

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

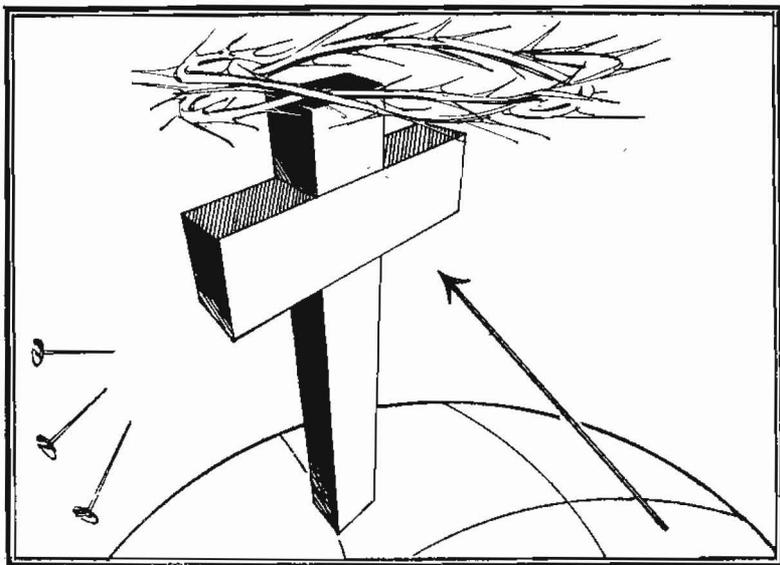
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MARCH, 1968

Make your Lenten Sacrifice



Attend our Wednesday Services

7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

THE CHALLENGE OF LENT

We are in a positively awful muddle today through leaving God out of our lives, or thinking that we can use Him, occasionally, for our own ends. Evil is rampant, though it is often dressed up to make it look as if it were good, God is calling us to **repent**, that is, to change our outlook, so that we can see what He wants.

You have only to think of the selfishness of nations, classes and individuals, of the desire to seize and keep, of the power of money and vested interests, of the widespread materialistic outlook of nations and individuals, to realise how evil stalks unashamed through the world to-day. For evil is that which puts self first and leaves God out of account; and the world will continue to be run on selfish lines until men's hearts are changed and they throw self out. That is the challenge of Lent.

Accept This Challenge

As part of your Lenten sacrifice and preparation for Easter, the Church invites you to participate in the mid-week services to be held every Wednesday until Easter. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m., and at 7.30 p.m., we shall hold a 30 minute Devotional Service. The Rector will give special talks at the latter, based on the Lord's Messages to the Seven Churches of Asia, as set out in the Book of Revelation. Prior reading of the first three chapters of this Book will help to a deeper appreciation of the Rector's talks.

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EASTER SERVICES

The times of our Good Friday and Easter Day services are set out on the back page of this "Chronicle". Can we look forward to your support at all these Lenten and Easter services?

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PERSONAL

We regret to report the passing of Mrs. Yarrington, formerly of England Avenue, who passed away last month at the great age of 95. For many years, she had helped her daughter, the late Mrs. Morris, on the Fancy Work Stall at the Fete, and we express our deepest sympathy to the members of her family in their loss.

A number of our parishioners have been on the sick list recently. Miss Ivy Street has been far from well, and we hope she will soon be on the mend. Mrs. Dixon of Middle Street, had the misfortune to fracture her leg after the Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party, and we trust she will soon be completely recovered. We are pleased that Mr. Vic. Bryce is improving in health following the recent passing of his Wife.

To all who are not enjoying the best of health at this time, we send our prayers and best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Matron of the Home of Peace has expressed appreciation for the gifts we sent to the hospital following our Harvest Festival Services on 18th February. The Rector also extends his thanks to all who gave goods or cash and so helped make this festal occasion a bigger success than for some years. The great number of gifts brought to Family Service by both children and adults was particularly heart-warming. Thank you, one and all.

