

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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Wishing you All
A Happy and
Holy Christmas

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

Once again the Annual Fete is over, and we have beaten all our previous records in the gross takings of £1,510. The result was magnificent and exceeded all our expectations.

I realise that such a sum means many hours of labour and much self-denial on the part of many of our workers. The keenness of so many of our people to keep on breaking records is so great that one feels overwhelmed at the various stalls' takings. May I take this opportunity of thanking you one and all for your splendid work for the Fete and for All Saints' Church.

For the second year in succession, we had a Visitors' Book, and 1,064 people signed their names and addresses; this was just on 200 more than in 1963, so perhaps some folk heeded my suggestion that there was no catch in signing the book, as some had imagined last year. The lucky person to win the dinner, valued at over £3 was Mrs. Pryke of 18 Merton Street, Stanmore.

The season of Christmas will soon be with us, and I would like to extend to you all the compliments of the season from my wife, self, and family. Naturally, the season must bring sadness for some who have lost loved ones during the year, but through God's gift of His Son, we who believe, have hope of seeing them again. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

The tragedy is that so many people leave the "Christ" out of "Christmas." When He came the first time, there was no room for Him in the Inn. Today, there are far too many who have no room for Him in their lives. **It is not Christmas without Christ.**

May I, therefore, invite all parishioners to worship with their families at our special All Saints' Services this month. Our impressive "Carols by Candlelight" Service will be held on Sunday, 20th December, while there are four Services on Christmas Day at times to suit all.

During January, I shall be on holidays with my family, and the Rev. Mr. Bennett, Chaplain of the Army Camp at Kapooka, near Wagga will be our Locum Tenens. I am sure you will give Mr. Bennett, his wife and family a warm and friendly welcome to our friendly Church at Petersham.

God bless you all and may 1965 bring you every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Eric Champion

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council has already organised a number of jobs, the cost of which will be met from our record Fete proceeds. This is reported by the Council's Honorary Secretary, Mr. W. Hall.

The major object of the Fete was the tar-sealing of the grounds, and a contract has already been let for this work. If all goes according to plan, it should be just about finished by the time you are reading this "Chronicle."

New water pipes will also be laid from the mains to the Rectory, as the present ones are very old and provide a very poor flow to the hot water service, which could be damaged if a greater pressure is not provided.

During November, a new illuminated notice board was completed, alongside the Stanmore Road gates, and kerbing was provided to the Rectory lawn.

The memorial porch of the Kindergarten Hall, erected in memory of Mr. L. C. Calver, is now almost complete and will be dedicated shortly. During December, the memorial to Mr. J. M. Boyle will be completed, and a similar lamp will be erected near the door of the vestry, while in the Church, memorial railings will be installed at the Chancel steps, in memory of the late Archdeacon Dudley.

It is also proposed to commence the laying of the bricks for the Columbarium this month.

Further decisions on the use of the Fete proceeds are expected to be made at the December meeting of the Parish Council.

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ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We are in urgent need of donations of talc., soap, face washers, ladies' and gents' handkerchiefs, and gifts of money with which to purchase these type of article, plus cigarettes, sweets, etc., for the menfolk.

Each year, we wrap and deliver over 300 gifts to the Home of Peace, Nursing Homes, hospitals, and some private homes within the Parish.

Old age can be distressingly sad and pathetic, especially when we find mothers and fathers forgotten by the families they have raised.

Let us remember them at this Christmas time with a little gift from All Saints' Church.

A carton will be left in the Church entrance from 1st December, so please leave your donations there. Gifts of money may be left either with Mrs. Shaw or at the Rectory.

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STOP ! LOOK ! LISTEN !

Dates to Remember for Christmas Activities

Tuesday 8th: Guild Christmas Party, 2 p.m.

Wednesday 9th: Indoor Bowls Christmas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Friday 11th: Y.C.I. Bucks' Christmas Party, 8 p.m.

Saturday 12th: Kindergarten Christmas Party, 2 p.m.

