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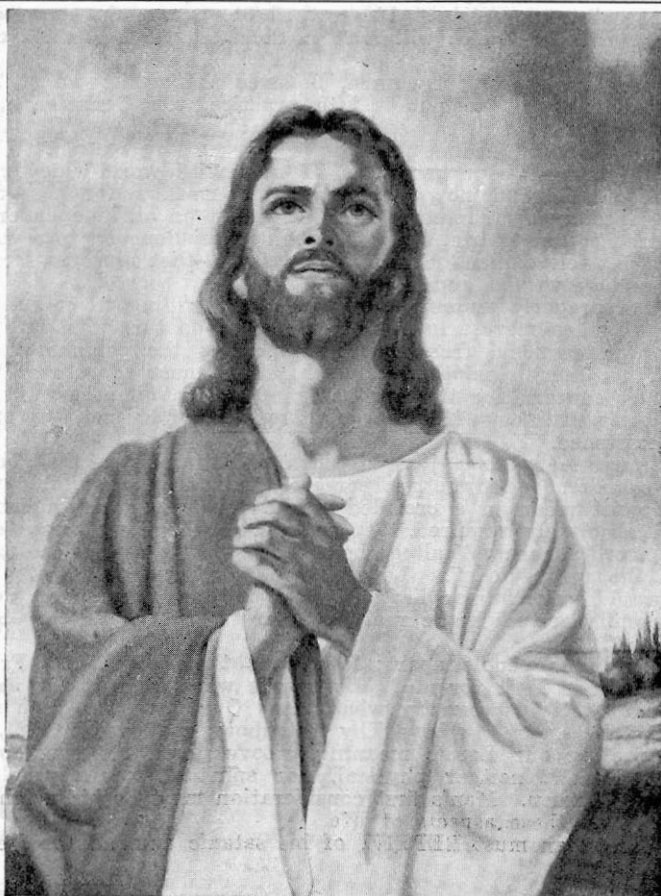
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"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

By the time you read this, the greeting "Happy New Year" will already be old hat. But it is towards a Happy New Year for us all that I write to you today.

The onset of a new year always brings a feeling of high hopes and at the same time asks some large questions. Man always looks for the best, but what will the new year bring? The news on the radio and in letters from overseas seems to support an air of foreboding, what with the supposed leading nations of the world in such internal moral difficulties, as well as external economic and political difficulties. And now with the young of the world turning their backs on much of what was our "secure and orderly world", tearing down even the oldest and most loved institutions, and turning their backs on the Church, although we should like to see better days, we will not really be surprised at anything that happens now.

These are tumultuous times and every single idea, ideal, and philosophy is being put to the final test, the test of workability regardless of popularity. Mankind is striving to find a way to live with himself on this ever shrinking globe. Ideas which do not really work will be quickly cast aside and man will look farther and farther afield to find his new course through life.

The Christian Faith, of course, believes that while we still have not fully learned how to put it into practice, the Christian way of self-sacrificing love is still the basis for the only right way forward for mankind. All men desire freedom, but freedom without love is anarchy. Whatever hope man has of achieving world-wide freedom depends on our learning how to give up that freedom for the good of all men. Freedom misunderstood sends man out on an independent and unincumbered course in life, and consequently headlong on to a collision course with his fellow men. Conflict follows, and that illusive "freedom" becomes bondage to war and hate.

Freedom properly understood means being willing to co-exist with other people, to co-operate in life. In order to do this, man must have an idea of his personal freedom which includes the personal freedom of every other human being upon earth. Man must adopt real human love, a lively concern for the well-being of others, all others, in every aspect of their situations, if he is going to be able to find this path of happy co-existence.

Man must learn to adjust his idea of freedom so that he does not deny freedom to any other person. You are surely able to see what this must mean in a crowded world. A higher and higher idea of love is absolutely required. It might be well if we were to stop using the word "freedom" altogether, because it is so misleading, and substitute the word "love". Love is the only true freedom. If all mankind would make human brotherly love its goal, instead of independent freedom, there might be real hope for "Peace on Earth, Goodwill towards Men".

Freedom pulls people apart; love pulls them together. Freedom asks only what is in it for me? Love asks what is in it for us?

And isn't this just exactly what Jesus Our Lord has been saying for nearly 2,000 years? "Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself." St. John says, interpreting our Lord's meaning, "Love doeth his neighbour no harm" NO HARM, neither physical, nor spiritual, nor psychological, nor sociological harm. Man's first consideration must be his neighbour's well-being in all these aspects of life.

