

The Chronicle

of The Parish of All Saints' Petersham

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The Morning of the Resurrection—Axel Ender

“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead . . .”

—The Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

"O God, give us serenity to accept what cannot be changed, courage to change what should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.

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THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

How will YOU observe Good Friday? Again and again, it must be pointed out that Good Friday is a holiday because our Lord died on that day, and for no other reason whatsoever. We call it **Good** Friday because it was **Good** for us. What happened on that day shows us what God is like and the way He works; it brings those who accept that wondrous love and try to live by love, back to God, and literally makes men afresh in the image of God. Your Church invites you to spend this Holy Day quietly and thoughtfully in a united act of penitence and thanksgiving.

But the Crucifixion is not the last word about Jesus. The Resurrection is the completion of Calvary. That which seemed to the disciples to be the end of all their hope was suddenly found to be really God's method of showing men what His love was like and that even death itself has no power over love.

The Prayer Book directs that every Anglican shall communicate on Easter Day as a special confession of faith in the Risen, Living Lord. But it is also required that we do not come unprepared. Holy Communion is not a performance to be gone through. It is a communion between your Saviour and yourself, and may best be prepared for by sincere observance of Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday. In this way, we may really enter into Communion with our Risen Lord on Easter Morn and know something of the power of the Resurrection, which has and ought to have a very vital effect upon our lives here and now.

Please study closely the times and particulars of the various services at All Saints' and give them nothing but first priority in your life.

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PERSONAL

We regret to record the passing of Mrs. Lois Sharp, a loyal and generous parishioner of All Saints' for many years, until ill health forced her to enter the Home of Peace a few years ago. We also extend our sympathy to Miss I. Butt in the passing of her Brother, Mr. James Butt, following a long and serious illness. The Rector conducted the funeral services of both Mrs. Sharp and Mr. Butt.

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FETE NEWS

Mrs. Humphreys is already collecting goods for the "White Elephant" Stall at our annual fete in November. If you have any item at all around your home for which you have no further use, just see Mrs. Humphreys, or give her a ring, and she will make arrangements to collect your gift. Give now and we can probably make an early sale at a better price than if we hold all goods back until the day of the Fete. Mrs. Humphreys already has a nice kitchen cabinet for sale at \$6.00.

The Fellowship's appeal is contained in this Chronicle. Mrs. Clark is already seeking wool left overs, while Mrs. Reid asks you to keep saving your magazines and books for her stall.

PARISH NEWS

Mid-Week Lenten Services:

Attendances have fluctuated at the Wednesday services held so far this Lent. Holy Communion is celebrated at 7 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. the Rector is giving a series of addresses on the Book of Revelation. It is hoped that more parishioners will support the remaining services.

There will not be an evening service on Wednesday, 10th April, this being replaced by the "Olivet to Calvary" on the preceding night.

"Olivet to Calvary"

It is many years since we have been able to present J. H. Maunder's impressive Easter oratorio, "Olivet to Calvary" and we are pleased that we can do so this year, thanks to the Royal Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra.

We expect a large congregation, following the success of the Choir's presentation of "The Messiah" in our Church at Christmas. There will be no charge for admission, and a collection will be shared between All Saints' and the Choir's funds. Pierre Lastelle will be the conductor, and as guest soloists, we will hear Baritone, James Harris and Tenor, Lance Lloyd.

Note the date: Tuesday, 9th April at 7.45 p.m.

Easter Services:

The times of all Holy Week and Easter services are given on the back page of this "Chronicle". Please note that there will be no evening service on Good Friday, and that there will be an extra service of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on Easter Day. The 2 p.m. service on Good Friday will be of about one hour's duration.

The Diocesan Procession of Witness will be held once again this year as a protest against the continued opening of the Agricultural Show on the most sacred day of the year, a day marred by the pagan carnival atmosphere of this so-called Royal event.

