

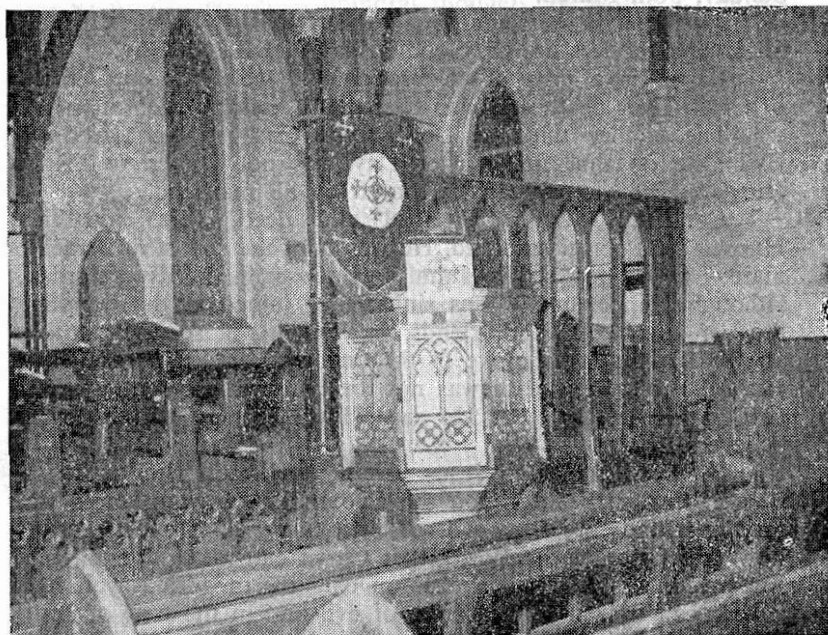
All Saints' Anglican Church, of Australia Petersham

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MARCH, 1986



Easter Service

**GOOD FRIDAY IS THE - 28th MARCH
9.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

**EASTER DAY IS THE - 30th MARCH
7.30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION
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7.00 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION**

FURTHER ENQUIRIES — PHONE 569-4735

The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
PETERSHAM.

19th February, 1986

Dear Friends,

The year has hardly begun and already our thoughts are turned towards Easter. Easter is fairly early this year — Sunday, 30th March.

Everyone is welcome to take part in our Easter Celebrations. The services are on Good Friday and Easter Day.

Easter is a time of celebration. We celebrate the victory of Christ over death and sin. Easter is a victory celebration.

The victory that the Lord Jesus Christ gained over the Evil One on that first Easter Day was not limited to Christ Himself. The victory can be shared by all mankind.

Constantly, both by word and deed, Jesus identified Himself with sinful mankind. He was born the son of an Israelite maid; He was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, although He personally was sinless; He joined in the everyday life of His family and friends, in worship, in social activities, at work; often Jesus spoke of the oneness between Himself and His followers; His death was not for His own sins but for ours and in His resurrection He saw Himself open heaven to all believers.

By word and deed Jesus identified Himself with us.

Is Easter then for you the celebration of your hero's victory over the forces of evil, or is it a personal experience of how the power of the Lord Jesus Christ can make life different for you? It is good to have as an example, a guru if you like, a hero can overcome the forces of evil and in the case of Jesus overcome death itself, but that is far, far less than Jesus offers. Jesus offers us a very real, a very personal victory, a peace which "passeth all understanding."

In everyone's life there are things which remind us that we are less perfect than we would like to be. In short, we fall short of our own standards. We don't need a Bible, or a clergyman or a religious gathering to tell us we are less than perfect. We don't realise our own standards let alone the standards of a pure and holy God.

If you are foolish enough to consider ourselves faultless then we can rest assured that many others can dispel such error. We need outside help to overcome such failures and sins. This help we find in Christ.

Easter is a celebration of victory. We should be celebrating the fact that through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ we find peace and power to good; real happiness; joy.

Good Friday faces us with the reality of failure, of sin, of evil, of our being defeated. Satan has beaten every one of us.

Easter Day shows that the one we trusted to die for our

sin was also victorious. The power of Satan was broken.

This is all great theology but does it mean anything to you personally? Have you something to celebrate yourself?

Has Jesus Christ's victory broken the hold drink had over you; the foul tongue (the swearing, the blaspheming, the gossip); is it now held in check; do you love others instead of being jealous or proud; do you care for others instead of being selfish — so we can go on to immoral thoughts, or words — on and on — but the point is made, what victory do you celebrate this Easter?

To say I can't think of any area in which Jesus has changed my life, is virtually to say I don't know anything of God's love or forgiveness. I am a lost soul.

Remember God loves you — time you loved Him.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Prize-giving will be held during the Family Service, 9.30 a.m. on 16th March next.

Parents are invited to attend this service with their children.

The Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Teachers will be held on Sunday, 9th March, following the morning service.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club is now in full swing for 1986. But we need more members. Please think of us any Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. if you are lonely or just want to fill in an afternoon in a very happy gathering playing "Housie" for small useful gifts. Come along and join us. You won't get a nicer afternoon tea anywhere. We are lucky that we have wonderful cooks. Age or creed does not matter. Just come and see for yourself.

I am very sorry to report that at present we have Alice Gavin, Dorrie Chapman and Holly Hazlewood sick in nursing homes and Dulcie Swankie sick at home. We do pray that they will all soon be on the road to recovery and coming back to the Club.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 11th March at 1 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and is to be followed at 2 p.m. by the Annual Happy Home Party. The afternoon will end with the usual afternoon tea, so please come and help swell the numbers because I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Sale on 21st February netted \$200. Thanks to all who helped in any way with donations of goods, printing and distributing dodgers, setting up stalls, clothing racks, etc. The date for the next sale is Friday, 18th April. Please come. You may see something you need and everything will be very cheap.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER DONATIONS

- MARCH 2—Donation by Mrs. Perry.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MARCH 3—Anonymous donation for The Stone of Remembrance.
Donation from Julie and Alison in memory of "Mate."
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- MARCH 16—Donation by Mr. J. Murrett in memory of his mother, Stella Williams and brother Jack Williams.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MARCH 23—No donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- MARCH 30—No donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.

GHOSTS

Ghosts are much more common than you might think — or, at least, people think they have seen ghosts more commonly than you might think. Usually, so it seems, it is not a frightening experience. On the other hand, people don't talk about it too

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much either for fear of being ridiculed.

I don't know what to think about such tales. It's never happened to me. But did it happen to the disciples of Jesus? Is the whole resurrection story the result of seeing the ghost of Jesus?

Now, there is one great barrier in the way of that explanation, and a number of little ones. The big one is this: no one ever managed to produce the body of Jesus. One thing about ghosts is, of course, that they don't have bodies—not, at least, bodies which can be touched. Their bodies are still in the ground. With Jesus it was quite different. He is not a visitor from the dead. He is the conqueror of death. His grave was, is, and always will be empty!

There are other objections to the "ghost theory" too. He was seen, seen not just by one person. He was seen by scores of people in all sorts of different circumstances. Furthermore, he invited them to touch him, to handle him, to test him. On one occasion he said specifically "look at me—I am no ghost" and he sat down to a meal of fish with his disciples. To those disciples he was real, and they were in a position to know.

Actually, when you start investigating the Jesus story, it's very hard to figure out an explanation for the resurrection other than it did really happen. And if it did really happen, you look pretty silly as an agnostic or unbeliever. Think of the consequences: there is life after death, there is a God who rules all things; you can trust Jesus now in this life; he is coming at the end of the age to judge all men alive and dead. Oh yes, a lot hangs on the resurrection—have you ever investigated it? It's worth doing—your whole future may depend upon the results you get.

—Peter Jensen

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on 10th March at 8 p.m. in the Guild Room. The necessary notices are fixed as required to the main doors of the church.

All parishioners are requested to attend to hear the reports from the Rector and church bodies, and assist in electing church officers. It is an opportunity to tell the Parish Council what you think should be done and to assist in planning for the following year.

Keep the church alive — be in it.

If you wish to come but are reluctant to walk the streets at night, we will arrange transport to and from.

CHURCH ORGAN

Our organ will be 100 years old in October this year. Tentative plans are being made for a special celebration to mark the occasion. We will keep you informed from month to month.

FENCE REPAIRS

The Parish Council has decided to replace the old wood fence between the Hall and the Kindergarten Sunday School with a wire fence. For years we have been replacing palings to close the gaps made by persons taking a short cut through the grounds. The timber is now too far gone for repairs and the new fence will not need maintenance.

ESTATE OF THE LATE MAY RUHLE

The bidding at the auction of this property did not reach the target figure and it was withdrawn from sale. The agents have since made progress toward a private sale at the figure set by the Trustees.

YOUTH WORKER AT ALL SAINTS

This position is being advertised in the Church Record.

MAINLY FOR THE CHILDREN

Paul — late for school again!

"Paul was late for school again today," said Robert as he was eating his tea.

"What was his excuse this time?" asked Mum.

"He said he slept in again," said Robert. "He's always getting into trouble at school. He never has any breakfast, and then at recess time he always tries to take out play-lunch 'cause he's hungry, and he doesn't bring any."

"His Mum must be a real sleepyhead," said Sue, Robert's sister. "She must sleep in, too."

A few days later, Mum met Paul's mother at the shops. They stopped to chat, and it wasn't long before Paul's mother was complaining about her son.

