

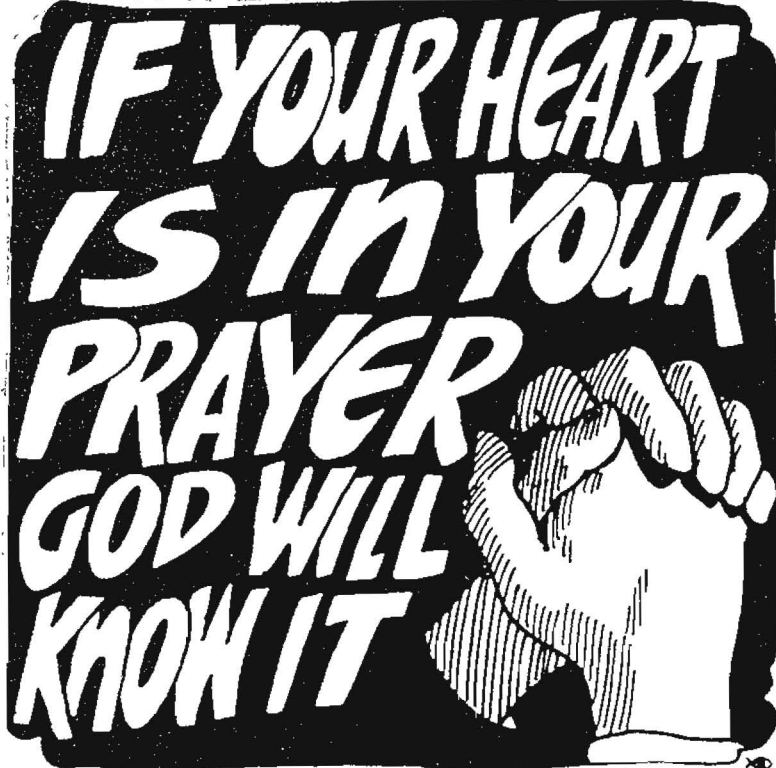
# The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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**Dear Readers,**

Since I have been here in Petersham I have been confronted with the issue of death and dying more than in previous churches I have been serving in.

I guess this is because this area has a larger percentage of older folk and I have been involved in ministering to people in nursing homes and at Eversleigh Hospital. The thing that has struck me is the relative shortness of our lives, and the great need to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ **while we are still able**.

Recently I came across a tract written by H.P. Barker which really struck me with its frankness. This is what he says: -

### TOO LATE!

*For what reason does the man of the world not give a place in his thoughts to the things of GREATEST importance?*

*In BOYHOOD he is TOO MERRY. He says: "There is plenty of time, I will wait till I am a man. It is no use bothering my head about those things now."*



*In youth he is TOO BUSY. He has studies to occupy his time, and his living to get. He says: "I must devote all the time that I can spare from sport and pleasure to making money. When I am settled in life there will be time enough to attend to religion."*

*In manhood he is TOO PRE-OCCUPIED. Family cares weigh upon him. Responsibilities of one kind or another have to be faced. Business demands upon his time and thought are urgent. He says: "I can't think of God yet; I must pull through these serious matters first."*

*In declining years he feels TOO OLD. His heart, long familiar with sin, is hardened. Worldly habits, contracted long years ago, have become confirmed. He feels unable to move out of the rut in which he has run so long.*

*On his death bed he is TOO ILL. His body is racked with pain. His thoughts are taken up with his sufferings. His mind is enfeebled. The will is no longer vigorous. He cannot concentrate his thoughts as once he could.*

*In death He is TOO LATE. Opportunities are gone. His spirit has fled from his body. According to the teaching of Christ there is now a FIXED gulf between him and the eternal joys that might have been his. Never again will the offer of pardon and salvation be made to him.*

*Reader, be wise. Face AT ONCE the question of your eternal future. The matter can be settled in your favour if you really desire it. The way of settlement is through the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.*

*He was there as the SIN-BEARER, and the punishment due to sin was visited upon Him. This fact provided a way by which God, without making light of sin, can forgive and save sinful men. If you put your trust in Christ, He will do this for you.*

*Is there any reason why you should delay? Salvation is not a process to be gone through, but a gift to be received. What prevents you from your receiving it NOW? You can only receive it by faith in Christ.*

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (1)*

*H. P. Baxter.*

*(1) John 3: 16.*

What about you? Are you certain of where you will spend eternity. The Bible tells us that we can know for sure that we are going to heaven. 1 John 5: 11-13 explains it. Perhaps you need assurance, or would like to talk about your faith. If so, please call me and I would love to speak to you personally. This is the most important thing we can ever do. Please, don't leave it until it is too late!

**May God Bless You,  
Paul Watson.**

**The Late Vivian (Vic) Barrett:** It is with sadness that we record the passing of a dedicated and much-loved member of our church family. Vic was 85 when he passed quietly away on Sunday afternoon 19 June 1994 in Balmain Hospital. Our prayers and continuing love and support are pledged to Ida and Jim and Margaret and all the family.