Parishioners are invited to join the procession, which begins in Hyde Park, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 p.m. The march ends at Hyde Park South, near Mark Foy's, where the Archbishop will address a Service of Witness at 5 p.m.

Billy Graham Crusade:

We urge you to take the opportunity of attending the Billy Graham Crusade Meetings at the Showground. They will be held daily from Saturday, 20th April to Sunday, 28th April inclusive. The Sunday meetings will be at 3 p.m. but on all other days, they will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Special youth nights are set down for Monday, 22nd and Thursday, 25th, both of which we commend to our Fellowship members and other young people.

Take time for God: go and hear for yourself Dr. Graham's answers to our deepest needs and his explanations for the troubles of mankind.

Dedication Service:

The dedication of ashes placed in a further number of niches in the Parish Columbarium will take place at an 11 a.m. Service on a forthcoming Sunday morning. The exact date will be given on the weekly notice sheet.

The Columbarium is open for inspection on Sundays, and the Rector will be pleased to answer any enquiries regarding it.

Easter Vestry Meeting:

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Sopwith is adding up his books following the end of our financial year on 31st March, and his Statement will be presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting in May. Watch for the date. This meeting gives parishioners the opportunity to raise parish business and to elect their church officers for the coming twelve months.

Lenten Boxes:

All Sunday School children, and a number of adults, have taken A.B.M. Boxes in which to place their cash savings during Lent. It would be appreciated if these boxes could be returned on Easter Day.

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LATEST CLUB NEWS**Senior Parishioners':**

All Saints' Senior Parishioners' Club had its first meeting in April, 1958, so making this our tenth year. We will celebrate by having a special Afternoon Tea Party with lots of free door prizes.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without mentioning Mrs. Callaghan who attended our first Club afternoon, and who has been a very regular member ever since, even though she has lived at Sans Souci for the last eight years. Miss Chippendall joined the Club a week or two later, and has also been a regular attendant. Both ladies and many more of our Members have helped tremendously in the support of our Club at all times.

We also remember at this time many of our loved ones who have passed away, and we feel sure we were able to give them many happy hours at the "Seniors' Club."

Many thanks to Mrs. Rhyder, Mrs. Whitehouse, and Mrs. Bridges for their constant help at afternoon tea time. Thanks also to all who have helped us in the past, including the Indoor Bowls Club.

Happy Birthday to all members of our Senior Parishioners' Club; we ask God's Blessing on the years ahead so that we might bring a little happiness and sunshine into the lives of the "not so young."

We will not be meeting on Thursday, 11th April, being the Thursday in Holy Week.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Fellowship:

Our first meeting of 1968 was held on 9th February, and took the form of a swimming night. It was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

At our Annual Meeting, it was decided that our work nights be held on Tuesday nights, thereby giving us twice as many social evenings each month.

We have already begun to collect items for the Parish Fete. Would anyone who has spare pieces of material suitable for making cloth toys, ice cream tins, or small items suitable for hoopla prizes kindly leave these things at the Rectory, as they would be greatly appreciated by the Fellowship.

CHRISTINE McPHERSON, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls:

Our first competition match against St. George's Church of England, Earlwood was very keenly contested. Although we did not

win, we can be very pleased with our efforts. Our "home" team lost by only one, and our "away" side by six. When one considers that our opposition won last season's competition, and also the limited number of players we have to pick from, it makes our effort all the more pleasing.

Men and women players are still needed to play every Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

J. E. GORMAN

Ladies' Guild:

Just a reminder that our Annual Luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd April. Mrs. Edna Beales will be our guest, and she will speak on "God's Children", her talk being illustrated by dolls. Both Ladies and Gentlemen are welcome.

On Tuesday, 14th May at 2 p.m. we will have an entertaining hour of "Girl Talk" by Byron-Parker Lecturing Service—a display and discussion on items of interest to ladies of all ages. A donation of 20c. will include afternoon tea.

Our big clothing sale will be on Friday, 31st May from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and donations of used clothing will be greatly appreciated.

