

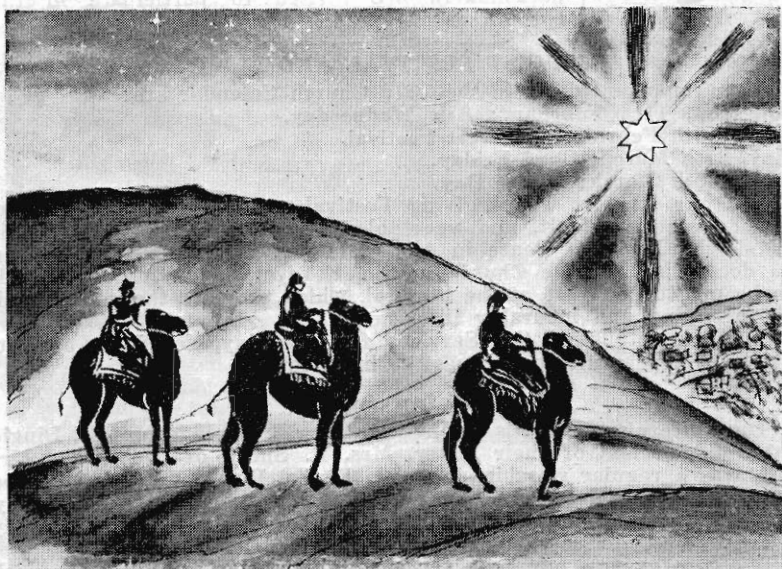
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"AND WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED WITH
EXCEEDING GREAT JOY"



A PRAYER FOR 1970

O God, we are only a handful of people in the midst of a mighty universe; help us to know that we count somewhere, and that there is a purpose behind the confusion and chaos of our lives.

Help us to speak those words now; "I am never alone." As we reach out our hands, help us to lose our loneliness in the joyful discovery of your love for us.—Amen.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR



Start the New Year in the best place—in your Parish Church. We shall be holding a Watchnight Service commencing at 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, and continuing until midnight.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion with a short address by the Rector. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special service.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LENT

Your important dates in the 1970 Church Calendar are:

Wednesday, 11th February: **Ash Wednesday.**

Sunday, 15th February: **Harvest Festival.**

Friday, 27th March: **Good Friday.**

Sunday, 29th March: **Easter Day.**

For our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, we will be appealing for gifts of groceries, fruit, and vegetables for the Church of England's "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road. After providing appropriate decoration for the Church on the Festival Sunday, the gifts will then be put to good use at the hospital, which provides the very best in care for dying and incurably ill patients.

Further details of the Services for this day, for Lent and for Easter will appear in the February "Chronicle".

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PERSONAL

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. B. See and Mrs. K. Dingle, in the sudden loss of their Sister, Mrs. B. Smith of Burwood. Mrs. Smith was a regular worshipper at St. Paul's, Burwood, but her associations with All Saints' went back a good many years, and she always maintained a deep interest in our parish. To the husband and family, we also extend our deepest sympathy.

We also express our hope for a speedy recovery to all our parishioners who are ill in hospital or at home. The Rector always likes to be advised as quickly as possible of cases of illness, especially when parishioners are entering hospital. So often, information reaches Mr. Champion only indirectly, or well after the patient has been admitted.

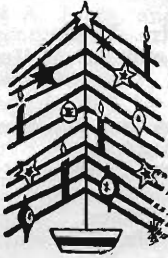
SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

January	4th	Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams; arranged by Miss Speight.
January	11th	Donated by Mrs. Doris Jones in memory of her Sister, and by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
January	18th	Donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker in memory of their Mother and of Mrs. Bryce, and by Mrs. Quine in memory of Mrs. Bryce; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
January	25th	Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
February	1st	Donated by Mrs. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

As the January "Chronicle" goes to print before Christmas, a complete list of flower donations for Christmas Day will appear in our February issue.

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SUCCESSFUL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



The 1969 Parish Christmas Party was held under a new format. The fact that such a large number of people present stayed right till the finish was an indication of the success of the party.

As early as February the Committee which planned this year's function met quite often to discuss and to make the arrangements. Unfortunately one of our committee, Mr. Charlie Whiting, passed away very suddenly in November.

