

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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Dear Friends,

Many churches will be observing Scripture Union Week during this month. Scripture Union is a fellowship of Bible reading members scattered all over the world. Its aim is simply to encourage as many people as possible to read some part of the Bible every day.

Scripture Union is supported by many churches of different denominations from different countries all over the world. The plan of Bible Reading is simple and yet comprehensive. It has been a great help to many Christians over many years.

I would ask each and every one to consider seriously some regular reading of God's Word. By regular reading I mean daily reading.

Today, thanks to many scholars from countries all over the world, we have a wide range of translations of Scripture. Some still enjoy the King James Version, an English translation made in 1603. Others, because they live some three hundred — or nearly four hundred—years later, prefer a translation in today's language, and so we have ("Today English Version"—commonly known as "Good News for Modern Man". This later version is very readable.

A young mother said to me once, after being given a modern translation, "It reads like a novel".

Recently, when visiting in hospital, a young man told me that the portion of the Bible given him (in a modern translation) was a good story.

No longer can we claim that the Bible is difficult to read.

Modern translations have changed that. It's not difficult to read the Bible, although some parts may be difficult to understand, and I say some parts, not all.

At this point Scripture Union provides with the planned Bible readings sets of notes to explain difficult passages of Scripture. For this reason I commend such a system.

We live in a world of great change and great confusion. We need something which is secure and trustworthy. God's Word is certainly the answer to this need. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My Word shall never pass away" Those words of confidence come from the Saviour Himself—Jesus Christ.

What about beginning today to read God's Word, you will be delighted at the change it will make in your life.

Your sincerely, **BRUCE WOOLCOTT.**



PARISH DIARY FOR JULY

Fri. 1, 9.30 a.m.—Care and Share Group. Guild Room, Parish Hall.

Sun. 3, 9.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7.00 p.m.—Holy Communion.

Tue. 5, 1.30 p.m.—Women-in-Friendship, Guild Room, Parish Hall.

Thur. 7, 1.00 p.m.—Senior Parishioners Club, Parish Hall.

Fri. 8, 9.30 a.m.—Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Parish Hall.

7.30 p.m.—Hi-Fri Group, Y.C.I. Room, Parish Hall.

Sun. 10, 9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Mon. 11, 7.30 p.m.—Parish Council Meeting.

Thurs. 14, 1.00 p.m.—Senior Parishioners Club, Parish Hall.

Fri. 15, 9.30 a.m.—Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Parish Hall.

10.00 a.m.—B.C.A. Annual Fair. Chapter House, Sydney Square.

Sun. 17, 9.30 a.m.—Family Service. Speaker from Scripture Union.

7.00 p.m.—Holy Communion.

Thurs. 21, 1.00 p.m.—Senior Parishioners Club, Parish Hall.

Fri. 22, 9.30 a.m.—Care and Share Group Guild Room, Parish Hall.

7.30 p.m.—Hi-Fi Group, Y.C.I. Room, Parish Hall.

Sun. 24, 9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Thurs. 28, 1.00 p.m.—Senior Parishioners Club, Guild Room.

Parish Hall.

Fri. 29, 9.30 a.m.—Care and Share Group, Parish Hall.

Sun. 31, 9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Do you want to fill in, every Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in a very warm friendly atmosphere? If you do we would be pleased to welcome you at our "Housie Club". We only play for small, but useful, gifts. The main thing is we have a lot of fun, and a lovely cup of tea to chat over. All this for 60c. Your age or creed does not matter at all.

We were very pleased last month to welcome eight ladies and gents from "Braeside" and hope they will spend many happy afternoons with us.

Elizabeth Van Weijs, Edwina Hansson and Holly Hazelwood have all been very ill and have been very much missed. We look forward to their return to our ranks very soon. Jennie Wilson, who has helped run our Club in the past is very ill in R.P.A., but I am glad to report improving. Our prayers and love are with you, Jennie dear, and we look forward to you being back with all your friends very soon.