Sunday 13th: Sunday School Prize Giving, 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 16th: Parish Christmas Party, 8 p.m.

(Give a gift — receive a gift).

Saturday 19th: Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party, 2 p.m.

Sunday 20th: "Carols by Candlelight" — the Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols, 7.15 p.m.

Tuesday 22nd: Fellowship Christmas Party, 8 p.m.

Friday 25th: Christmas Day—See back page for list of Services & Times.

MORE RECORDS BROKEN

Report on Successful Fete

It's an amazing thing, but every year, the takings at our Annual Gala Fete surpasses the total of the previous year. Each year, all stalls have felt they have been working to their utmost, but they still come up with even higher totals in succeeding years.

How do they do it? A brief answer to this question is that we have many devoted workers who toil, not only on the day of the Fete but throughout the year making goods and preparations for the great day. The thanks of the Church accordingly go out to all who helped in any way to raise the stupendous total of £1,506. It will certainly be a hard figure to pass next year, but there are sure to be many who will accept the challenge.

This is the fifth year in succession at which over £1,000 had been raised, and we are indeed grateful for the sum, which will be used for tar-sealing the Church grounds and many other maintenance jobs around the grounds and buildings. Some of these are already under way and are listed in the Parish Council's report, elsewhere in this "Chronicle."

A proportion of the proceeds is also required to be sent to Diocesan authorities, as indeed is the case with all offertories and other income of All Saints'.

The Rector and Mrs. Champion both worked long and hard for the Fete and were delighted at the outcome.

The following are the amounts received as at Tuesday, 24th November:

Stall	Conducted by	£	s.	d.
Books, Toys, etc	Mrs Millarey	292	2	2
Cakes & Sweets	Y.M. & Friends' Club	108	6	0
Children's Wear	Mrs. Bosward	100	0	0
Clocks & Watches	Mr. Cook	223	19	9
Fancy Work	Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Jones (£211), Mrs. Clark (£100)	310	19	6
Groceries & Jams	Sunday School	89	3	6
Hoopla, Drinks etc	Fellowship	62	12	2
Hot Dogs	Y.C.I.	10	14	0
Plants	Mrs. Sopwith	30	7	3
Ponies	Mr. Carroll	7	8	0
Pottery	Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Brown	36	1	9
Refreshments	Guild	62	14	4
Merry-go-round	Y.C.I.	7	14	3
Vegetables	Y.C.I.	35	19	5
White Elephant	Mrs. Humphreys, Y.C.I.	125	4	0
Donation		3	3	0

GRAND TOTAL £1,506 3 1

P.S.—We congratulate Carmel Wenham c/o Unilever, Balmaln, who won Mr. Cook's Transistor Radio Set; Mrs. Perrott of Stanmore who won the watch, and M. Wernicke of Blacktown who won the travelling clock.

FETE "APPRECIATIONS"

The Rector, Wardens, and members of the Parish Council Fete Committee (Messrs. J. Gorman, W. H. Hall, J. Minter, H. J. Shaw, and W. Williams) would like to express their thanks to all who helped the Fete to break all previous records. Thanks are due in particular to the Stallholders, and those who worked with them on the stalls and other attractions, to those who made and donated goods for sale, to the men-folk who erected and pulled down the stalls, flags, coloured lights, and signs, to the Fellowship for distributing dodgers around the Parish, and

to those who came and spent the money that resulted in such a tremendous total. Our thanks go out to you, one and all.

On behalf of the ladies of the Refreshment Room, Mrs. Cook extends thanks to all who gave donations of cakes, sandwiches, and money; Mrs. Millarey sends her very sincere thanks to all who gave her donations, small or big and to all who assisted on her stall; Mrs. Bosward extends a sincere thank you to all who gave donations, either in cash or material, for the Children's Wear Stall.

The Y.C.I. thanks Mr. Champion for lending his trailer for the collection of vegetables from the Chinese Gardens, several Parishioners for gifts of rhubarb and cash, and St. Margaret's Hostel for giving us their week-end vegetable order. Thanks are also extended to the Petersham R.S.L. for kindly lending us the marquee in which the "White Elephant" stall was held.

