

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

FEBRUARY, 1941.

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IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs. E. C. KING, L. C. CALVER, W. J. COOKE.

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SERVICES AND SOCIETIES.

Sunday: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins, Sermon; 9.45 a.m., Sunday School; 7.15 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Holy Communion: Every Sunday at 8 a.m.; second (Choral) and 4th Sundays at mid-day.

The Litany is sung on the 5th Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

Holy Baptism: By arrangement.

Marriages: By arrangement.

Children's Service: 3rd Sunday, 9.45 a.m.

Parish Council: 1st Monday, 8 p.m.

Choir Practices: Thursday, Boys, 6.30 p.m.; Adults, 8 p.m. Sunday, Boys, 9.30 a.m.

District Visitors' Meeting: 3rd Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Women's Guild: 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Girls' Club: Alternate Mondays.

Y.P.U.: Mondays, 7.15 p.m.

Young Churchmen's Institute: Alternate Fridays, 7.45 p.m.

Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. D. A. Ridley.

Bush Church Aid Society: Mrs. P. D. Brady.

Scripture Union Secretary: Mr. R. Atkinson.

C.M.S. Box Secretary: Miss D. Brown.

C.E.B.S.: Juniors, Friday, 7 p.m.; Seniors: Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Communicants' Fellowship: 4th Tuesday, 7.45 p.m.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

All Saints' Rectory,

27th January, 1941.

Dear People of All Saints'

I am writing to you on the Anniversary Day holiday, and looking back over the wonderful growth and progress of Australia during one hundred and fifty-three years, it makes one smile to think that the youthful Disraeli once referred to the colonies as "those wretched colonies which hang like a millstone about our neck"! I wonder what he would say if he could see those colonies to-day!

Yet, notwithstanding all our wonderful material progress, no one can claim that we have kept pace in character-growth. We who are privileged to live in this beautiful land; we who have seen vast realms of new knowledge made available for man; we who have seen so immense an enrichment of the material side of life; we who in the light of all this new knowledge ought to be able to see the glory and grandeur of God as no generation has ever yet seen them, are failing to see God in it at all; which largely accounts for the chaos of our world to-day—we have neglected God.

In spite of the fact that the Empire is fighting for its very existence; in spite of the fact that we were called by the Prime Minister to prayer and thanksgiving for the victories at Bardia and Tobruk; in spite of the fact that our boys are in action in the Western Desert, and therefore need the support of our prayer; in spite of the fact that, if we think at all, we cannot help comparing our manner of life with the life of our friends in England; in spite of all this, about eighty per cent. of the people of Australia spent Anniversary Sunday not in worship and thanksgiving, but in pursuit of pleasure.

I pass on to you the following extract from a fine letter published in a recent issue of "The Church Standard." The last sentence has been emphasized by me, because, although there is still much Christian idealism in this land of ours, we need to beware of thinking that this will continue, if Australians neglect the Church. Must we wait until our places of worship are bombed, before some Australians really appreciate the Church and her ministry?

"Life in these parts has not been pleasant lately," says Dr. F. R. Barry, rector of St. John the Evangelist, Westminster, in his parish "News Letter," "but," he adds, "we do not want to be pitied. London smashed about is a nobler city to-day than unscathed Paris. If its body is wounded its soul is unconquered . . . Behind all the endurance and fortitude, which is becoming the hope of all free men, is the influence of that ancestral faith which has nursed and moulded the temper of our people. In every village and township in this country generation after generation, bred and brought up during a thousand years under the shadow of our ancient churches, has been taught to fear God and honour the King. That is why Britain to-day is invincible.

"Let us not be told—for it simply is not true—that the churches have 'ceased to count' in national life. I would venture to claim that if, at this moment, all that the churches are doing were eliminated, the defence of London could not be sustained. I say this thinking of what is being done in other areas, not in any spirit of complacency about our work here . . . All our difficulties are accentuated by the lack of a church as a visible common centre; and it is going to be a hard task to keep alive Christian faith and prayer with such restricted chances of public worship."

Lent (which commences on Ash Wednesday, February 26) comes as an opportunity and a challenge—an opportunity for real repentance, and a challenge to dedicate ourselves to the service of God. While we pray for victory and for peace, we ought also to strive to be worthy of what we ask. The end and purpose of Lent is to deepen our penitence, to energeise our moral powers, and to make our self-denial a greater reality. Penitence does not mean a morbid dwelling on our own spiritual diseases—they are obvious enough to most of us, and although we have to face up to them, it is possible to pamper them by dwelling overmuch upon them. Penitence means opening the eyes of the spirit and seeing God. It means consecrating oneself, even though one feels unfit and unworthy, to the task which God lays upon each one of us. Bearing in mind the determined effort which is being made by the powers of evil to destroy Christian principles, the challenge of Lent comes with redoubled intensity to all Christian people.