"I don't know what we're going to do with him," she said. "He's never going to be a responsible adult. He can't even get himself up in the morning and off to school on time. Then when he's late he tries to con his father or me into driving him to school, but we don't. We've had enough of being conned."

"I was flabbergasted," said Mum later when she was telling Dad about it. "She took my breath away. I couldn't think of anything to say."

"Poor Paul," said Dad. "No wonder he's late for school. What kid would get up and go if he wasn't made to? I can imagine Robert if he was left to his own devices."

"Gee, thanks!" said Robert, hurt.

"Well, look at you on the Saturdays when there's no sport," said Dad. "You don't surface till around 11 a.m."

"Yes, but that's only sometimes," replied Robert.

"I know," said Dad. "But what I mean is how you would get on if Mum didn't call you each morning in time for you to have your shower and eat your breakfast; to pack

lunch and find you some clean socks; to remind you to pack up your books and pencils after you left them all on the table after doing your homework."

"Not too good, I guess," admitted Robert reluctantly.

"Maybe you spoil us, Mum," said Sue.

"Nonsense!" said Mum. "That's what families are for, to help each other. And that's what I would have said to Paul's mother if I'd been able to think quickly enough. She told me Paul and his brother have to be responsible for having their shower and getting their breakfast before school, as well as putting themselves to bed at night. Naturally they stay up till all hours and then can't wake up in the morning."

"Poor Paul," said Dad again. "Let's pray for him and his family, and thank God we are members of a loving, caring family who help each other."

So they did, and after thinking of ways they could help Paul, Robert took two playlunches to school each day. By sharing his food with Paul, the two boys became more friendly, and because Paul was no longer so hungry he was not in so many fights, the other children liked him more, and he didn't get into quite so much trouble.

Do you know someone at school like Paul? Perhaps there are ways you can help, too.

CHURCH FINANCES

Each month, payments are exceeding receipts by a considerable amount and we are having a hard struggle to meet all commitments .

Assessments amounting to \$1154.75 are now due and all available funds will be utilised to cover existing commitments.

Weekly offertories average \$250 and the continued liberal support of our regular parishioners is greatly appreciated.

DETAILS OF 1986 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO DATE

1986	Monthly Commitmen	Amount Received	Shortfall
January	2,246	1,410	836
February	2,442	1,556	886
	<u>4,688</u>	<u>2,966</u>	<u>1,722</u>

BRUCE LIVINGSTON, Hon. Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS, JANUARY, 1986

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories, Donations and Dist. Visitors ..	922.05	Stipend & Trav. Allow. 1,776.47	
Church Flowers ..	120.00	Organist ..	75.00
Trading Activities:		Church Flowers ..	120.00
Recycling ..	351.78	Printing, Stationery and Telephone ..	62.50
Rector's Telephone ..		Other Staffing Costs: (Visiting Preachers) ..	7.00
Contrib. 12.85 ..	16.30	Hall Cleaning ..	75.00
	1,410.13	Minor Electrical ..	
Deficit for Month ..	836.20	Repairs ..	20.00
		Purchase, Mop ..	5.05
		Gas ..	30.31
			130.36
		Repairs & Maint. Cleaning (Church) ..	75.00
	2,246.33		2,246.33

BALANCE 31-12-85 \$3,694.94

LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH \$ 836.20

BALANCE 31-1-86 \$2,858.74

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, DECEMBER, 1985:

J. D. HALL & SON PTY. LTD.—Provision of new structure in Columbarium ..	400.00
CASH—Materials supplied by Mr. R. Swankie for work in Columbarium ..	255.60
JAMES & JAMES—December Chronicles ..	75.20
PETER D. G. JEWKES—Organ Tuning and Minor Maint. ..	11.00
TOWER BUSINESS EQUIPMENT PTY. LTD.—10 Reams of Paper ..	67.50
SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP—Renewal Accident Policy for Voluntary Workers ..	120.00

BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS AT 31-12-85

	Last month	This month
GENERAL ACCOUNT ..	3,445.59	3,694.94
CAPITAL RESERVE ..	706.17	974.25
ENDOWMENT A/C No. 1 ..	3,948.83	3,948.83
ENDOWMENT A/C No. 2 ..	31,271.37	31,986.37
YOUTH WORKER A/C ..	4,830.18	4,965.78
GENERAL MISSIONS ..	809.53	24.76
COLUMBARIUM TRUST A/C ..	2,985.80	2,557.88
RESTORATION FUND ..	4,309.44	4,594.52
SPECIAL PURPOSE A/C ..	419.71	479.71
(Organ Restoration)		
ORGAN FUND ..	1,526.10	1,609.97
SUNDAY SCHOOL A/C ..	908.86	929.07
BUILD. MAINTENANCE A/C ..	1,000.10	1,000.10
	56,161.68	56,766.18