

# All Saint's Church of England, Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

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**MARCH, 1985**

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## WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS



**MORNINGS at 9.30 a.m.:-**

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Family Service is the 3rd Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9.30 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN is at 9.30 a.m.

**EVENINGS at 7.00 p.m.:-**

(This changes to 5.00 p.m during winter months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

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## LENTEN SERVICE

Beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY

which is **FEBRUARY 20th**



There will be a Weekly Lenten Studies

at **7.45 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**

**UNTIL EASTER**

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The Rectory,  
P.O. Box 241,  
Petersham, N.S.W.  
21st February, 1985

Dear Friends,

Well, already the season of Lent has begun. Lent is that period of the year that leads up to Easter. Christians use Lent as a time of deepening their spiritual life. They try to get to know more about God, and try to live the life Jesus lived.

Most of us would like to live like Jesus. I mean we would like to do things that are right and good — like to have “a clean image.” Doing evil things, saying nasty things, cheating and lying, etc., etc. don’t really make us happy; others hit back at us and generally we feel pretty upset with ourselves.

Jesus, however, won many friends through the way He helped people, taught about God’s love and forgiveness, and never returned evil for evil. He was a wonderful person. People were attracted to Him. Sometimes it was just one person, a widow or a beggar, sometimes a rough fisherman or a rich young man, at other times thousands of people — His character attracted them all.

Jesus was never short of true friends. Many welcomed Him to their homes. Many gave to Him, and He gave to them. The thing He gave most was love, and love is a precious commodity.

At this time of the year Christians seek to know God better and try to live lives more in keeping with the example Jesus set.

Of course you might say that all sounds great, but it only applies to “goody-goodies” who already go to church. Some would add: and they are only kidding themselves, they aren’t really that good.

Unfortunately, we Australians are great knockers. We are not willing to try to do something different and we are quick to criticise those who do — whether they succeed or fail. Many people would like to be like Jesus — to be a Christian, but they are afraid to try. Afraid someone will say: “I told you, you would not succeed.”—the good Australian knockerism.

Firstly, if you try by yourself, you will fail. Yes, that is true. You need help. Help from two sources. You will need help from others who are trying to live the Christian life — usually you find those people in a church congregation. The other source of help is God Himself. You can talk to Him; prayer—and you can listen to Him speak to you; read God’s Word.

The people who make up any church congregation are not “sinless saints,” rather they are “forgiven sinners.” The people

who worship at any church are battling against sin in their own lives. There are times when with Jesus they overcome evil but there are also times when they fail miserably. When failure comes they seek God's forgiveness and ask for strength to begin again. God gives such strength and help. He loves us even when we fail. He wants the best for each one of us.

It is a simple challenge that comes to each of us. It is possible to enjoy the presence of Christ Jesus in our lives. We cannot do it alone. We need other people's help. We need God's help. It is possible. I challenge you to try it.

Yours sincerely, BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector

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### RETURN THANKS

The Family of the late May Ruhle would like to thank her friends and the parishioners of All Saints, Petersham for their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy.

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### FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MARCH

March 3—By Mrs. A. Hall in memory of her mother, father and family.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

March 10—By Julie and Alison in memory of "Mate."

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

March 17—Anonymous donation for the Stone of Remembrance.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

March 24—Donation by Miss Perry.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

March 31—Donation by Mrs. J. Murrett in memory of her mother Stella Williams and half brother Jack Williams. Arrangement by Mrs. Michele Essam.

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### DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH

**Morning                      Evening                      Wardens**

March 3—Mrs. C. Hitchcock; Mrs. A. Steed; Mr. B. Livingston

March 10—Mr. R. Swankie; Mrs. M. Willis; Mr. N. Cragg

March 17—Mrs. D. Reid; Mrs. M. Willis; Mr. F. Hearn

March 24—Mr. R. Swankie; Mrs. J. Livingston;

Mr. B. Livingston

March 31—Mr. E. Champion; Mr. S. Shepherd; Mr. N. Cragg

April 7—Mrs. I. Barrett; Mrs. M. Essam; Mr. F. Hearn

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to thank the Sunday School pupils for the gifts of food they brought along to the Harvest Festival in February.

Following discussions at the Annual Sunday School Meeting and a further meeting of the Senior Sunday School teachers it was decided that the pupils would commence their lesson at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is instead of commencing in the church at the morning service.

