

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

Phone: 569-4735

SEPTEMBER, 1982

The Rectory,
Petersham, 2049.
26th August, 1982.

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 22nd August, we celebrated the Seventy-Ninth Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church, Petersham. About forty parishioners remained for a barbecue lunch following the service.

The address at the service was based on the Dedication of the Temple built by Solomon in Jerusalem. This was the first temple. Following Solomon's Great Prayer at the dedication of the Temple, God replied speaking of the building both as a place of prayer and a witness to all people.

It is obvious that every Christian congregation should view their worship building in the way God spoke of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. The church buildings are places of worship and centres from which a constant witness is maintained to Jesus as Lord and Saviour. To view the church buildings as anything else would not only be nonsense but also contrary to the expectations of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A church building without this purpose is as God said to Solomon, "a ruin; every passer-by will be appalled and gasp at the sight of it; and they will ask, 'Why has the Lord so treated this land and this house?'" (1 Kings 9:8).

It must be our constant concern to see these two aims are always before us. The life of our congregation depends upon it.

Firstly, we must be constantly open to hear God speaking

to us. We must be ready to accept His guidance and His correction. We need humility to ask forgiveness and strength to resist evil in whatever form it comes against us. How important it is that we who claim to be God's chosen people live according to His laws and never become self satisfied with our own endeavours.

Secondly, our ever-present responsibility to witness to the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We here at All Saints' Church have a constant flow of new faces and visitors Sunday by Sunday. In the past nine months there would hardly be a Sunday without seeing one, two or even half a dozen different faces and new faces. We are blessed with tremendous opportunities for witness, but also with problems of how to deal with such a constant flow. We need your prayers, just as much as we need to pray for our own efforts.

Pray the Lord will make this house — His house where people may find Him and His power in their lives.

May the Lord bless you.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

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The Parish Council draws your attention to the article printed below on behalf of "Care Force", and has placed a box at the door of the church to receive donations of packed foods. All types of packaged food are welcome, but foods of high protein value (meat, fish, cheese are particularly valuable.

CARE FORCE — WELFARE BRANCH OF THE H.M.S.

St. Stephen's Church Hall,

189 Church Street,

Newtown, 2049

Phone: 519-2011

CARE FORCE is currently seeking to move beyond the boundaries of the traditional welfare agency in order to respond to the changing needs of local residents. The effective operation of Care Force depends on a two-way movement of assistance. Whilst Care Force is structured to provide welfare services and general counselling, its efficacy is enhanced by reciprocal community involvement and support.

Briefly the services provided include:

1. Family Support Scheme — involves local residents who can offer time, some skills and support to other local people who are having problems coping in their life situations. (Co-ordinated by Mary and Cathy.
2. Family, youth and drug counselling. A permanent youth worker, Tony, co-ordinates this service.
3. Financial Counselling and Credit Help is provided by David (no loans of money).
4. Tenancy Advice.
5. Material Aid and General Counselling. This service aims to help provide living necessities, such as food, to people in economic and personal difficulty. Parish assistance with foodstuffs, e.g., milk powder, canned meat, fish, fruit and vegetables, baked beans, baby foot, rice, eggs, cheese, vegemite and peanut butter, as well as toiletries, soap powders, toilet rolls and other groceries is greatly appreciated.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

In response to urgings by parishioners, the rector has started a Bible Study Class, meeting on 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the rectory. This is a good opportunity for people who find parts of the bible teaching difficult to understand and take in.

If 8 p.m. is too late, why not try the "Care and Share Group", which meets at 9.30 a.m. Friday morning.



FLOWER ROSTER

August 15: Flower donation by Mrs. E. Champion in memory of her parents.

Arranged by Mrs. A. Stead.

September 5: By Mrs. Smith in memory of her son Raymond.
Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

12: By Michele in memory of Don.

19: By Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and grandsons in memory of Mother and Nanna.

Arranged by Mrs. A. Stead.

26: By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sheriff.

By Mrs. Shaw and daughter Olive in memory of Judy.

