

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

Rector: Rev. R. A. JOHNSON, Th.L.

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

FEBRUARY, 1955



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs R. F. ATKINSON, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, D. COOKE, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. T. SAYERS, E. HALE, E. QUELCH, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist and Master of the Chorists: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M., L.T.C.L., F.I.G.C.M.

Verger: Vacant.

The Rector would be pleased to receive immediate notification of any bereavements or sickness in the parish.

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals by arrangement with the Rector. LM 4735.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The New Year opens with the Epiphany season which this year will last until February 5. During this time the Church commemorates the visit of the wise men to the babe Jesus at Bethlehem, and the manifestation, or showing forth of Our Lord to the Gentiles. After the season of the Epiphany we have the Sundays called Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima, which is the second section of the Church's year and is of course dependent on Easter. They come immediately before the penitential season of Lent. The theme of this season is Creation, Paradise, the Fall, the Flood, and the New Covenant. It has become the custom to hold our Harvest Festival on one of these Sundays. This year it will be held on Quinquagesima, February 20. I trust we shall send gifts of fruit and vegetables to the Church and that the services will be well attended.

We are reminded in all these observances how much God has done for us and how much we have failed Him. The season closes on the note of the New Covenant and of the gift of Love. That greatest of all gifts of how in Love, God sent our blessed Lord, the unspeakable sacrifice, for us men and our salvation. Then we come to the Lenten season; the dominate note of Lent is (1) Penitence, (2) Self-Discipline and Self Chastisement, (3) Special Devotion. I hope and pray that this Lent may be a solemn time of preparation for us all, so that we may come to full joy of Easter, knowing truly that the Lord is Risen indeed.

Special addresses will be given in Lent. On Wednesdays I hope to hold in the Church, "The Life of Our Lord from the Living Bible," a series of religious sound films depicting the Life and Ministry of Our Lord, and on Sunday evenings a series of addresses on "CHRIST & YOU." There will be also a celebration of Holy Communion each Wednesday in Lent at 7 a.m. and at 10 a.m. I do hope that every parishioner will endeavour to interest someone else in these services and bring them along so that our church life may be strengthened. May our study of God's Word make again a living church. If you have not been coming or have not been to church for years, don't be shy, come along we will be so glad to welcome you.

If humanity is to find meaning in life, then humanity must find God. God is found in Christ. Much of our difficulty today is that many only know the nature of God as outside us, and that is not to the full Gospel of Christ. He is human but more than human, He can save if we will only allow Him to. We must be pierced with a love from within, by a love that is more than our own love, then the wonder of the New Birth is ours. Such love is more than emotion, it carries with it its own insight, its own wisdom, it is a light we cannot quench, it is the Light that leads us into all truth. In the first chapter of John's Gospel we read, "In the beginning, there we find the reason for everything, everything was designed, planned, through Him, nothing was created without Him. What was created in Him was Life, and the light was the life of mankind. The light was always shining in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out. The real light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, but the world did not know it. He came unto His own, but His own did not receive Him, BUT to those who did receive Him, to THEM He gave the power to become the children of God, those that is who really believe in HIM, who receive their life not from man but from God." And the "reason for everything (God) became flesh, and dwelt among us." Friend do you know the meaning of Life, do you know Him whom to know is Eternal Life. We feel that as we study His Word together here we can introduce you to Him and that He will be with us in our Fellowship together.

May God Bless you all,

Your sincere friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

PARISH PARS

The many friends of Mr. Jack Thomas will regret to learn that his brother living at Dulwich Hill passed away recently. We express our sincere and deep sympathy with him in his sad loss.

Congratulations to Howard Johnson, Janice Jones, Peter Kearns, successful in their University Examinations, also to Peter Marshall and Terry Morris on passing the Leaving Certificate Examination.

CHURCH MUSIC

This year February marks the beginning of a very busy time for the choir—Easter being early leaves us with only a very short time to prepare music for the Harvest Festival, Lent, our Cantata for Passion Tide, and also the music for Easter.

