

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

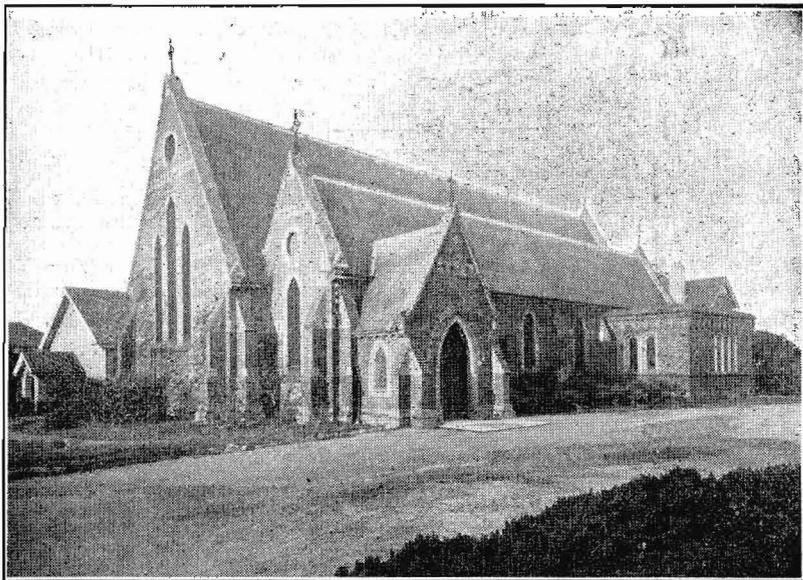
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AUGUST, 1965



IT'S YOUR CHURCH —

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PRAY FOR IT

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62nd CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST

The 62nd Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church will be commemorated by special Services on Sunday, 1st August.

Guest preacher at the 11 a.m. Service will be the recently-retired Bishop of Armidale, the Rt. Rev. John S. Moyes, C.M.G., M.A. D.D., D.Litt.

On this Sunday each year, we remember the Consecration of our Church in 1903, following the clearing of the last debt on the building. We also know this day as "Back to All Saints' Sunday" and hope that as many former parishioners as possible will accept this invitation to be with us for at least one Service on this day.

The Rector also looks for the support of all present church members for these special Services.

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PARISH FESTIVAL TEA

All parishioners, their friends, as well as past parishioners, are cordially invited to the Parish Tea on Wednesday, 18th August, commencing at 6.15 p.m. A hot meal will be served for only 4/- per head, and as Mr. Champion has rightly said, you just can't get a better meal anywhere in Sydney for this price. We look to you for a good attendance and a successful evening.

You will greatly help the catering if you purchase your tickets from the District Visitors, Church Officers, or the Rectory, in advance. However, if you can't do this, you can still come along and pay at the door.

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RECITALS

Following the Tea, there will be an Organ Recital in the Church, after which an interesting programme has been organised for the Parish Hall.

We have the Rev. Ken Child, Director-Chaplain of the Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission, as our Guest Speaker, and other items will feature the Choir and the girls of our Physical Culture Club under their new Instructress, Mrs. Dunn.

Mr. Child, who was until recently Rector of St. Paul's Redfern, is a most interesting speaker, and will tell us more of the new work he is leading in the provision of Chaplains to the large factories of Sydney. This is a new and different work that the Church has taken on, and all Anglicans should make themselves aware of it. So, even if you can't get to the tea in time, make absolutely sure you don't miss the Rev. Ken Child's address.

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PARISH CAR DRIVE

The Y.C.I. Parish Fete Committee is planning this year's Car Drive to Warragamba Dam on Saturday, 16th October.

Watch the September "Chronicle" for further details.

In the meantime, members of the Committee (Messrs. J. Gorman, G. R. Minter, J. Minter, C. Whiting and A. Jones) would be very pleased to hear from car drivers who could come along and help transport a few parishioners for us. Proceeds will go towards stocks for our Stalls at the Fete.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Our Special Service to mark Education Sunday will be held on 8th August at 11 a.m.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr. A. Campbell, Deputy Headmaster of Stanmore Public School.

