

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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All Saints', Petersham

IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK for it, PRAY for it, PAY for it.

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Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs. R. F. ATKINSON,
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THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

All Saints' Rectory,
27th August, 1934.

Dear People of All Saints':

Amidst much unsettled weather, we were very fortunate in having an excellent day for our Consecration Festival Services, and for that, and many other reasons, we have cause to be most thankful.

We were glad that our friend and neighbour, the Rev. H. E. Taylor, was able to renew his associations with All Saints', and we thank him for his helpful talk at the Men's Breakfast. We are grateful also to all those, who, by their gifts and service, made the Breakfast possible.

It was good to see so many former parishioners coming back to All Saints' for the Festival, amongst whom was the special preacher at Mattins, Canon Hilliard, whose inspiring sermon will long remain in our memories. Whilst we rejoice to know that an "old boy" of All Saints', Petersham, has been chosen to be Bishop of Nelson, we regret we are losing him from this Diocese; and we can assure him that our prayers and good wishes go with him in this responsible office to which he is called.

Another splendid congregation assembled at Evensong, when we were glad to have Bishop Kirkby with us, and Mr. Moon and our Choir concluded an excellent day's contribution to the musical portion of our very successful services. We thank all who responded to the Family Drive Appeal, acknowledgments of which appear elsewhere.

The next event claiming our attention will be the "Spring Fair," on September 21 and 22, with the Opening Ceremony at 2.45 p.m. on Friday, the twenty-first. We ask the co-operation of ALL parishioners in making this year's effort for our Parish Hall Fund a great success.

It has been said of this Church (and I have no doubt of many other churches also) that it is continually asking for money. That is perfectly true; and the obvious answer is, that unless we tell you of our financial needs you are not likely to know about them, or, in other words, that unless we ask for money we do not get it; and if every member of the Church of England realised his or her responsibilities, there would be no need to ask. People who complain of the continuous demands of the Church, forget that it can never be a cheap thing to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. They often do not grudge money for their own pleasure or profit, and I suggest that it is utterly unreasonable to expect that the programme of Christ—which the Church is pledged to carry out—can be performed without heavy cost, and the complaints which are made of the cost argue a low conception of the value, the unique and immeasurable value of spiritual things, and a lack of the true Christian Spirit.

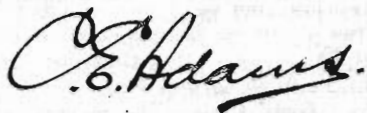
That leads me to remind you that in the two last issues of the "Chronicle" I have been advocating the Envelope System of Offertories, which we hope to introduce in October. As most of you know, it is a system whereby each week you place your offertory in the envelope supplied whether you are present at Church or not, and bring it when you next attend. The amount you may be able to afford is not the point, it is the **Regularity** with which you make your gift, which decides its usefulness. You need have no fear that anyone will know the amount you give each week. Mr. Cusiter, Mr. Williams have been appointed organisers by the Parish Council of the Envelope System, and in order that they may know how many parishioners are willing to adopt the scheme, you are asked to sign and return the slip or the last page of this paper, and return it to the Churchwardens or place it in the box in the Church porch before the 20th of September. We want you to understand that the signing of this slip is in no way a promise to give a specified amount, but merely an indication that you recognise the importance of regular, systematic giving, and are willing to support it in a practical manner. Even if you are a regular attendant at Church and always "make

up" your offertory after being absent from the services, we hope you will take the Envelopes, if only as an example to others.

This should not in any way affect the Collections made monthly by the District Visitors. Many who attend Church regularly and give through the offertory, also give a monthly donation to the Visitor when she calls. Provision is made on the slip for more than one person in each household to sign, and I hope each parishioner will take the matter up, and support it wholeheartedly. If this is done, I honestly believe that it will help tremendously towards solving the problem of Church finances, which are so liable to cause anxiety when we have a succession of wet Sundays or when other causes prevent parishioners from attending Church regularly.