LENT—THE PRACTICAL SIDE

Lenten self-denial boxes are available for all parishioners. It is hoped one will be found in every home in the Parish. As you know, the proceeds from these boxes are devoted to the extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. Every intelligent and consistent Churchman and woman must take his part in the spreading of the Kingdom of God; to be parochial in our religious sympathies is to cease to be, in any real sense, Christian. Please return your Lenten box or envelope, together with your Easter offerings, on Easter Day.

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PARISH NEWS

Graham Crusade . . . Missions . . . Concert

The Petersham Ministers' Fraternal is holding a combined pre-Graham Crusade Rally in the Petersham Town Hall at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th March. The Rector trusts that as many All Saints' folk as possible will attend. These rallies are being organised in many suburbs in preparation for the Crusades to be conducted here in April by Dr. Billy Graham. The Principal of the Salvation Army Training College, Major W. Cairns, will be the guest speaker.

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You may not know that because of our financial position, the only amounts we are now able to contribute to outside church bodies such as missions, are from the "Beyond the Parish" half of your weekly envelopes, or donations from parishioners marked for specific organisations. Thus, if you do not contribute in either of these ways, you are not at present contributing to the work of the Church at large.

It is also sad to note that the total amount received for passing on to outside bodies has been falling in recent years.

Commenting on the need to increase our offerings in these respects the Rector says "The evangelisation of the world is important, and people need to be aware of the need to help elsewhere. We urgently need more subscribers to envelopes, which are a special aid to systematic giving for those unable to come regularly."

Mr. Champion or the Church Officers would be glad to answer any requests for sets of weekly freewill envelopes.

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Mrs. Colburt extends her sincere thanks to all her friends at All Saints' for their many expressions of kindness during her recent illness. She is particularly grateful to the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Wilson, and her colleagues in the Seniors' Club.

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To add to the interests at All Saints', the Sunday School is planning a variety show to be held early in May. They hope to stage a good part of the programme themselves, but lack of numbers prevents them from going it alone. So they are holding a "public meeting" on Friday, 8th March, in the Guild Room, to which all parishioners who could help with an item are invited. Invitations have also been issued to a number of parish organisations that are believed to be in a position to contribute to the programme. Participation by a wide cross section of the parish would draw a very good house,

ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING

Latest Club News

Indoor Bowls:

The first match in the Churches' Indoor Bowls Competition for All Saints' will be played early in March against St. George's Church of England, Earlwood.

Our Club extends to Mr. and Mrs. R. Atkinson everything they would wish for themselves. They are moving from the district and so are leaving the club. They have both been good members in every way and we hope to see them whenever they visit Petersham.

New members, both men and women, are wanted in our very happy Club. We play each Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall.

J. E. GORMAN

Ladies' Guild:

Our first meeting for 1968 was held on 13th February, and although our numbers are few, we plan for a busy year.

Our Annual Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, 23rd April, when our speaker will be Mrs. Edna Beales, her subject, "God's Children", illustrated with dolls. Once again we ask all our good friends to please save saleable used clothing for our big sale on Friday, 31st May.

Owing to lack of numbers, we will not be holding our monthly street stalls for the present.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners:

Mrs. Wilson has asked me to convey our sincere thanks to Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Humphreys, and Mr. George Clarke who helped organise the Club during my vacation. We are indeed fortunate to have so many willing helpers in our midst.

Any stranger or guest who attends our Social Club for the first time usually remarks upon the very happy atmosphere that reigns on Thursdays.

If you have a friend, bring her along—if not, join us and make new friends. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to come along on Thursday (wet or fine); your donation is voluntary.

We usually begin at 1 p.m. and you may leave at your convenience.

Would any member of our Club care to make weekly contributions to our Church? Any amount you care to give is acceptable, and weekly envelopes can be obtained from Mrs. Wilson or myself at your request.

We are happy to have Mrs. Colburt and Mrs. Barron back in our midst, and also pleased that Mrs. Proctor is making a good recovery after being on the sick list last month. Mrs. Landic has been ill and we wish her well and hope she will be back with us very soon.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Y.M. and Friends':

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th March at 8 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and we ask that all members make a special effort to be present.