Our thanks are also due to several parishioners who looked after the Visitors' Book throughout the day, and to those who gave and arranged the food that comprised the hamper.

Finally, we thank the local papers and Station 2GB for their help with the publicity and the staff of the A.N.Z. Bank, Petersham for collecting the Fete proceeds from us during the actual day of the Fete



PARISH
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

This is a party open to all—young and old—and we shall be very pleased to see you present. It is planned to continue the successful and pleasant custom of giving and receiving gifts at this Party, and we ask all attending to bring a small gift, costing not more than 3/-, for which they will receive a gift in return.

It would be appreciated if Parish Organisations could assist in the catering in the same manner as in recent years.

Please come and enjoy the companionship of your fellow parishioners and make this the biggest and brightest function of our Christmas season.

1964 CONFIRMATION

In the presence of a large congregation, the Sacred Rite of Confirmation was administered to 13 candidates from All Saints' on Monday,

2nd November, by the Right Reverend Clive Kerle, B.A., Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, and Bishop-Elect of Armidale. A number of candidates from our neighbouring parish of St. Augustine's, Stanmore, were also presented for confirmation by their Rector, the Rev. J. McDonald.

The Bishop gave a most inspiring address that would be well worth remembering by both the Confirmees and all who were privileged to be at this Service.

Basing his address on the text from 1st Peter, Chapter 3, Verse 18, Bishop Kerle firstly stressed the need for us to seek a personal relationship with God. Secondly, we should become effective members of God's Church, which is God's community in the world. We are drawn together in the Church because we share a personal faith in Jesus Christ, and acting together, we are thus in a position to serve God and the people about us.

Thirdly, the Bishop said that we live by our Creed. What we believe in, makes us what we are, and in fact, we're what we are because we believe in God.

Finally, Bishop Kerle stressed that, as Christians, we who have accepted that way of life and its code of behaviour must set an example to the world; in fact, we must be the ones to set the community's standards of moral behaviour, truth, and righteousness, and we should not lessen our standards merely to fall in with what everyone else around us is doing.

We welcome into full membership of the Church the following candidates confirmed by the Bishop: Arthur Grant Allen, James Sydney Robinson, Richard James Taylor, Robert Charles Cheetham, Gary James Evans, Philip Donald Evans, Allan Laird Granger, Leslie Charles Ings, John Herbert Harris, Peter Richard Tranter, Robyn Ann Blaydon, Muriel Louisa Adams and Pamela Davoren.

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

● **Fete Stall:** With plenty of good quality stock for the Grocery and Jams Stall this year, we were able to raise £89 towards the Fete effort, some £30 more than last year. This tremendous effort is due in no small way to the work of Mrs. Champion, without whose jam making generosity and genius we would be in a sorry state, to the firms in Sydney, many of whom generously donated large amounts of food-stuffs to assist us, and to the children of the Sunday School, their parents, the staff and the parishioners of All Saints' whose gifts of groceries and home made jams towards our stall are greatly appreciated.

With the donations from all these sources, we cannot fail to help the Fete effort in the best way we can.

We musn't overlook the work done by the Sunday School Staff who served on the Stall at various times during the day, some of them for many hours. To all the people mentioned, above, we say a sincere thank you for your valued assistance. We also express our appreciation of a kind cash donation towards our fund.

Letters of thanks will now be sent to the firms concerned, and a full list of those which contributed to our Fete effort will appear in a coming "Chronicle".

● **Annual Prize Giving:** The Sunday School Prize Giving Service will be held in the Church on Sunday, 20th December at 9.30 a.m., and all parents, scholars and friends are invited to be present on this special occasion. We look forward to seeing you there. We would like to express our thanks to the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club for their very kind donation towards the cost of the prizes.