All Sunday School children, their parents and indeed, all parishioners are cordially invited to be present at this Service. A special Order of Worship will be used.

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PERSONAL

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Agnes Taylor, formerly of Crystal Street, who was a District Visitor and a member of our Guild for many years. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Taylor's daughters in their sad loss.

At the funeral service held in All Saints' Church, the Rector paid tribute to the service that Mrs. Taylor had given to All Saints' throughout the past years.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Classes duly began on 4th July, and will continue to be held at the 11 a.m. Service each Sunday morning, except on the third Sunday of the month, when they will be held at the 10 a.m. Family Service.

All intending candidates should be present at all these addresses by the Rector.

Confirmation will be administered by Bishop A. J. Dain on Thursday, 4th November at 8 p.m.

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COULD YOU PAY A VISIT ?

In recent months, there have been a number of surplus "Chronicles" left over, signifying that all families in the Parish are not getting a copy.

There are some areas that are not covered at present by the District Visitors, and the Rector would very much like to hear from parishioners who could distribute a few parish papers regularly each month.

A call to deliver a "Chronicle" means a link with the Church, and could be the first step to gaining a regular church attendant. If you could help by distributing only a few such papers in your part of the parish, the Rector would be very grateful if you could get in touch with him as soon as possible.

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FORGOTTEN DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS

It was once their duty to see that all highways within the parish were kept in good repair, and should a road require mending or a bridge

become unsafe, the churchwardens would be responsible for obtaining the necessary labour and material to put it in order, and if there was insufficient money to pay for the repairs they would levy and collect a rate.

Sometimes, however, some other means of obtaining money was sought, for example, in one village where, in 1520, the cost of providing the parish with new sluice gates was met by selling the Church plate, an act that does not seem to have raised the slightest protest.

A century ago churchwardens were still expected to visit the local inn during the hours of divine worship in order to persuade any customer they found there to attend the service, while in the church itself they would be responsible for awakening any member of the congregation who fell asleep during the sermon, no doubt using their wand of office in the performance of this duty. Some West Country churches, however, adopted a more drastic method to stop the sermon sleeper.

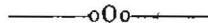
In place of the prayer-book shelf the pews were fitted with a finger-board, and as the sermon time approached members of the congregation would place their fingers in the holes in the board and the churchwardens then clamped a wooden lid across the top and locked it, thus ensuring that the congregation could not lean back and doze.

In the Middle Ages, when church ales were held frequently, the churchwardens were responsible for running the parish brewery during their term of office, while in some parishes their duties also included the management of the parish bakery. In certain parishes a bridal gown was let out on hire by the churchwardens, a somewhat higher charge being made when the bride came from another parish. The collection of fees for the use of the parish bier and coffin also formed part of their duties.

One important function of the churchwardens was to make provision for the poor and destitute of the parish. This always provided many problems, and eventually led to the opening of workhouses throughout the country.

Rural parishes in particular were often infested with rats and other pests, and churchwardens would pay out of the parish funds for the tail of every verminous animal destroyed. Old churchwardens' account books show that a couple of centuries ago as much as 8d. or 9d. could be obtained for the tail of a polecat.

Many of these old and interesting duties have now passed to the hands of some other official or authority, but are a reminder of the days when the churchwarden was not only the highest lay officer of the parish church, but also the chief civil administrator of the parish.



FAMILY SERVICE

The Rector, Church Officers, and Sunday School Staff were all pleased at the response to the new Family Service introduced on the third Sunday of last month.

Despite the fact that it was the coldest, wettest day of the year, there were over 70 adults and children present at the Service. Held at 10 a.m., it combines the Children's Service formerly held at 9.45 a.m. and, once a month only, the 11 a.m. Service.

It meets a demand from parishioners who found 11 a.m. rather late in the morning to begin Morning Prayer, while it provides a Service that can be attended by parents of younger children while the latter

are in the Kindergarten, which is held at the same time.

This Family Service also provides the extremely valuable means of allowing parents and their children to worship together in God's House—and it was very pleasing indeed to see that a number of boys and girls did come along with their mothers and fathers in fulfilment of this aim.

