

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

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MARCH, 1983

RECTOR'S REPORT TO VESTRY MEETING 28/2/83

At the back of our Prayer Book, we have the Thirty Nine Articles and these Thirty Nine Articles are the basis of our faith, Article 19 is entitled "Of the Church." It reads like this — "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in which the pure Word of God is preached and the Sacraments be duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance.

It is an interesting definition because it firstly speaks of "the visible Church of Christ" and later goes on to speak of the Church being "a congregation of faithful men." It ends by describing what should happen in the Church — "God's Word is to be preached and the Sacraments properly administered.

The visible Church today is not unlike the Jewish synagogue of Old Testament times. Both Jews and "god fearers" gathered in the synagogues to hear God's Word and to worship Him. The Jews were people already committed to trusting God, but the "god fearers" had not as yet submitted to the rite of circumcision, and thus had not confessed faith in God. The "god fearers" came in order to learn more, and when they were prepared to trust God they would be baptised, and circumcised. The point I wish to make is that the congregation in the synagogue was made up of believers and seekers; as the Word of God was faithfully preached seekers came to confess their faith and be baptised and circumcised.

Any healthy congregation in 1983 I believe ought likewise to be composed of both believers and seekers. There is therefore an all important need that the Word of God be preached faithfully and forcibly and that those who love the Lord in the congregation be both prayerful and concerned for their fellow members.

I guess in some ways I am saying that the visible Church must be both evangelistic and pastoral in its outlook. The lost are to be saved and the saved are to be strengthened.

As we look at what has happened in 1982 and plan for what will happen in 1983 we need to measure all our activities by this standard.

As far as Church Services are concerned we must ask, "Has the Word of God been proclaimed and through its proclamation have we been challenged?" It is important that Church Services are times when not one single person present is distracted from seeking God's face.

Here is an area in which we must critically look at ourselves. If through lack of preparation we detract from the act of worship this must be put right. It is in these "little," or so called little things that we attract or turn people away from our Church services. I am not talking of solemnity but of sincerity.

Over the past twelve months we have witnessed little less than a church full of people visiting us, coming to one or more services, but almost to a man, or woman, not continuing. I don't know why, although I do get some answers to my questions occasionally.

It does say this, we need always to see our worship is relevant, reverent and right on God's Word. Continue to pray about this — it seems so important.

One encouragement is the increase in giving. Offertories have increased by over 30% on last years level, but, and this is a serious matter congregations have not likewise increased — they may be the same but not better.

In an attempt to bring young folk into the life of the church I have begun a Friday night group for High School children. This we trust will both encourage those already involved and introduce new folk to the Christian faith. This group should make up our Confirmation Group in a couple of years time.

I do not intend to present for Confirmation any folk who are not regular (and I don't mean every Family Service) worshippers. The sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have received Christ as Saviour and who worship Him as Lord.

For twelve months I have thought it good to sit back and note how things function in the parish. I am glad I adopted such a policy.

One thing has been my concern wherever I have ministered, that is for the whole congregation to know what is happening in their church, to finances, to changes in services, or just changes in bricks and mortar. I believe such sharing is essential for a real community spirit.

Linked with this openness I also believe that all discussions

possible are to be discussed and decided by the elected representatives of the congregation — the Parsih Council. In 1983 I shall see that this happens. There will be differences of opinions, sometimes mistakes made but I know that this shall strengthen the congregation and give us all a sane look at ourselves and where we are going.

Finally might I say thank you to all who have shared the ministry in 1982, and a special word of thanks to the ladies of the Friday morning Care and Share Group. They say they appreciate our Bible Studies but I tell you they have ministered wonderfully to me. Thank you to all who have remembered us in your prayers. They certainly have been necessary over the past year.