Our sympathy is with the many people who have been laid aside by illness this winter; we trust they may all be soon restored to perfect health and strength.

Very sincerely yours,



MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL.

Grocery Gift Afternoon will be held in Parish Hall on Thursday, 6th September, 2.30 to 5 p.m. A splendid programme of competitions and musical items has been arranged, and afternoon tea is provided. All parishioners are invited to come along to an enjoyable afternoon. Admission: Gifts of groceries for Grocery Stall.

All Saints' Sunday School, Petersham.—The Quarterly Business Meeting of the Teachers was well attended, and a considerable amount of business was transacted; ways and means for the welfare of the school were discussed, and plans were made for future functions, the first of which will be the Children's Festival, to be held—we hope—on October 21st and 22nd. Further details will be given in the next "Chronicle." The resignations of five Teachers—two owing to ill-health, and three due to removal from the district—were received with regret, and we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their services. We were pleased to welcome two new Teachers, so our loss is somewhat offset, but we still need more teachers. We regret that Mr. W. Morgan has been suffering a painful affliction, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. On August 19th the Kindergarten Staff welcomed to their midst Mrs. G. F. Cranswick, who gave a very interesting talk on her work amongst the children in Chupra, India. We were pleased to have with us our Superintendent's wife and several parents, and we wish to especially thank Mrs. Chamberlain, who kindly played the piano for us.—R. F. Atkinson, Gen. Sec.

L.H.M.U.—The Annual Meeting of All Saints' Branch of the L.H.M.U. will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 4, in the Guild Room, when members are asked to bring their quota towards the "Direct Giving" Appeal, the results of which will be presented at the L.H.M.U. Service in the Cathedral on September 28.

District Visitors.—We welcome Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Ledwidge and Miss Scott, who have taken up the work of visiting. Thanks are due to Mrs. McLean, who took a district last month; to Mrs. Morton, who substituted for Miss Welch during the latter's illness; to Mrs. Furnell, who has been acting for Mrs. S. Morris, and to Mrs. Handel, who has undertaken additional work in the absence of Mrs. C. Morris. We understand that both Mrs. C. and S. Morris hope to return to the work shortly, and we trust that our visitors who have been ill may soon be restored to health and strength. Owing to

indifferent health, Mrs. Brady has had to relinquish the secretaryship of the District Visitors' Association. Her place will be taken by Miss Peard.

Quarterly Offertory.—September is the usual month for our Quarterly Offertory, but owing to the proximity of the recent Family Drive and the forthcoming Fete, the next Quarterly Offertory will be the first Sunday in October, viz., October 7th.

Confirmation Classes are now in progress. Any candidate may join up this month, provided he or she is willing to attend additional classes, and and so make up for time lost. Classes for Girls on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., and for Boys on Thursdays at the same hour. Intending candidates must be fourteen years of age before November 1st.

Women's Guild.—Thursday, 9th August, the meeting was devoted to general business. Arrangements were made in connection with the Men's Breakfast on Sunday, 19th August, and the *Conversazione* on Thursday, 23rd August. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, both these functions were managed without any expenses. The Guild desires to thank the members of the Y.C.I. for a donation of 10/- towards supper expenses. The meetings for September are: September 13th (afternoon), Quarterly Rally; speaker, Miss Gillespie. September 27th, Bible Study—the Rector.—E. V. Adams, Hon. Sec.

Girls' Club.—The meeting on August 6th was mainly a business one, when matters in connection with the forthcoming fete were discussed. August 20th, which was to have been a Manuscript Evening, and also a Gift Evening, in aid of the Kitchen Stall for the Fete, had to be postponed, as the weather was so bad.—E. Howard, Hon. Sec.

Junior Girls' Club.—Owing to the very wet weather during August, and especially on our meeting nights, we have had to postpone the concert arranged for 11th September until 11th October.—B. White, Hon. Sec.