Let us hope that more parents will come along on the third Sunday of this month at 10 a.m. Don't leave your child to be lonely sitting by himself—come and sit with him and show your support for the work that is being done for the children at All Saints'.

For parents of the younger children, the Kindergarten starts at 9.45 a.m. and continues until the Family Service is over.

On all other Sundays of the month, Sunday School is held at 9.45 a.m. and the Church Service at 11 a.m.

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YOUR DIARY FOR THIS MONTH

Sunday 1st: 62nd Consecration Festival. Special Service, 11 a.m.

Guest Preacher—Rt. Rev. J. S. Moyes.

Wednesday 4th: Mothers' Union, 10 a.m.

Sunday 8th: Education Sunday Service and Y.C.I. Corporate Communion
11 a.m. Guest Speaker—Mr. A. Campbell, Deputy Headmaster,
Stanmore Public School.

Tuesday 10th: Guild, 2 p.m.; Y.M. and Friends', 8 p.m.

Wednesday 11th: St. Luke's Centre, 2.30 p.m.

Friday 13th: Guild Street Stall, from 9.30 a.m., Church Gates.

Saturday 14th: Chesalon Fete, Prospect Road, Summer Hill, 2 p.m.

Wednesday 18th: Parish Tea and Social, from 6 p.m.

Tuesday 24th: Guild, 2 p.m.

Friday 27th: Fellowship v Y.C.I. "Challenge Games" Y.C.I. Room, 8 p.m.

Saturday 28th: Y.M. and Friends' Street Stall, from 9 a.m.

Sunday 29th: Opening of Bible Society Week.

In addition, the following parish organisations meet each week at the times indicated:

Physical Culture Club, Mondays, 6.30 p.m.

Indoor Bowls Club: Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Parishioners': Thursdays, 1.30 p.m.

Boys' Club: Thursdays, 7 p.m.

Brownies and Guides: Saturdays, 2 p.m.

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CLUB NEWS

● Senior Parishioners' Club:

During the cold winter months, our weekly attendances have grown incredibly and between 40 and 50 folk gather each Thursday at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a happy social afternoon.

Congratulations to Mrs. Watt who won the special free door-prize of poultry on 15th July.

Ladies, come along any Thursday and join us. Anyone lonely or shy about joining us should ring me at 71-6967 and we will arrange for someone to meet you. Many of our ladies travel long distances to be with us, coming from Lakemba, Enfield, Sans Souci, Summer Hill, Croydon, and Ashfield.

Afternoon tea and prizes are provided every week at the All Saints' Senior Parishioners' Club.

—DOT SHAW

● **Indoor Bowls Club**

The All Saints' Petersham Men's Indoor Bowls Club invite all menfolk of the Parish to accept an invitation to play bowls on any Wednesday night in the Parish Hall. We start playing at 7-30 p.m.

If you haven't played before, we will be pleased to instruct you on how to play this fascinating game. You will be assured of a pleasant night with supper included.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

● **Ladies' Guild:**

Our August Street Stall will be held on Friday 13th, and any saleable donations will be much appreciated.

We will have our usual tables at the Parish Festival Tea and would be very grateful for any donations towards material for the meals, or from any lady who could assist us on the night, as our numbers are so few.

E. M. BOSWARD.

● **Physical Culture Club:**

Classes which are progressing well under the instruction of Mrs. Ruth Dunn are being thoroughly enjoyed by the girls who attend each Monday night. Preparations are in hand for a Display of the Senior Girls' work at the Parish Tea on Wednesday, 18th August.

We now commence at 6.30 p.m. for the Junior girls, and from 7 p.m. for Seniors' and Ladies' Classes. Joining fee is 2/6 and the fee per night is 2/-. We would be glad to enrol new members in our classes.

— F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary.

PARISH FETE

STOP PRESS NEWS

Latest news at the time we are going to print is that a special entertainer, ponies, and a merry-go-round have been booked for the big Parish Gala Fete on Saturday, 20th November.

Speaking for the Parish Fete Committee, Mr. Bert Shaw said that earlier bookings this year had resulted in us getting more ponies and a bigger merry-go-round than last year. He added that the afternoon entertainment would be something new and different, and that it was expected that a well known band would also be present to attract the crowds.

