

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



18 FEBRUARY, 1990

The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM. 2049.
17th January, 1990

Dear Friends,

Last year ended with some events that we found disturbing and unbelievable. The changes in Europe could never have been predicted even by the cleverest political commentator. Then the tragedies caused by bus accidents, and the earthquake in Newcastle left us all in a state of shock.

Many Anglican churches are looking at this year as the beginning of a decade of evangelism. There is hope in a world that seems overshadowed by disaster and gloom.

I have just returned from a Summer School run by the Church Missionary Society at Katoomba Convention Centre. Beside hearing first hand how the church is expanding in Africa we also had a series of addresses on prayer. I intend obtaining the video tapes of these talks so that we might be able to use them in the parish.

It was encouraging to hear of the wonderful things God is doing through His church in many lands. I guess we sometimes ask why isn't it happening amongst us? It probably is but we are too blind to see it.

This is where prayer comes in. Our first prayer needs to be one of thanksgiving for all that God has done and is still doing in our midst. The second prayer could well ask God in His mercy to lift the blindness from our eyes and help us to see the miraculous things that He is doing around us. When that occurs then we will find our own lives transformed. We will rejoice that God is in control and that we have much to praise Him for.

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There is no surer way of killing an organisation than to have its members constantly decrying themselves and each other. If newcomers are told all the congregation's faults and all that isn't happening its little wonder they don't come again. None of us are perfect and others quickly discover that without being being told. On the other hand if they see people being praised for what they are doing and encouraged to continue then newcomers will sense they too will be accepted and encouraged.

We need to seek God's help so that we may see miracles happening in our own lives. The critical person becoming an encourager; the resentful person seeking to join with others in the work of the church; the proud being humble enough to see someone else leading or fulfilling what once they alone did - these surely are great miracles, great acts of God in our very midst.

If God can change me, and I trust you, what then can He do for others around us. We can see amazing miracles performed by a loving forgiving God. When God changes people then the impossible happens. The question is; Do we want to change?

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott. .
RECTOR.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Parishioners who would like to donate flowers for the church as a memorial or as a thanksgiving for a blessing received should contact Mrs. Hearn (569-1852) now. Donations should be arranged at least six weeks prior to the date so that the details may be recorded in the Chronicle.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The first meeting of the Women-in-Friendship for 1990 will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th February at 1-30 p.m. Please make an effort to be there.

The first second hand clothing and jumble sale will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 9th February commencing at 9-00 a.m. We have a good stock of goods, come and see for yourself.

We are still hoping for new members for 1990 and looking forward to welcoming you.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

By the time you read this Chronicle we will be back at the Club for 1990. Looking forward to another happy year of Fun and Fellowship. Every Thursday afternoon in the Parish Hall 1-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m.

Come and join us and join in the fun of playing "Housie" for small useful gifts such as jelly crystals, matches pieces of vegetables of fruit and chocolates. \$1.20 covers all including game prizes, door prizes and afternoon tea. Creed or age does not matter.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOMMENCES FOR 1990

ON 4 FEBRUARY 9-30 a.m.

FLOWER DONATIONS

- JANUARY 7TH - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie
- JANUARY 14TH - In loving memory of Jack from Joyce & family. Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- JANUARY 21ST - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- JANUARY 28TH - In loving memory of my sister, Edna Absolom from Hilda Young. In memory of Mum & Dad from Ross & Pat Hitchins.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- FEBRUARY 4TH - Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother Mrs. Sheriff.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.
- FEBRUARY 11TH - From Mr. J. Merlett in memory of my mother Stella & brother Jack Williams.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- FEBRUARY 18TH - From Joan & Bruce Livingston in memory of their parents.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- FEBRUARY 25TH - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

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BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

A Christian is a person who has come into a living, vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian is far more than following the golden rule, than mere church-going, than mentally accepting a series of doctrines. A Christian is one who, by a deliberate act of faith and trust, enters into a continuing, inner fellowship with the living Person of Jesus.

Three steps must be taken if this relationship is to come into being.

First there must be the realisation of the need for a Saviour; secondly the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord ; and thirdly a willingness to obey Jesus Christ as Lord.

How do you become a Christian? By taking these three steps and remembering that Jesus promises that those who come to Him he will in no wise cast out.

It all begins with the desire for inner peace, a better life and a freedom from those things which bind us to fear.

God respects human freedom, and has never yet forced His way into a resisting life. We must begin the process ourselves by asking Him to take over our life.

TEN POINTS ON PRAYER

1. SET ASIDE A DEFINITE TIME each day for Prayer and Bible Reading, and make this a priority in daily planning.
2. BEGIN IN SILENCE. Start by simply thinking about God, and He will prepare you to be spiritually receptive.
3. THEN PRAY ORALLY. Use simple, natural words. Tell God what is on your mind. Do not think you must use stereotyped or pious phrases.
4. MAKE USE OF THE PRAYER TREASURY OF THE AGES. The Prayer Book is a great storehouse of devotional material. A book like Selina Fox's "A Chain of Prayer Across the Ages" will help.
5. DON'T ALWAYS ASK, when you pray, but instead affirm that God's blessings are being given, and thank Him for them.
6. PRAY DURING THE DAY, as you go about your work. Use odd moments in the train or bus to send up "arrow prayers". Practise the presence of God with you.
7. BELIEVE THAT YOUR PRAYERS can reach out and surround your loved one with God's protection and love.
8. ALWAYS EXPRESS WILLINGNESS to take what God gives you, to accept His will for you. It will be better than your best - made plans.
9. PRACTISE PUTTING EVERYTHING INTO GOD'S HANDS. "Commit thy way unto the Lord and He will bring it to pass."
10. PRAY SYSTEMATICALLY. Make a list of people for whom to pray. Pray for your church, Your minister, for

missionaries. There is a great ministry of intercession ready here for you.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - DECEMBER, 1989

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	2,172.42	Rector's Net Stipend	1,905.95
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allow	505.88
Senior Parishioners Club	100.00	Organist	82.50
Enfield Parish for Paper	100.00	Church Cleaning	100.00
Michael Tannous	20.00	Hall Cleaning	100.00
Anonymous	10.80	Flowers	60.00
Flowers	60.00	Telephone A/c	128.95
Rector's Telephone		Monthly Lease Copier	88.83
contrib 11/89	43.40	Foolscape Paper	141.62
Investment Interest		Insurance Premium for	
May Ruhle Endow	1,642.00	Voluntary Workers	150.00
Fete	22.00	Water Board	102.50
All Saints' Centenary		Advent Sunday Offertories	
Endowment	912.00	to H.M.S.	297.15
District Visitors			
Miss Nisbet	35.00		
Mrs. Carr	51.00		

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	5,168.62	Surplus for month	1,505.24
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