● **Kindergarten Leader:** After quite a few years of devoted service, our Kindergarten Leader, Mrs. Quelch, feels that the time has come when she would like to retire from the position. The Sunday School and the Parish are greatly indebted to Mrs. Quelch for her faithful, regular service to the Kindergarten, and we will all be sorry when she leaves us, but we fully appreciate her position. Accordingly, we are urgently in need of a lady, possibly with some experience amongst young children below 8 years, who would be prepared to take over from Mrs. Quelch, and we would be pleased to furnish further details to anyone interested. Enquiries may be made either to the Rector, Mrs. Quelch, Mr. A. Jones, or myself.

● **Christmas Holidays:** The Sunday School will continue throughout December and January. All scholars will have been in their new classes from the beginning of December, and parents are urged to ensure that their children attend regularly so that they may settle down with their new teachers as soon as possible. Children on holidays should secure a certificate from the Church or Sunday School they attend so that they may receive their marks at All Saints'.

— JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

CLUB NOTES

Young Marrieds' & Friends':

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held in the Y.C.I Club Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th December at 8 p.m.

This meeting will be the last for this year, and we will go into recess during January. Our first meeting of 1965 will take place on Tuesday, 9th February.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make our Cakes and Sweets Stall at the Fete such a wonderful success. We were very proud to hand in £108/6/0 as the proceeds of this Stall. This amount was made possible by the many donations and help that we were so kindly given. Once again, a big thank you.

We take this opportunity to wish you all the Compliments of the Season.

— IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Our final gathering for the year will be our Christmas Party on Saturday, 19th December at 2 p.m. Club members are requested to attend.

After a short break, our Club activities will resume on Thursday, 14th January, 1965.

To our Rector and his family, and also our many friends and helpers, we wish the Compliments of the Season.

— DOT SHAW

Indoor Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club will hold its Christmas Party on Wednesday, 9th December in the Parish Hall. Would all Club members please attend.

We wish the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth and all Church organisations a Holy and Happy Christmas, and we extend our thanks to everybody who has helped us in any way at all in 1964.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

The December Street Stall will be held on Friday, 11th, and not on the third Friday as usual. Any donations of home made cakes, scones, or jam would be greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas Party will be held in the Rectory on Tuesday, 8th December at 2 p.m., after which we will be in recess until Tuesday, 9th February.

We take this opportunity of wishing our Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth the Compliments of the Season and a happy holiday in January.

— E. M. BOSWARD

Young Churchmen's Institute:

The men of the Y.C.I. will let their heads go on Friday, 11th December, when they wind up 1964 with the annual Bucks' Christmas Party. A number of diverse entertainments which only the Y.C.I. could devise such as Test Cricket (played with cricket bats cut down the middle) will be followed by supper and carol singing, all adding up to a most enjoyable night.

All menfolk of the Church will be most welcome if they can come along and be with us on this occasion.

During November, we also had some important fixtures. On Friday, 13th, our annual Commemoration Night took place, with Vice-President H. G. Brodie giving us some interesting reminiscences of the Y.C.I. of yesteryear. Tape recordings of some earlier historic occasions in the Y.C.I. were replayed.

The Commemoration of the Institute's foundation in 1910 was also marked by the Annual Service on Sunday, 22nd November, and it was good to see some 25 members present. Mr. Maurice Buckley, also a Vice-President of the Y.C.I., was the guest preacher and gave a most inspiring address on the influences and values of the Y.C.I. and of the valuable part played by some of its leading members who had recently passed on.

On the previous day, many Y.C.I. members were seen to be highly industrious at the Gala Fete. We must especially mention the work done, not only at the Fete, but also throughout the year, by Mrs. Humphreys in connection with the "White Elephant" Stall; thanks to her great efforts, this Stall's takings rose from £53 to £125 this year. We also thank all who kindly gave donations to the stocks of this stall.

The members of the Y.C.I. extend their best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas to the Rector, Mrs. Champion and family, and to all the parishioners.

A. JONES, Hon. Assistant Secretary

Fellowship:

Many thanks to all who supported our stalls at the Fete; with your help, we were able to hand in £62. Thanks also to all the young people who worked on the stalls during the day and night.