The Harvest Festival this year will be on February 20, the Sunday before Lent. The Anthems for the day will be—"Morning Praise the Lord," by Maunder, and "The Evening Thou Visitest the Earth," by Green, plus the beautiful Harvest psalms, No. 104, "Praise the Lord O My Soul," and the 65th, "Thou O God Art Praised in Zion."

February 27, being the first Sunday in Lent, our thoughts turn to God's readiness to forgive the penitent and necessarily our hymns and anthems will be chosen to be in keeping with the Lenten Season. Another change during Lent will be the singing of the Benedicite in place of the Te deum, and the Jubilate in place of the Benedictus. It is interesting to note that the 1549 prayer book directed that it should be sung instead of the Te deum all through Lent, and whilst the 1552 prayer book gave no direction in this regard, it has now become the custom in many churches to make the change during Lent and Advent. Being a member of a church choir demands quite a lot of time, if a choirister be in earnest with his or her church work. All Saints' has a splendid body of singers in the choir, of which the parish can be justly proud. It is in particular a joy to see the excellent attendance at matins of the junior girls choir, who are looked after so ably by Miss Browning.

However, we do need more members for the choir, and the congregation can play an important part by encouraging anyone they hear of, who is church-minded, and who has a voice (no matter how small) to come and see your choirmaster, also encourage your children to come and sing with us.

Our Rector would like to see the choir stalls filled for both matins and evening. Will you help us?

On January 15 last, two of our most loyal choiristers became man and wife. We wish you, Erik and Joy, every happiness, and hope you will still be able to sing with us.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

Our club will be resuming classes on Monday, 7th February. Juniors commence at 6.30 p.m. and seniors, 7.45 p.m. We will be glad to welcome our girls and any new members who are desirous of joining our club.

—F. DITCHBURN, Secretary.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The Y.M. Club meet the second Tuesday every month. The next meeting being 8th February at 8 p.m. in Y.C.I. Clubroom. We would be pleased to enlist new members. Do come and join us.

Our tennis has started again, every Tuesday at 287 Stanmore Road, from 10.30 a.m. Tea is provided for lunch and afternoon tea. If you are a tennis player we would be pleased to see you any Tuesday.

—I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since the last main issue of "The Chronicle," we have had promotions as well as prize-giving. The prizes were presented by Mr. Albert Carruthers, who for many years was a valued teacher as well as Sunday School treasurer. The opportunity was taken to present Mr. Carruthers with a brief case as a memento of his happy time with us. It was very pleasing to have a large number of parents in the hall on this occasion.

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Joy Sanderson and Erik Olofsson on the occasion of their marriage. Fortunately, these two teachers will be living in the district and can continue their good work.

February 20 will be Harvest Festival and we hope that the scholars will again rally forth in the generous manner of years past.

To all our scholars, successful in recent exams, we all join in saying, "Well Done!"

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ALL SAINTS' CRICKET CLUB

Both "C" and "D" Grade teams have to report satisfactory results for the month of January. The "C" Grade side won its last match outright whilst the game earlier in the month was lost on the first innings. On the second day of the latter match, a number of our players were attending the wedding of wicket-keeper Erik Olofsson and our scorer, Miss Joy Sanderson.

Erik came back from his honeymoon to score a well-earned century—120 runs in all—and helped the team to gain its outright victory. Another feature of this game were two brilliant leaping catches taken by Terry Morris and Jim Barrett.

The "D" Grade (under 15) team is performing fairly satisfactorily, and has now nearly notched 20 points for the season. During January, the first match was won, and the latter game lost. Matches for each Saturday are notified on your weekly church notice, and parishioners are cordially invited to come along for an enjoyable Saturday morning or afternoon.