By Mrs. Dot Pullen, Judith, Arthur Payne and family
in loving memory of Ben Pullen and David Payne.

Arranged by Mrs. Nisbet.

October 3: By Miss Marjorie V. Glanville in memory of her
parents, William and Mary Glanville.

Arranged by Mrs. A. Stead.

There are no other donations for October.

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The Sunday School Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25th at Centennial Park. If you are interested contact one of the Wardens or Parish Councillors.

This will be followed by a Sunday School Fun Night on 15th October, from 6.30 to 8.00 p.m., for Sunday School and Kindergarten pupils.

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FETE NEWS

At the last Parish Council meeting it was recommended that we change our children's entertainment from the train to an inflatable castle which appears to be the in thing with children. Arrangements have been made for the hire of a castle for the duration of the fete, which this year will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At this time of the year all Fete Stallholders are seeking goods for their stalls and help in providing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are seeking donations of books, magazines or comics for the fete stall. Phone 569-7307 to arrange collection.

The Women-in-Friendship are asking for donations of sugar or ingredients for cakes or sweet-making for their stall. Phone Mrs. Barrett, 509-2291.

The Sunday School is seeking donations of bottles for jam and honey. Small coffee bottles and honey bottles only please. We are also asking for donations of sugar for jam making. Phone Noel Cragg, 560-9972 to arrange collection.

Mrs. Humphreys is seeking donations for the White Elephant Stall. If you have anything useful to donate phone 560-8756.

Mrs. Ruhle has requested help with hand sewing of items for the Work Stall. If you can help, please phone Mrs. Ruhle on 569-4324. Materials supplied.

Mrs. Essam is seeking donations of pottery, china or glassware for the Pottery Stall. If you can help with donations phone 569-1852 to arrange collection.

Lavender: Mrs. Ruhle would appreciate gifts of lavender heads with long stalks attached.

Plant Stall (Mrs. Keely): Everyone can help with this stall by striking cuttings and planting roots now. Please, no last minute plantings.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 7th September, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall will be followed by Rev. R. Milne telling us about the New Area churches. He will have a film to help show something of this work — all welcome, 2 p.m.

The speaker after our October meeting on Tuesday, 5th October will be Rev. Wakely Wade of the Bush Church Aid Society.

We are anxious to hear from anyone willing to make cakes or sweets for our stall at the Church Fete on Saturday, 20th November, or anyone who could donate sugar or cake ingredients. It's only a little over two months off, and will soon be here.

Thanks to all who helped in any way towards our Second-hand Clothing Stall on Friday, 27th August. The proceeds were \$115.

I am glad to report Mrs. Champion is much better in health now, and we hope to see her back at our next meeting. We are still anxiously waiting for Mrs. Woolcott to be well enough to be with us, too, and pray that day is close at hand.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB**

Still every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Still waiting for you to join us. Still having a happy afternoon. Still only 60 cents, and still that lovely afternoon tea — come and see for yourself!

It's nice to see Irene Condon and Elizabeth Van Weige well enough to be with us again, and I hope now the days are gradually becoming warmer that we will see a few more of our sick members back. We are all very sorry to hear of Win Barber's accident. Win, get those ribs mended fast and come back to the Club. We miss all who stay away.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School and Kindergarten will recommence after the school holidays, on Sunday, 19th September, at the Family Service. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

The Sunday School picnic is to be held on Saturday, 25th September, in Centennial Park. The location in the park is the Stringy Bark Grove, entrance off Lang Road. Cars will be leaving the church grounds at 10 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend. A form has been printed on the weekly notice sheet — please fill it in and return as soon as possible.

A Sunday School Fun Night is to be held on Friday, 15th October, commencing at 6.30 p.m. through to 8.00 p.m. The evening will be full of games for all children.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

The newly-painted Kindergarten is all bright and light and can now be described as “all things bright and beautiful”. When you are next at church go and inspect it and show interest in what your teachers are trying to achieve. They can do with a little morale booster.—Editor.