The Club proposes to have a Street Stall outside the main gates of the Church on Saturday, 9th March from 9 a.m. onwards. Cakes, sweets, or anything saleable will be very much appreciated, or you may care to come and buy something from us to help make our stall a success.

We are once again collecting clean newspapers and old rags and hope that our friends will continue to save them for us.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.:

57th Annual Meeting: This was held on 16th February, with over 20 members attending the evening. We were glad to welcome two new members, Robert Cheetham and John Williams, and also to welcome back a former member in the person of Mr. Bert Dick, moving back to Sydney from Adelaide.

We heard detailed reports from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer on the past year's activities, after which the office-bearers for the coming twelve months were elected. The only changes were the election of Messrs. G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw as visiting representatives. The Social and Club Room Committee was abolished and instead the Hon. Secretary will now be responsible to see that members each take turns in arranging the supper and games night.

Meetings This Month: March meetings will include an Indoor Bowls Night on Friday 15th, which proved to be quite enjoyable last year. We hope that a good number will attend. Suggestions Night, on 29th March, has been brought forward this year so that certain aspects of the Y.C.I.'s Syllabus can be discussed, including the Theatre Parties, Quiz Nights, Tour of Inspection, Parish Car Drive, and a bequest made to the Y.C.I.

G. W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Picnic: The picnic committee met last month and we decided to find out whether sufficient scholars would attend. A form was handed out three weeks ago and we would like those who have not returned it to do so as soon as possible.

Concert: At the meeting held to discuss the concert, we found that the Sunday School could not present a full programme. Therefore we are asking anyone who could sing, dance or entertain in any way to attend a meeting to be held in the Guild Room at 8 p.m. on Friday, 8th March.

Harvest Festival: We were very pleased with the gifts brought along by the Sunday School for the Home of Peace.

The Kindergarten had a good attendance but in the Intermediate Sunday School the same few were there again. We would like to thank the scholars and parents who attended and hope to see a larger attendance next Family Service.

New Scholars: We are always seeking new scholars for the Sunday School. If you know of any boys or girls who do not go to Sunday School invite them along. The Sunday School commences every Sunday at 9.45 a.m.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

Chronicle Collection: Thanks to quite a number of parishioners, we are pleased that a complete official set of "Chronicles" has been formed, going back to 1933. We have only about half the issues in the first 30 years of this century, but do have all copies for several years just after 1900. Should you happen to have any copies up to 1933, the Rector or Alan Jones would be glad to hear from you. The earliest copy we have goes back to 1889.

From time to time, we shall publish interesting excerpts from past "Chronicles".

Mr. G. D. Erwin, M.P., Government Whip in the House of Representatives, is a former parishioner and is still a financial member of the Y.C.I. Mr. Erwin came into special prominence in January when he had charge of the ballot of parliamentarians that elected Senator Gorton as Prime Minister.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me"

- January 28th: Margaret Tracy Kelly.
 February 11th: Simonne Louise Rodwell.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

- January 27th: John Jesse Kay to Pamela Oliver.
 January 27th: Keith Frederick Barber to Barbara Wynne Dingle.
 February 10th: Graham Geoffrey Clarke to Donna Sue Blaydon
 February 17th: Colin Dunkerley to Robyn Forrest.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

- January 18th: Doreen Eleanor Margaret Franklin
 January 30th: Ruby Myrtle Power
 January 31st: Albert Victor Lloyd
 February 1st: Lillian Mary Anna May Moxham
 February 2nd: William Edward Meek
 February 12th: William Thomas Charles Brackenburg

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- March 3rd: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Osborne; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 March 10th: No Donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 March 17th: Donated by Mrs. Mervyn in memory of her Husband and by the Sanderson family in memory of their Mother and Aunt; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 March 24th: Donated by Mrs. MacKnight in memory of her Grandmother, Mrs. Slocombe; arranged by Miss Speight.
 March 31st: Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Father, and by Mrs. Beardow and Family in memory of Mr. Beardow; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 April 7th: Donated by Mr. Hird and Family in memory of Mrs. Hird; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

A donation for 10th March would be welcomed.