It is known that many of the stallholders have been at work already organising their stocks. As there is now only three and a half months to go, time is fast running out, so if your club hasn't planned its stall yet, we urge you to give the matter very early consideration.

Our aim is always to surpass the figure of the previous year. Last year's total was so good that it will take a lot of hard work on all our parts to reach it, but support from all parishioners will enable us to reach our goal.

Mrs. Millary is very anxious to build up her stock of BOOKS and will arrange collection from you if you ring LM 1643. Books of all types will be most welcome.

COME TO ALL SAINTS'

CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST

8.00 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION AND ADDRESS
The Rector

9.45 a.m.—CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND KINDERGARTEN AND
EXTENSION GROUP

11.00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER, ANTHEM AND SERMON
Guest Preacher: Rt. Rev. J. S. Moyes
formerly Bishop of Armidale

6.15 p.m.—EVENSONG, ANTHEM, AND SERMON
Preacher: The Rector.



FESTIVAL TEA

in the
PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAY, 18th AUGUST, 1965, at 6.15 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING, 8 p.m.

Items by the Choir and Physical Culture Club

Guest Speaker:

REV. KEN CHILD, Th.L.

Director Inter-Church Trade and Industry Mission

Tickets for the Tea now available, 4/-

In addition there will be an Organ Recital at 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

New Scholars:

It is very pleasing to see that we have had a few new Scholars come to the Sunday School. Our numbers are rising slightly and we would like to invite any children who do not now attend Sunday School to come along and join us at 9.45 a.m. on any Sunday.

We are especially anxious to recruit more boys in the 8-10 years age group. We only have a small number in these classes at present, and as some of these lads are somewhat irregular in attendance, there have been a number of Sundays recently where the teachers have had no class at all, which is a sad and disappointing position. Anyone who can help us to improve our enrolment is asked to contact any of the staff who will gladly give further information.

Family Service:

On the third Sunday of last month, a Family Service was held at 10 a.m. instead of Children's Service and Morning Prayer which had previously been held at separate times. This new Service was devised so that the whole family could attend Church together and will be held on the third Sunday of each month.

Despite heavy rain and the cold, we were pleased to have over 70 scholars and parents, as well as other parishioners present, and the service was most enjoyable. We invite more to come along next time, especially the parents of children in the Sunday School.

The Kindergarten is held as usual until the end of the Family Service.

Sunday School Examinations:

Last month, a few classes were given a part of the Board of Education internal examination. This was given to see what the scholars had learnt from their previous lessons. From a quick look at the papers, most of the scholars completed it successfully.

— N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.



"BACK AND SIDE GO BARE"

These are words from an old English drinking song and in that context point to the result of too many visits to the tap room of the local inn!

But for other reasons there are many folk to-day whose "back and side go bare" unless the Home Mission Society's Opportunity Shops can supply the host of items of wearable clothing needed for boys and girls, men and women.

They urgently need underwear for men and women, boys and girls - babywear - dresses - shoes - stockings - overcoats - cardigans - jumpers - pullovers - dressing gowns - pillows - cushions - towels - tea towels - table cloths - shirts - skirts - blouses - crockery - glassware - vases - ornaments - books - curtains - sheets - blankets - rugs - hats - suits - costumes - men's trousers - boys' short trousers - nightdresses - pyjamas - slippers and lots of other useful things.

All these items are sold at low prices which customers on low incomes can afford.

Just phone 51-4341 and the Society will call for your gift.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

ECCLESIASTES

The opening words of this book of the Bible are "Vanity of Vanities, all is vanity." The word "vanity" might be freely rendered "futility" and it is this thought which sets the keyword of the whole book.

The writer sees life as men live it, without purpose, without guarantee of reward for virtue or success for hard work. The endless cycles of nature continue but man lives in a world indifferent to his efforts, and offering no certainty of attainment. All striving is futile and every attempt of man to satisfy the striving of his own nature and the hunger of his soul ends in disappointment.

