

*The Chronicle  
Of All Saints  
Petersham*

*The Friendly Church*

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“Because there was no room for them in the Inn”

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

Have you heard the news! Our gross income from the Fete this year was the largest ever! Just on \$5,200.00. A smashing success! In spite of the loss of some of our faithful workers of many years, others have come forward and stepped into the breach and have done marvellously. I know that you will all join with me in saying to our Fete Chairman and all his hard working helpers in many different fields a hearty, well deserved **WELL DONE**.

And may I say for myself and the Rectory family a deep personal thank you to everyone who helped in anyway. We are always aware that without the continued support of the good people of All Saints' we could do nothing here. I shall not try to mention you all by name for fear of leaving some deserving person out. I know that there were many whose names are not known to me who helped from behind the lines. And so may I simply say **God Bless you all who have Blessed God by your willing support of His Holy Church**. Remember God who sees in secret will reward in the open. He knows who His servants are. I am assured of this, that all who gladly gave of themselves, their time, toil, substance, and sweat, and even a few tears, will be filled with gladness at the news of our common victory. It seems to be a rule of life that we get back from life just about as much as we put into it. And so those who have given much of themselves will themselves receive much joy and satisfaction as they survey the fruits of their sacrifice. **WELL DONE my people, WELL DONE!**

It is indeed good that we have been able to provide the finance needed to run our Parish Church for another year. But have we forgotten why we did it? I mean the real reason behind it all. Most people who read this letter of course know the reason. We raised the money so that the Gospel of Christ in all its spiritual power may continue to be spread among the people of this area. We raised the money so that God's name may be glorified and His Eternal Kingdom increased. We raised the money so that our people can gather together and worship God and learn, through Jesus, more and more about His love, and His way of life which leads to Eternal Life both now and beyond the grave.

Is it possible that many have forgotten the reason for our Fete? It would appear that this is so, judging by the numbers present in Church on Sunday at Divine Worship and at The Holy Communion. Those of you who do love God deeply and want to be His witnesses in this sin-sick world, and who therefore are regular worshippers and supporters all the year around, do know the reason for the Fete and everything else that we do around All Saints'. But many others must have forgotten it. I should like to ask these forgetful people just one question, which my readers should pass on to them. Do you really think God will honour money and your occasional effort if you do not honour God in your heart?

If you do honour God in your heart you will show it. A soul filled with the Spirit of God can no more hide it than a light that is set on a candle stand. It gives light to all around. Such a spiritually grounded person would naturally be glad to stand up and be counted in the congregation of God's children. They would long to sing out His praises, hear His Holy Word read and expounded, and offer Christian comfort and help to others who are with them on the upward path of life. Such a person would acknowledge this sad world's need for their personal witness by their personal presence in the Temple of God — His Church.

Everytime we get out and come to Church we are striking a blow for good and against evil, in that we give our testimony that God is good, that Christ is Lord and Saviour, and that Love is the real life; life abundant. By our good actions we encourage others to good actions. We become a light in a Dark world. But when we do not come to Church we fail Him who gave us life and all its good. We let Him down who holds us up. We refuse to thank Him who has given us many gifts.

No one must think that making money for or sending money to the Church will ever make up for our absence from that Church if we could have been there ourselves. Why pay the Minister to prepare and preach sermons that we are never going to hear? How can a physician heal, whose medicine no one will take. How can Christ's Gospel be spread and God's Kingdom be increased if no one will LISTEN, and no one will JOIN and BE A MEMBER? God loves you! Your Church needs you! Why not love Him back and come and receive Him in Word and Sacrament and fellowship in your Parish Church.

If you are sick or well your Church will come to you — just let us know — but if you are neither, what excuse will you give Him on Judgment day? There are those who can hardly stand but they come here, there are those who are totally blind but they get here. There are those who are very poor with neither car, nor phone, and little money, but they get here. If others, being well, and comfortable, and able, do not get here, what excuse will they give? We are the light of the world, we must not hide it. Salt that has lost its taste is useless! Come to Church; for God's sake, for your neighbour's sake, and for your own soul's sake.

As we will soon be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, I wish you, one and all, a very Merry Christmas indeed. May this happy season be filled with renewed blessings and renewed resolve to be faithful to Him who came, as at this time, to give us that life abundant. And may the New Year bring to us all the fulfillment of our fondest dreams.