**PARISH COUNCIL ITEMS****The Savage Club:**

In our August Chronicle an appeal by the Savage Club was brought to the attention of parishioners. The Savage Club proposes to institute a series of scholarships as a memorial to the late David Hunter, for many years an officer of this church. Please make your donation to this fund speedily to any of your church officers.

The Council thanked Mrs. Sue Ritchie for taking on the job of Parish Secretary during the absence of Mrs. Joan Livingston.

Hospital Visits:

The Rector reported that he is at present visiting Anglican members in Lewisham Hospital and people in Nursing Homes. The rector reported that the Care and Share Group would consider visiting people in hospitals once a month.

WALTERS & SON**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

CONFIRMATION

The Rector requests any adults seeking confirmation to contact him as soon as possible.

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WEDDINGS

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

July 23rd: Jennifer Ann Riddell to Peter David Shannessy.

[Apology: Your editor apologises for mistake made in August issue concerning this marriage.]

August 28th: Susan Gock to Don Norman Hung.

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TELLING THE STORY

THE GOSPEL is a fact; therefore tell it simply.

THE GOSPEL is a joyful fact; therefore tell it cheerfully.

THE GOSPEL is a fact of difficult comprehension to many; therefore tell it with illustration.

THE GOSPEL is a fact of infinite moment; therefore tell it earnestly.

THE GOSPEL is a fact of infinite love; therefore tell it feelingly.

THE GOSPEL is an entrusted fact; therefore tell it faithfully.

THE GOSPEL is a fact about a Person; therefore preach Christ.

—ARCHIBALD BROWN.

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REFLECTIONS

What Is God Like?

A young girl wrote:

"I asked my mother what God is like. She didn't know.

"I asked my teacher what God is like. She didn't know.

"I asked my father, who knows more than anyone else in the world, what God is like. He didn't know.

"I think if I had lived as long as my mother, my father and my teacher, I would know what God is like."

She really wanted to know the answer to her question and nobody could tell her.

What is God like? Jesus said: "I and the Father are One." Jesus knew joy. He knew sorrow. He knew how to laugh, and he wasn't ashamed to cry in public. He worked hard with common people, and mixed with all levels of society. He had incredible power, which he always used for good. There is no other as strong as he, and there is no other with finer and deeper love for the human race.

What is God like? He is like Jesus — thank God!

—DOROTHY O'NEILL

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, JULY, 1982

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	842.14	Rector's Net Stipend	1,072.00
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	234.62
Cans	60.30	Organist	120.00
Bottles	119.10	Chronicles	65.20
Papers	205.14	Church Flowers	32.50
	384.54	Church Cleaning	100.00
Church Flowers	77.00	Towel Paper Rolls	40.46
Rector's Tele. Con-		Clip Sheets Subscrip-	
tribution, 6/82	7.46	tion	18.00
	1,311.14		1,682.78
Deficit for July	371.64		
	<u>\$1,682.78</u>		

Balance, 1/7/82	\$2,324.60
Less Deficit for July	371.64
Balance, 31/7/82	<u>1,952.96</u>

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, JULY, 1982

	\$
James and James: July Chronicles	65.20
Empire Office Supplies Pty. Ltd.: Towel Paper Rolls	40.46
Media Com. Associates Inc.: Subscription Clip Sheet,	
82/83 (12 months)	18.00
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd.: June Flowers	32.50

BALANCES OF OTHER ACCOUNTS

Account	Last Month	This Month
	\$	\$
Capital Reserve Fund	1,626.92	722.92
Organ Fund	581.35	581.35
Bus Fund	3,265.41	3,340.41
General Missions	274.46	377.16
Columbarium Trust Account	1,865.58	1,865.58
Special Purpose A/c.	1.33	1.33
Endowment No. 1 A/c.	3,948.83	3,948.83
Endowment No. 2 A/c.	19,434.31	19,837.39
Restoration Fund	835.00	1,418.00
Sunday School	883.40	904.90
Kindergarten	837.29	843.90
	<u>\$35,878.48</u>	<u>\$35,794.17</u>