

# THE CHRONICLE

of

## The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

**Rector:** Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

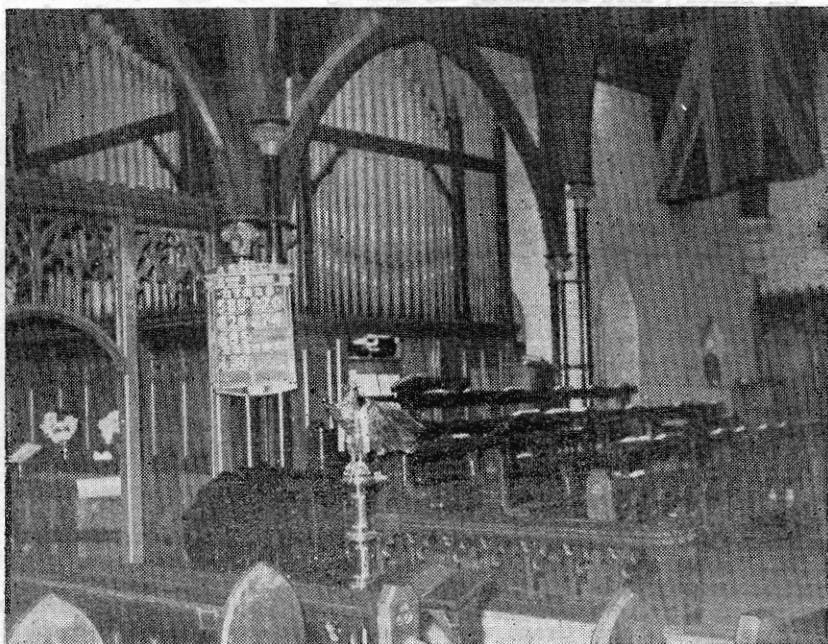
The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

**Hon. Assistant:** Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

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JANUARY, 1956

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B.

HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, E. B. CLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss K. O'NEILL, A.L.C.M.

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Once again the Festival of Christmas is passed and we rejoice at the very happy services held at All Saints'. The attendance was very good and the response to the Christmas Appeal was most encouraging. On Sunday, 16th December, the Choir rendered excerpts from the Messiah and all present expressed appreciation at the way the music was given. The Organist and Choir are to be congratulated on the rendition. The preacher at the services was the Rt. Rev. C. A. Chambers for many years Bishop of Tanganyika. The Bishop spent some of his early days in our Parish and was pleased to be with us, as we were to have him, on such an important occasion.

On Sunday, 23rd December, the evening service took the form of the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols". The service was taken by candlelight and was most effective. There was a very good congregation and the atmosphere of the service was most devout and inspirational. The Lessons were read by the Rector and representatives of the various Church organisations. On Christmas Eve the Junior Choir went carol singing to the Home of Peace, Roann Hospital, Morgan Street, Braeside Hospital and also sang for Mrs. Bryce of Victoria Street, Dulwich Hill, who has been confined to her home for some months. The Senior Choir sang carols at Ardrossan Hospital in Audley Street, the Home of Peace, and Braeside Hospital. We are grateful to those who made the time to help preserve the spirit of Christmas for those in Hospital.

On Christmas Day I was very pleased to have the assistance of the Rev. A. E. Gardner, at the Communion Services. It gave me much pleasure to appoint Miss K. O'Neill to the position of Organist at All Saints' on Christmas Day. Miss O'Neill, who has been Acting Organist since the death of Mr. Warr, has made a very worthwhile contribution to the musical side of our services since she came to us. This Christmas we lost two members from the Choir through removal from the district. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll have been with us for some years and have now built a home at Panania. Mr. Carroll was Secretary of the Choir for some years and has been our "sign-writer" for a long time. Mrs. Carroll was a member of the Choir and Y.P.U. leader. Mr. and Mrs. K. Grant have also moved from our midst to Ashfield where Mrs. Grant has now joined the Choir of St. John's. Mrs. Grant has been a member of our Choir, a Parish Visitor and a Sunday School Teacher for some years. Mrs. Grant we are pleased to say will still be able to come to All Saints'. We shall also miss Mrs. Binns the mother of Mrs. Carroll who has been a Guild Member for many years, and who has now gone to live with her daughter at Panania.