Our thanks go to the organisations and artists who helped make the party a success. To Harry Thompson and his band, and to Bernie Sayers who acted as M.C. in his usual efficient way, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

—F. HEARN, J. GORMAN

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The annual prizegiving was held last month. Besides the class prizes, books were presented to the boys and girls who obtained top marks in the July examinations.

To be in the running for class prizes you must attend regularly as the prizes are allotted for the marks received each Sunday, including Family Services.

On behalf of the boys and girls, I would like to thank the members of the Sunday School Mothers' Club for presenting a highly enjoyable Christmas Party for those in the Senior Sunday School, and also to thank the Kindergarten Staff, Mothers' Club, teachers, and other friends for all the work put into the Kindergarten Christmas Party. We also extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. I. Clark and Mr. George Clarke for their special help on this day.

During the school holidays the Sunday School will remain open.

—NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

YEARLY FLOWER LIST

Would you kindly read this list of donations of flowers for the Sanctuary, and let Mrs. Bosward or Mrs. Champion know if the dates and other particulars are correct. It seems that some folk have ceased donating, and may no longer wish to be included in the list. As flowers are costing so much more these days, we again ask that your donation be \$2.50 and that you let us know at least a week before the required Sunday the actual amount you wish us to buy—or whether you will be supplying your own flowers. Thank you.

January:

1st Sunday: Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams.

2nd Sunday: The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory.

4th Sunday: Quin family in memory of their mother.

Nearest 8th: Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son Charles and Daughter Elsie.

Nearest 9th: Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister.

Nearest 15th: Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker in memory of their Mother and Sister, and by Mrs. Quine in memory of Mrs. Bryce.

February:

1st Sunday: John Williams and Judith in memory of their Grandfather, Mrs. Scott in memory of Mr. N. Scott and Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.

3rd Sunday: Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Everett in memory of Catherine.

Nearest 6th: Mr. R. Boots in memory of his Aunt, Mrs. Vivian.

Nearest 16th: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt and Mr. A. Hunt from their daughters and sisters.

March:

Nearest 18th: Mrs. Mervyn in memory of her Husband, and the Sanderson family in memory of their Mother and Aunt.

Nearest 22nd: Mrs. MacKnight in memory of her Grandmother, Mrs. Slocombe.

Nearest 29th: The Craigie family in memory of their Father.

Nearest 31st: Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow.

April:

1st Sunday In memory of Mrs. Hird from the family.

Nearest 14th: Mrs. Palmer in memory of Mr. Palmer.

Nearest 18th: Mrs. Fellows in memory of Mr. Albert Clark.

Nearest 21st: Mrs. Hayes and family in memory of Mr. Hayes.

Nearest 23rd Mrs. Hansson and children in memory of Mr. Hansson.

Anzac Sunday: Mrs. Ayrton and Ron. in memory of Ted.

May:

1st Sunday: Miss Cole in memory of her Mother and Mrs. Boyle and Allen in memory of Mr. J. M. Boyle.

2nd Sunday: Mrs. Jones, Alan and Janice in memory of Mr. H. Jones.

Nearest 11th: The Craigie family in memory of their Mother.

Nearest 26th: Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason.

June:

1st Sunday: The Craigie family in memory of Don, Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King, and Miss Slocombe in memory of her Parents, Sisters, and Brothers.

2nd Sunday: By the sisters and brothers of Martha Quin in her memory.

4th Sunday: By Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. J. Oliver and by Mrs. Quine in memory of her Father.

Nearest 11th: Mrs MacKnight in memory of her Brother, John.

Nearest 13th: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Maxwell, Noni and John in memory of Mr. T. Maxwell.

Nearest 20th: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Craven, Columbus, Ohio, in memory of Mrs. V. Breadon.

Nearest 29th: By Stella, Ena and Barb. in memory of their Mum and Dad. (To be concluded next issue)

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CLUB NOTES

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):

Gala Fete: The Y.C.I. wishes to thank all those who helped in any way on the Y.C.I. Stalls at the Gala Fete, especially Mrs. Humphreys for the countless hours she spent in making the White Elephant Stall the great success it was.

59th Commemoration Night and Service: On Commemoration Night, Friday, 21st November, we were happy to have as Guest Speaker one of our own Vice-Presidents, Mr. Roy Atkinson. His talk, entitled "Two Slender Threads", entailed numerous aspects of the Institute, covering the many trials and tribulations the Y.C.I. had to endure in its early history. The night was an enjoyable one, and we thank Mr. Atkinson for coming from Katoomba to speak to us on this occasion.