The lesson period would follow a short opening service in the Hall. This change started on Sunday, 24th February.

The Sunday School Prize-giving is to be held at the Family Service on Sunday, 17th March, 9.30 a.m. Parents are invited to join their children at this service.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

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### SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Come and join us on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. We play "Housie" for small, useful gifts. There are also door prizes and a lovely afternoon tea, all for 60c.

Our attendance at the first two Thursdays has been very good and everybody seems to be happy to see one another after the Christmas break. But we always have room for new members. So if you are lonely and want to spend a happy afternoon with friends, do come along.

There will not be a club meeting in Holy Week. That will be Thursday, 4th April, the day before Good Friday. But any other Thursday we will be pleased to see you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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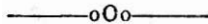
### WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The Women-in-Friendship got off to a good start in 1985 with a Second Hand and Jumble Stall on Friday, 22nd February. We all spent a very happy day together and our proceeds were \$184. The next Second Hand and Jumble Stall will be held on Friday, 3rd May. Please help us by coming along that day. You may see something you want and everything is very cheap. Don't forget us when you are discarding your last season's clothes.

Our Luncheon this year is set for Tuesday, 10th April, in the Church Hall at 12 noon. The Petersham Salvation Army will again help us out, with entertainment. Donation \$2.00. Please come; we want you all.

Following our next meeting in March we will have a Happy Home Demonstration by Mrs. Molly Sanisbury. This is an annual demonstration in March and those who have been before know how good it is. Don't forget the date, March 12th (Tuesday). Our meeting starts at 1 p.m., Demonstration at 2 p.m. and the afternoon concludes with afternoon tea. Please come and support us.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary



### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**RESTORATION:** Repairs to the box guttering on the southern side of the church have been completed and the rotted timber inside the church repaired. The Parish Council decided that money in hand for restoration should be put to work as early as possible and not retained in the hope of amassing a large sum. Also by doing the work as money becomes available we will be protected against constantly increasing costs. The Restoration Fund remains open.

**PARKING IN CHURCH GROUNDS:** At its last meeting, and after somewhat lengthy discussion, the Parish Council decided that in view of the many side issues involved, the Rector, Churchwardens and Mr. R. Swankie should fully consider the matter and make recommendations to the Parish Council.

**SIGN FOR CHURCH GROUNDS:** A notice board prohibiting the playing of ball games in the church grounds is ready for erection. The Parish Council is happy to have the grounds used by the public but consider that ball games place at risk our beautiful and irreplaceable stained glass windows.

### CHURCH HISTORY (Continued)

Owing to ill-health the Reverend Charles Baber resigned 29th April, 1895, and his departure from the Parish was greatly regretted. With broad vision he encouraged the creation of new parishes from within the boundaries of All Saints', even though it reduced the ambit of his own personal influence.

The Reverend Canon Goddard, M.A., became Mr. Baber's successor and was inducted on the 11th July, 1895. A brilliant scholar, he won honours at Trinity College, Cambridge. On his arrival in Australia he served in the Parish at Morpeth, first as Curate and later as Rector, before coming to Petersham. The Canon was an eloquent preacher, a capable organiser and an efficient administrator. Soon after his arrival he stressed the need for renovating the Church building. This work was undertaken in stages during 1898 and finally completed in 1899.

To commemorate these renovations a Service of Thanksgiving was held on St. Peter's Day. At this service the Archbishop dedicated the Oak Rail in front of and the marble paving in the Chancel, together with the tiles in the Sanctuary. In addition to the aforementioned items given by the parishioners, Choir members of the time donated the fine oak choir stalls and Chancel Screen which were also dedicated on this occasion.

The Consecration of the Church was an important event in the history of All Saints' for though the first portion of the church was opened and dedicated thirty-two years before, All Saints' Day, 1871, and a special service held on 11th September, 1880, to mark the completion of the church, it was only in 1903 that it was consecrated according to ancient custom and set apart forever to its holy uses. This important and interesting ceremony had been long delayed because it is neither lawful nor fitting that the complete offering of the building to be the House of the Lord should be made until the cost of its erection is entirely defrayed. Early in his ministry Canon Goddard realised that the debt on the church was detrimental to its progress and depressing to the parishioners. He convinced his people that the debt should be cleared and so the "All Saints' Church Building Debt Extinction Fund" was opened. After many efforts over the period the church fund benefited by approximately £1,100 raised within the parish in respect of the Archbishop's Century Thanksgiving Fund.

