

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

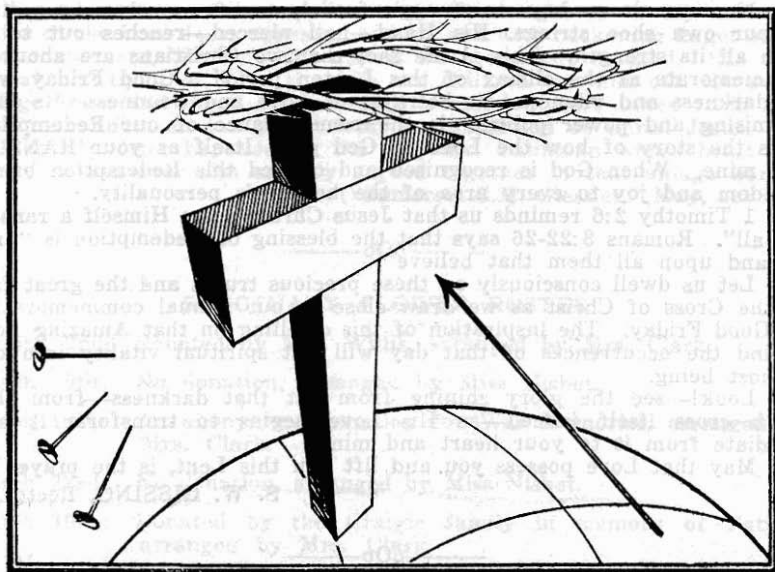
Petersham

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MARCH, 1975



Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

St. John 11 : 25

RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

There are some words which we today have almost lost in common usage. They are often religious words—or just old fashioned words. One such word is “REDEMPTION”. As a result of allowing the vitality of this word to be stolen from us, we’ve been robbed also of a very real dynamic in our faith.

One word that is still very much current coin is “RANSOM”. We all know that word. It seems to be always appearing in our newspapers. Planes are hi-jacked—heiresses are kidnapped—art treasures are stolen—and in every case a ransom is demanded for the release of the person or thing taken. If and when the ransom is paid then the person is released—set free—“REDEEMED”.

The Christian religion is a faith of Redemption and Freedom. That is real freedom, not the self-bondage that is referred to as freedom today. God offers us Redemption. He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Ransom for our souls, so that we could be free from bondage to sinful thoughts and habits, from fear, anxiety, frustration and the destruction of self-centredness. We don’t have to spend much attention to our experience of life to realise how much we are gripped by these things today. In the words of the New Testament—“if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us”.

What if there was no one willing and able to redeem us? The glory of the Christian Gospel is that God was both willing and able to do so. No more do we have to struggle futilely to lift ourselves by pulling at our own shoe strings. His Hand—nail pierced—reaches out to us with all its strength. This is the fact that we Christians are about to commemorate at the climax of this Lenten period. Good Friday with its darkness and vileness—its betrayal of Love and Goodness—its compromising and power politics—is the remembrance of our Redemption. It is the story of how the Love of God gave Itself as your RANSOM and mine. When God is recognised and obeyed this Redemption brings freedom and joy to every area of the believer’s personality.

1 Timothy 2:6 reminds us that Jesus Christ “gave Himself a ransom for all”. Romans 8:22-26 says that the blessing of Redemption is “unto all and upon all them that believe”.

Let us dwell consciously on these precious truths and the great fact of the Cross of Christ as we draw close to our annual commemoration on Good Friday. The inspiration of this dwelling on that Amazing Love behind the occurrences of that day will put spiritual vitality into our in-most being.

Look!—see the glory shining from out that darkness—from that harsh cross itself indeed—as His Love begins to transform it and irradiate from it to your heart and mine.

May that Love possess you and lift you this Lent, is the prayer of
S. W. GISSING, Rector.