The following Sunday night at Evensong, the Y.C.I. held its 59th Commemoration Service. The lessons were read by Messrs. J. Gorman and A. Jones, and the Guest Preacher was the Rev. F. A. J. Eglington, Deputy Senior Chaplain of the Mission to Seamen, who gave a very informative address about his organisation.

Ladies' Night: It is pleasing to report that Ladies' Night on 5th December again proved to be a success. A programme including slides, indoor games and a record made up the evening. We regret that the movie we intended to screen could not be shown because of projector trouble. The Y.C.I. would like to thank all the ladies who came, Mr. Alan Jones who provided the slides and Mr. Allen Boyle who obtained the film from Qantas.

Mr. Charles Whiting: The members of the Y.C.I. were grieved to learn of the passing of one of its most active members, Mr. Charlie Whiting. A man whose cheerful disposition brightened up many a Y.C.I. meeting, he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

GEOFFREY W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

The members of the Club extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. See on the sudden death of her Sister, Mrs. B. Smith.

The 1969 Men's Singles Competition for our Club was won by David Sayers. David, who is our youngest member, thoroughly deserved to win, as he bowled very consistently.

In 1970, the centenary year of our Church, we hope many new members will join our happy Club.

The Bowls Club extends to everyone a very happy 1970.

J. E. GORMAN

Sunday School Mothers' Club:

Christmas Gifts Appeal: We wish to acknowledge with thanks the following cash donations towards our Appeal: Miss Street, Mrs. Kerry, the Rector, Anonymous (2.00). We are also deeply grateful to all who left donations of soap, talc, etc at the Church or Rectory for our Appeal.

We also wish to thank the Sunday School children who attended the Christmas Party on Saturday evening, 6th December, and Mrs. Ivy Clark for all her kind help.

For donations of cash, we also thank Miss E. Slocombe, Mrs. E.

Bosward, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Ingolsby-Brown, Miss Sutherland, Misses Nisbet, Mrs. Landic, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. G. Watts, Mr. R. Minter, Mrs. G. Mrs. Ayton, Mrs. Quine, and Messrs. Sopwith, Brodie and J. Gorman. Cash donations not yet acknowledged will appear in the February "Chronicle."

J. FAGG, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

I wish to thank most sincerely, all the kind people who helped make our Christmas Party so successful. It is always the highlight of our year, and as many of our members are elderly folk who do not have much social life, we endeavour to give them something special, knowing that it will be greatly appreciated.

We have vacancies in our Club, which meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 1 p.m. Afternoon tea is served at 3 p.m., the cost is 20c., and there are free prizes each week. The New Year is a splendid time to join our Club—the biggest and most popular of its kind in the district. Be our guest any Thursday.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

1970 Resumption Dates:

January Friday 9th Y.C.I. (Bowls Night).
Thursday 15th, Senior Parishioners'.
Friday 23rd, Fellowship, (Swimming Night).
February Tuesday 10th, Guild 2 p.m.
Tuesday 10th, Y.M. and Friends' 8 p.m.

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THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER



This letter has, for many years, been a battle ground for critics of the New Testament, and without doubt this epistle raises special difficulties of its own when we consider its authorship and the circumstances referred to in the text.

II. Peter comes to us as a letter from "Simon Peter, an Apostle and Servant of Jesus Christ". Like the first letter, it is general in form, in that it is not addressed to any special church or group of Christians whom we can identify. Nor does it introduce us, as do the letters to Corinth and

Galatia, to the special difficulties of any one church or group of churches. In some ways, it reflects the situation encountered in St. Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus but with its own emphases.

Peter writes to Christians with whom he would seem to have had some personal contact. He writes as a man who knows that his time in this present life is short and refers several times to "his departure". He shares with his readers personal recollections of Jesus of Nazareth and recalls the Transfiguration. He warns against what we might call Christian deviations, and we note with interest that from the beginning substitutions for the apostolic Gospel were not lacking. With deviations of this kind there had also been an actual or impending rejection of the Christian virtues and a reduction in standards of Christian morality. Almost in his opening verses he re-inforces the moral teaching we are accustomed to find in the writings of St. Paul. It is interesting to note on this point that Peter sympathised with his readers' difficulties in interpreting St. Paul.

Throughout the epistle one senses the note of impending judgement and feels that the letter was addressed to a society on the edge of chaos. The convulsions which were overtaking St. Peter's world were to him,

as to St. Paul, and also indeed the prophets of the Old Testament, fore-warnings of the judgement of God on a rebellious world.