The final appeal on behalf of the church debt culminated in a "Golden Offertory" on Sunday, 18th January, 1903, the success of which was evinced by the following report in "The Chronicle" for February, 1903:

"At the close of the Evening Service the large congregation, including many who usually attend the morning services

only, sang several appropriate hymns during the collection of the Offertory, which the Wardens counted in the Vestry before it was presented at the Holy Table. With unfeigned pleasure, the Rector announced that the offering for the day had exceeded by about £95 the amount required to complete the extinction of the debt. The Te Deum was then sung most impressively.

It was on Saturday, 15th August, 1903, that Right Reverend Dr. Stanton, Bishop of Newcastle, acting for the Archbishop of the Diocese during his absence in England, performed the episcopal act of Consecration at a special and impressive service held at 3 p.m. at which the Vicar-General, the Venerable Archdeacon Gunther, and twenty-five members of the Clergy were present, supported by an overflowing congregation. The musical portions of the service were beautifully rendered by a supplemented choir and aided by the Mission Church Choir sang with excellent effect the appropriate anthem "The Lord is in His Holy Temple."

The service commenced with the recitation of XXIV Psalm by the Bishop, Clergy and Choir in procession to the southern door of the Church, where the Rector and Churchwardens presented the petition to the Bishop, asking that the Church be consecrated. The procession then advanced to the Chancel during the singing of "The Church's One Foundation."

The Service of Consecration, with the dedication of memorials and gifts proceeded, the Bishop offering appropriate prayers at the Font, Pulpit, Choir, Sanctuary and Holy Table. Appropriate verses of the hymn "We Love the Place, O God" were sung at the various stages in this part of the service.

The Bishop of Newcastle preached the sermon, taking as his text Ezra VI.16, "They kept the dedication of this house of God with joy."

During the service the Bishop dedicated the beautiful stained glass window representing "The Light of the World" to the memory of the Honourable Septimus St. Stephen. In addition, other gifts dedicated on this occasion were the oaken sanctuary rails with brass standards in memory of the Reverend F. W. Addams, for many years one of the honorary clerical staff, two new marble steps, the one at the entrance to the Sanctuary in memory of the Venerable Coles Child and his daughter Helen Elizabeth given by his widow, and the other within the Sanctuary as a memorial to William Edmond Kemp given together with prayer books for the Sanctuary by his sister Mrs. Clarissa Hutchinson. Divers gifts also dedicated included Oaken Credence Table from Reverend J. F. Russell, Brass Alms Dish from anonymous, pair large brass vases from Mr. and Mrs. Markers from Miss Blacket.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS — 31/1/85**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories .. .. .	1273.82	Rector's Net Stipend ..	1305.30
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allwo.	322.08
Cans .. .. .	149.00	Organist .. .. .	120.00
Papers .. .. .	383.31	Church Flowers .. .. .	142.50
	532.31	Church Cleaning .. .. .	150.00
District Visitors .. ..	20.00	Visiting Preachers	
1985 Fete:		Trav. Expenses .. ..	8.50
White Elephant Stall ..	100.00	Hall Elect. A/c .. ..	134.27
Grocery Stall .. .. .	49.20	M.W.S. & D.B. .. ..	106.38
Advert. in Chronicle from		Hall Gas A/c .. .. .	28.78
Fresh Flowers P/L .. ..	50.00	Signwriting of 'No Ball	
Rector's' Telephone		Games in Church Grds."	40.00
Contrib. 11/84 .. .. .	11.64		
	2211.97		
Deficit for Month .. ..	145.84		
Flowers .. .. .	175.		
	2299.		2357.81

Balance 1/1/85 .. .. .	\$6278.37
LESS Deficit for Month .. .. .	\$ 145.84
	\$6132.53

**A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO STAYED AT HOME**

We who have come to worship represent before you those who have not. We pray for people who have stayed at home because they are old or ill. Give them the sense of being with us in spirit and keep us faithful to them in prayer and love.

As for the people who are not here because they didn't want to come, guard us, O God, against thinking we are better than they are—perhaps they didn't need to come as much as we did! But we acknowledge our responsibility to speak for them. Look upon them in mercy, and give them the blessings of your love.

— British Baptist Times

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