Faithfully, your Rector,

C. A. CAMPBELL.

### PERSONAL

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Alt and family in the sudden passing last month of Mr. Jack Alt, who was well known to many at All Saints'. Mr. Alt was one of the founders of our Y.C.I. in 1910, and was also prominent in the sporting life of the parish for many years. He continued his close interest in All Saints' and the Y.C.I. after his move to the north shore, making a substantial donation towards this year's fete stocks less than a week before his passing.

### PARISH FETE REPORT

#### Highest Total Ever

The great traditions of All Saints' Fetes were excelled on Saturday, 17th November, when the record gross figure of \$5,203 was raised.

This amount beats the previous record, established in 1970, of \$4,542, and is \$850 higher than last year's figure. The proceeds will be used to maintain parish finances, which you know from the monthly reports in the "Chronicle", are in a poor state, with expenditure consistently higher than our normal weekly income. It is also necessary to keep in mind the inevitable major jobs we have to face from time to time with large buildings, such as the renewal of the Church roof.

From the figures below, we still have to deduct many overhead expenses such as the dogs and monkeys, train, tent-hire, insurance, advertising, etc., while a fixed percentage must be sent, as in the case

of all parish income, to the Diocesan authorities as part of our Synod Assessment.

The following are the amounts received at 21st November. Where names are given, they are of those personally taking responsibility for the stall concerned.

Stall	Conducted by	\$
Fancy Work, Childrens Wear and Gifts .....	Mrs. D. Jones—\$1,149	
Cakes and Sweets .....	Mrs. Clark—\$540	1,689
Groceries and Jams .....	Y.M. and Friends	273
White Elephant .....	Sunday School	345
Jewellery .....	Mrs. Humphreys	586
Pottery .....	Miss Hunt for Mrs. Milleray	671
Books, Hoopla .....	Mrs. Hearn	182
Refreshments .....	Fellowship	274
Plants .....	Mrs. Graham	150
Floral Arrangements and Shells ....	Sunday School Mothers	190
Vegetables .....	Mrs. Sopwith	185
Hot Dogs .....	Y.C.I.	58
Yardleys .....	Y.C.I.	60
Girl Guides Stall .....	Indoor Bowls Club	39
Train and Pony Rides .....	All Saints' Guides	32
Dolls .....	Messrs. Bretherton, Essam	118
Model Railway Exhibition .....	Mrs. Reid	195
Donations .....	The Rector	89
	Mr. W. McCarthy—\$10	
	Others—\$27	
	Indoor Bowls Club—\$30	67
	<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>\$5,203</b>

### FETE APPRECIATIONS

The Chairman of the Parish Council's Fete Committee, Mr. Frank Hearn, extends his sincere congratulations to all stallholders and other fete workers for their tremendous efforts throughout the year. Without their hard work and co-operation, the record final result would not have been obtained. Thanks also to all parishioners and friends of All Saints' — your wonderful support will enable the work of this Parish to be maintained securely in the coming year.

The following Stallholders wish to express their appreciation for the help they received in raising the takings:

**Fancy Goods:** Mrs. D. Jones wishes to thank everyone who donated goods, sewed, and helped in any other way, including those who served on the Stall on the big day; this assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all who came and bought.

**Mrs. Ivy Clark** expresses many thanks to all who gave stocks for her stall, to all who helped on the day, and to her two neices from Queanbeyan and Yagoona for help on the stall. Thanks also to all who bought and helped to make the result better than ever. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to you all — I hope to see you all in 1974.

**Jewellery:** Miss Glad. Hunt writes, "How thrilled I was to hand in \$671.00 from our stall. During Mrs. Millarey's absence overseas, I have done the Jewellery on my own, therefore I am doubly pleased with our efforts this year. I wish to thank specially Flair Hairdressing Salon (New Canterbury Road) for their valuable assistance in raising this amount, also the staff of Scotts' Provisions Pty. Ltd., Tout's Shoe

Store, Walford and Son and Mrs. W. Andrew of W.A., as well as the many friends who so willingly helped me raise this delightful sum. To each and everyone, I thank you most sincerely and wish you all the Compliments to the Season and a very Happy New Year.

