

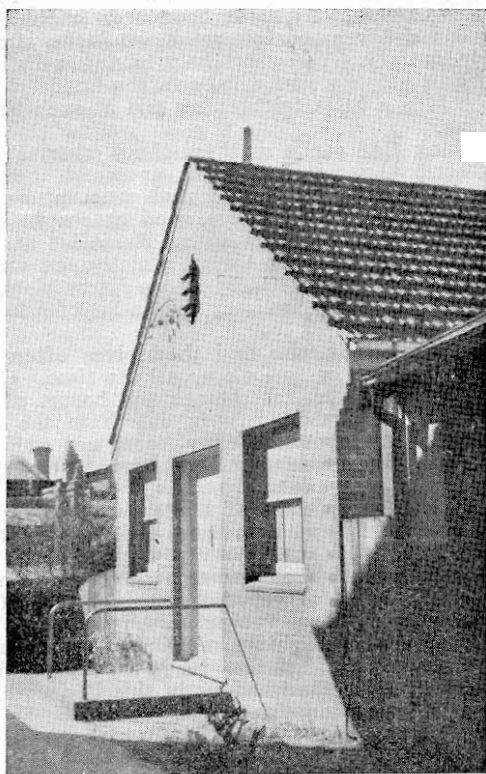
The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

Rector: Rev. C. A. CAMPBELL, B.Sc., M.Div.
The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham, 2049—56-4785
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SEPTEMBER, 1972



ALL SAINTS' KINDERGARTEN: Children and Teachers Wanted

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School, Kindergarten, and Extension Group on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. R. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Graham, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minitier, and H. J. Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. J. Carroll.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. J. Nance.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (797-6967) and A. Jones (56-5218).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

By the time you read this I hope to be well on the way to recovery from my forth-coming operation. The thoughts that have been drifting through my mind these past days, as I wind up my present affairs in preparation for a month out of saddle, have been about the Providential care of God for His children, as I imagine would be similar to anyone anticipating major surgery. You can't help having a little stomach grip at the thought of how helpless you will be in the hands of doctor, nurses, and hospital staff. It is a little frightening and at such times we tend to do a lot of praying.

I sometimes think God sends us these times of trial just so that we will give Him a serious personal thought now and then. When things are running smoothly with no cause for real concern, we tend to forget in whose hands we are, and upon whose good graces we depend for our life and being. We might even begin to become a bit smug and secretly boastful at our successes and other things, which upon serious reflection, are seen to be purely the gifts of God. As we hurry along looking down, minding our own business, we sometimes need a bit of a bump to make us look up!

Compassionate Christians who find themselves often at the side of others in trouble feel this urge to look up all the time. One cannot pass down the corridors of hospitals, rest homes and homes of peace and see humanity in dire distress without crying out from the depth of one's soul to whatever God one knows. Many know not our God, of whom Jesus has told us, and therefore find themselves facing the dereliction of terrifying aloneness and the confounding confusion of impersonal meaninglessness for life in the face of human agony. Such are most to be pitied. They can only stand speechless before what they see as the fickle finger of fate.

But Christians stand on much firmer ground, and enjoy, therefore, great peace even in the face of human suffering. For Christians have Faith; faith in an all powerful, all loving, all knowing and forgiving God. Christians know through the teachings of Christ Jesus that God is not a disinterested, impersonal thing, but that He is a deeply concerned Father, who having created us and established us in this life, continues to watch jealously over us with unfathomable love.

It was because of this love that he finally sent us His Son to be our

teacher and guide. It is because of this love that man finds God's laws of nature so dependable and his provision of our basic needs so abundant. Christians face trouble with courage because they know they can count on God's providence.

There is however a danger for Christians here. It is possible to misunderstand God's providence and as a result actually seek to misuse it. And misusing it, find it to fail with the consequent shattering of a misguided faith. You often hear people saying to you; "Trust God," "Put your trust in Him, and all will be well."

Even my favourite hymn says: "Leave to thy God to order and provide—in every change He faithful will remain." What does this mean? It means that the God who created us has a plan he intends to fulfil through his creation. No one or no thing will ultimately frustrate the will of God. Those who really love God find great comfort in this thought because their only hope is to see the will of God done. This is real faith at work. But it does not mean that this God will necessarily extract us from the natural results of our own foolishness or wilful sin.