I would particularly ask for your co-operation in the matter of Lenten Gifts for the extension of Christ's Kingdom through the efforts of the two great missionary societies—the Australian Board of Missions and the Church Missionary Society. Lenten boxes or envelopes will be made available on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. A greater responsibility is ours this year, owing to the fact that some of the missions are deprived of large sums of money which hitherto have been contributed by England.

Ninety-five per cent. of the parents visited expressed a preference for morning Sunday School. We have therefore decided to change to morning school, commencing on February 2nd, and we rely upon those parents to back up their vote in a practical manner by encouraging the children to attend regularly. We hope also that we may, by the change, gain the attendance of children who are not now connected with any Sunday School, and also the attendance of those Church of England children who are going to schools of other denominations. We have the right to ask for, and expect, the utmost support and co-operation of Anglican parents.

I commend to you the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Services on Sexagesima Sunday, February 16, and hope you will by your presence show your appreciation of the fact that it is possible to have a Harvest Festival in Australia.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Adams.

OUR MOODS AND FEELINGS.

[When the B.E.C. decided to start physical exercises in the early morning for war-time listeners, a proposal was made by the Scottish Director, Mr. Melville Dinwiddie, that "spiritual exercises" should also be given. This was approved, and the item "Lift Up Your Hearts—A Thought for To-day" has been broadcast regularly on week-days at 7.55 a.m. The whole item lasts only five minutes, and the short talk is usually preceded by a verse of a hymn or metrical psalm, followed by a short prayer, and concluding with the Thought for the day. The following is one of these short talks, which have now been published under the title given to the broadcast.—Editor.]

What about a little tidying up of ourselves in the matter of our moods and feelings and troubles? Many of us are feeling rather under the weather nowadays. Maybe there are troubles at home, a difficult person to live with, an invalid or prodigal who is simply wearing us out. Maybe our work is heavy and uncongenial, and we seem to be in a dead end. And there is the constant strain of the war, friends and loved ones on service, and continual dread of the future. And perhaps we have allowed things to get rather on top of us, allowed ourselves to get over-sorry for ourselves, and to go about saying, "Is there any trouble like unto mine?" It's a very unhealthy condition, self-pity, and if we have become the victim of it, let's determine to take ourselves in hand.

And how are we to do it? First, let us remind ourselves that crowds of our fellows are in similar deep waters, or even deeper waters, and for their sakes we ought to try to be brave. Second, let's deliberately sometimes count our blessings. Most of us will discover that we have many more things to be thankful for than we had imagined. All our friends have not been unkind; all our prayers have not gone unanswered. Thirdly, and most important, let us remind ourselves that we have not been put in this world just to have an easy and pleasant time. We have been set here to grow in character and usefulness to others. Life was meant to be a fight, a fight against the shoddy things in ourselves, a fight against the shoddy things in the world. And so let's stand up to our troubles, accept them, use them, use them for our further development in character, our further usefulness to our fellows. It makes all the difference to our troubles, the attitude we take up to them. Let's take up the attitude of gallant acceptance,

regarding them not as oppositions, but as opportunities for further knowledge of God, for further growth in the courage and patience of Christ, for further helping on His Kingdom.

If we do, our troubles will weigh less heavily, and you will find Another Hand helping you to support them. An old negro was once asked how he had managed to remain so cheerful, in spite of so much trouble. He replied that he had learnt "to co-operate with the inevitable." That's the secret—not rebellion or tame, resignation, but active co-operation, regarding the difficult thing as the bit of the line you have to hold, the bit of the vineyard you have to cultivate.

Thought: Take thou, therefore, thy share of hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

—G. T. Bellhouse.

MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL.

All Saints' Sunday School.—At a Special Business Meeting of the Staff, it was decided to change from Afternoon School to Morning, as the recent canvass of parents gave the following result:—

Prefer afternoon	3
No preference to time	39
Prefer morning	98
Left (would return if morning)	14
Attending other denomination (return if morning)	3

We hope that the parents who have expressed their preference for the change will give it their full support.

The School will meet at 9.45 a.m. on and after February 2nd. The date of the Annual Picnic has been fixed for Saturday, February 22; at the time of writing the venue has not been finally decided, but will be announced as soon as finalised.

The Scholars are busy with their Collecting Cards, and we trust that our good friends will again assist us in financing the Picnic. A number of our scholars were successful in the Intermediate Examination, and we offer them our congratulations upon their success.

—R. F. Atkinson, Hon. Secretary.

Ash Wednesday.—The first day of Lent falls on February 26. There will be Celebrations of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 7.45 p.m. The Rector hopes that you will attend at least one of the services on Ash Wednesday.

Women's Guild.—The Guild will resume on Thursday, February 13, at 8 p.m. in the Guild Room, when the annual Gift Evening in aid of the Home of Peace will be claiming our attention. This evening is always arranged by the Guild, and held just preceding the Harvest Festival services, when all gifts are displayed. It is hoped that all members and friends will be present, and that the gifts will be of the usual high standard. February 27 is the date of the next meeting, but as it is the day after Ash Wednesday, members will meet at Evensong on Wednesday, February 26, instead of on Thursday, February 27.

—C. Reilly, Hon. Secretary.

C.E.N.E.F.—Members of this organisation will resume their meetings on Thursday, February 6, at 8 p.m. in the Guild Room. It is hoped that all Churchwomen of the parish will join the C.E.N.E.F. this year and help on the splendid work being done by our padres in the camps both here and overseas, and also to further the upkeep of the various huts which

have been built and are being managed by members of the Church of England. The membership fee is 1/-, and these fees are used for the upkeep of the huts. It is a marvel to me to note that comparatively so few of the women in this parish are members of this organization. I hope they will realise the tremendous need for **everyone** to be helping in the terrific task that is facing us this year, and what better way could one help than this? The All Saints' branch of C.E.N.E.F. is holding a Cake and Apron Fair on Saturday afternoon, February 22, the proceeds being in aid of the Cathedral Hut. It is proposed to hold the fair in the Church grounds, and I hope everyone will help in some way and make the effort worthy of our parish. Gifts of aprons, cakes, sweets, jams and pickles will be most welcome, and may be left at the Rectory. A pleasant afternoon is promised, and a record attendance is hoped for.

—E. V. Adams, President.

Girls' Club.—The Club will resume its meetings on Monday, February 10, at 8 p.m. Girls of fifteen years of age and upward are eligible for membership. Here is a chance for the girls of the parish with their various talents to serve their Church.

—E. Howard, Hon. Sec.

Y.P.U.—This organisation will resume meetings on Monday, February 3, at 7.30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Girls of eight years of age and upward are eligible for membership. There are two divisions of the Y.P.U.—Junior and Senior. The Juniors become Seniors when they are twelve years old. This organisation works solely for the Missionary work of the Church. New members will be cordially welcomed.

—E. V. Adams, President.

Acknowledgments.—The Treasurer has received the following letters of thanks which we pass on to all whose gifts originated them:—

(a) from the A.B.M. Secretary for N.S.W.:

"Thank you for yours of 11th inst. enclosing cheque for £13/6/4 from All Saints', Petersham, for the General Fund of A.B.M. for which we are grateful."

(b) from the Acting General Secretary of C.M.S.:

"Thank you for your letter of 6th instant, enclosing £3 (Three Pounds) from All Saints' Petersham, as a Christmas Gift to C.M.S."

"We value your ready co-operation in our efforts to respond to this call, and it is encouraging to have your practical help at this time of special need and opportunity."

(c) from the Organising Missioner of B.C.A.:

"Herewith I have pleasure in enclosing receipt for £2/10/-, being amount of boxes from All Saints' Church, Petersham. I can assure you of our appreciation of the interest shown in this way."

Congratulations to our young people upon their successes in the Leaving and Intermediate Examinations. Our good wishes are with them as they continue their studies at school or University, or go out into commercial life. The Clergy are always glad to write the references which many young people desire at this stage; but they would like it plainly understood that they cannot supply a reference or sign papers for anyone whom they do not know. It is obviously unfair to ask anyone to sign a document regarding your character unless you are **known personally** to the writer.

Condolence.—We would express our deepest sympathy with Miss Mitchell (of North Street) and her sister and brother; with Mr. and Mrs. G. Andrews and family of Annandale (formerly of Petersham); and with the members

C.E.B.S. (Juniors).—The Juniors resume meetings on Friday evenings at seven o'clock, after the school holidays. Church of England boys, eight years of age and over, are eligible for membership and will be welcomed.
—P. D. Brady, Leader.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS.

Per Mrs. Robertson.—Rector 10/-, Miss Adams 2/-, Mrs. Quelch 1/-, Mr. Quelch, Senr., 1/-, Mrs. Slee 1/-, Miss Mitchell 1/-, Mrs. Partridge 1/-, Miss Yum 1/-, Mrs. Leroy 1/-, Mrs. Chapman 1/-, Mrs. Gash 1/-, Mrs. Jones 1/-, Mrs. Ashwood 1/-, Mrs. Grant 1/-, Mrs. Blinkinsop 1/-, Miss Alexander 1/-, Mrs. Wheeler 1/-, Mrs. Nisbett 1/-, Mrs. Robertson 2/-, Mrs. Kidd 1/-, Mrs. Gannon 1/-, Mrs. Baker 1/-, Mrs. Harris 6d., Mrs. Douglas 6d., Mrs. Wheeler 6d., Mrs. Ward 6d., Mrs. Green 6d., Mrs. Day 6d., Miss Neill 1/-, Mrs. Clark 1/-, Mrs. Sutherland 1/-, Mrs. Jones 6d., A Friend 1/-, Mrs. Ingram 1/-.

Mrs. Hollinshead 1/-. Mrs. Fitzsimmons 6d., J. and D. Milton 6d., Mrs. Wellington 1/-. Mrs. L. Valentine 1/-. Mrs. Ford 6d., Mrs. Lee 1/-. Total: £2/7/6.

Per Rev. D. A. Ridley (Mrs. Gill's District).—Mrs. Unwin 2/-. Miss Allen 2/-. Mrs. Byram 2/-. Miss Humphries 1/-. Miss Rockwell 1/-. Mrs. Cole 1/-. Mrs. Breadon 4/-. Mrs. Roeber 1/-. Mrs. Daymond 1/-. Mrs. St. Julian 2/-. Mrs. James 1/-. Miss Deacon 1/-. Mrs. Sinclair 1/-. Mrs. Usher 6d., Mrs. Hollands 1/-. Anonymous 3/-. Total: £1/1/6.

Per Mrs. Whiting.—Mrs. Walter 1/-. Mrs. Black 1/-. Miss Bentzen 1/-. A Friend 1/-. Mrs. Cramp 1/-. Mrs. Cartwright 2/-. Mrs. Whiting 1/-. Total: 8/-.

Per Miss Watson.—Miss Spear 2/-. Miss Thorpe 1/-. Mrs. Sharp 6/-. Mrs. Gibb 1/-. Mrs. Ingray 2/-. Mrs. Gray 1/-. Mrs. Williams 1/-. Miss Fry 1/-. Mrs. Jowett 2/-. Miss Watson 2/-. Total: 19/-.

Per Mrs. Donaldson.—Miss Wells 6d., Miss Dean 1/-. Misses Janssen 1/-. Mrs. Fowler 1/-. Mrs. Mount 1/-. Mrs. Leslie 1/-. Mrs. Pashley 1/-. Mrs. Wright 1/-. Mrs. Horton 1/-. Mrs. Hancorne 1/-. Total: 9/6.

Per Mrs. Cleary.—Miss Darke 1/-. Miss Watkins 1/-. Mrs. Stafford 2/-. Mrs. Maher 1/-. Miss Spiller 1/-. Mrs. Higgins 1/-. Mrs. Mein 1/-. Mrs. Bicknell 1/-. Mrs. Shipp 1/-. Mrs. Brooks 2/-. Miss Storm 1/-. Miss Belfield 1/-. Miss Carolus 1/-. Mrs. Brissett 1/-. Mrs. Buckley 1/-. Miss Squires 2/-. Mrs. J. Higgins 1/-. Mrs. Unwin 1/-. Mrs. Robertson 2/-. Mrs. Patterson 1/-. Mrs. McLarty 1/-. Mrs. Montgomery 1/-. Mrs. Cummins 2/-. Mrs. Graham 1/-. Mr. C. Graham 1/-. Mrs. E. M. Scott 1/-. Mrs. Duff 1/-. Mrs. Hopkins 1/-. Mrs. McLaughlan 6d., Mrs. Ellis 6d., Mrs. Hawkins 6d., Mrs. Fisher 6d., Miss Gannon 6d., Miss Graham 6d., Miss Keys 6d., Mrs. Fleming 1/-. Mrs. Hume 6d., Mrs. Collins 3d., Mrs. Watt 3d., Miss Galloway 1/-. Mrs. Woodhead 1/-. Mrs. Morris 6d., Mrs. Porter 6d., Mrs. Heaton 1/-. Mrs. Laverack 6d., Mrs. Roenke 6d., Mrs. A. Brown 1/-. Mrs. Raymond 6d., Mrs. McEwan 6d., Mrs. Crittenden 1/-. Mrs. Cahill 6d., Miss Skead 6d., Mrs. Smith 1/-. Mrs. Straw 6d., Mrs. A. Smith 6d., Mrs. Hendley 6d., Mrs. Cameron 6d., Mrs. Rogers 1/-. Mrs. Cartwright 6d., Mrs. Scruton 6d., Mrs. Abraham 1/-. Mrs. Blatch 6d., Mrs. Jacobson 3d., Mrs. Gardner 3d., Mrs. Cleary 1/6. Total: £2/16/-.