The Y.C.I. wishes to express its sincere thanks to all those parishioners who supported their Fete effort, by way of gifts, transport and other help.

**Refreshments:** Mrs. D. Graham wishes to extend her grateful thanks to the small but stalwart group of ladies who toiled throughout the day in the Refreshment Room, and to all the kind folk who patronised us, or gave donations in cash or in kind.

**Mulberry Jam:** Mrs. Campbell writes, "With a new recipe, the jam turned out very well this year, of thicker consistency. If you would like some, there are still quite a number of jars for sale at the Rectory. With so little response to the appeals for help with this huge project, I thank especially Mrs. Snape, Mrs. Sopwith and Ken Prenziss who generously gave time to stalking bees at the Rectory, and those Sunday School staff who came to the bees on Saturdays."

**Plant Stall:** Mrs. Campbell sends many thanks to the Sunday School mothers and friends who made it possible to staff two stalls on fete day, and to our raffle ticket sellers. Don and Wendy Cottee were tremendous helpers getting plants out for the Fete, and sincere thanks also to Mmes. Beattie, Fagg, and A. Williams for their hard work all day and packing up at day's end. Much appreciation also to Fellowship members and the other young folk who brought transported plants for us. We were deeply grateful to all the donors of the wonderful supply of horticulture, and for rearing quantities of lovely plants all the year we thank Mmes. I. Clark, Horton, James, Sopwith and Hindwood (Hunter's Hill), Matron Taylor of Ardrassan Hospital, and Messrs. Ansell and Dick. We remember also Mr. J. Alt, recently of Belrose, a generous contributor for many years and a founding member of the Y.C.I., who passed away on 18th November.

Our appreciation is also extended to the countless other folk who supported the Fete: those who gave goods for sale, erected and dismantled the stalls, donated the hamper prizes, manned the visitor's book, distributed fete dodgers, picked up donations, Mr. Bert Shaw for his invaluable signs, and those who performed countless other valued acts, so often in an anonymous way. "Thank you, one and all."

**Fete Prizes:** Congratulations to Mrs. J. Wilson and Mrs. A. Steed, both well-known members of our congregation, who won the Hamper Door Prizes. A full list of winners of other prizes will appear in the January "Chronicle", as insufficient space is available this month.

### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- December 2: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of their Grandmother, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their daughters; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- December 9: Donated by Mr. R. Minter, John and Margaret in memory of Mrs. Minter; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- December 16: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- December 23: Donated by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis, Senior, and by the Carr family in memory of Mrs. Alma Waters; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- December 25: **Christmas Day:** Donated by the Baxter family in memory of their Parents, by the Senior Parishioners' Club and by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shaw.

We would be grateful for donations of flowers

or money to purchase flowers for Christmas. If giving flowers, please arrange for them to be delivered to the Church by 10 a.m. on 24th December. Arranged by the ladies of the Flower Roster.

December 30: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

January 6: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their daughters; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also wish to acknowledge donations of flowers from Lex and Ruby Graham for 26th October in memory of Eulalie and Alice, and from Miss Bayley for 4th November in memory of Miss Dorothy Bayley.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Fete Grocery Stall:** This year the Grocery and Home Made Jam Stall raised \$345.00 for the Church. This Fete we had on our stall for the first time lucky dips for the girls and boys and balloons.

On behalf of the Sunday School, I would like to thank all the people who made the jam and pickles, stalked the mulberries, donated sugar, groceries and money. We also thank the following companies for their help:—

G. J. Coles, Weston Biscuit Co., Kelloggs, Samuel Taylor Pty. Ltd., H. Jones and Co., Traders Pty. Ltd., Colgate-Palmolive, Lifesavers, Bushells, Sanitarium, Fielder's Food, and the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney.

**Prizegiving:** The Annual Sunday School prizegiving will be held on Sunday, 9th December, at the 10 a.m. Family Service. All parents and friends of our children are cordially invited to be present.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

### CLUB NOTES

#### End of Year Activities

#### Ladies' Guild:

Our final meeting for 1973 will be on Tuesday, 11th December, at 1 p.m., after which we will go into recess until Tuesday, 12th February, 1974.

To the Rector, Mrs. Campbell and family, our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

#### Younger Set:

The Younger Set would like to give their thanks to all those parishioners for the great help they have been to us by way of donations of books, etc., for the fete. Also, I would like to thank personally all the members of the Y.S. for their work, not only on Fete Day, but also in all our preparations.