We are badly in need of more assistance to distribute the "Chronicles". Would someone care to take over the list held by Mrs. K. Grant? The work is important if we are to keep our people informed of the business of the Church. (Some of you may not have much time but you could surely make it your responsibility to see that three or four Anglicans near you get the "Chronicle". Parish Visitors are doing a marvellous job and we appreciate all they are doing. The loyalty and generosity of many of the Parishioners help the Parish Visitors in no small way. Some months through sickness some Parish Visitors are unable to deliver their "Chronicles" but are pleased to receive

the extra money next month. Remember 2/- is not much from a home each month but when everyone pulls their weight and co-operates, the total received over the year is very noticeable. The monthly donation helps keep the Church functioning successfully. When necessary arrangements can be made to post the "Chronicle" to any desiring it.

This month the "Chronicle" will be smaller than usual but in February it will return to the normal size. I trust that 1957 will be a happy and prosperous year for you all. May I give you a short motto for this year, "God First". Remember there is no substitute for worship.

God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

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### Y.C.I.

The Parish Christmas Party was held on the same night as our first meeting in December so we cancelled the subject of the evening to enable the members to attend the Party immediately after the routine business of the meeting was finished. We had our own Christmas Party on the following Friday night, the 21st December, and the members spent a very enjoyable evening at our final gathering for the year 1956. Our first meeting in the new calendar year will be held on the 4th January, when Impromptu speeches will occupy the attention of the members. On Friday the 18th January the 181st issue of the "Manuscript Journal" will be released, and all Y.C.I. members are urged to contribute articles to this issue. The "Manuscript Journal" has been for many years one of the most popular items on the Y.C.I. Syllabus of Meetings, but, unfortunately there has been a paucity of contributions to the last couple of issues.

L.C.C.

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### BEREAVEMENT

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Atkin, of Epping, in the tragic passing of their son Russell. Mr. Atkin has been an active worker for the Church not only in his Parish but in the Diocesan administrations too, and has many friends at All Saints' Peter-sham, particularly among the Y.C.I. of which he was at one time a member.

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### Y.C.I. ANNUAL MEETING

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I. will be held in the Institute Club Room on Friday the 15th February, 1957, commencing at 8 p.m. At this meeting the Honorary Secretary's Report and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement will be submitted to members after which officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The Y.C.I. is the Men's Club of the Parish, and the Annual Meeting presents an admirable opportunity for those men contemplating membership to learn of the work of the organisation.

### FELLOWSHIP

Last month the Fellowship combined with the Choir and gave a Farewell presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll who are leaving the district. We hope they will settle down happily in their new home, and come back and visit us from time to time. The same evening we had our welcome to the newly confirmed and a going away presentation to Michele Hearn who we hope will soon be back with us. The Fellowship were responsible for the decorations in the hall for the Parish Party on the 18th December. After a short Christmas break Fellowship will resume on 29th January.

### LADIES' GUILD

A true spirit of Christmas entered into our breaking up Party on 11th December, everyone present proclaimed it a most enjoyable afternoon. Our Street Stall on 16th was again well worth while and although our Guild will be in recess we will have our Street Stall on 18th January, Ladies please note the date.

On Tuesday afternoon, 18th December the ladies of the Guild met for afternoon tea at the Rectory to say farewell and make a small presentation to Mrs. Binns, who is leaving the Parish with her daughter. Our Guild will resume on the 12th February with a business meeting. Our best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous 1957.

For Christmas Day, donations of flowers were received from Mrs. Pullen in memory of Mrs. Pullen Senr.; Miss D. P. Brown in memory of her Parents and Aunt Rachel Feddesden; Mrs. Fogwell in memory of her husband and mother, from Miss Turner and the Young Married's Club.

### FLOWER ROSTER

Jan. 20th—Donated by Mrs. Robertson, arranged by Y.M. Club.  
 „ 27th—Donated by Mrs. Oldfield, arranged by Miss Speight.  
 Feb. 3rd—Donated by Sister Savaux in Memory of Mrs. Sugden,  
 arranged by Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Champion.  
 „ 10th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Colburt.

### PRINCESS MARGARET IN TANGANYIKA

During her visit to Tanganyika last month Princess Margaret saw various aspects of C.M.S. work.

At Mwanza, in the West of Tanganyika, the Princess attended a Service in St. Nicholas' Church which was conducted by the Rev. Ken Short, of N.S.W., and at which the preacher was Archdeacon M. L. Wiggins. The Assistant Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Yohana Omari, was also present and gave the blessing.

On the arrival of the Princess, the Bishop escorted her to the Church door and there presented her with a copy of the New Testament, a gift from the St. Nicholas' congregation.

More than 200 people worshipped inside the Church and many hundreds joined in the Service outside. The congregation—mostly Africans with a sprinkling of Indians and Europeans—consisted chiefly of those who normally worship in the Church.

The kneeling cushion used by the Princess bore the Royal insignia and had been beautifully worked by an African member of the congregation.