Keep on praying.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM STATEMENT
OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/83
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

1981	RECEIPTS	1982
8,222	Offeratories	10,775.30
261	District Visitors	348.20
853	Donations	1,230.00
307	Deposit Interest	336.98
6,812	Net Fete Receipts	7,041.97
531	Hall Rent	700.00
100	Chronicle Advertising	115.00
	Net B.B.Q. Receipts	47.80
838	Recycling — Cans	818.64
2,639	Recycling — Papers	2,949.75
1,161	Recycling — Bottles	1,131.40
	Sale Old Dresses	7.00
1	Sale Church History	1.50
20	Miscellaneous	19.90
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	LESS PAYMENTS	
5,088	Stipend	13,119.82
996	Rector's Travelling Expenses	2,697.45
159	Parish Superannuation Contribution	794.40
760	Organist	823.00
1,713	General Assessment	2,089.00
534	Special Assessment	615.00
150	Special Assessment Arrears	150.00
5,016	Repairs and Maintenance	716.60
717	Chronicles	717.20
279	Stationery	30.00
337	Telephone	245.31
482	M.W.S.&D.B.	387.34
112	Church Electricity	188.13
296	Organ Tuning and Maintenance	354.00
596	Insurance	570.66
766	Church Cleaning	597.50
96	W. A. Flick — Annual Maintenance	106.00
66	Freewill Offering Envelopes	
125	Coffee	

1,385	Relieving Ministers and Lay Readers		
412	Offertories to H.M.S.	356.11	
73	Church Flowers	101.90	
188	New Blinds in Rectory		
13	Editor's Clip Sheets	18.00	
9	Communion Wine		
20	New Clock in Church		
97	Induction Service Expenses	78.00	
30	Easter Messages		
145	Rectory Gas and Electricity		
	Half Cost Rector's Removalists Charges	312.50	
	Cross for Holy Table	265.00	
23	Miscellaneous		
	HALL EXPENSES		
763	Cleaning	597.50	
714	Others	644.15	1,261.65
22,160			26,594.57
1,371	(Less Adjustment Amount Received from Insurance claim & paid out)		
20,789			
956	Excess of Receipts over payments		1,071.13
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	Balance of General Account 1/1/82	\$7,647.98	
	Less Excess of Payments over receipts	1,071.13	
	Balance 31/12/82	6,576.85	
	Represented by: Balance Society Cheque		
	A/c	1,561.44	
	Savings Investment A/c	5,015.41	
		\$6,576.85	

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM
1982 ANNUAL STATEMENT
ASSETS AS AT 31/12/82

1981		1982
	Land 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham	
100,000	V/G Valuation 14/4/81	100,000.00
415,000	Buildings (Insurance Value)	415,000.00
59,000	Furnishings and Equipment (Insurance Value)	59,000.00
7,648	General Account	6,576.85
662	Organ Fund	662.69
2,142	Capital Reserve	770.64
2,195	Columbarium Trust Account	2,030.91
3,948	Endowment Account No. 1	3,948.83
18,616	Endowment Account No. 2	20,968.95
8,139	Bus Fund	3,482.41
1	Special Purpose Account	1.33
1	General Mission Account	31.98
1,075	Sunday School Account	939.50
850	Kindergarten Account	792.02
	Restoration Fund	1,468.28
	Legacy — Late David Hunter for use of interest on buildings	1,000.00

614,277

616,674.39

LIABILITIES AS AT 31/12/82

5,040	Special Assessment Arrears	4,890.50
	B. A. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer and Rector's Warden	
	N. A. CRAGG, People's Warden	
	F. G. HEARN, People's Warden	

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books, records and vouchers of All Saints' Church, Petersham, for the year ended 31st December, 1982, and report that:

- (a) In my opinion the statements of receipts and payments and assets and liabilities for that year have been properly prepared so as to give a true and fair view of the parish's assets and liabilities, and monies received and expended.
- (b) The Statements comply with the provisions of the Sydney Church Ordinance 1912-1975, and the Accounts Ordinance of 1975.

W. SOPWITH, Hon. Auditor.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The first effort for our 1983 year was a clothing stall on 25th February. We took \$175 as a result of it, so thanks are due to all who have contributed to it in any way. If you have missed us with your donation of clothing etc, please keep them for us. We will be having another stall in a couple of months time. The March meeting on Tuesday, 1st March, was our annual meeting at 1 p.m. sharp, followed by a Happy Home demonstration at 2 p.m.

The date for the Annual Luncheon is Tuesday, 19th April, 12 noon, in the Parish Hall. Donations \$2. Please come and help us make this function a social and financial success. The Petersham Salvation Army Girls will be arranging a programme for us.

We would love to see you at our meetings this first Tuesday every month.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club, is in full swing again. Every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is a bright happy afternoon. If you are lonely and would like to fill in an afternoon come along

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and play "Housie," with us. Prizes are only small, but we have a lot of fun. We always have a lovely cup of tea with home made cakes and fresh sandwiches to chat over, all for 60c. Age or creed does not matter.