If members of the Parish know of any young persons in the 13-20 age group, please inform either Peter Gray or myself, as we would like to build up our Group's numbers.

J. P. ARROWSMITH, Leader.

#### Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 11th December, at 8 p.m. This will be our final meeting for 1973.

Our first meeting for the new year will be on Tuesday, 12th February, 1974.

We wish to thank all those who helped at our Cakes and Sweets Stall at the fete. We were very pleased to hand it \$272.66 at the end of the day. I wish to thank all who made cakes, sweets, biscuits and novelties of any kind, as well as those who sent along containers for the sweets, baskets, plastic mugs, and many types of boxes. The dona-

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tions of money we received were wonderful and too numerous to mention. It was a wonderful day. Our thanks to all.

The members of our Club wish the Rector, his family and all parishioners and their friends a Happy, Holy Christmas and Good Health for the New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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

**Sympathy:** We regret to record the passing of Mr. Jack Alt, Vice-President of the Y.C.I. and the last of the band of men who founded our Institute in November, 1910. Mr. Alt always had a great affection for the Y.C.I. and we express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Alt in her sad loss.

**Christmas Party:** All members and friends are reminded that the Y.C.I. Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 14th December, 1973, commencing at 8 p.m. We cordially invite all who can attend to do so, and we promise an enjoyable time at this most important function. A supper will be served, and there will be no charge.

**November Meeting:** It was found necessary to cancel the November meeting of the Institute; we hope that this action did not inconvenience anybody.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

### **Senior Parishioners' Club:**

Would Club members kindly note that our final meeting for this year will be on 15th December. After a brief recess, we will start again on 17th January, 1974 — God willing.

All Saints' Church has good reason to be proud of the Senior Parishioners' Club. We have always welcomed (and still do) people of all denominations, we try hard to encourage elderly people of all denominations who are lonely to join us, and look forward to having new comers in the New Year.

We feel the Club has given a wonderful fellowship to its members; one has only to look at our attendance any Thursday to discover what a happy group we are. It is indeed with God's help that we have been such a successful Club for 17 years. We are also able to contribute to Shurch Funds in numerous ways. During December, we will make our second contributions to the Organ Repair Fund, making a total of \$50 for this purpose alone.

We extend the Season's Greetings to our Rector, Mrs. Campbell and family. Many thanks to all our friends who have helped us in any way during the year. To our Club members and friends, "A Happy and Holy Christmas" and God's richest Blessings upon each one of you.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary (797-6967)

### **Boys' Club:**

We are looknig for more boys in the 9 to 14 years age group to come and join our Club. We meet every Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Hall, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and all the lads have a most enjoyable time.

We will be closed for only three weeks during the Christmas-New Year holiday period, and will resume our weekly activities early in January.

JOHN ARROWSMITH, Leader.

### **Indoor Bowls Club:**

The Annual Meeting was held in October and Mr. Frank Hearn was elected President. Our numbers are increasing and visitors will be welcomed any Wednesday night from 7.30 p.m.

A Happy Christmas to everybody!

B. SEE, Hon. Secretary.

**BAPTISMS****"Born Again"**

October 28: Jason Matthew Erwin.  
 October 28: Donna Elizabeth Hearl.  
 October 28: Sherelle Peta Saddler.  
 October 28: Elizabeth Anne Russell.  
 October 28: George Charles Russell.  
 November 4: Pamela Christine Cameron.

**FUNERALS****"I am the Resurrection and the Life"**

November 12: Clare Huddart.  
 November 13: Frederick Almond.  
 November 13: Una Lyle Hanna.  
 November 13: Kevin Raymond Curnow.  
 November 20: Jack Alt.

**CHURCH FINANCES****Period 1st - 31st October, 1973**

Offeratories and other receipts	\$534.11
Expenditure	\$640.29
Deficit on month	\$106.18
Accumulated deficit since 1st January, 1973	\$1,526.33

**Christmas Services****SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER**

10 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

**SUNDAY, 16th DECEMBER**

7 p.m. THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our moving "Carols by Candlelight" Service

**CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, 25th**

7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Note: There will not be an Evening Service on Christmas Day

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