—A. JONES, Hon. Secretary,

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FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship resumed after Christmas break on 11th January, at which a presentation was made to Joy and Erik and a very pleasant evening was spent. Our next meeting on 25th was a games evening, and Fellowship-shippers are reminded of Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Our programme for the year has not been formed as yet but will be arranged in the near future. We will soon be starting rehearsals for a revue which will be held later this year. Meetings this month will be on 8th, 22nd, 29th.—JOY OLOFSSON.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

The first Guild meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, 8th February, 1955, at 2 p.m., in the Parish Hall. A good attendance is requested and new members will be welcome.

Since our last meeting we have lost a faithful member in Mrs. Garrad, who received her Home Call recently. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Garrad in his sad loss.

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Y.C.I.

Y.C.I. Members are looking forward to the 44th Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I., which will be held in the Club Room on Friday the 18th February, 1955, commencing at 8 p.m. The meeting is of great importance as a report of the year's activities will be presented, the Financial Statement will be submitted and office-bearers for the ensuing year will be

elected. It is anticipated that there will be a good attendance of members and the Y.C.I. cordially invites all men of the Parish to be present.

Further particulars regarding the Y.C.I. may be obtained from the Rector, who is the President of the organisation, or from any of the church officers.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

February 6—Donated by Miss Speight, arranged by Miss Morris.

February 13—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bosward, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

February 20—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, arranged by Mrs. Grant.

February 27—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

March 6—Donated by Mrs. Sayers, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

March 13—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Spencer.

March 20—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.

March 27—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.

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DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Miss Brown, 10/-; Mrs. T. Matthewson, £1/1/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £1; Miss Speight, 12/6.

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We are glad to know that Mrs. Nesbitt is making a good recovery and has been able to come to church again.

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We regret to report that Mrs. Hall, mother of Deaconess Hall, died. Mrs. Hall was closely associated with All Saints' during 1926 being on the staff as a licensed Woman Worker. Her special duties were visiting Lewisham Hospital, Public and Private, and Mrs. Hall had charge of a weekly women's Bible class. It was thus fitting for the funeral to take place from All Saints', the church in which she laboured and loved so much. Archdeacon Bidwell conducted the service being an old friend of the family, he was assisted by the Rector. We extend to Deaconess Hall, Kenwyn, and Wensley, our sincere sympathy.

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Our sympathy is expressed with Mrs. Francis, of Stanmore Road, and Mr. Dewar and family of Brighton Street, also the relatives of the late Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. Downey and his daughter, in their bereavement and we pray that God will bless and comfort them.

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It was with sincere and deep regret that we heard of the sudden death of Mrs. Garrad of 3 Rose St., Marrickville. The late Mrs. Garrad was a very regular member of our congregation at both morning and evening services. We shall miss her very much. The funeral went from Parramatta, where most of her relatives live. We pray that God will bless abundantly Mr. Garrad, and comfort him in his sorrow.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Horton on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Horton was Miss Norma Calver, daughter of our esteemed Rector's Warden, Len Calver, and Mrs. Calver.

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Congratulations to Eric and Joy on their marriage. A full choral wedding was held in All Saints', the bride looked very charming, and the fellow-members of the choir welcomed the bride at the door of the Church, and afterwards formed a guard of honour. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Olofsson every happiness and God's Blessing in the years ahead.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss T. Hall, who has just taken up duty as the Warden of the House of the Epiphany.

PARISH REGISTER

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

December 12—Jeffrey Paul Smith.

December 19—Gai Martin, Erik Richard Nilsson, Sharon Isobel Barlow.

January 2—John Leonard Martin.

January 23—Neville James Jones, Ian Williams.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

December 18—John Milton McCulloch to Shirley Joan Lewis.

December 18—Kevin Wallace White to Doreen Gladys Patterson.

December 18—Graham Morrison to Nancye Ethel Collier.

December 22—Hugh Alan Doran to Judith Elaine Chamberlain.

January 1—Peter Downes to Violet Evelyn Wickins.

January 15—Erik Bertram Olofsson to Jennifer Joy Sanderson.

January 27—John Frederick Thompson to Shirley Enselle Stephens.