IDA BARRETT, Hon Secretary.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-In-Friendship will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 5th July, at 1 p.m. It will be followed by a Byron Parker Presentation at 2 p.m. We hope to have the support of the ladies of our Parish. The lady who conducts the presentation has asked us to endeavour to have 30 ladies present. We can't do this without your help. Please come. Free samples of the products presented will be distributed, but goods are not for sale.

Our next second hand clothing and jumble stall is set for Friday, 29th July, 9a.m. Please don't forget us if you have anything saleable that you no longer need.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Joyce Perry as a new member last month. We hope you will spend many happy years with us, Joyce.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHERS MEETING: At the last Teachers Meeting it was decided to move the meeting day to the second Sunday in each month. This will allow us to place news items in the following month's Chronicle.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, 10th July.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC: Another Family Picnic is to be held on Saturday, 24th September, at Centennial Park. Please keep this date free. All parishioners are invited to attend. Further details will be given as the day draws near.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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FLOWER DONATIONS FOR JULY

July 3—By Clarrie and Arthur Richardson in memory of Marge Coles.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

July 4—In memory of Aileen by Bill Williams and family. By the Misses Nisbet in memory of their parents.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

July 17—By Michele in memory of Don.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

July 24—By Mrs. J. Perry in memory of her mother.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

July 31—As Thanksgiving by Frank and Edith Hearn.

Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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June 5—By June Hedley in memory of her mother Ivy and mother-in-law Rose.

June 12—From Clarrie and Arthur Richardson in memory of Marge Coles.

June 19—Anonymous donation for the Memorial Stone.

from Mrs. E. Hillary in memory of Miss Katie O'Neil.

June 26—From Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter sister Ena, and friends Dorrie and Sally.

In memory of Alan Carr, from Mrs. Carr and family.

By Iris and Colin in memory of their grandmother, Sue Field.

Owing to shortage of space the flower donations for June were omitted from the June Chronicle. To keep the records

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CHURCH RESTORATION

The Church was inspected on 14th July by Mr. Danks, Architect, specifically in regard to the stained glass windows,

the under floor ventilation and the deterioration of roof timber near the pulpit. Mr. Danks will be submitting a report and recommendations on these matters for consideration and decision by the Parish Council.



MAINLY FOR KIDS

The Bushfires — by Joan Kirk

SIMON LOSES ALL HIS TOYS

Do you remember the bushfires last summer? Simon does. He still wakes up at night crying, sometimes. He remembers the fires, for Simon and his Mum and Dad lost their house in the blaze.

It was such a hot, windy, dusty day that when Mum picked Simon up from school they went on to the Swimming Centre for a swim. While they were there a fireball hit their house and burnt it to the ground. The police closed the road, and Dad couldn't get home from work in time either, and when they did get there it was too late. There was nothing left.

Mum is gradually collecting some recipes again, for she lost all her recipe books. Grandma and Auntie looked through their photos and found some pictures of when Mum and Dad were married, and of Simon as a baby, and gave them to Mum in a new album. All Mum's vases were lost, too, and her dried flowers and her pot plants. One day a man gave Mum a big bunch of flowers, but she had nothing to put them in, not even a jar. She borrowed a jug from a neighbour. The piano, and all sheet music were burnt too.

Most of all, Dad misses his tools. His step-ladder was burnt and he didn't even save his rubber boots. No saw, no hammer, no paint brush. No bucket, no rake, no spade. He misses his records and tapes, too.

Simon lost all his toys, and his books, and his football boots, and school jumper. Even his bed and pillow and blankets feel different.

Everyone was very kind to Mum and Dad and Simon. They gave them clothes, and shoes, and crockery and cutlery for the house, and found them somewhere to live. A group of men came to help them bulldoze the ruins of their house, and tidy away the rubbish. A truck came and carted away all the burnt wood and bricks. The local school children took up a collection and bought some trees for their garden. A lady sent Mum \$20 to buy something she needed, and she bought a pair of scissors.