"The day of the Lord will come" he writes, "like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away . . . and the earth will be burned up." The language may be figurative but Peter here does no more than re-state teaching of his Master. For his readers, however, the coming of Christ in power is an expectation charged with hope as the apostle and his first readers and all those who follow after them "wait for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells".

This book of the New Testament is not one which is quickly understood, nor do its warnings and commands always seem relevant to a twentieth century situation, yet, it re-states in dramatic form basic points in the message of the New Testament and by the starkness of its language and imagery demands our attention.

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FETE APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Jewellery Stall, Mrs. Millarey would like to express her sincere appreciation for all the generous donations made towards the stock of the stall at the Fete.

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NEWS BRIEFS

● **Candlelight Service:** Once again, our annual "Carols by Candlelight" Service featured the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and its continuing popularity was evident from the large congregation present. We reverted to one of our earlier forms of Service in order to include more Carols for the congregation.

We are grateful to our Organist, Miss O'Neill, the Choir, the lessons readers representing various walks of Parish life, and all who worked in any way towards the success of the Service.

● **February Social Afternoon:** Our social activities for 1970 will get under way early in February when Mrs. I. Clark will hold a bright games and social afternoon.

It will be held on a Saturday afternoon—the actual date will be announced shortly. The programme will commence at 1 p.m., and card players will be especially welcome. Watch for more details.

● **Hospitality for Naval Apprentices:** Twice a year 100 lads, aged about 15½ years, begin a three and a half years' course at H.M.A.S. Nirimba, the Royal Australian Navy apprenticeship training establishment at Quaker's Hill. Nearly half of these young men are Anglicans. Most of them come from country or interstate homes, and many have no relatives or close family friends in the Sydney area. They are permitted to take weekend and short leave at the home of approved sponsors.

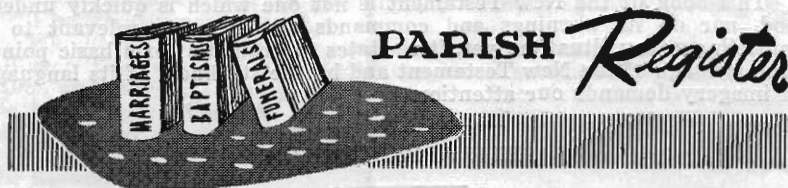
Church people in the Sydney area who can offer hospitality to one or more of these lads in the form of occasional visits to their homes are invited to contact the Chaplain, H.M.A.S. Nirimba, Quaker's Hill, N.S.W., 2764. His telephone number is 626-9351.

● **February "Chronicle":** Items for the February "Chronicle" will be due on Sunday, 18th January, 1970.

● **Rector's Holidays:** The Rector and Mrs. Champion will not be going away at New Year, but hope to have a two weeks' break towards the end of January. The Rev. A. H. Gallop will be taking our Services while Mr. Champion is away.

● **Performance of "The Messiah"**—We were honoured in December by the kind offer of the Royal Philharmonic Society to present Handel's "Messiah" in our Church. The performance by the 100 or more singers and musicians on Thursday, December 11th was a most impressive occasion, and it is a matter of great regret that no more than 20 of our own parishioners were in attendance.

● **Christmas Hamper:** The Rector and Mrs. Champion wish to thank all who contributed to the presentation of such a lovely Christmas Hamper at the Annual Parish Party.



BAPTISMS

"Suffer the Little Children to come unto Me"

November 23rd Carlene Ann Austin
November 23rd Lisa Gai Nightingale
November 30th Donna Ann O'Grady
December 7th Darren John McConkey

MARRIAGES

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

November 29th Frank Looby to Shirley Gladys Foster
November 29th Donald George Korte to Pauline Joan Ferrer
November 29th Ross Leslie Speechley to Patricia Anne Smith

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.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

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

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. W. Sopwith (Rector's), E. Quelch, W. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. R. H. C. Boots, H. G.

Brodie, L. Carroll, K. Dingle, G. W. Gorman, J. E. Gorman, F. Hearn, D.

B. Hunter, M.L.A., E. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw, B. T. Sayers & F. Evans.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. G. Clarke, F. Evans, A. Graham, A. Ingoldsby-Brown and G. R. Minter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. L. Carroll.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. J. Nance.

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