Laughter and pleasure end in sorrow, wealth and luxury and all "vanity and a striving after wind" and even wisdom brings grief and "he that increaseth knowledge, increaseth sorrow". Life offers no certainty, no security, "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise nor yet riches to men of understanding . . . but time and chance happeneth to them all".

And finally age and death consume all men, be they king or slave, no permanence is offered to human endeavour and all men live under this sure sentence of extinction. "The living know they shall die" and as for the dead, "the memory of them is forgotten". Man must make the most of life that he can, accepting its uncertainties and futilities as inevitable, submitting to death as it comes and living in obedience to God, accepting the ignorance and impudence that belong to all men.

Accordingly it would seem that the whole tone of the book is what we would call deeply "pessimistic" and accordingly we may well ask not only where is the glowing hope of the New Testament but also where is the fierce optimism of the Prophets, the steadfast hope of the Psalmist. The message of Ecclesiastes seems to be one of a profound world weariness, a discouragement of all human endeavour.

But within the apparent pessimism there lies a positive message. Despite the unwillingness of men to accept this fact there lies a profound truth in the world view here presented to us.

The world is essentially unfair, the "race is not to the swift". Here man has no final security, his attempt to satisfy all the needs of his heart with pleasure, fame, success or even the simple desirables of life all meet with disappointment. The stage is set for St. Augustine's judgment "Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in thee". Thus the writer frames his book "In order that men may be able to find the true happiness, he destroys with merciless

WANTED: MORE CHILDREN

Children of all ages are sought to build up All Saints'
Sunday School.

KINDERGARTEN: Children from three years of age welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Caters for those from eight years to Confirmation.

EXTENSION GROUP: For teenagers after Confirmation.

Bring your children along for enrolment next Sunday at 9.45 a.m.

blows the false happiness which they continually seek in the world and which yields them only unhappiness."

And as with so much of the Old Testament, the final answer is given in the New where only in Christ do men never hunger and never thirst.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- August 1st: Donated by the Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Champion's Parents; by Miss Quinn in memory of her Father, and by Miss Hamilton.
arranged by Mrs. Champion.
- August 8th: Donated by Miss Slocombe in memory of her Family; by Mr. H. Sanderson, Joy and Lynette in memory of Miss Spiller; by Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones; and by Mr. and Mrs. Everett and family in memory of Mrs. Everett's Mother, Mrs. V. E. Pryor;—
arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 15th Donated by Mr. and Miss Butt in memory of their Sister; by Mrs. Clark, Audrey, and the family of the late Mr. Bert Clark in his memory; and by Audrey and Mervyn Nightingale in memory of Mr. Nightingale Senior.
arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 22nd: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams in memory of their Parents.
arranged by Miss Speight.
- August 29th: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Husband; by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield; and by Mrs. Dickson in memory of her Husband.
arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- September 5th: Donated by Miss Pearce in memory of Miss Darke, and by the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory.
arranged by Mrs. Malone.

We wish to acknowledge the donation on Sunday, 11th July, from Mr. and Mrs. Everett and family in memory of Mrs. Everett's Father, Mr. H. Pryor. On Sunday, 18th July, flowers were also donated by Michelle and Mrs. F. O'Sullivan in memory of Don.

We very much regret that mention of flowers from the Petersham R.S.S.A.I.L.A. for May 9th was omitted from the June "Chronicle."

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"OUTREACH '65"

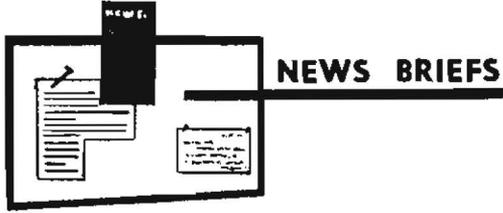
PETERSHAM EVANGELISTIC MISSION

The Petersham Rural Deanery has organised an Evangelistic Rally "Outreach '65" in St. James' Croydon Parish Hall on Friday, 24th September at 8 p.m.

The Rural Deanery of Petersham comprises the Anglican Churches in the area from Petersham to Burwood and from Drummoyne to Ashbury.