Conversazione.—A very enjoyable time was spent by a large gathering of parishioners and friends on Thursday, 23rd August, at the *Conversazione*, which was held in connection with our Festival services. We were fortunate in having a fine evening (the only one for the week). The Parish Hall was beautifully decorated, the ladies, as usual, arranged a delightful supper, and the programme arranged by the Rector and the Organist, Mr. R. Moon, was most enjoyable. The assisting artists were the Misses Barrett, MacIntosh and Leahy, and Messrs. John Gilding, Lawrence MacAulay, and Robert Carbines. We also had present the Ven. Archdeacon Langley and Rev. A. J. Gardiner, who both brought messages of goodwill from their respective parishes. Truly it was good to have been there.

C.E.B.S.—The C.E.B.S. (Seniors) held a concert last month in aid of club funds. Before a large audience the boys showed their prowess as gymnastic athletes. Those who attended, we feel sure, enjoyed themselves immensely. During the past month the club has undergone strenuous gymnasium work, under Mr. Williams' supervision, in preparation for a visit to St. Matthew's, Ashbury, on 29th August. The Senior C.E.B.S. is open to boys over the age of 14 years, and Church of England boys who would care to join the Society are cordially invited to attend at the Parish Hall on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m.—B. Sumner, Hon. Sec.

C.E.B.S. (Juniors).—The Juniors, under Mr. Brady's guidance, are running some side shows at the Spring Fair. In order to finance their "shows" they are putting on a "dinky-die" Picture Show in the Parish Hall on Friday, September 7th, at 8 pm. Admission: Adults 6d., Children 3d. What about coming along and showing the boys you are keen to help support their initial effort?

Broadcast Service.—Many congratulatory messages were received regarding our Broadcast, through the courtesy of 2FC, on August 5th. Much credit is due to those responsible for the music at that service, the members of the Choir are to be commended, with special mention of the work of

Misses Jean Phillips and Joan McWilliam in the anthem, "I waited for the Lord," which was so acceptably rendered.

Although not a broadcast service, we would like to record our thanks to Miss Daphne Flood for her solo at the Consecration Festival.

Y.C.I.—The visit of the Rev. G. F. Cranswick to the Y.C.I. was one of the most outstanding events for a long time past. Apart from the interest of his address—he dealt with the social and religious life of India—his charming personality and quick humour won the good will of the members.

The Impromptu Speech night on August 24, following so close upon the Fifth Test Match, was naturally concerned chiefly with cricket matters. Other subjects, however, were discussed, from the Centenary Air Race to the conflicting policies of those appealing to the electors.

Mr. James Hollands, the Institute Librarian, reports the addition of many new books to the Library; this brings the total to over seven hundred volumes, mostly of contemporary fiction. As a result of the additions, and the clearing out that recently took place, a greater patronage by the members will be welcomed. Mr. Hollands has as his assistants: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Sopwith, and Mr. Coskerie, who are all ready to do business.—D. B. Hunter, P. and L. S.

Personal.—Mr. T. H. Bosward, our Sunday School Superintendent for many years, has asked to be relieved of the office for a period, owing to the many other calls upon his time. The Rector has agreed to release him for six months, during which time Mr. Reid will act as Superintendent of the Junior School. We are glad to say Mr. Bosward has not resigned, and will be available for any additional assistance the School may require on special occasions. We trust he may see his way clear to resume duties at the expiration of his "leave," which we hope will be helpful to him.

SPRING FAIR COMPETITIONS.

(a) The **Cake Stall** offers prizes for the following:—

1. Best Pound Cake (Half-pound mixture). 7/6.
2. Best Sponge Sandwich. 3/—.
3. Best Plate of Scones.
4. Best Nut Roll. 2/6.
5. Best Plate of Small Assorted Cakes.
6. Best Iced Sandwich. 5/—.

All Entries to be in not later than 1.30 p.m. on Opening Day of the Fair. Entries to become the property of the Cake Stall.