In place of our monthly street stall, we are having a sales table at our meeting at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Home made Jam will be available, and if cakes are ordered a few days in advance, we will arrange to make them for you.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Picnic: Forms were given out to each scholar so that we could see how many wished to attend the proposed picnic. Unfortunately, only about 15 names were on our list after four weeks, so we decided not to hold a picnic at this time.

Concert: A meeting was held on 8th March, and I would like to thank all those who attended. From the meeting, we found that we could just fill a programme, but if anyone else would like to take part in the programme, please let us know.

This entertaining evening, at which we have been offered items from the Fellowship and the Choir, will be held on Friday, 24th May, 1968 at 8 p.m. We hope everyone in the Parish will be there.

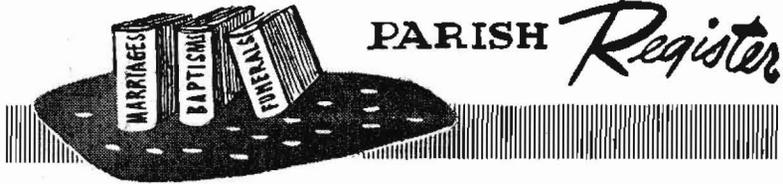
Attendance: Since the start of the year, the attendances in the Sunday School have been dropping. There are some girls and boys we do not see for weeks at a time. We therefore appeal to all parents to send their children to Sunday School regularly.

Kindergarten Teachers: Two teachers are urgently wanted to keep the Kindergarten going. We need teachers for boys and girls, so we would be most happy to hear from either young men or women willing to help. Please get in touch with the Rector, Mrs. Carroll (Kindergarten Leader) or Mr. Jones (Superintendent) if you can help.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

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● **Annual Tea:** The Annual Diocesan Festival Tea conducted by the Home Mission Society will be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Friday, 3rd May, at 6 p.m. Please let the Rector know if you would like to join in this great diocesan-wide occasion. It will be followed by a public meeting also in the Town Hall.



BAPTISMS
"Born Again"

February 18th: Graeme Leonard Horton
 February 25th: John Robert McGuigan
 March 10th: Andrew John Champion
 March 16th: Wayne John Bourke

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

February 17th: Colin Dunkerley to Roslyn Forrest
 February 24th: Robin Edward Matthews to Rae Gwendoline Davoren
 February 24th: George Andrews Fonda to Letitia Pauline Roberts
 March 9th: John William McDermott to Janice Roach

FUNERALS

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

February 26th: Lois Sharp
 March 1st: James Alfred Butt

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DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS

1st January, 1968 to 24th March, 1968

Miss Bayley, \$10.90; Mr. Bryce, \$2.00; Mrs. Carr, \$6.20; Mrs. Cook, \$28.55; Mrs. Humphreys, \$9.10; Mrs. Malone, \$9.60; Mrs. Robertson, \$5.20; Miss Speight, \$3.80; Mrs. Tant, \$8.65.

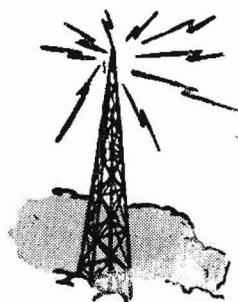
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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

April 7th: Donated by Mr. Hird and Family in memory of Mrs. Hird; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 April 14th: Easter Day. Donated by Mrs. E. Palmer in memory of Mr. A. F. Palmer, by Mrs. Fellows in memory of Mr. Albert Clark, and in memory of Mrs. Craigie by New Zealand friends; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 April 21st: Donated by Mrs. Hayes and family in memory of Mr. Hayes; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 April 28th: Donated by Mrs. Ayrton and Ron in memory of Ted, by Mrs. Boyle and Allen in memory of Mr. J. M. Boyle, by Mrs. Hansson and her daughters Joyce and Mary in memory of Mr. F. Hansson, and by the Petersham R.S.S.A. I.L.A.; arranged by Miss Speight.
 May 5th: Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

We acknowledge an anonymous donation for the War Memorial for Sunday, 17th March. Donations of flowers or money with which to buy extra flowers for Easter Day would be greatly appreciated. If giving flowers, kindly leave them at the Church by 11 a.m. on the Saturday morning.

