

# The Chronicle

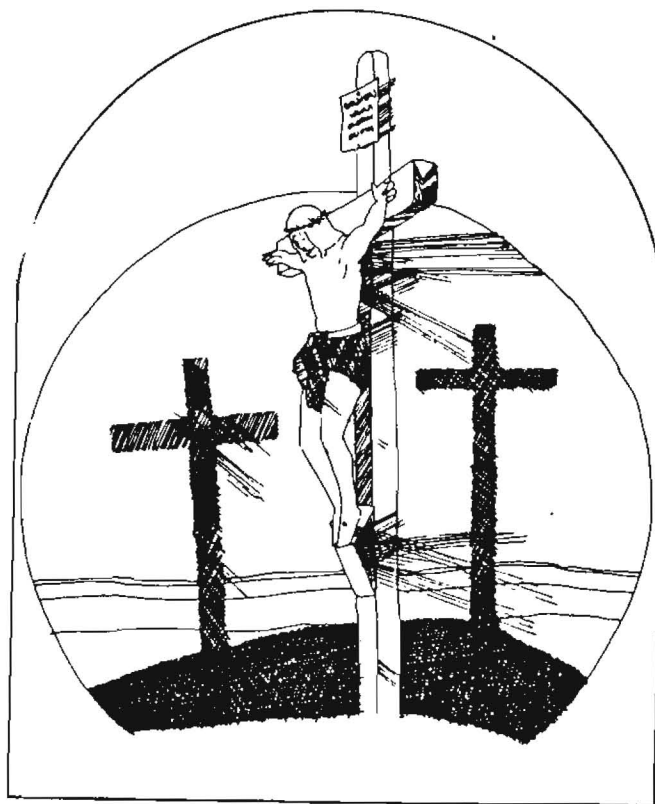
## Of All Saints

### Petersham

325 STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM 2049

Acting Rector Revd. Walter Collier 798-8519

APRIL 1993



It is Finished

**All Saints' Church  
Petersham.  
March 1993.**

**My Dear Friends,**

This morning brings us to the time in the Christian year when we again follow our Lord into Gethsemane where He learned to bear the stress and strain of human experience with His betrayal by so-called friends and withdrawal of support from those who loves him most.

Then a lonely figure, He came through a travesty of justice to the agony of the cross, all for the sake of you and me, Christ died for our sins, as we remember with special feeling on Good Friday. But the cross was not the end. It was followed by the resurrection, and on April 11th Easter Day, it is sunshine once more, and gladness, for we acclaim the living Lord who, if invited, dwells spiritually in our hearts, and brings to us the benefits of His passion and we learn that God the creator is God the redeemer.

How I long that all in Petersham might see this truth for themselves. I hope that many readers will join us on Good Friday to meditate on the love of God shown at its greatest by the sacrifice of His beloved Son on the cross.

On Easter Day we remember, that on the third day He rose again from the dead. We hope many will come to join in the inspiration of these services.

I look forward to seeing you at our Easter Services, with the prayer that God's rich blessing be upon you all.

**Your friend and acting Rector,  
W. G. Coller**

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

Jesus asked them saying,  
"What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?"

Matthew 22: 42

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## THE EASTER MESSAGE

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### GOOD FRIDAY

*"Unto Him that loves us and washed us from our sins in His own blood"* Revelation 1:5

Blood is mentioned 460 times in the Bible. Fourteen times in the New Testament, Jesus spoke of His own blood. Why? Because by the shedding of His blood, He accomplished the possibility of our salvation. He paid the penalty for our sin and redeemed us.

The penalty for our sin and rebellion is death; Jesus stepped out and said, 'I'll take that death'. He voluntarily laid down His life and took the penalty we deserve. That's what the Cross is all about.

The blood of Jesus Christ not only redeems us, it justifies us. Being justified means more than being forgiven. I can say "I forgive you", but I can't justify you.

God not only forgives the past. He clothes you in righteousness as though you had never committed a sin. Yet it cost the blood of His Son on the Cross.

### EASTER DAY

*"He is not here, but is Risen!"* Luke 24: 6

There is something that distinguishes Christianity from all the religions of the world.

Not only does it carry the truth of the redemption, by the death of our Saviour for our sins on the Cross, but it carries the fact that Christ rose again.