The Christmas Hamper was won by Mrs. Johnston of Palace Street, Petersham.

Our Fellowship Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, 22nd December at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All young people are invited to come along and join in the festivities.

I would like to pass on to the Rector and his family, to all parishioners and to all Fellowship members the Compliments of the Season and all the best for the coming year.

— L. SANDERSON, Hon. Secretary

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

I and II Chronicles

The two books of the Old Testament called I and II Chronicles are like the books of Kings, a history of Israel, but more particularly a history of Israel—not so much as a nation, but as a religious community, the chosen people of God.

The compiler of these books intended to start at the beginning and cover the whole period that is covered by the books of Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Samuel and Kings, but whereas the first word in his books is Adam, the first nine chapters are a series of complicated family trees tracing the ancestry and families of Israel from the beginning to the age of David. The author starts his history proper at the time of Saul, about 1020 B.C., and from that point, writes a general history of his people from the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon, through the time of the divided kingdoms, Israel and Judah, up to the day when internal weakness and foreign aggression had removed both of the tiny kingdoms from the map of the ancient world and the people had been led into exile in Assyria or Babylon.

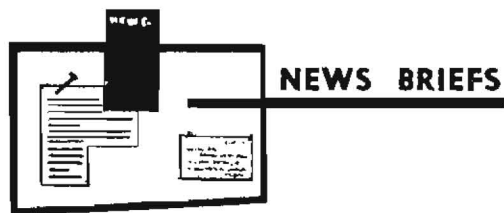
As is easily seen, the books of Chronicles cover the same ground as the books of Samuel and Kings and, indeed, much of the material contained in Chronicles, is a word-for-word repetition of the other book which preceded it.

But the author had other material and combined his various sources of information to make a work that was distinctively his own. For his history of Israel was history with a special interest and while the wars and national fortunes of his country are described, the dominant interest and wealth of detail is reserved for the description of the worship and religion of Israel.

The plan and decoration of Solomon's Temple is given in detail, with explanation of the priestly duties and worship connected with it and the occasion of the Temple's dedication occupies almost three whole chapters. Even in his battle descriptions, the emphasis seems to fall on sacrifices and "trumpets of alarm" of the priests who accompanied the armies, as much as the actual fighting.

Chronicles is what we might now call "church" history, as opposed to social, economic or constitutional history. The Chronicler has a story to tell, the history of his people, a community devoted to God, with his attention fixed on the expression of that devotion in ritual, worship, and the services of the temple.

While in one sense these books may seem dull reading after the epic quality of Samuel and Kings, the books of Chronicles serve to throw further light on the hand of God, upon his people and in history. By the very concern of the books for worship and the temple, we are reminded that Israel's real vocation as a "chosen people", was the service of God which can only be fully expressed, either then or now, on the foundation of corporate worship and prayer and a deep interest and concern which the Chronicler displays, for the things belonging to the service of God,



● **Christmas Communion:** The Rector will again provide Holy Communion to aged and sick folk who will be unable to come to Church on Christmas Day. Mr. Champion would like Hospitals and other parishioners who know of persons wishing to partake of private Communion to let him know by Sunday, 13th December. This notice is **essential** so that the Rector can organise his schedule to visit all concerned in the very limited time available.

● **"Carols by Candlelight":** All who've been present at this Service with a difference have been greatly impressed, and we are planning it as another memorable and very special Service in 1964. Listen to the Festival of the Nine Lessons and special soloists, and join in the singing by candlelight of many popular Christmas Carols.

This Service will be held on Sunday, 20th December, at 7.15 p.m.

● **January "Chronicle":** Owing to the Christmas—New Year holiday period, items for inclusion in the January edition of "The Chronicle" will need to be received by the Rector not later than 13th December.

● When buying your Christmas Cards, please choose ones that have a Christian message.

