held on Friday, 13th August, beginning at 6.30 p.m. Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir will be present and will give the address. We are pleased and honoured to be favoured by the attendance of the Bishop.

Entertainment will be provided by the choir from Meriden Girls' School.

Readers are reminded that this is the event of the year for All Saints' and only the presence of many people can make it a success. It is not sufficient to buy a ticket and not to come.

Consecration Festival—Sunday, 15th August at 10 a.m. The Rev. Eric Champion will be guest preacher for this service. It is hoped that parishioners will regard this Sunday as a "Back to All Saints' Day", and make special efforts to attend the service. It is a long time since we had a crowded service and it would do us all good to see people crowding in through the doors. "United we stand" applies to church congregations as well as unions. Don't leave it to everybody else, bring yourself along.

Organ Repairs:

The Parish Council elected a committee of three, Councillors N. Cragg and H. Quelch and Mr. J. Nance, to determine the extent of the repairs to the organ that should be carried out immediately. Mr. Nance, who has committed himself to pay a substantial part of the cost is well aware of the faults and requirements of the organ as it is at present. We are fortunate to have his guidance as well as his monetary help.

Organ Fund:

The balance sheet for May shows that the organ fund then stood at \$150.

Details of contributions received since then will be acknowledged in the August Chronicle by name or as anonymous donations.



CHURCH CLUBS

Sunday School News:

Our advertisement for a teacher for a class of boys from 11 to 13 years has not yet born fruit. However, unlike commercial job advertisements we do not have a closing date for volunteers. Material is available and help given. Who will take up the challenge?

A Leaders meeting will be held after the 10 a.m. Family Service on 18th July. Among items to be discussed is preparation for the "Grocery and Homemade Jam Stall" which is the Sunday School contribution to the Fete.

Requests for donations of goods, are presently being sent to Grocery Firms (or alternatively to purchase at wholesale prices).

N. CRAGG, Superintendent.

Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club is now playing off a Pairs Competition, the players being graded as A and B by the club members. Each team comprises one A grade and one B grade player. Fifteen games have to be played before the winner can be declared.

At its last meeting the club agreed to a motion by Mrs. Ivy Clark that \$25 be donated towards the Organ Repairs Fund.

F. HEARN.

Ladies Guild:

The meeting on Tuesday, July 20th will commence at 12.30 p.m. and be followed by a "Public Relations" demonstration, "Goods Galore" at 1.30 p.m. Visitors are most welcome to the demonstration and afternoon tea which follows.

On Saturday, 17th July the guild will meet with the Lady Parish Councillors and the Womens Evening Group to plan the menu and arrangements for the "Consecration Festival Tea".

E. BOSWARD, Hon. Sec.

Senior Parishioners Club:

The club continues its weekly Thursday 1 p.m. meeting and attendance is good. Before closing at 4 p.m. the members will have played Housie and Cards and enjoyed afternoon tea, all for 25c. Three hours entertainment and afternoon tea at this price is a bargain.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Linda Barron, a club member for many years, came as a shock to us. We extend our sympathy to her family.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

Womens Evening Group:

The meeting to be held on Tuesday, 13th July at 8 p.m. will plan to set up the Clothing and Jumble Stall which will be held on Friday, 16th and Saturday morning the 17th July. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

P.S.—We are still needing your recipes.

I. BARRATT, Hon. Sec.

Church Attendance:

Month of June, 1975: 337 (five Sundays).

Month of June, 1976: 222 (includes last Sunday in May).

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THE OTHER SIDE

There are two sides to every question. Here's the monkey's side of the question of evolution.

Two monkeys sat at afternoon tea, discussing things as they're said to be:

Said one to the other,
"Now listen, you,
there's a certain rumour that can't be true.
That man descended from our noble race.
—the very idea is a disgrace.

No monkey ever deserted his wife,
starved her babies and ruined her life,
and you have never known a mother monk
to leave her babies with others to bunk,
or pass them on from one to the other,
'till hardly is known who is the mother.

And another thing you will never see,
a monk build a fence round a coconut tree
and let the coconuts go to waste,
forbidding all other monkeys a taste,
Why, if I'd put a fence around the tree,
starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monkey won't do,
go out at night or go on a stew,
or use a gun, club, or knife,
to take some other monkey's life.

Yes, man descended—the silly ass,
BUT, BROTHER, HE DIDN'T DESCEND FROM US!

FLOWER ROSTER

- July 4: Donated by Mrs. Eileen Bayley in memory of her Sisters, Dorothy Winifred and Lillian Gladys; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 11: Donated by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Parents and by Mr. W. Williams and family in memory of Eileen, and by Mrs. Dunne in memory of her Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- July 18: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mrs. Kathleen O'Neill; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 25: Donated in memory of Mrs. Joan Nance from her family and by Mrs. E. Miller and family in memory of Mr. F. Miller; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

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AUGUST ROSTER

- August 1: No donation.
- August 8: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones, and by Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. W. J. Roberts; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 15: Donated by Mrs. J. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Miss Butt in memory of her Sister and Brother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 22: Donated by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield and by the Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 29: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mr. Bertram Hillery and by Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. Gordon; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

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HOW ONE MAN OVERCAME HIS BURDEN

I often think the human spirit is like a star. The darker the sky, the brighter it shines.

I'm thinking of a man who died not long ago, in America. When he was born, his parents heart bled for him, because he had no arms.

Yet, as time went on, the boy learned to fend for himself, and he resolved not to allow his handicap to limit his usefulness to the world. He decided to be a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the kindest possible way, his family and friends tried to discourage him. For one thing, how could a minister without arms perform the sacrament of Baptism? But all the misgivings of others made no difference. The young man's heart was set.

In the end, he became one of the most beloved, and one of the ablest ministers in his church, serving it for 30 years with such dedication that his handicap was scarcely a handicap at all.

And what of baptisms?

Why, when a child was brought forward to be baptised, the minister leaned over the fount, touched the water with his lips, and kissed the baby's forehead.

A beautiful gesture, but not more so than the shining example of the man who made it.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion— Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

Evening Prayer—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

Family Service— 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

Parish Council— The Church Wardens and Messrs. D. Barclay, N. Cragg, F. Evans, H. Quelch, R. Swankie, H. Spill, J. Williams. Mesdames I. Barratt, G. Gorman and E. Sopwith.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. H. Quech.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—Mr. J. Birkett.

Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.

Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

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CHURCH CHUCKLES

In Dorchester, England, staff members of Dorset County Hospitals are chuckling over a child's-eye view of a tonsil operation. A staff letter quotes the child's own account as follows:

"When I went into the big room there were two lady angels, all dressed in white. Then two men angels came in the room.

One of the men angels looked down my throat and said, 'Lord! Look at that child's tonsils.'

"And the Lord looked, and said, 'I'll take them out at once!'"

While on a speaking tour I stayed overnight at the home of a local minister. In the morning I encountered the cleric coming out of his room. "Good morning," I said rather routinely. "How are you?"

"I feel just like a resurrected man," he replied with a twinkle. "I dreamt that I had died and gone to my reward. But then I woke up and discovered that I had my electric blanket turned up too high."

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