### **“WHAT’S HAPPENING?”**

#### **Some Upcoming Events:**

July 10	Morning Service Guest preacher is Archdeacon Paul Perrini
July 23	Training Day for Welcomers, Sidespeople, Bible Readers (Saturday 3pm to 4-30pm)
Aug 20	Saturday Fun Night in the hall 6-30pm to 9-00pm
Sept 18	Church Picnic Day (Sunday after church)
Nov 1	All Saints Day - Outreach Dinner, (Guest speaker)
Nov 19	Fete.
Dec 18	Carols in Petersham Park - (Combines Churches)

**“Play Group”:** Can you help with some items needed for our ministry to children and outreach to parents. For our new “play group” we need the following:-

- Ride-on toys in good condition, dolls, prams, dress up clothes, toys.
- Clean carpet to enable children to play on the floor.
- Sand-pit toys (buckets, spades).

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### **MEET THE PEOPLE.**

Dorothea Jane Playford, only child of George Vine Penn Black and Dorothea Black (nee Lancaster).

Father born 30 August 1882 and died 28 May 1916.

Mother born 25 February 1889 and died 8 February 1983

I was born on 15 December 1911 in Singleton in the Hunter Valley. Christened, Confirmed and Married at All Saints Church Singleton. Married on 23 April 1935. to the late Ronald Eric Playford also of Singleton.

I have two daughters Pamela Anne born at Arncliffe 19 September 1936, married at St Annes, Glebe on 25 January 1958 to Colin Lawrence Jones of Goulburn and Elizabeth Penn born at Hurstville 21 November 1944. In 1961 took a seven and half month old baby Scott Michael Colburn born Perth 31 March 1961 to mind for 3 weeks and we’ve had him 33 years in November.



As a young child, 6 years old I attended ballroom dancing classes 5 - 6-30pm Wednesday nights for 3 pence and 2 - 5pm Saturdays for 6 pence. Educated at the Hunter Street Primary School and Singleton Intermediate High School and finished in 1926.

Tennis was my hobby, joined the Musical Society which produced two plays per year. I started in the ballet for three plays and then had parts in all other plays, finished playing "Peg O' My Heart" with 98 pages of script to learn.

The theme song "I've Been Everywhere" could apply to our married life, living firstly at Jugiong then Gundagai, Tarcutta, Waggi, Talbingo, now under water from the Snowy Mountains Scheme, and Albury. From there to Bonalbo and Ebor - first real home at Goulburn when Pam was 6 weeks old then Bega - Batemans Bay and home to Singleton while hubby was at the war and in beginning Of 1946 to Kiama, Tamworth, Goulburn and out to Parkes where we actually stayed 8 years then Grafton and finally in December 1964 to Eastwood till our home was build in Epping on 2 April 1966. My Husband was a Surveyor and Engineer with the Department of Main Roads, it's hard to say who worked the hardest for our churches.

He died on 18 May 1971 and I stayed in our home until 1985 when I sold and bought a unit in Epping but I still attended St Aidans West Epping. They still involve me in all their social outings. I sold the unit in 1988 after Elizabeth had a very serious accident and went to keep house for her in Balmain. We then moved to Rozelle and in 1989 to Lewisham where I became a member of All Saints 325 Stanmore Road. I would like to thank you one and all for the friendship shown me at all times and especially to Joan and Bruce Livingston for transport to Church, Parish Council and social functions. In October I go to Springwood to live with Pam and her hubby Colin Jones for 3months and then back to Lewisham. So don't throw up your hats as your haven't gotten rid of me yet.



**FLOWER  
MEMORIALS**



**July 24 For Frank with love**

If Parishioners would like to place flowers in the Church as a memorial or as a thanksgiving for blessings received, please contact Mrs. Hearn.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**JUNE 1994**

**Summary Only:**

<b>Offertories</b>	<b>\$2098.66</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$4563.05</b>
<b>Short-fall</b>	<b>\$2464.39</b>

**Note:** The shortfall is made up by the transfer of funds from the endowment accounts

### QUOTES AND COMMENTS.

While I was working for a plumber, we received numerous calls from a minister to fix a leaky tap. Because the job was so small we kept putting it off waiting for another call in the same area. Two months later, my boss received an envelope containing a sheet of paper with only a Bible reference and the minister's signature. Bewildered we looked up Matthew Chapter 11, verse 3. to find "Art thou He that should come or do we look for another?" The tap was fixed the same day.

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Voltaire said that in 100 years the Bible would be a forgotten book, found only in the museums. When the 100 years were up, Voltaire's home was occupied by the Geneva Bible Society.

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Concerned about non-attenders in his church a minister began checking the roll and calling on members he had never seen. One man he visited got a bit nasty. "Preacher, the church has done nothing but disturb my life," he said, "First they put water on me, and later they tied me to a woman I've had to support ever since."

"Well," interrupted the minister gently, "I hope the next you go won't be the time they throw dirt on you."

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The stone was rolled away from the door, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in.

Peter Marshall

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### WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH OF SUNDAYS

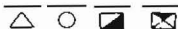
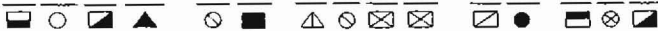
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| July 3 | Series on 1 Peter concludes                         |
|        | 6-30pm Series on LOVE concludes                     |
| 10     | Archdeacon Perini Guest Preacher                    |
| 17     | New Series on Christian Living, covers all Services |
| 24     | "This Amazingly Radical Life"                       |
|        | (Till the end of August)                            |

## PUZZLE PAGE



Using the code above, write out this verse:

“AND



10:23

THE  
FIRST  
WORD  
IS DONE  
FOR  
YOU!