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“The following recent account of the call of a believer to Holy Baptism reads almost like a passage from the Acts of the Apostles:—
“He is an old man now; he must be nearly eighty. He is infirm too, smitten with paralysis, which keeps him almost bedridden. But there is a light in his eyes and a fire in his voice which tell of energy and power

possessed in days gone by. They tell, too, of a grand faith in Christ and of a love for Him which triumphs over age and decay. His name is Pundit Mohun Lall, practised in science. In boyhood and youth he studied with men who have since become famous in the annals of his own country of Bengal. Our hero himself attained some repute as assistant editor of a Bengali journal, while his titles are guarantees of his knowledge of Sanscrit. When increasing years made him grow tired of the busy life of Calcutta he retired with his wife and children to his native village, and there lived his quiet life of learned ease. But shortly Dr. Baumann, who has since laid down his life in Christ's service in Benares, visited his village. Many were the questions the old Pundit plied him with, and very downcast the doctor must have felt as he walked away from the village where this obdurate old man dwelt; but he had given the Pundit a New Testament in Bengali. The old man read it and re-read it. The truth of what he read gradually forced its way into his unwilling mind; and with this new grasp of truth there began a terrible struggle. If he renounced his old religion, would his wife and children, several of whom had now grown up, follow him? Would he be able to claim his property, and even if he could claim it would it be right to take it from that wife and those children. When he told them of his new-found faith and of his intention to follow it by being baptized, even though it meant loss of caste and complete social ostracism, his home became like unto the houses of those that mourn for the dead. His courage failed him at this. 'I will serve Christ,' said he, 'in my heart, but will not be baptized.' That night as he lay asleep, a vision of the Lord Jesus appeared to him, and with beckoning finger spoke one single word, 'Come.' The appeal was not to be resisted. 'He rose, left all and followed Him.' His wife and children cast him off. His sweet village home and every other worldly possession were taken from him. But 'he counted all things but loss' in comparison of Christ Jesus. He was shortly after baptized by the very Dr. Baumann whose heart had grown so sad over him as they argued together in that village home."

("Somerset C.M. Gleaner." May, 1898)

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- March 2nd: Donated by Mrs. Willis, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 9th: No donation, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 16th: An anonymous donation for War Memorial, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 23rd: No donation, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 30th: Donated by the Craigie family in memory of Father, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- April 6th: Donated by Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow, and by the Hird family in memory of their Parents, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers on February 2nd from Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff, and on 19th January in memory of Mr. Fred Andrew from his Wife, Mother, Daughter and family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to welcome Miss Glenyse Bassell to the Sunday School teaching staff.

Overhead Projection: We have started to use our overhead projector for the opening and closing services. When we receive the 10½ inch x 10½ inch transparent film sheets the teachers will be able to use it during the lesson period.

Prize-giving: On the 16th February we welcomed Alan Jones to the Family Service to present the prizes to the Sunday School pupils.

Congratulations to those who received prizes. To the girls and boys who missed out, more regular attendance is required to win a prize.

Sunday School Meeting: A Sunday school teachers meeting will be held later in March.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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BIBLEWORD

LUKE 15:8-10 (R.S.V.)

The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or what having ten silver, if she loses one coin, does not light a and the house and seek until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her and, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the which I had Just so, I tell you, there is before the angels of over one who'"

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

On Tuesday, 4th March, we have "A Menu Magic" demonstration at 1.30 p.m. We extend an invitation to all ladies of the Parish, donation 30 cents. Come, see and taste the samples prepared.

In April and all following months our meetings will be held on the third Tuesday each month at 1.30 p.m. We regret having to make a second change but this seems more convenient for all.

Our Annual Luncheon this year will be on Tuesday, 29th April, at 12.30 p.m. Full particulars in April Chronicle.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Young Marrieds and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M and Friends Club, to be known in future as the Womens' Evening Group, will be held on Tuesday, 12th March, in the Y.C.I. clubroom in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m.

All members are requested to make a special effort to attend to plan ahead for the new group.

We plan to hold a secondhand clothing and jumble sale in the Parish Hall at a later date, so please save anything saleable for us.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

We are all very delighted at the wonderful attendance at our Club afternoons each Thursday since we recommenced this year. A hearty welcome to our eight new members and are glad to see every familiar face returning, but the hall is big enough to cater for more, so still

try to bring a friend, only 20 cents covers cards or housie from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. including a happy chat over afternoon tea.

Thanks to all who have already made donations of any kind this month also to Mr. Swankie for fixing the lock on our cupboard door.
IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

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FORGIVENESS

"There is no grander story in history than the tale of Fra Giovanni Galberta. He was a cavalier of Florence, and his brother had been killed in a duel by an enemy, and in accordance with the custom of the time it became his duty to avenge his brother's death, and all his mind was given to tracking out the slayer of his brother, to slay him in turn. For some time he sought for him in vain, until at last, one Good Friday morning, as he was riding up a hill opposite Florence, at a turn in the road that wound up its side, he suddenly came face to face with the man whom he had so long been seeking. He leapt from his horse and drew his sword, and his enemy, being entirely unarmed, could only fall on his knees and extend his hands and implore pardon. Galberta raised his sword above the head of his foe, and as he did so he saw a crucifix set up to mark the road for the pilgrimage to the church, and as, he cast his eye on the figure on the cross, he was struck with the likeness between it and the figure that knelt at the base before him. He paused, drew back his sword for a moment, and, gazing still on the crucifix, he seemed to see the figure on the cross bow His head before him. He caught the meaning of the lesson and sheathed his sword, and flung his arms round his enemy's neck and pardoned him, and they swore eternal friendship, and there and then agreed to withdraw from the world with all its malice and hatred, with all its ungodliness and untruth. They withdrew from the world, and founded the great monastery of Vallombrosa. How beautiful a story, showing how the power of the cross has brought peace into the world at every age, how the pleading figure of our Lord bids us to lay aside all malice and all uncharitableness. Can we gaze upon the cross of Christ and retain any ill-will or any ill-feeling in the face of that exhibition of boundless forgiveness and love? Cannot we cast ourselves before it and strive to roll away the oppressive, the unspeakable burden of an unforgiving spirit?"

—(Bishop Creighton.)

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FAMILY PRAYER . . .

These two words "FAMILY" and "PRAYER" give us the key to a proper understanding of a very old practice, which in the past few years has been brought back into the limelight as something which will help families to be united and strong.

The importance which the Bible places on marriage should help us to understand that the family, which is the full flower and fruit of marriage, is, in God's plan for His people, the place where Bible reading, prayer and instruction in Christian living can best be learned and taught. Both Old and New Testaments tell us this (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and Ephesians 6:4).

Now this does not mean that parents have to be able to give their children all the religious instruction they need. Sunday School and Church will play a big part here, but the family which learns to read the Bible and pray together AS A FAMILY will find that even though they do it in a very informal or amateurish fashion at first, they gain

something from it, as a family that even Church and Sunday School cannot give them. We believe that God has a special blessing for families which obey His commands in this matter.

Now for the real problems. How does a family go about it? Life is so full, with children getting off to school in the morning, maybe a shift-worker in the family, or somebody with irregular hours at both ends of the day, and in the evening all kinds of problems too.

The first important point is that every family must find out for itself what is the best time and place and all hands must then work hard to make those little adjustments which will enable the family to be together at that time. For some this will work out best at breakfast, and other families will find it easier to make the evening meal the time. It really does not matter when so long as we do it and it is better to have family prayer with the children still eating breakfast or packing school cases, or mother cutting lunches, than not to have it at all. Secondly, it should not be a long drawn out dreary affair which will bore young children to tears and make them hate it. And this brings us to the final details; what do you read and, who prays?

Here is just one suggestion—Scripture Union publishes "FAMILY WORSHIP".

(Reprinted from Sydney Diocesan Information Bulletin.)

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NEWS BRIEFS

At the annual meeting of the Young Marrieds and Friends it was decided to adopt a new name—**WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP**. It is hoped that this will be more self-explanatory to others in the parish who are looking for a group wherein they can find friendship and some varied and interesting activities. They meet on the second Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. All women are welcome to join and share the activities.

The **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** is to be held at Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, on Friday, 7th March at 11 a.m. Matron of Chesalon will be the speaker this year.

