

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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The Rev. H. A. PALMER, 1869-1879
First Rector of All Saints'

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
15th August, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

Some concern is being experienced now by the Parish Council at the increasing cost of running the parish. Whilst the expenses are increasing the income is not rising at a similar rate. In fact the return on funds invested has, with the down turn in interest rate, declined considerably. The diocese also is suffering in this way.

This does not mean that All Saints' Petersham is closing to-morrow or even the day after, nor am I making a passionate plea to ask you to dig deeper and rescue the church in a financial sense.

In many ways All Saints' Petersham is in a stronger position than it has been for a number of years. There is a much younger congregation attending services. There is a sense of fellowship within the church which is healthy and caring. There is tremendous leadership ability in the young adults of our congregation. Just one visit to a Sunday evening service will prove that.

The problem we face is not to do with the quality of our church but the age and size of our buildings. We have a beautiful church building but it is far too big for our needs. We have a Rectory which is in need of costly repairs and two halls which are under utilised.

A church is of course not buildings. A church is people and our first and most important concern must always be for them, the regular members and those who need Christ's love.

As a church we need your prayerful support as we seek ways in which we can use our assets. Our buildings and land must be seen as such, assets to be used now. This is a difficult time but it challenges us to use things and to serve people to the glory of God and salvation of mankind.

**Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott**



FLOWER DONATIONS.

- SEPT. 1ST. - To the memory of our mother & nanna from
Ray Swankie.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.
- SEPT. 8th. - In memory of mum from Ross & Pat Hitchins
Michele in memory of Don.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- SEPT. 15TH. - From Arthur Richardson & family in loving
memory of Clarrie, & Marj Cole.
In loving memory of my friend Betty Saunders
from Joan Livingston.
Arranged by Mrs. Carr & Julie.
- SEPT. 22nd. - Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother,
Mrs. Sheriff.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- SEPT. 29th. - From Dot Pullen, Judith & Arthur Payne &
family in loving memory of Ben Pullen &
David Payne.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room, of the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAYS

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

A BUS TRIP.

Parish Council decided to hold a bus trip to Windsor, Richmond and the Hawkesbury on Saturday 28th September.

The coach will leave the church at 9-00am and return about 5-00pm.

This will be a great day. Bookings are now open. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Come and bring a friend.

GUEST PREACHER.

On Sunday 22nd September at 9-30am we will have a representative from the Bible Society as our special preacher. During the months of July and August we have been supporting the society through the missionary side of our weekly envelopes. Having someone come to speak on Sunday 22nd September will update our knowledge of what the Bible Society is doing.

THE 1991 FETE.

We have already begun planning. The fete will be held on Saturday 16th November. Keep the date free.

GOSSIP

FULL HOUSE.

On Sunday 4th August a very successful Civic Service was held at All Saints'. It is not correct to say the church was full but at least 127 people attended the service.

The preacher on this occasion was John Connor, formerly the pastor at Petersham Baptist Church. John is a well known and much loved member of our community. The theme of his address was Hope.

We had members of the Police and Fire Brigade as well as a large contingent of Boy Scouts in the congregation. The Mayor apologised for his absence as did the Member for Ashfield and Mr. Leo Maclay MHR. Alderman Don Elvy and his wife together with Mr. Mills, the Town Clerk, and his wife came to the service.

The Boy Scouts assisted taking up the collection and the chaplain to the Fire Brigade read one of the lessons. The other lessons were read by Dr. Andrew Refshauge, and the local member for Marrickville, and Mr. Tony Rae, the Headmaster of Newington College.

Music was supplied by our own organist Robert Bembrick and the boys from the woodwind and brass sections of Newington College Band under the baton of Mr. Jock Heath.

We thank all those who made this service such a success.

T.A.D. CHANNEL 23

The T.V. is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want;
It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because
it requireth all my spare time.

It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it
presenteth so many good programmes that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world; it keepeth me
from studying God's Word.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep view- ing T.V. as long
as it will work.

For my T.V. is my close companion; its sound and its picture they
comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me; and keepeth me from doing
important things with my family.

It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the
Word of God.

Surely no good thing will come of my life because my T.V. offers me
no time to do the will of God; and I dwell in spiritual poverty for
ever.

T.A.D. Is for "THE ARCH DECEIVER" - The Devil

FAITH

Faith is needed all the way, Faith to toil and faith to pray;

Faith to learn, faith to reach, Faith to do our duty, too.

Faith to help the weak along, Faith to bear, in patience, wrong;

Faith to smile, though sad within; Faith to conquer every sin;

Faith to ask Him for his care, while we earthly trials bear.

Faith to smoothen every sigh. Faith to live - and faith to die.

MEET A BUSH BISHOP.

The Churchwardens and Parish Council of St. Luke's Enmore have invited members of our congregation to their Patronal Festival on Thursday 17th October at 7-00pm.

The Guest Preacher at that service will be The Rt. Rev. Tony Hall-Matthews, Bishop of Carpentaria. The Solemn Eucharist will be followed by Dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 and the profits will go to the funds of The Friends of the Outback.

This is fairly early notice but I would advise you to book soon by ringing the Missions Secretary of St. Luke's on 699-1750. This is a wonderful opportunity on hearing first hand what is happening up north.

ANNUAL SYNOD.

Summons to attend this years synod have just arrived by post. The synod will meet in the Chapter House of St. Andrew's Cathedral the week beginning Monday 14th October.

The synod begins with a service in the cathedral on the Monday afternoon. The Special Preacher this year will be Bishop Ken Short, Dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Our representatives from All Saints' are Bruce Livingston and Barry Boswell. The rector also has a seat on synod.

Synod is an important gathering and decisions are made which affect the whole life of the church. This is particularly so this year with the coming retirement of our archbishop.

Your prayers for this gathering are important.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JULY 1991

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	1,834.68	Rector's Net Stipend	2,110.60
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allowance	584.47
A. Jeffrey	10.00	Catechist Stipend & Trav Allow	683.60
O.E.S. Members	7.00	Organist	120.00
Deposit Interest	17.50	Church Cleaning	200.00
Investment Interest		Hall Cleaning	200.00
J.H. Douglass	680.28	Telephone Account ***	171.40
Transfer of Funds from		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
May Ruhie Endow A/c	3,217.00	Flowers	114.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	38.69
		Cleaning Items	18.24
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	65.00
		Toliet Rolls	11.60
		Postage & Phone Calls	7.53
		Hall Gas A/c	35.35
		Hall Electricity A/c	66.72
		Parts for Hall Cistern	10.30
	6,066.44		
Deficit for Month	0.00		
	6,066.44		
		Surplus for Month	4,534.23
			1,532.21
BALANCE 1-7-91	1,748.38		6,066.44
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	1,532.21		
	3,280.57		
BALANCE 31-7-91	3,280.57		

Notes:

*** Telephone Account - June \$85.09; July \$106.31

Catechist Stipend & Travel Allowance includes August payment