Therefore, man must REPENT of his satanic demand for freedom,

threw it out, and accept the Gospel of Love, seeking from now on not his own selfish hopes, but the fulfilment of the hope of the human race. Change is hard, especially after we have got used to "our way of doing things", but change we must, or we will be buried in the dust raised by a world that is going on.

So in 1972, let us keep our torch burning brightly for Christ and His love. Let us forget self and work for the race. Let us sacrifice as He did in the preservation of His truth, and perhaps this dark world may yet see His Light.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. CAMPBELL.

OUR THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

Services on 13th February



Special services to mark the Harvest Thanksgiving Festival will be held on Quinquagesima Sunday, 13th February. These will be bright services with many harvest hymns and the Church will be decorated appropriately for the occasion. We hope all parishioners will bring along gifts of groceries, fruit, vegetables, etc. to add to the atmosphere of the Harvest.

All these gifts will be forwarded to the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace Hospital in Addison Road, where they will be put to very good use. This is a Church of England hospital performing a wonderful work amongst incurably ill patients in the closing stages of life, and it greatly deserves our support.

Services will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Evensong at 7 p.m. The Kindergarten and Sunday School children will present their gifts during normal lesson hour which begins at 9.45 a.m.

LENT AND EASTER

Ash Wednesday:

A special service to mark the commencement of Lent will be held at All Saints' at 7.30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, 16th February. The Rector hopes that all parishioners will make a special effort to attend this important service.

Good Friday:

This year, Good Friday falls on 31st March. Times of our services will be published in the March "Chronicle". In addition, there will be the annual Diocesan Service of Witness in Hyde Park, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The Archbishop will give the address, and the musical team, The Ramblers, will lead the singing.

Easter Day:

Easter Day will fall on Sunday, 2nd April. Of it, the Prayer Book says, "AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one".

The times of our Easter Day services will be listed in the next "Chronicle".

Your Lenten Sacrifice:

It is easy to have the best of intentions about making some sacrifice this Lent as part of our personal preparation for Easter. But it is also easy to let this matter slip your mind. We can assist you to make this sacrifice and at the same time further the work of the Church in a wider field by giving you an A.B.M. box or envelope in which you can put your savings this Lent.

The girls and boys of the Sunday School all use them: we do trust that the other members of the parish will all follow their good example. Ask the Church Officers for whatever you require, the box or the envelope.

PERSONAL

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. C. A. Cheetham, who died in a motor accident on 19th December. Mr. Cheetham gave valuable help with the cricket and baseball team we had a few years ago, and his family is closely connected with our Sunday School. We also regret to report the passing of Nurse Tasma Jackson, a former parishioner and Guild member, who died at the Home of Peace, and of the Rev. Percival Moore, a former Assistant Minister of All Saints', whose grandchildren attend our Kindergarten.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Robertson back at All Saints' and trust she will have continued good health. Mr. Millarey is picking up well after a spell in hospital, while our best wishes go to Mr. George Barron, who has had to undergo a serious eye operation.

CHURCH NEWS

Bible Study Group:

The Rector wishes to hear from members of the parish who would like to join a Bible Study group. He has received suggestions from several parishioners that such a group be formed. The aim is to have a modern intelligent inquiry into the history and up-to-date use of the Bible, and its application to the modern world. The time, day, and place of meeting would be determined by those interested, who are asked to contact the Rector as soon as possible.

Private Communions:

The Rector is glad to take the Lord's Supper to "shut-ins" and to the bedsides of sick folk. He asks only that requests be made direct to him, so that firm appointments as to place and time can be arranged. It is also desired that such requests be made by either the participant, or someone in the home or immediate family.

Confirmation, 1972:

The Diocesan list for 1972 has allocated Sunday, 11th June, as our Confirmation date, so classes will have to start much earlier than in the past. The Rector proposes to begin on Wednesday, 1st March, at 7.30 p.m., and asks all prospective candidates to get in touch with him quickly. The Right Rev. H. G. S. Begbie will be the confirming Bishop.

Weekly Envelopes:

If you've not previously used the weekly envelopes for your offerings, we suggest you join now, and so help us receive a regular weekly income for the Church. Sets may be obtained from the Church Officers at any Service. Existing subscribers may collect their envelopes from the rear of the Church.

Rector's Holiday:

Our sincere appreciation is expressed to the Rev. Ralph Ogden, B.A., Th.L., for conducting our Services, for the messages he preached to us, and for his other work in the Parish during the Rector's holidays last month.