Only the Christian Faith claims that its leader died and rose again and is alive at this moment.

Many gravestones carry the inscription "here lies"... but on Christ's tomb are emblazoned the words "**He is not Here**".

In Joseph's garden is History's only empty grave. Christianity has no shrines to visit, no dusty remains to venerate, no tombs at which to worship.

Many good men have lived, and still live, in the memory of those who knew them, but there is only one man who conquered death - Jesus Christ, and He will live forever.

## WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

### EVERY SUNDAY.

- 9-30am      Holy Communion on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays.  
Family Service, which is a Service of Prayer and Word, on the third Sunday.  
Morning Prayer on the Fifth Sunday.
- 6-30pm      Evening Prayer is said in the Side Chapel.

### DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

- 9-30am      Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

### EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm      Home Bible Study held at the Home of Mrs. Willis.  
All welcome.

### EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm      Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

**C**hrist is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by mean came death, by man came also the resurrection of the Dead.

On this day the Lord has acted,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!  
His risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Happy Easter to All!



### FLOWER DONATIONS.

**MARCH 28** - In memory of my husband Roy Crook from Mrs. M. Crook, son Warren and family.  
Arranged by Miss D. Harrop.

**APRIL 4** - In loving memory of Mr. Beardow from Mrs. Beardow and family.  
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

**APRIL 11** - In loving memory of Sarah and Sydney Hayes from devoted daughter Vera and Son-in-law Andy.  
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

**APRIL 18** - No donation.  
Arranged by Miss D. Harrop.

**APRIL 25** - In loving memory of Jack from Joyce Mitchell and family.  
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.



## The Parish Register

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### WEDDINGS

*"Those whom god has joined together"*

6 March 1993 David Mark Woolcott and Lisa Fay Thomson

20 March 1993 Tony William Hutton and Caroline Anne Mitchell

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### EASTER SERVICES.

Maundy Thursday, 8 April 1993

7-00 p.m. Holy Communion.

Good Friday, 9 April 1993

9-00 a.m. Litany of the Cross.

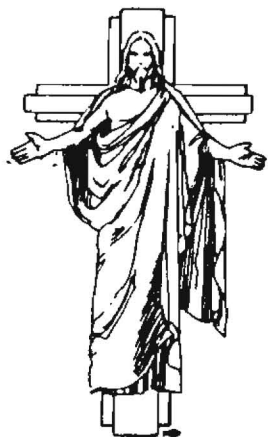
Easter Day, 11 April 1993

9-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

### Other Religions

**IT IS THE DUTY** of all who labour among non-Christian peoples to have a thorough and sympathetic knowledge of non-Christian religions. Missionaries should know and seek the nobler elements in non-Christian religions, using them as 'steps to higher things,' and by them proving that the Christian religion is not "one of many religions," but that Jesus Christ fulfills and supersedes all other religions, and that the day is approaching when "to Him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

- from *Missions Today*



## **HOLY WEEK AND THE THREE GREAT DAYS**

For many centuries Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter with special devotion. Beginning with the Sunday of the Passion (also associated with Palm Procession and entry into Jerusalem) each day is kept in preparation for celebrating the great mystery of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. Originally this celebration was only one liturgy - beginning Saturday evening and concluding with the baptisms and the eucharist at dawn.

Over the centuries the various events of this drama were spread out over three days: the Last Supper and arrest on Thursday evening, the trial and crucifixion on Friday and the vigil and the resurrection on Saturday/Sunday.

Many of today's ceremonies date back to the 4th and 5th centuries and because of the sacredness of these days little has changed in the celebrating of these soul-touching mysteries.

Although we spread the commemoration over three days, they still have a basic unity and many Christians make a special effort not to miss any part.

It is a time for symbol and action: of feet washing, and prayer vigil, of dramatic presentation of story and of spiritually and physically coming to the foot of the Cross, of darkness and the light of the Paschal Candle dispelling that darkness, of being wet and savouring the aroma of chrism, and breaking the bread with renewed joy.

There is nowhere else for Christians to be during these three days, except to be with the Community celebrating the Christian Passover, coming from death to life in the spirit of the Risen Christ, and finally joining with the whole Church, in heaven and on earth, in the great

**ALLELUIA!**