NEWS BRIEFS



● **District Visitors:** Our District Visitors are a small but faithful band who have been unsung in recent years. They represent the Church and the Rector in their monthly visits to the parishioners in their respective districts, they distribute "The Chronicle", and they collect a small but regular portion of our parish income. So that you may know who is doing this most valuable work for your Church, and to acknowledge the donations they each bring in, it is proposed to publish regularly in "The Chronicle" the totals from each Visitor.

Parishioners are asked to accept this as our grateful acknowledgement of their contributions; you will readily appreciate that lack of space prohibits monthly acknowledgement of every individual donation made via the District Visitors.

● **Visitors' Areas:** We wish to bring up to date our list of the streets in the areas served by each Visitor. Unfortunately, the details are not available from parish records, and we would be grateful if all Visitors could make out a list of the streets in their districts, and hand them in with their next collections.

● **Bishop to Preach:** We are pleased to announce that the Right Rev. A. J. Dain, Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, will be the preacher at this month's Family Service—Sunday, 21st April, at 10 a.m. The Bishop has taken charge of this part of the Diocese and wishes to meet as many parishioners as possible on his visit.

● **Y.C.I. Picnic:** Although not determined at the time of going to press, there's no doubt the Y.C.I. boys will finally decide to have their annual picnic at Kurnell. Each year, various places are suggested but the open spaces, sea air, and the nostalgia of Captain Cook's landing place always win out in the end. It will be on Saturday afternoon, 20th April, and all menfolk of the parish will be welcome to join in. Meet at All Saints', 1 p.m.

● **The Rector is fortunate to have a number of reliable helpers with his Services at All Saints'. He was, unfortunately, taken suddenly ill during the morning of Sunday, 3rd March, but the 11 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer went on without a hitch, thanks to Mr. David Hunter M.L.A., who gave the address, Messrs Hugh Quelch and John Reid who led the prayers, and Mr. H. G. Brodie, who read the lessons. The Rector is grateful to them for taking over at very short notice.**

● **May "Chronicle":** Contributors are advised that material for our next edition will be due by Sunday, 21st April.

● **Y.C.I. Theatre Party:** Parishioners are invited to the Y.C.I.'s party to "Camelot" on Thursday, 2nd May at 8 p.m. This is a brilliant film, showing at Hoyt's "Century" and tickets for the DE-LUXE Stalls are available from Geoffrey Gorman at \$1.40 each.—a reduction of 60 cents. But hurry—tickets are limited.

BRRRRR — IT'S COLD**Memo from the Home Mission Society**

It is for many of the customers of the Home Mission Society Opportunity Shops who are coming to us for their warm clothing, blankets, rugs, etc.

Have you anything which you will be replacing this year? If so, would you let us call for it? The Home Mission Society, by free distribution and sale of goods, seeks to relieve need irrespective of creed.

Your gift can help to keep someone warm.

YOU PHONE—WE CALL 51-4341.

Holy Week
at



and **Easter Day**
All Saints'

Sunday, April 7, Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
9.45 a.m. Sunday School
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 9

7.45 Olivet to Calvary
Performed in our Church by the
Royal Philharmonic Choir and
Orchestra.

Wednesday, April 10.

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion
(No Evening Service).

Good Friday, April 12.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Family Service
Sunday School children and their
parents invited to this Service.
2.00 p.m. One-hour Devotional
Service
4.00 p.m. Procession of Witness
5.00 p.m. Service of Witness,
Hyde Park.

Easter Day, April 14

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion
(Choral)
9.45 p.m. Sunday School
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

"AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one."—Book of Common Prayer.

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