We gratefully acknowledge the flowers given on the 28th January in memory of Mrs. Morris from her Mother and Sister, on 18th February in memory of Mrs. Powers from Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Clark, and also on 18th February from Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Clark in memory of Mrs. Yarrington,



● **Mr. Hunter Re-elected:** We are glad to report that Mr. David Hunter, longest serving member of our Parish Council, has been re-elected to State Parliament for a further three years. Mr. Hunter's seat of Ashfield, under new boundaries, takes in the western part of this parish as far as Gordon Street.

● We are sorry to learn that Miss Dobson has been in Young Hospital for several weeks. Miss Dobson went to Young on holidays just before Christmas, and we hope that her stay in hospital will soon be over. We look forward to seeing her at All Saints' as soon as she can come back to Sydney.

● **Rector's Holiday:** The Rector and Mrs. Champion returned on 5th February after a brief but restful fortnight's holiday at Katoomba. The Rector extends his personal thanks to his good friend, the Rev. A. H. Gallop, B.A., for looking after the Parish while he was away.

● Our best wishes for a happy future go to Keith and Barbara (nee Dingle) Barber, who were married at All Saints' on Saturday afternoon, 27th January, by the Rector. Barbara has been closely associated with All Saints' for some 18 years in many roles, while Keith has also been in the Choir in recent times. We wish them well as they move into their new home at Castle Hill.

● **Successful Social:** Mrs. Clark extends her thanks to all who supported the Parish Social on Saturday afternoon, 2nd March. This was the first of a number to be organised throughout the year in aid of Church funds. They are always enjoyed by all who attend.

● **Masonic Service:** On Sunday evening, 25th February, we welcomed members of local Masonic Lodges to Evensong. We are grateful to our visitors for providing a supper in the parish hall after the service.

● Congratulations to Philip Dingle on being selected to play first grade cricket for Petersham against University. Phil. is a regular member of our Church and Y.C.I.

● **Park your Car Carefully:** The Rector would be grateful if parishioners and other users of the hall would not park in the drive-way to his garage. He often gets emergency calls and it is a problem when he cannot get out or in, especially at night. Preferably, park as close as possible to the edge of the sealed parking areas, but not on the lawns.

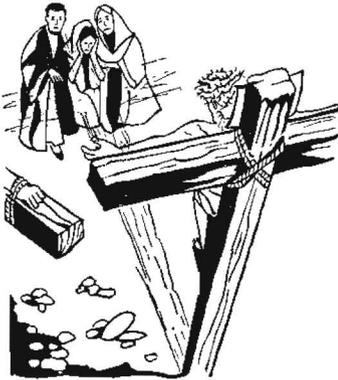
● **April Chronicle** items will be due by Sunday, 24th March. We trust that Secretaries not contributing of late will make use of this opportunity to get free publicity to the work of their organisations.

● **Harbour Cruise:** The Bible Society's Annual Harbour Cruise will be held on Saturday, 9th March. This year, two ferries, the "South Steyne" and the "Dee Why" have been hired, and will leave Circular Quay at 1.45 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. respectively. Both ferries will stop at

Manly for an Open Air Rally, at which Lightning Sketch Artist, Mr. Graham Wade will be guest speaker. Tickets—Adults 50c. and children 25c.—are now available at Bible House, 95 Bathurst Street, Sydney, so purchase early to avoid disappointment.

Fete News: A number of stallholders are already getting stocks prepared for our annual fete on Saturday, 16th November. Please do all you possibly can to help them. Mrs. Clark is seeking left over knitting wool of any colour—donations may be left e/- the Rectory or given to Mrs. Clark. Again, books or magazines are already being sought by Mrs. Reid who will gladly arrange collection.

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES



EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m.

Devotions at 7.30 p.m.

Addresses by the Rector on the

Messages to Seven Churches of Asia.

GOOD FRIDAY

12th April

Holy Communion,	8 a.m.
Family Service,	10 a.m.
Devotional Service,	2 p.m.

EASTER DAY

14th April

Holy Communion	7 a.m.
Choral Communion	8.15 a.m.
Sunday School,	9.45 a.m.
Holy Communion	11 a.m.
Evening Prayer	7 p.m.

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