The Mission is to be conducted by the Diocesan Missioner, the Rev. Walter Spencer, and all parishioners are invited to attend. Further value can, of course, be obtained from the gathering if Church-going people take with them their uncommitted friends.

Please note the date now and help our Parish to be well represented.



● **Umbrellas for Sale:** Several gents "Shelta" umbrellas are still available for sale at £1/5/0 each. Proceeds all go to Church funds, and you may inspect these very good "buys" by calling at the Rectory.

● **Columbarium Work:** During July, the brickwork of the outer wall of the new Columbarium was completed, providing 320 niches. At the date of going to print, we are waiting for the stone masons to erect the coping on the top of this brickwork. A pair of gates has already been ordered, and it will be necessary to install these before the area can be used.

The date on which the Columbarium will be dedicated will be announced as soon as possible. On the same day, the Rector proposes to dedicate the lamp that has been provided nearby in memory of Mr. J. M. Boyle, a lifelong parishioner of All Saints' who passed to higher service in 1963.

● **Have you seen the new flooring in All Saints' Church?** If you haven't, perhaps you haven't been attending as regularly as you should! It is hoped to extend the new style boards to the other part of the Church as funds permit.

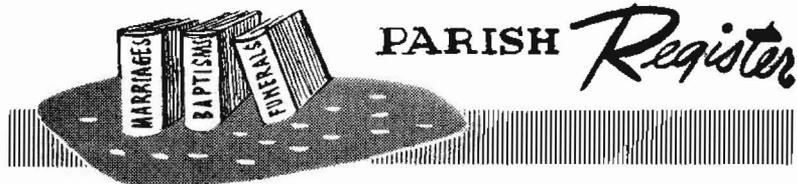
● **Items for the September "Chronicle"** will be due on Sunday, 22nd August. We remind all Club Secretaries that the pages of the "Chronicle" are provided for their use in publicising activities, and hope that more will take advantage of this opportunity.

● **Old "Chronicles":** Our official collection of Parish "Chronicles" goes back only for the past nine years, since the present Rector arrived. Unfortunately, we have only odd copies of earlier issues, and would be most grateful if any parishioners who have copies dating back before 1956 could let us have them. It is desired to bind these copies in sets to aid in their preservation for future generations, bearing in mind that they provide about the only means of passing our parish history down to those who follow us.

Copies of these old "Chronicles" may be given to the Rector or to Mr. A. Jones.

● **Earlier Evensong:** Just a reminder that we are starting Evensong an hour earlier during the winter months, i.e. at 6.15 p.m. However, we shall be reverting to the 7.15 p.m. commencing time as from Sunday, 5th September.

● **Films for Men:** The Y.C.I. invites menfolk of the Parish to its annual Film Night on Friday, 13th August at 8 p.m. Movies on Sport Travel, History, Communications and Technology from the N.S.W. Film Council will be screened. There is no charge.

**BAPTISMS**

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me".

- July 4th: David John Wright
 July 11th: Craig William Donnelly
 July 11th: Robert John Love
 July 11th: Richard David Love

MARRIAGES

"Those who God hath joined".

- June 21st: Kevin Alan Peters to Laurel Alice Kidd
 June 26th: Peter Miller to Suzanne Alice Cambridge

FUNERALS

"In the midst of Life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord".

- June 22nd: Ethel Amelia Sherman
 June 29th: Sidney James Smith
 July 3rd: Agnes Taylor
 July 7th: Muriel Frances Lloyd

CHESALON ANNUAL FETE

The Annual Fete of Summer Hill "Chesalon" will be held on Saturday, 14th August, with the official opening at 2 p.m. by Mr. Justice Richardson.

The "Chesalon" Homes, which are conducted by the Home Mission Society of our Diocese, began at Summer Hill, and the proceeds of the present Fete will go towards the provision of a new building at this centre for 39 patients.

"Chesalon" is a project worthy of your support. Go along and enjoy yourself; members of our Parish Organisations should go and try to get new ideas for their own stalls at our Fete in November.

Many people find the Church cold because they insist on sitting in "Z" row. Come up front, brother!

The Bible promises no loaves to the loafer.

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