District Visitors:

We urgently need one or two ladies to take over vacant areas within the parish. The work involves a monthly visit as a representative

of All Saints', including leaving a "Chronicle" and receiving subscriptions to Church funds. Mr. E. Quelch would be very happy to hear from any folk who can assist.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

Do you really know what goes to make up the various organisations at All Saints'? The wide range of ages and tastes for which our organisations cater makes it almost impossible for any one parishioner to know what happens at all our clubs and societies. There is sure to be at least one that will meet your needs and will gladly welcome you as a member.

It should therefore be of advantage to our clubs and to our parishioners—new and old alike—to publish short statements from each of the organisations, setting out their aims and objects, the nature of their membership, their activities, times of meeting, etc.

It is planned to include one or two such articles in each issue of "The Chronicle" over the next few months. Bowls Club Secretary, Mr. Frank Hearn, begins the series.

Indoor Bowls Club:

The Indoor Bowls Club was originally formed in 1959, with Bert Hall as President and Bert Shaw as Secretary. The Parish Council advanced the cost of the equipment, and was repaid by the Club from members' subscriptions. The number of men attending ranged from 12 to 20, with three mats in use most evenings. Our membership was so good that we were able to take part in the Men's Fours Competition without any shortage of players.

Subsequently, a Ladies' Club was formed and flourished for a time. Eventually, the Men's Club was so reduced in numbers that it was suggested that the two clubs amalgamate. This was eventually approved jointly by both groups and for a few years, the Club flourished again. During this time, the Club Presidents were Charlie Whiting and Jack Gorman, with Frank Hearn as Secretary and Treasurer. Later, Mrs. Ivy Clark became Treasurer, and other ladies were appointed to the Club and Selection Committee. Mr. B. Sayers is currently President.

The trend to diminished numbers continues and we are now down to four ladies and six men. However, our finances are healthy and we have been able to maintain our donations towards lighting expenses, support the Sunday School, assist with the new Church flooring, and donate money to the Austcare fund.

The bowls season is now beginning and interest and support from any members of the parish will be much appreciated. Come and enjoy yourselves, and at the same time assist in maintaining interest in this Club.

We play in the Parish Hall each Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. and if you haven't played before, we will be happy to tell you about the finer points of the game.

AROUND THE ORGANISATIONS 1972 Events

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The first meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club for 1972 will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 8th February at 8 p.m.

If you can spare the second Tuesday night any month, please come along and visit us. Then we hope you will want to join the Club. We badly need more members.

Our first effort in the New Year will be a Street Stall, to be held on the corner of New Canterbury Road and Gordon Street on Saturday morning, 4th March. Donations of anything saleable would be very much appreciated, or you might just come along and see what we have to sell. Something might interest you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies' Guild:

Our next meeting will be held in the Guild Room on Tuesday, 8th February at 2 p.m. The guest speaker at our Luncheon on 21st March will be Miss Boole.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

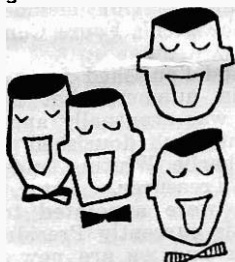
Many thanks to all the kind folk who helped to make our Christmas Party so successful.

It's lovely to be back again at the "Seniors" popular Social Afternoon, held in the Parish Hall at 1 o'clock every Thursday. We are hoping to welcome some new members, especially card-players; please feel free to pop in any Thursday and see just how our Club functions. We assure you of a pleasant afternoon—prizes and afternoon tea all inclusive for just 20c.

Our best wishes for good health to Mr. Geo. Barron, whom we trust will be back with us again very soon.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):



Christmas Party: Fifteen members and friends attended our Christmas Party on Friday, 17th December. It was the first time the Y.C.I. Christmas Party was open to both men and women. It was an enjoyable evening, with all present participating in popular indoor games. At 9.30 p.m., a beautifully-arranged supper was kindly served by Mrs. Ivy Clark in the Guild Room.

On 21st January, we were pleased to have about 27 members and friends at the first open evening of 1972. Our programme consisted of a selection of colour slides of New Zealand taken by Mr. Allen Boyle, supplemented with slides of Tasmania and Scotland provided by Mr. Frank Hearn. Mr. Alan Jones screened some slides of the last Parish Car Drive, and his movie of the 1971 Centenary Service and Parish Fete. We thank Mrs. Clark and Mrs. See for kindly serving the supper at the conclusion of the films.

Annual Meeting: We trust that all Y.C.I. members, including those who don't make it to our regular meetings, will make a special effort to be present at our 61st Annual Meeting on Friday, 18th February. All other menfolk of the Parish are cordially invited.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Youth Group:

This year's list of activities hasn't yet been decided upon, but as soon as it is, I shall let you know. There will be a "Revue" put on by the Group, aimed at bringing in new members, so keep looking in "The Chronicle" for further news.

The Youth Group has taken over the collection of newspapers. If anyone has any papers or books, magazines or paperbacks, would you please contact me on 56-2208.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Vestry Meeting:** Under a Financial Year Ordinance passed by Synod last year, the Church Financial Year nows ends on 31st December, and the Annual Vestry Meeting must be held in February or March. The actual date will be announced in Church shortly. It would be appreciated if all parish organisations could present annual reports at this meeting, which will also elect parish officers for 1972.

● **Christmas Appeal:** For additional donations to the Mothers' Club Appeal, we wish to thank Mrs. Bosward, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Minter and Anonymous.

● **Congratulations:** Our congratulations are extended to all our young folk who were successful in their school, teachers' college, or university examinations. Completing university courses with excellent results were Pam. Kidd, who gained the degree of Bachelor of Social Work, Hugh Quelch, now a Bachelor of Commerce, and John Maxwell, who obtained the Diploma in Education, all from the University of N.S.W. Our best wishes go to Allan Granger, who takes final exams. for his B.Ec. degree at Sydney this month. From U.S.A., we learn that Jan. Monk (nee Jones), a former Sunday School member and editor of "The Chronicle" has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

● **World Travellers:** On Sunday, 3rd January, we said farewell to Mr. Keith Allan after 15 months as our organist. Mr. Allan is returning to England and in Suva, chanced to meet Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sopwith, who are travelling to the U.K. on another ship. Word also to hand that Lindsay Nance arrived safe and well in London on 21st January.

● **New Y.C.I. Door:** The new Y.C.I. Club Room door, provided from the bequest of a former member, Mr. Fred. Metcalfe, was dedicated by the Rector on Friday, 17th December. A suitable metal plaque and a photo of Mr. Metcalfe, have been placed nearby.

● **Caring for Communion Linen:** The Rector would like to hear from ladies, possibly not otherwise involved in parish work, willing to form a Sanctuary Guild. The ladies would take turns in caring for the altar linen, communion silver, etc.—about one hours' work each time. This job is separate from that carried out by the ladies of the Flower Guild.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow"

- February 6: Donated by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff, by Mrs. I. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott, by Judith Symons and John Williams in memory of their Grandfather, and by Mrs. Kerry in memory of Mr. E. E. Kerry; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 13: **Harvest Festival:** No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 20: Donated by the Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory, and by Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Everett and Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Everett in memory of Catherine; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 27: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 5: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers for Christmas Day from Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones, from Mr. and Mrs. Carr and Julie in memory of Miss Alma Waters, from an anonymous donor, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter from their daughters Stella, Ena, and Barb.

We also wish to acknowledge the donation for Sunday, 16th January from Mrs. Brunton.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Festival: All Saints' Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, 13th February. At this thanksgiving festival, we are appealing for each girl and boy to bring fruit, vegetables, or groceries, which will decorate the Church and be forwarded after the Services to the Eversleigh Home of Peace in Addison Road.

Lenten Boxes: We ask all girls and boys to make regular sacrifices throughout the season of Lent, and to put their savings into Lenten Boxes from the Australian Board of Missions, to which all such amounts will be forwarded. We ask parents to encourage their children in the regular use of these boxes.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

March "Chronicle": Items for next issue should be submitted by Sunday, 20th February.

1972 Fete: Please make a note of the date for our big 1972 Fete: Saturday, 18th November.

PARISH REGISTER**BAPTISMS**

"Grafted into the body of Christ's Church"

January 2: James Warwick Eunson.

January 16: Glenn Raymond Andresson.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs Together of the Grace of Life"

December 16: Gowan Hartley Williams to Jeanette Aimer.

December 22: Maxwell John Thomas to Sandra Lesley McQuillan.

FUNERALS

December 14: Harriet Sams.

December 16: Percival Laurence Breadsell.

December 23: Charley Alfred Cheetham.

December 23: Charles Bowden Smith.

January 11: Tasma Bowman Jackson.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS

(Since last report)

Mrs. Carr \$19.50, Mrs. Clark \$5.50, Miss Cole \$5.90, Mrs. Hearn \$5.30, Mrs. Malone (per Miss Cole) \$6.70, Miss Nisbet \$6.60, Miss Speight \$6.00, Mrs. Willis \$6.40. Donation to "Chronicle", Mrs. Hillery \$2.00.

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