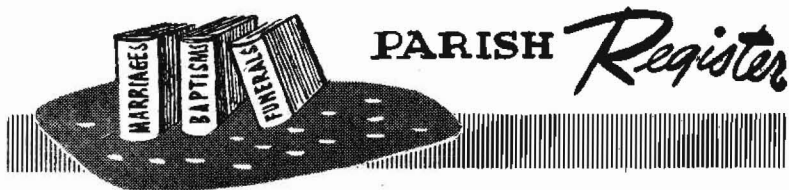
● **Bill Sopwith back:** It was good to see Parish Treasurer and Rector's Warden Mr. Bill Sopwith at the Fete, after an operation and a couple of weeks in hospital. We trust that Mr. Sopwith will soon regain his health and strength and be back with us in full force at All Saints'.

● **Champion Brand Jam:** Parishioners living in the southern half of the Parish, noticed widespread publicity given to the mulberry jam, that was made by Mrs. Champion and her helpers at the Rectory. For this publicity, we are grateful to Mr. P. Henningham, editor of "The Guardian" and to his son, John, who stays at the Rectory, and assisted with the special reports. The articles resulted in a donation of jams and sauces from a possible rival firm, I.X.L., for which the Sunday School staff was duly grateful. Altogether, Mrs. Champion made over 400 bottles of jam, including 306 bottles of mulberry which were sold on the day of the Fete.

● **Amplifiers needed:** On several recent occasions when we've had visiting preachers, parishioners have expressed the view that the provision of an amplifier would be a great boon. It's a big Church, and our own Rector is one of the few speakers who can be heard clearly throughout the nave.

The need is long felt and it is to be hoped that some of the Fete proceeds can be used for this purpose.

● **No Films:** As the fourth Sunday of December falls on the Christmas-Boxing Day week-end, there will not be a film after Evensong on 27th December. The films and social hours will resume on Sunday, 28th February, 1965.



BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

- October 18th: Geoffrey Peter Williams.
 „ 18th: Matthew Phillip Herring.
 „ 25th: Janelle Robyn Howard.
 „ 25th: Grant Jonathon Watson.
 „ 25th: Debra Jan Waterhouse.
 „ 25th: Lynette Carol Johnson.
 November 1st: Joanne Robyn Wiseman.
 „ 1st: Alan John Crews.
 „ 1st: Craig Stephen Young.
 „ 1st: Brett Stuart Young.
 „ 8th: Kathryn Anne Learmouth.
 „ 14th: Gina Margaret Rose Cave.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined"

- November 7th: Brian William Bourke to Robyn Verda Hunter.
 November 11th: Harold Wilfred Barrett to Tamara Burma.

FUNERALS

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

- October 8th: Annie Bowman.
 „ 23rd: Leonard Dufton Illingworth.
 „ 29th: Florence Charlotte Parker.
 „ 31st: Rose Lillian Evans.
 November 2nd: William Clarke.
 „ 2nd: Albert George Sayle.
 „ 6th: Elsie Grace Ferguson.
 „ 10th: Arthur William Creek.
 „ 11th: Keith Morgan Locke.
 „ 11th: Mary Jane Douglas Card.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- December 6th—Donated by Mr. Miniter and John in memory of their Wife and Mother; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
- „ 13th—No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- „ 20th—Donated by Miss Meyers in memory of her Brother and Sisters; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldshy-Brown and Mrs. Clark.
- „ 25th—Christmas Day. Donations of flowers or money for same would be much appreciated. Arranged by Mrs. Champion and Helpers.
- „ 27th—Donated by Mr. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Speight.
- January 3rd—Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams; arranged by Mrs. Morris.

On Sunday, 8th November, the flowers were donated by Mrs. Allen in memory of Mr. Allen, and on 15th November, flowers were also given by Miss D. P. Brown in memory of Robert and Louise Brown and Rachel Peddlesden. The flowers on Sunday, 22nd November were the gift of Mrs. Dingle in memory of her Parents.



Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS DAY—FRIDAY, 25th DECEMBER

6 a.m.—Holy Communion

7 a.m.—Choral Communion

8.15 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m.—Family Service and Shortened Holy Communion

Note: There will not be an Evening Service on Christmas Day



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