There are many families like Simon's who have been affected by the fires. When the rest of us first heard about the fires we all wanted to help—we sent money, we donated clothes and household goods, and many of us joined working bees to help clean up. Maybe it seems that the families that were affected are all right now—they have new homes, new furniture, new belongings. But we needed to remember that they will need our love and prayers and understanding friendship for a long time yet.

Simon, Mum and Dad live in another house now. Simon has different clothes, different books, different toys and even a new teddy. But he still wakes up crying sometimes for the old things he misses.

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"MUMMY, WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR IN MY COAT?"

On 10th March the KGB conducted a house search at the home of the Moscow Pentecostal Staskevich family. The brief of Major Mishin and his four assistants was to look for "anti-Soviet literature" in connection with the case of Galina Barats, another Moscow Pentecostal who had just been arrested in Rostov-on-Don.

The KGB squad arrived at 7.00 in the morning and worked solidly until 5.00 in the afternoon, seemingly leaving no stone unturned, even minutely examining the children's clothes in the search for scraps of paper that might be hidden. Puzzled, the Staskevich's younger daughter, Viktoriya, asked her mother, "What are they looking for in my coat?"

Everything not printed officially in the Soviet Union was confiscated for examination for any anti-Soviet content, including a book of sermons in English, as well as notebooks and letters. During the search a postman arrived with three registered letters from the U.S.A.—an unusual event as virtually no mail has reached the Staskevich household recently—and they were confiscated without even being opened, let alone actually read by the family.

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During the day the Staskeviches' telephone was out of order, but by the end of the afternoon it was working again. Having completed the search, Major Mishin made a phone call and was heard to ask, "Shall we bring her in now?"—presumably referring to Lidiya Staskevich, the member of the family most active in the Pentecostal emigration movement.

Ilya and Lidiya Staskevich have three children, the eldest aged 13, and Lidiya's mother and brother also live with them. They have been seeking to emigrate for several years, and despite having a valid invitation from sponsors in the U.S.A., their application was turned down last year. Their home was searched in June following the arrest of a Pentecostal leader in Rostov, Pyotr Golikov, but everything that was taken away at that time was returned in September.

(“Australian Church Record”)

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STOP AND LISTEN

Lord,
teach us to thirst
for that spring
which yields
life-giving water.
The spring which You promised
to place within us,,
and which is discovered
through prayer.

Teach us again and again,
until we become less reluctant
to discover
that in communion with You
we touch the source
of life and power.

Draw us to You, Lord,
until all our days
are caught up
in a wordless conversation,
which keeps company with you
beneath our outward activity,
and jealously guards
quiet moments of deep renewal.

By ANN SIDDALL

For years Thomas Chalmers was content to preach a cold, dry, formal religion. Then one day something marvellous happened to him. From that hour he preached a saving gospel. This is the testimony he offered: "Mathematician as I was, I had forgotten two magnitudes—the shortness of time and the vastness of eternity". My Soul! if we only knew Christ and sensed these two truths, what flaming messengers we would become—messengers for the Christ to a world that is lost without Him!

O Spirit of the Living God,
Thou Light and Fire Divine:
Descend upon the Church once more
And make it truly Thine.

From "The Supreme Possession" by G. Ray Jordan.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, MAY, 1983**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Offertories	1,120.46	Rector's Net Stipend ..	1126.25
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow. ..	256.88
Cans	84.15	Organist	75.00
Bottles	68.82	Church Flowers	50.00
Papers	345.75	Chronicles	130.40
Church Flowers	162.00	Church Cleaning	270.00
District Visitors	63.00	Church Electricity	31.80
DONATIONS:		Hall Electricity	50.28
Women-in-friendship	100.00	Telephone A/c	104.46
OES Members for		Hall Gas	16.00
Floodlighting	2.00	Trinity Sunday Offertories	
Rector's Telephone		to H.M.C.	274.98
Contrib. 4/83	2.75		
	1,957.18		
Deficit for Month	428.87		
	2,386.05		2386.05
Balance 1/5/83		Balance 1/5/83	\$3,018.86
Less Deficit for Month		Less Deficit for Month	428.87
		Balance 31/5/83	\$2,589.99

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