(b) The Convenors of the **Sweets Stall** would like it known that they are offering prizes for the Best Box of Home-made Sweets. Sweets to be the property of the Stallholders. First prize, 4/—; second prize, 2/—; Entries to be in not later than 10 a.m., Friday, 21st September.

Family Drive.—The Churchwardens acknowledge with thanks the following boxes or envelopes, specially marked "Family Drive":—

Mrs. Kennedy £1, Mrs. R. W. Holt £2/0/6, Mrs. Morton £1, Mr. Reid £1, Mrs. Hordern £1/7/9, Mrs. Cox £1/1/—, Mrs. Bannan £1/0/6, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin £1/2/3, Misses Watkins £1, "Ivanhoe" £1, Mrs. Pinnock 5/7, Rector £2, Mrs. Messer £1, Mrs. Cooke £1, Misses Allen 18/—, Mrs. Hayes £1, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sharp £1, Mr. A. E. Ward £1/1/—, Mr. Rainsford 10/6, Mr. Lister £1/1/—, Matron Foster £1, Mrs. I. Evans 10/—, Miss Moxham 10/—, Miss Peard 5/—, Mrs. Juleff £1, Miss Eve £1, The Stephenson Family £1, V.J.S. 10/—, Miss Peddelsden and Miss Brown £1, Mrs. K. M. Locke 16/—, A.S.C., £1, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver £1, Miss Darke £1, Mrs. T. James £1, Miss Rockwell £1, Mrs. Sutherland £1, Mrs. Tranmar 10/—, Miss Larkham 10/—, Miss Rapley 14/6, Mr. McDonald £1, The Miller Family 19/1; and the following boxes without endorsement, containing, £1/2/2½, 2/10½, 7/9, 3/1½, 2/—, 7/3, 3/4,

£12/2-, 2/-. The total offertory for August 19th was £62/18/9, and a further £3/13/7 for the Drive was received the following Sunday—a very encouraging response.

Condolence.—Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those amongst us who have recently suffered bereavements. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Morris in the passing away of their infant son, William Bathurst; Mr. A. J. Johnston and family in the very sudden passing of Eller Eliza Johnston; the Chippindall family in two bereavements in as many days—Edward Downs, and Eleanor Augusta Chippindall; also to Miss Riley and the family of the late Mary Ellen Riley. May God bless and comfort them all at this time.

The limited space of this paper precludes all but this brief mention of those whom we would wish to mention more fully by reason of their long association with and love for All Saints'. We trust that what may seem to be lacking in words, is largely made up by many prayerful thoughts.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS.

Per Mrs. Furnell.—Rector 10/-, Miss Adams 2/-, Mrs. Quelch 1/-, Mr. Quelch, Senr. 1/-, Mrs. Yum 1/-, Mrs. Partridge 1/-, Mrs. Slee 1/-, Miss Mitchell 1/-, Mrs. Quiney 1/-, Mrs. Rankin 1/-, Mrs. Scherer 1/-, Mrs. O'Brien 1/-, Mrs. Ashwood 1/-, Mrs. Gash 1/-, Mrs. Chapman 1/-, Mrs. Otter 6d., Mrs. Alexander 1/-, Mrs. Wellington 1/-, Miss Rowe 2/-, Mrs. Higginson 1/-, Mrs. Leroy 1/-. Total £11/11/6.

Per Mrs. McLean.—Mrs. Day 1/-, Mrs. Davison 1/-, Mrs. Sutherland 1/-, Mrs. Pye 1/-, Mrs. Bartle 1/-, Mrs. Stevens 1/-, Mrs. Shute 1/-, Mr. Collings 6d., Mrs. Dixon 6d., Mrs. Wilson 7d., Mrs. F. C. Smith 1/-, Mrs. Taylor 1/-, Mr. Manns 2/-, Mrs. Harris 1/-, Mrs. Stephenson 1/-. Total 14/7.