The Parish **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING** is to be held in the Guild Room on Monday, 10th March, at 8 p.m. **ALL PARISHIONERS** are urged to attend.

The **Sunday School Picnic** has been set down for Saturday, 12th April, next. The further details will be announced in next months parish paper.

Local Nursing Homes and Hospitals have been for many years the object of attention by members of All Saints' Congregation at Christmas time. **Gifts have been given to the residents.** It was felt that there are a number of other groups that share in giving happiness to these folk at that time. As a result it has been decided to turn our efforts to remembering these people at Easter time. Therefore anyone who would like to contribute some suitable gifts and greeting card is asked to bring their help to the Rectory by Saturday, 22nd March please.

PAT BOONE IN CONCERT. Together with his family Pat Boone will present a Concert Series at the Opera House over the Easter Week-end. Good Friday at 8.15 p.m., Easter Day at 2.30 p.m. and Tuesday, 1st April, at 8.15 p.m.

The **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONVENTION** is to be held at Stanwell Tops on the week-end 14th - 16th March next. Some of the women from our Parish will be spending the day on Saturday, 15th at the

meetings. Some Transport is available—please contact Mrs. Gissing at the Rectory.

DARWIN APPEAL. We have received a letter of Thanks from the Home Mission Society for the ready help given at the time of the disaster in the way of clothing and other articles. The Archbishop's Disaster Fund has also acknowledged in general terms the response of parishioners in cash gifts.

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NEWS BRIEFS

We wish to congratulate Mr. D. B. Hunter, O.B.E., M.L.A., on the conferring upon him of The Order of the British Empire.

- Miss G. Norman has now moved to Cessnock and we wish her well in her new home. We look forward to seeing her whenever possible.

- The 6th Annual Bible Convention of the Petersham Rural Deanery will be held during Lent. The meetings commence at 8 p.m. and will be conducted by Archdeacon D. Cameron. Supper will be served and a retiring offertory will be accepted to defray expenses.

March 5—"JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE", at St. Andrew's, Summer Hill.

March 12—"JESUS — LIGHT OF THE WORLD". at St. Oswald's, Haberfield.

March 19—"JESUS — THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE", at All Saint's, Petersham.

March 26—"JESUS — THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE", at St. Matt., Ashbury.

Chronicle Donations: Mrs. E. Fischer \$2.50; Miss G. Norman \$2.00; Mr. R. Atkinson \$2.00; Mr. A. Ingolsby-Brown \$3.00.

- District Visitors: Since last published collections by District Visitors to the 31st December were—

Mrs. Humphreys \$87.10; Mrs. Carr \$61.00; Miss Nisbet \$28.50; Mrs. Willis \$24.00; Mrs. Clark \$16.00.

- Articles for the April Chronicle are due no later than 23rd March, 1975.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m., 3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, B. Sayers, D. Sayers, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. Quelch.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

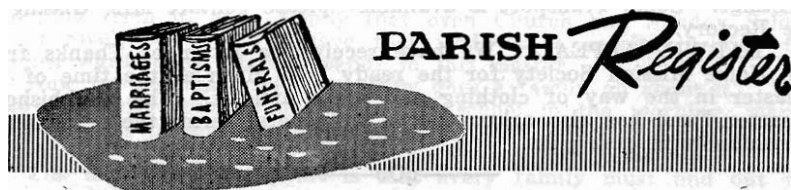
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CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

- January 26th: Tracey Anne Brown of Myrtle Street, Leichhardt.
 January 26th: Nicolas Peter de Graaff, c/- 42 Gardere Avenue, Harbord.
 February 2nd: Raechel Scott of 16 Starkey Street, Hurlstone Park.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

- January 23rd: Malcolm Short of 39 Temple Street, Stanmore.
 February 14th: Constantine Ward of 5 Fred Street, Lewisham.

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SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY — 28th MARCH

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10.00 a.m. Family Worship.

EASTER DAY — 30th MARCH

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.
 10.00 a.m. Family Communion.

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