The very immovableness of God's laws demands that we must suffer if we break them. When facing this kind of trouble, it is faithless to pray for a miracle to save us from our just desserts, but very human to do so. Even then we know He hears our cry and grieves to see us suffer. What God's providential love hopes to do through the life and teachings of Jesus is to show us how and encourage us to avoid such troubles by deliberately doing his will and refusing to do otherwise. Only thus can we align ourselves with his plan and his laws so that we may live at peace with both.

Correct faith will lead us into a correct life. If we say that we trust God, that is good, but let us be sure that we trust Him to do His will, and not ours. Many an impassioned prayer has been sent heavenward asking God to break his laws to save our face.

The wonder of walking with Jesus is that we can enjoy great confidence come what may, confident that God's way is the right way, and therefore will win in the end. At times His ways may well seem mysterious, as in the case of deep human suffering. But our comfort lies in the knowledge that God is still at the helm, so that through the mist of the present we have a vision of the perfect end, when, as that wonderful hymn puts it, all shall be bright at last.

We do trust God. Let us all therefore place ourselves completely in his hands; our minds, bodies, and estates, for there is absolutely no safer place to be.

Affectionately,

C. A. CAMPBELL.

CONSECRATION FESTIVAL AND TEA

We are pleased to report the success both of the special services to mark the 69th anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church, and of our Annual Festival Tea.

The Services, held on Sunday, 13th August, were marked by special presentations of sacred music, offered by Miss Judith Taylor, the St. Mark's Figtree Choir, and our own Choir. The singing at each Service was greatly appreciated by all who were present.

The Tea was also a social success. In fact, such was the interest that over 20 people more than expected arrived during the course of the meal! The recital by our Organist, Mr. Chris. Sillince was attended by a large congregation and was one of the highlights of the night. The programme concluded with a new movie from the Home Mission Society on the work of the Chesalon Homes, and, on a lighter note, a Buster Keaton comedy.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Sillince, the Choir, and all parishioners who helped in any way at all towards the success of these annual occasions. Our thanks also to the Petersham R.S.L. for supplying the food for the Parish Tea and for transporting it and the equipment from their premises.

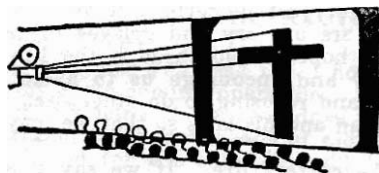
LOCUMS TENENS

The Rector will be in hospital for two or three weeks following an operation on Monday, 28th August. He expects to resume duties around the end of this month.

During this period, we shall be pleased to have as our Locums Tenens, or relieving Minister, the Rev. K. F. Saunders, formerly Rector of St. Luke's Concord and Burwood and other Sydney parishes. Mr. Saunders has his home near Ettalong, but will stay at the Rectory during his period at All Saints'.

We are sure that all parishioners will give Mr. Saunders a warm welcome and their full assistance during his time at Petersham.

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE.



We invite you to witness "Time and Eternity", to be shown at Evensong on Sunday, September 24th.

"God is infinite and timeless" is the spiritual theme of our movie for this month. This film will explain the meaning of time and space. The "time microscope" magnifies a split second, the "time compressor" squeezes days and weeks into minutes. The reality of eternity is seen as scientific fact.

It is a film that will help you to understand how the infinite God of time, space, and eternity offers the solution to life's one absolute necessity—forgiveness.

Bring your relatives and friends. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the film. These "Sermons from Science" features are shown on the fourth Sunday evening of each month in place of the Evensong sermon, and it is pleasing to see such large congregations for them.

PERSONAL

We regret to record the passing of Mrs. Annie Brunton, a parishioner of All Saints' and a member of our Senior Parishioners' Club for many years. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her daughter, Miss Nancy Brunton in her sad loss.

We are happy to see Mrs. Ivy Clark back with us once again, looking very fit and well after her spell in hospital. Parishioners extend her their best wishes for continued good health.

CLUB NEWS

Latest Round-up of All Saints' Organisations

Ladies' Guild:

Our meeting on Tuesday, 12th September will commence with Morning Tea at 10 a.m., followed at 10.30 a.m. by a "Dress Parade" presented by the Almar Frock Manufacturing Company. We extend an invitation to all ladies and a donation of 30 cents will include the morning tea. Our business meeting will follow the "Parade".

Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th, commencing at 1 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

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

The Y.C.I. Theatre Party to "Fiddler on the Roof" will be held on Friday, 8th September. If you haven't got your tickets, please book now with either Alan Jones (tel. 56-5218) or myself. The cost is \$1.70 each, and the show will be at the Century Theatre, George Street, commencing at 8 p.m.

Then on Saturday, 23rd September, we will be having our annual Parish Car Drive in aid of Fete funds. We invite all parishioners to join in what has become one of the most-looked forward to social occasions of the year at All Saints'; tickets will be 80 cents each for adults and 40 cents for children, which includes afternoon tea.

We ask parishioners to bring their own cups and eats, please. The Y.C.I. will provide tea, sugar, and milk at Woronora Dam.

Any drivers who can come are asked to contact Alan Jones not later than Saturday, 16th September. When late offers of transport have been received in the past, it has been difficult to secure last-minute passengers for them. The drive will leave the Church at 1.00 p.m.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

How very gratifying to have such wonderful attendances as we have had during the winter months. Three new members joined recently and we welcomed back several who had been on the sick-list.

Our popular Social Club held each Thursday, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall is available to people of all denominations, admission is only 20 cents, and afternoon tea and door prizes are provided each week.

Be our guest any Thursday and bring along a friend or neighbour.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Miss Nancy Brunton, whose Mother passed away a few weeks ago. Both Nancy and Mrs. Brunton have attended the Senior Parishioners' Club for several years past.

My sincere thanks to all who help in any way to make Thursdays such a happy day and one we all look forward to.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary, Tel. 797-6967.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th September, at 8 p.m.

Advance notice is given of a Fashion Parade at Grace Bros. Auditorium, on Thursday, 5th October. Please watch the next "Chronicle" for all the details.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Home Made Jam:

As you have read before in the Sunday School news, we are planning a number of jam-making bees on Saturdays in October, but at this moment, I cannot tell you the precise dates, as it all depends on when the mulberries are ripe.

Bottle Appeal:

With all the jam that we intend to make, we will need bottles. We are appealing now for jars with screw lids, preferably no larger than coffee bottles. Also we are appealing for gifts of sugar.

Donations can be left at the Rectory or sent along with the girls and boys or teachers of the Sunday School.

New Scholars:

In the past couple of months, the numbers in the Sunday School have dropped, the reason for this being that a number of families have moved from the parish. I would like to ask the parishioners that if

they know of any boy or girl not attending Sunday School, would they please invite them to come along at 9.45 a.m. any Sunday. All children over two years of age will be most welcome.

Teachers:

We urgently need to fill vacancies for teachers in the Kindergarten. This is a most important job, involving just one hour a week's lesson time (9.45 a.m. each Sunday) plus preparation, and we are now losing the young ones because there are no teachers for them. If you think you could help in this most interesting and satisfying work, please contact the Rector, the Kindergarten Leader (Mrs. Carroll), the Superintendent (Mr. A. Jones) or myself as soon as possible.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- September 3: Donated by the family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 10: Donated by Mrs. Humphreys in memory of her Husband, Mr. Jack Humphreys, by Mr. W. Williams in memory of his Parents, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, by their Daughters, Mrs. Gladys Sharp and Mrs. Phyllis Everett; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 17: Donated by Mrs. Ditchburn in memory of her Husband and by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of their Mother and Grandmother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 24: Donated by Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents, by Mrs. Sumner and Family in memory of Mr. Sumner and Joan, and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- October 1: Donated by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents, by Mrs. Beatty (Melbourne) in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Chester Street and her Brother, Colin; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also acknowledge the gift of flowers on Sunday, 27th August, from Mrs. Reid in memory of her Aunt, Mrs. Florence Taylor.

LATEST FETE NEWS

September to November is a mere two months'. We ask all readers of the "Chronicle" to do all they can to help with the following appeals for stocks needed for the big day, Saturday, 18th November.

● **Jewellery:** Mrs. Millarey is still anxious to secure more jewellery for the stall: gifts may include broken items that can be repaired. We are also seeking used stamps, Australian or overseas, which Mrs. Millarey can re-sell at good prices in aid of Fete funds.

● **Gift Stall:** Mrs. Ivy Clark is looking forward to being on deck again very soon, and hopes that you will save for her all those left over pieces of wool and material that she can use in making small items for the Gift Stall. Donations may be made direct to Mrs. Clark, or left at the Rectory in a parcel marked with her name.