Per Mrs. Gray.—Mrs. Wilbow 1/-, Mrs. Maher 1/-, Mrs. Graham 3d., Miss Spiller 1/-, Miss Darke 1/-, Mrs. Wardrop 1/-, Mrs. Booth 1/-, Mrs. Mein 1/-, Mrs. J. Higgins 6d., Mrs. Bicknell 1/-, Mrs. Morcom 6d., Mrs. Blackwell 6d., Mrs. Montgomery 1/-, Mrs. Sweetnam 1/-, Miss Evans 1/-, Misses Watkins 2/-, Mrs. Phillips 1/-, Mrs. Read 2/-, Mrs. Fisher 1/-. Total 18/9.

Per Mrs. Handell.—Mr. Calver, Senr. 5/-, Miss Derbyshire 1/-, Miss Meyers 1/-, Mrs. Andrews 1/-, Miss Wheeler 6d., Mrs. Hayward 1/-, Mrs. Clark 1/-, Mrs. Handel 1/-, Mrs. Guilfoyle 2/-, Mrs. Soper 1/-, Miss Westman 6d., Mrs. Glover 1/-, Mrs. Hogg 6d., Mrs. Oliver 1/-, Mrs. Frankish 6d., Miss Brown 1/-, Miss Peddlesden 1/-, Mrs. Cole 1/-, Mrs. H. B. Carroll 2/-, Mr. McAdam 6d., Mrs. Young 1/-, Mrs. Knight

1/-, Mrs. Gresswell 1/-, Mr. Howard 1/-. Total £17/7-.

Per Miss Welch.—Mrs. Tranmar 1/-, Mrs. Wolledge 2/-, Mrs. Palmer 1/-, Mrs. Morton 1/-, Mrs. York 1/-, Miss Sands 1/-, Miss Evans 1/-, Mrs. Hoseason 1/-, Mrs. Johnson 1/-, Mrs. Price 1/-, Mrs. Robinson 1/-, Mrs. Gilbert 1/-. Total 13/-.

Per Miss Cheadle.—Miss Chippindall 1/-, Mrs. Bromley 2/-, Mrs. Locke 2/-, Mrs. Cripps 2/-, Mrs. Ritchie 1/-, Miss Cheadle 1/-, Mrs. Messer 1/-, Mrs. Mitchell 1/-, Miss Rapley 1/-, Mrs. Irwin 1/-, Mrs. Downer 1/-. Total 14/-.

Per Miss Peard.—Mrs. Paton 1/-, Mrs. McCloy 1/-, Mrs. Mathew 6d., Mrs. Maundrell 2/-, Mrs. Wolridge 1/-, Mrs. S— 1/-, Mrs. Tippitt 1/-, Mrs. Steel 1/-, Mrs. Glanville 1/-, Mrs. Atkinson 6d., Mrs. Rivers 6d., Miss Clements 10/-, Miss Campbell 2/-, Miss Wells 1/-, Miss Lambert 1/-, Miss Moriarty 1/-, Mrs. Russell 2/-, Miss Archer 1/-, Mrs. Saunders 2/-, Miss Peard 2/-. Total £11/12/6.

Per Mrs. Paton.—Miss Best 1/-, Mrs. Faine 1/-, Mrs. Millar 6d., Mrs. Barnes 1/-, Mrs. White 1/-, Mrs. Webb 1/-, Mrs. McLean 1/-, Mrs. Beard 1/-, Mrs. Miller 1/-, Mrs. Harrington 1/-, Mrs. Howe 6d., Mrs. Wood 6d., Mrs. Laing 6d. Total 11/-.

Per Miss Watson.—Mrs. Maundrell 2/-, Mrs. Johnston 1/-, Mrs. Kable 1/-, Mrs. Garforth 2/-, Mrs. Barnard 1/-, Mrs. Woolli 1/-, Mrs. Neill 1/-, Mrs. Chamberlain 1/-, Mrs. Downe 1/-, Mrs. McDonald 1/-, Mrs. McLean 1/-, Mr. Sindel