

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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*From your
Minister's
Desk*



The Rectory,
PETERSHAM, 2049
25th May, 1982

Dear Friends,

Once again we find nations at war. It is sad to realise that two great powers have engaged in open conflict. The Falkland Islands seem of very small material worth, and if it were only territorial sovereignty at stake it would appear senseless, but of course there is an important principle involved. A principle that you and I hold to be essential to our very way of life, and so this fight goes on.

In some senses the war over the Falkland Islands and attitudes of people towards it are symptomatic of men's and women's attitude to the ceaseless war that is being waged between the forces of evil and the forces of good, not just in our world but also in the unseen world of the spiritual realm.

We live today in an unprincipled world. Things matter—things matter for most people. How they are gotten, or whether others need them, or if they are good or not — these questions never enter the mind. The attitude is rather—"I want"—or, "I have the right to—". There are no principles considered, but rather naked selfishness. Materialism is at least selfishness.

There is a fight going on within the realm of spiritual things. This conflict is known to all moral beings. All who seek to live above the level of the animal world know something of that struggle. From time to time the Old Testament gives us glimpses of that battle. Daniel in Babylon saw in a vision the fight being waged by the archangel Michael against the unseen forces of evil. In the New Testament Jesus is constantly fighting sin, death and Satan, the Devil.

Where do we fit into this picture? Some unfortunately are already defeated—fighting evil was never their strong point. Many are concerned and do make an earnest effort to be moral and principled people.

Two things ought to be mentioned. Firstly, as it is a spiritual fight that we are engaged in we will need spiritual help. That help comes from God through Jesus Christ. We need His aid.

The second thing to remember is that we cannot win the fight using the enemies weapons or tactics. Once this happens we are defeated. Many a battle has been won this way, but the cause has been forever lost. The church often is tempted to seek victory but lose its faith; to be successful but at the cost of its holiness, to win human praise but to be condemned by the Lord.

The battle between good and evil is real. The victory goes to those who don't lose their principles although they may lose many a battle. It also goes to those who know that without spiritual aid they cannot stand. Christ Jesus our Lord alone gives that victory.

May He constantly strengthen and protect you.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

WORSHIP TIMES

9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

9.30 a.m. KINDERGARTEN

7.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 1st and 3rd Sundays.)

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

The colder weather is now upon us, so are the beautiful clear warm days. Winter is without doubt a beautiful time in Sydney Town.

This year the Rector has decided that times of service will remain the same in winter and summer, this means 9.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

The number of new faces coming on Sunday evenings has been encouraging, and the level of participation at the evening services has been good.

Folk who may experience difficulty during winter evenings are asked to speak to the Rector themselves so that some assistance can be offered.

We have much to praise the Lord for, and the evening services seem to be one of those things. It is a time of very real fellowship.



"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

**The Winter Appeal by newly-installed Archbishop of Sydney,
Ronald Robinson.**

My Dear Friends,

For many in our community winter brings hardship and deprivation. For that reason the Archbishop of Sydney's Winter Appeal was established to provide practical relief.

It is my intention to maintain this much needed ministry begun by my predecessors, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful response to last year's Winter Appeal. The generosity of individuals and parishes meant that a record amount was given.

"Let your light shine" is the theme for this year's appeal. Our Lord made it clear in his sermon on the mount that it is God who receives the glory as we respond, through faith in his name, to the needs of others.

Your practical help will assist the continued careful distribution of emergency relief grants to the needy in our midst and to support the special projects undertaken to help the homeless, the poor, the unemployed, the migrant, the refugee, single parents and pensioners.

I hope you will be willing to join me in seeking to bring a light into winter's darkness for many who would otherwise suffer hardship this winter.

Yours sincerely,

RONALD ROBINSON,

Archbishop of Sydney.



PARISH BUS

Some weeks ago it was suggested that this matter would move nearer to being finalised if interested parties would do a complete investigation covering initial cost, maintenance charges, garaging, usage and passenger contribution. No person or group of persons has come forward, and this matter has now lapsed.

At the May parish council meeting the wardens recommended that one year's interest on the money so far subscribed be allocated for use in the hiring of a vehicle for outings, provided some parishioner would accept the job of organiser and supply data to the Parish Council so that the results can be evaluated. Parish Councillor Mrs. Sue Ritchie said she would undertake organising parties and driving at suitable week-ends. Mrs. Ritchie's offer was accepted with thanks.