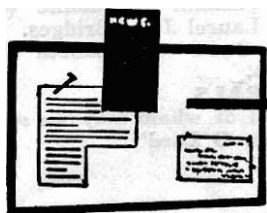
● **Plants and Flowers:** Have you any small plants that could be sold on the Plant Stall at the Fete? Potted or otherwise, we would be extremely pleased to receive any donations over the next three months. Gifts may be left at the Rectory, or phone Mrs. C. Hill (56-4116) who will gladly arrange collection. Empty tins from your kitchen are also badly wanted. Please leave them at the Rectory or give to Mrs. Hill.

● **White Elephant Stall:** Mrs. Humphreys is seeking all those useable items for which you have no further need around your own home.

Goods may be left at the Rectory garage, or at Mrs. Humphreys' home in Chester Street. The "White Elephant" stall sells everything that our other stalls don't; there's really no limit to what you can give provided the items are saleable, and not irreparable.

● **Jam Bottles:** Please see the Sunday School's appeal earlier in this "Chronicle" for sugar and empty bottles. All donations will be most gratefully received.

● **Signs:** Any stalls needing signs and which haven't yet given their requirements to Mr. Bert Shaw are asked to do so right away, so that he might have time to meet everyone's requests.



NEWS BRIEFS

● **Cost of Films Donated:** Our sincere thanks to the generous parishioners and parish organisations who kindly made donations towards the cost of hiring the films we are showing each month at Evensong. We are happy to report that the total amount received covered the entire hiring charges, as well as the newspaper advertisements inserted at the commencement of the series.

● **J. M. Boyle Memorial Lamp:** Organisations using the Parish Hall at night are advised that a switch for the Boyle Memorial Lamp (at the steps near the Columbarium) has been placed on the inside rear wall of the Hall, alongside the front doors. The switch, kindly fitted by Mr. Noel Cragg, should be turned on to light up the western side of the grounds when meetings are being held.

● **Parish Council Report:** At its last two meetings, the Council has been giving serious consideration to quotes received for the overhaul and repair of defective sections of the organ and the replacement of the wooden frames of the stained glass church windows. The total amount involved will be several thousand dollars, funds just not likely to become available in the near future! The Wardens will arrange the most urgent repairs as finance permits. Council has purchased a new notice board to be erected at the church gates, arranged for newspapers for the Fellowship drive to be stacked in the garage instead of the Parish Hall corridor, and instituted roster of Wardens and Parish Councillors for Sunday Services. The Council is most grateful to the Guild for kindly donating the cost of the new notice board.

● **Replace Your Chairs:** As the Parish Hall, Guild Room, and Y.C.I. Room will now be cleaned each Saturday, the Parish Council requests all organisations meeting on week-days to replace all chairs against the walls, and so leave the rooms tidy for the next group to use them.

October "Chronicle" Items for our next issue will be due not later than Sunday, 17th September.

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIR SERVICE

A. COOK

267 Stanmore Road, Stanmore — Tel. 56-1473.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me"

- August 6: Christine Deborah Foulds.
 August 6: Karen Suzanne Foulds.
 August 13: Sean Michael Carter.
 August 20: Ché Louise Makinson.

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- August 19: Alan John Bourke to Eleanor Jacqueline Wibrow.
 August 26: Gary Charles Rowe to Laurel Jean Bridges.
 August 26: Albert William Phillip Owen to Elizabeth Winifred Maria Maish.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord"

- July 26: Jeanie Kissell.
 July 27: Florence Philpot.
 July 31: Frank Miller.
 August 3: Florence Emily Murray.
 August 10: Sarah Bagshaw.
 August 10: Annie Drummond Brunton.
 August 18: Florence Maude Hobbs.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF WORSHIP

- (1) Thou shalt not come to Service late,
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
- (2) When speaks the organ's sweet refrain
The noisy tongue thou shalt restrain.
- (3) But when the Hymns are sounded out
Thou shalt lift thy voice and shout.
- (4) And when the Anthem thou shalt hear
Thy sticky voice thou shalt not clear.
- (5) The end-most seat thou shalt leave free
For more must share the Pew with thee.
- (6) The offering plate thou shalt not fear
But give thine uttermost with cheer.
- (7) Thou shalt the minister give heed
Nor blame him when thou art disagreed.
- (8) Unto thy neighbour thou shalt bend
And, if a stranger, make a friend.
- (9) Thou shalt in every way be compassionate, kind,
considerate, and of better mind.
- (10) And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.

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