Correction.—January "Chronicle": Mrs. Stafford 2/- (omitted), Mrs. Robertson 2/- (duplicated).

Per Rector.—Mr. D. Coffee £1/1/-.

Grand Total for January: £19/8/3.

Incomplete.—Mrs. Dalby's District received too late for publication.

ASSISTANT CURATE FUND.

Per Miss Ockwell.—Miss Rainsford 1/-. Miss Ockwell 1/6, Mrs. Robertson 1/-. Miss Taylor 1/-. Total: 4/6.

Per Miss Ockwell (Miss Peard's District).—Mrs. Paton 2/-. Miss Herring 2/-.

Miss Peard 1/-. Miss Peard's Box 3/10. Total: 8/10.

Per Mrs. Jagoe.—Mrs. McLaren 1/-. Mrs. Craigie 1/-. Total: 2/-.

Per Mrs. Morris.—Mrs. Petherbridge 1/-. Miss Brown 1/-. Miss Peddlesden 1/-. Mrs. Morris 1/-. Total: 4/-.

Per Mrs. Sinclair (Mrs. Reilly's District).—Miss Snowden 1/-. Mrs. Green 1/-. Donation 1/3. Total: 3/3.

Per Mrs. Brady.—Mrs. R. W. Holt 5/-. Mrs. Atkinson 1/-. Mrs. Brady 1/-. Mrs. Norman 1/-. Total: 8/-.

Per Mrs. Paton.—Box 1/-.

Per Mrs. Handel.—Mr. Calver, Senr., 1/-. Miss Haywood 1/-. Total: 2/-.

Per Rector.—Mrs. Robinson 1/-. Mrs. Johnson 1/-. Mrs. Palmer 1/-. Total: 3/-.

Per Mrs. Robertson.—Mrs. Slee 1/9, Miss Mitchell 1/9, Mrs. Robertson 2/-. Miss Sutherland 1/-. Total: 6/6.

Per Miss Watson.—Miss Spear 2/-. Miss Fry 1/-. Mrs. Woolf 2/-. Miss Chlew 1/-. Total: 6/-.

Per Mr. Cleary.—Miss Belfield 1/-. Miss Carolus 1/-. Total: 2/-.

Grand Total: £2/11/1.

C.M.S. BOXES — DECEMBER, 1940.

The Rector 6/7, Mrs. Lindsay 2/-. Mrs. Brennan 3/-. Mrs. Gash 3/-. Mrs. Cox 4/10, Miss Hill 2/-. Miss D. P. Brown 10/-. Anonymous 10/- (Dr. White, Tanganyika). Total: £2/1/5.

D. P. BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

OFFERTORIES AND COMMUNICANTS FOR JANUARY.

January 1			
(Watchnight) ..	£3	7	0†
January 5	11	19	11‡
January 6			
(Epiphany) ...	6	0	(A.B.M.)
January 12	8	19	11‡
January 19	8	13	10
January 26 (Wet) ..	5	19	6
Wednesdays (3) ..	14	0	(A.B.M.)
	£40	0	2
			342

† Including 3/- additional, C. of E. Homes.

* Including 7/- additional, C. of E. Homes. and £3, C.M.S. Token Appeal.

‡ Including 5/- additional, C. of E. Homes.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

January 12.—Raymond Charles Wales.

January 19.—Sylvia Jean Bradney.

January 25.—Lois Whayman Last.

MARRIAGES.

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

January 18.—Robert William McSkimming and Essie Florence Jacobson.

January 25.—Arthur Richards and Engretha Lomer McPherson.

DEATHS.

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

January 3.—James Ewen Mitchell.

January 8.—Teddy Stuart Andrews.

January 22.—Charlotte Ellen Burcher.