January 29—Harold William Cullen to Elsie Sylvia Rachel Hunt.

January 29—Keith Thomas Minto to Doreen Sealey.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

December 7—Fanny Dewar (Rookwood Crematorium).

December 10—Caroline Susannah Gardiner, 83 years (Rookwood Cemetery).

December 16—Violet Mary Eileen Mack.

January 4—Arthur F. Bishop (Rookwood).

January 13—William Peek (Rookwood Cemetery).

January 17—Dorothy Lillian Downey (Rookwood Cemetery).

January 19—Edith Matilda Hall (Rookwood Cemetery).

January 24—Grace Garrad (Rookwood Crematorium).

PROGRAMME FOR LENT

Our Missionary Giving Drive for C.M.S. and A.B.M.

Ash Wednesday

7 a.m.: Holy Communion. 10 a.m.: Holy Communion.

7.45 p.m.: Lenten Service. The Religious Sound Film from the LIVING BIBLE SERIES—"THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN."

SUNDAYS during Lent. The Prayer Book—The Communion Service, 8 a.m.

11 a.m.: The Prayer Book—Morning Prayer and Baptismal Office.

SUNDAY EVENINGS — Christ or Chaos. Christ and Ourselves. Our Response.

Come and bring a friend to hear these addresses.

Wednesdays During Lent

Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. every Wednesday.

Lenten Service with a Religious Sound Film every Wednesday at 7.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 2nd March—Film: "The Last Journey to Jerusalem."

9th March—Film: "Thirty Pieces of Silver."

16th March—Film: "The Upper Room."

23rd March—Film: "Betrayal in Gethsemane."

30th March—Film: "Jesus Before the High Priest."

6th April—Film: "Trial Before Pilate."

13th April—Film: "The Crucifixion — & — He is Risen."

On Wednesday the service will be in the form of a Great Thanksgiving Service—and the end of the LIVING BIBLE FILM MISSION.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 20th February, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday. We would welcome and appreciate gifts of fruit, vegetables, and groceries, these will afterwards be sent on to the Home of Peace.

BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON TO PREACH

The Bishop of Rockhampton will be staying at the Rectory, on the week end of February 13 and has kindly consented to give the address at 8 a.m. on that day, and preach again in the evening. I do hope that as many as possible will come and hear the Bishop. The Bishop is in Sydney for the meeting of the World Council of Churches, to be held at Gilbulla.

ROOF FUND

Received from, with thanks, Mrs. A. Sworn, £1; Mrs. Robinson, 10/-; Mr. Craven, 10/-; Anonymous, 10/-; Deaconess Hall, £2/2/-; Total, £4/12/-.

MISSIONS

Received, with thanks, Miss Jansen, 10/-.

PROJECTOR FUND

Received, with thanks, Mrs. Matthewson, 10/-.

MRS. H. W. K. MOWLL

Your prayers are asked for Mrs. Mowll, who is in hospital. We extend our sincere sympathy to His Grace and pray that Mrs. Mowll will be restored.

RECTOR'S SPECIAL APPEAL—Church Renovation Fund

Previously acknowledged with thanks, £50. Received, with thanks, Mr. M. Buckley, £5; Miss Belfields, £5; Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, £5; Mrs. Holland, £5; Mrs. L. Sharp, £5; Miss Darke, £5; Mrs. Nisbett and daughters, £5; Mr. D. B. Hunter, £5; Mr. Pat Boyle, £5; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holt, £5. Total, £50 GRAND TOTAL, £100.

DISTRICT VISITOR COLLECTIONS
December

Per: Mrs. Barrett, £2/18/-; Mrs. Taylor, £1/2/-; Mrs. Humphreys, 8/6; Mrs. Grant, £1/1/6; Mrs. Calver, £1/10/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/12/6; Mrs. Milroy, £1/1/-; Mrs. Craigie, £4/4/-; Mrs. Furnell, £3/17/-; Mrs. Bayley, £2/10/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/5/6; Mrs. Mitchell, £1/8/-; Mrs. Robertson, £5/4/-; Mrs. Smith, £1/7/-; Miss Sanderson, £1/5/-; Mrs. Thomas, £1/10/- Total, £35/4/-.

N.B.—Above amounts include the Assistant Clergy Fund.

January

Per: Mrs. Robertson, £5/7/-; Mrs. Mitchell, £2/2/6; Mrs. Oldfield, £4/13/6; Mrs. Grant, £1/1/6; Mrs. Calver, £1/10/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/12/6; Mrs. Milray, £1/10/-; Mrs. Calver, £1/10/-; Mrs. Taylor, 19/-; Mrs. Humphreys, £8/2/6; Miss Bayley, £2/4/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/19/6. Total, £36/2/6.

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS — DECEMBER-JANUARY

December 5th	.....	£18 2 8 (a)	33	Communicants
December 12th	.....	£19 11 10 (a)	82	"
December 19th	.....	£20 13 0 (a)	42	"
December 25th	.....	£42 1 0 (a)	378	"
December 26th	.....	£13 18 3 (a)	22	"
Saints' Days	.....	— —	6	"
January 1st	.....	£4 16 4	48	"
January 2nd	.....	£16 11 4 (a)	71	"
January 6th	.....	— —	6	"
January 9th	.....	£19 5 5 (a)	76	"
January 16th	£19 4 10 (a)	49	"
January 23rd	£10 3 4 (a)	20	"
January 30th	£18 4 8 (a)	43	"
Saints' Days	— —	8	"
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(a) Missions £23/9/10 Duplex Envelopes.

CHURCH MUSIC, FEBRUARY 13 TO MARCH 6, 1955

Sunday	Morning	Evening
February 13 Sexagesima	Holy Communion. Choral (Merbecke). Hymns 83, 510, 193, 702.	Hymns 511, 207, 692, 693. Psalm 26. Anthem: "The Day Thou Gavest" (Woodward).
February 20 Quinquagesima Harvest Festival	Hymns 388, 384, 316, 383. Psalm 104. Anthem: "Praise the Lord" (Maunder).	Hymns 382, 388, 383, 379. Psalm 65. Service: "Stanford in B Flat." Anthem: "Thou Visitest the Earth" (Green).
February 23 Ash Wednesday		Evensong 7.30. Hymns 92, 91, 287. Psalm 130. Choir practice will follow service.
February 27 Lent I	Hymns 89, 282, 249, 90. Psalm 32.	Hymns 92, 91, 287. Psalm 143. Anthem: "Hide Not Thou Thy Face" (Farrant).
March 6 Lent II	Hymns 244, 255, 84, 254. Psalm 119, Verses 1 to 16.	Hymns 245, 774, 263. Psalm 119, Verses 32 to 48. Anthem: "Turn Thy Face" (Attwood).

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND. PETERSHAM

Dear Parishioners,

It is essential for the preservation of our Church that immediate action be taken to recondition the roof and building generally. This fine old Church has served us well over the many years of its existence, and I feel that the Parishioners of "All Saints" if they were aware of the vital necessity for this restoration work, would be only too willing to assist in any effort to prevent the complete deterioration and ultimate destruction of their place of worship.

Many have already contributed to the Roof Fund which has been established, and I thank them for their support, but the full amount required has still to be obtained.

Special collection boxes which are called in and re-issued at stated periods, are available from Mr E. Quelch (Telephone TM 5538) who will be pleased to deliver same to anyone desiring to help.

Should you already have a box, will you help by contacting others who you feel may assist by contributing to this fund. If you have not as yet requested to be supplied with a contribution box, will you take one?

Completion and return of the attached form will bring a box to your home, and comfort to you in the knowledge that you are assisting in such a vital work for our Church.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. JOHNSON,

Rector.

Mr E. Quelch,
13 North Street,
MARRICKVILLE.

Please issue me with a Roof Fund Contribution Box.

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