ALL SAINTS' RESTORATION FUND

In the last 25 years, give or take a few, a great deal of money has been spent on our church. The interior was painted with the proceeds from one fete, and later a new floor was laid throughout. Steel bands were put round the bases of the pillars, and many smaller repairs done, not forgetting the valleys between the roofs, which had to be renewed.

Much still remains to be done, but the full extent has not been determined, nor do we have money to pay for it. The Parish Council therefore decided that a fund should be opened and to this end an envelope is enclosed in the June Chronicle. This presents an opportunity for all who love our church to help in preserving it.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Although the days are growing quite wintry now, it is still nice and warm in the "All Saints'" Hall every Thursday afternoon. Come and join us, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and spend a very happy social afternoon, with afternoon tea — 60c covers everything.

We are waiting to welcome you, age or creed doesn't make any difference.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Following our next meeting on Tuesday, 1st June at 1 p.m., we will have a speaker and films from the Home Mission Society. We will be pleased to see as many ladies and their friends as possible.

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The July meeting on Tuesday 6th July, will be followed by a Byron Parker Demonstration. Goods on show are not for sale, but samples will be distributed. We hope you will keep this date in mind and join us for the afternoon.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.



FETE MEETING

A meeting of Stall Holders and other interested people is called for Saturday, 19th June, at 2 p.m. in the Guild Room.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Fancy Dress night is to be held on Friday, 18th June, in the Parish Hall, 7.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The Fancy Dress is to be judged in two sections:

1. Bible Theme.
2. General section.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent



FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVING

June 6: Anonymous donation of Thanksgiving.

Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

June. 13: Donation by Mrs Rhodes.

Arranged by Mrs. A. Stead.

June 20: Anonymous donation for Memorial Stone.

By Mrs. Hillery in memory of Miss K. O'Neil.

By Mrs. Mary Rowan in memory of her husband, Les Rowan (snr.).

Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

June 27: By Mr. and Miss Walter in memory of their grandmother, Susanah Field.

By Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sally.

Arranged by Mrs. A. Stead.



RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Mabel Willis wishes to thank all who contributed to the Easter Gifts to inmates of local nursing homes. In all 255 presents were handed out.

The Parish Council is indebted to Mrs. Humphreys for the gift of a floor polisher, and to Mrs. Mabel Willis for a step ladder, both of which will be very useful.

A ONE MINUTE SERMON

The minister was talking about "sin", and said it was only a very small word that meant nothing at all if the "i" was taken out. It is the "i" that makes sin.



CONTINUING EXCERPTS FROM ALL SAINTS' HISTORY

In the northern wall are four more colourful windows. That of "The Good Shepherd" is to the memory of the children of the Rev. C. and Mrs. Baker; beneath is a tablet to Mrs. Lucy Baker from parishioners and friends, and nearby a tablet to Rev. Charles Baker.

Next is the memorial to Mr. Septimus Alfred Stephen. The gift of his wife and children, it is based on Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World", and was dedicated at the Consecration Service.

The next northern window, entitled "My Peace I Give Unto You," is in memory of Mr. William Patrick Bannan, 13 years a Churchwarden. He died on 8th December, 1939, and the memorial is the gift of his wife and family.

The next window, portraying "Christ in Gethsemane" was the gift of the family of Mrs. Annie Hordern, who died on 8th June, 1939.

Nearby the beautiful window, "St. Barnabas", is in memory of Mr. Mark Albery, a former warden who died on 4th September, 1904.

The western wall is filled by the beautifully triple designed window, erected by a daughter in loving memory of her mother, who died on 10th May, 1881. Pictorially the central lower panel depicts "The Crucifixion", that above "The Empty Tomb". The lower section of the left window is "The Journey to" and the "Supper at Emmaus". The lower section of the right window portrays "Gethsemane", that above "the Journey to Calvary".

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM
GENERAL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS, APRIL, 1982
1982

GENERAL ACCOUNT			
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offeratories	929.55	Rector's Net Stipend	1,005.33
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allowance	221.38
Cans	79.95	Organist	80.00
Bottles	91.96	Church Flowers	37.05
Papers	195.84	Church Cleaning	100.00
	367.75	Chronicles	65.20
Church Flowers	32.60	Hall Electricity	131.42
Fete — Grocery Stall	2.90	Stand for Refrigerator in hall	12.00
Donations	322.00		
			\$1,652.83
		Surplus for month	7.97
	\$1,660.80		\$1,660.80
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Balance, 1/4/82			\$4,612.66
Plus surplus for April			7.97
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Balance, 30/4/82			\$4,620.63
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