I am sorry to have to report the passing of Mrs Marge Garth, Mrs Aileen Kay, Mrs Elizabeth Webb and Mrs Waring. The club members send their sincere sympathy to the families of these ladies who we will miss very much.

Norma Mathews and Doreen Jenkins are not well and are both in Rest Homes also Margaret Gowan Loche is still in hospital. Our prayers and thoughts are with them all.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MARCH

March 6: From Julie and Alison in memory of "Mate."

Arranged by Mrs A. Steed.

March 13: For Stone of Remembrance (Anonymous).

Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

March 20: No Donation.

Arranged by Mrs A. Steed.

March 27: No Donation.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.



EASTER SERVICES



GOOD FRIDAY — 7.30 a.m. H.C.

9.30 a.m. Litany and Address.

EASTER DAY — 7.30 a.m. H.C.

9.30 a.m. H.C.

7.00 p.m. H.C.



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	By Balance	939.50
	\$1416.22	\$1416.22
Balance 31/12/82	\$939.50	
Represented by: Balance Society Cheque A/c		45.53
Savings Investment A/c		693.97
Term Deposit		200.00
		\$939.50

KINDERGARTEN ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance 1/1/82	850.75	Teaching Aids	128.87
Offertories	106.02	Prizes	93.82
Deposit Interest	37.94		
Church Flowers	20.00		
	\$1014.71		222.69
Balance 31/12/82	\$792.02		
Represented by: Balance Society Cheque A/c			0.47
Term Deposit			791.55
			\$792.02

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance 1/1/82	2141.50	Kindergarten Painting	787.00
Deposit Interest	152.11	Hall Plumbing	165.00
Hall Rent	1246.00	Fire Extinguisher for Hall	90.00
Transfer from Columbarium Trust Account	443.90	Grill Covers for Church & Rectory	295.00
Temple Day Appeal	10.00	New Tiles for Hall Kitchen	388.00
	\$3993.51	Rectory Painting	455.00
		Restoration Stained Glass Windows	990.00
		Perspex for Replacement Cross	52.87
			3222.87
		By Balance	770.64
			\$3993.51
Balance 31/12/82	\$770.64		
Represented by: Balance Society Cheque A/c			6.10
Savings Investment A/c			764.54
			\$770.64

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT — 1982

At the commencement of 1982, the Sunday School had a few problems, which were made known to the congregation at

the Sunday Services.

The main problem was obtaining the services of teachers. The lack of teachers created the problem of teaching an age group from 9 to 14 years. This age group uses two levels of lessons.

The primary department of the Sunday School started the year with one teacher and 10 pupils. During the year we welcomed Miss Felicity Flower to the teaching staff. We were then able to split the pupils into a boys and a girls group. There was an average attendance during the year of 75%.

The Kindergarten still has the problem of insufficient number of teachers.

During the year the Sunday School continued to attend the Family Services although some pupils seem to take the family service as a day off once a month. The prize-giving was held at the family service in February.

A fancy dress evening was held in June and was attended by 25 pupils and well supported by the parents.

A family picnic was also held at Centennial Park in September, at which a number of parishioners attended as well as the Sunday School pupils and their parents.

During October we held our first "Fun Night." The games night was well attended by pupils and their parents. Games were held for all ages, with the primary department in the Y.C.I. room and the Kindergarten in the main hall.

During my absence from October, Mrs Joan Livingston took over the running of the primary department of the Sunday School and Miss Carlene Thompson took charge of the Grocery Stall at the fete. I would like to thank them both for their help.

I would like to thank all who helped on the grocery stall, either in setting up, donations or helping on the day. The grocery stall was again a great success.

Donations were sent from Sunday School and Kindergarten funds to the following organisations:

- Home Mission Society;
- Mission to Seamen;
- C of E Homes;
- The Board of Education;
- Christian Broadcasting Association;
- Dr Barnardo's Homes.

During the year it was decided that the Sunday School would go into recess at the end of each term, to correspond with the school holidays. It was also decided that pupils commencing High School would finish in the Sunday School and would attend church. In conjunction with the pupils attending church the Rector was planning a weeknight gathering.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent