

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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*From your
Minister's
Desk*



The Rectory,
PETERSHAM, 2049

Dear Friends,

Much has been said of late about the "re-uniting" of the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

Firstly as our new Archbishop has pointed out there is already much common ground between Anglican and Roman Catholics. One area in recent years has been the re-discovery of the Bible by many adherents of the Roman Church. It would be wonderful if all Anglicans were to spend more time reading God's Word and living by its teachings.

Believers both in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches share faith in the one and only Saviour—the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a form of unity that no power either in heaven or earth can break. To be one in Christ is to possess a unity that is not possible by other means. All believers whether Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican or what have you are united in Christ as Saviour and Lord.

To talk about unity between Anglicans and Roman Catholic Christians is to ignore this great spiritual truth. Believers are already one in Christ.

When however the word unity or reunion is used most folk are thinking about joining two great Christian churches together as one. That is what we call organic or physical union. This is quite a different matter altogether.

History tells how the Roman Catholic church departed gradually from the teaching of God's Word—the Bible. Wealth and political power also crept in. Today in its teachings and practices the Roman Catholic Church is a caricature of the believers who began to gather together in Rome only a few years after the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

If there is to be any physical union then there will need to be a reformation within the Roman Catholic church first. This is something which to date has always been strongly resisted by successive leaders of that Church.

The Thirty Nine Articles—the Anglican Church's basis of doctrine clearly states that in matters of faith the Roman Church is in error. When that church changes its teachings and practices, and conforms to holy Scripture then this matter may be considered.

A further matter which causes great concern at the present is the increasing emphasis being placed on the appearances of the Virgin Mary. This is happening in Australia and world wide.

We are faced with a church that seeks to gain great power by embracing other churches within its fellowship but allows even encourages its members to follow paths that are totally unbiblical.

How can we talk of union under such circumstances? The answer is that we cannot.

Again let me emphasise that individual believers no matter what their denomination already have the best and most lasting union—they are one in Christ. Let us encourage one another but not seek an easy way out by pretending that differences do not exist.

We need each others prayers.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT

WORSHIP TIMES

9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

9.30 a.m. KINDERGARTEN

7.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 1st and 3rd Sundays.)

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The May meeting of the above Club on Tuesday, 4th May, at 1 p.m. will be followed by Mrs. Scott of the Bible Society speaking to us on the situation in Poland. All welcome.

On Tuesday, 1st June, our meeting will be followed by Mr. Patterson from the Home Mission Society, who will be showing us a film on their work.

In July we have a demonstration from Byron-Parker and in August a speaker from World Vision. Please keep these dates in mind and join us to help swell our numbers the first Tuesday in each month.

The Annual Luncheon on 20th April was a wonderful day. Well attended by over 100 people from surrounding churches, hospitals and organisations. Our entertainers Mr. & Mrs. Ritchie from Gladesville were again very popular.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make this day so rewarding. The profits after entertaining over 50 from hospitals was \$120.50.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary



SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Come and join the fun every Thursday playing cards and housie, only for small gifts, but we have lots of fun, and friendly chats in between games and over a lovely cup of tea. Home made cakes and sandwiches all for 60c 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We were delighted to see Alice Gavin and Dorie Chapman back with us the Thursday before Easter week. I hope they will be able to continue coming. There are quite a number of others we hope to see in the near future who have had a run of bad health.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary

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FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MAY

- May 2nd By Mrs. E. O'Shannessy in thanksgiving. Arrangement by Mrs. Alice Stead.
- May 9th By Mrs. Carr in memory of her mother.
By the Miss Nisbets, in memory of their mother.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- May 16th No Donation at present.
Arrangement by Mrs. Alice Stead.
- May 23rd By Mrs. Ivy Clark, in thanksgiving. Arrangement by Miss. Nisbet.
- May 30th No donation at present.
Arrangement by Mrs. Edith Hearn.

We are pleased to acknowledge a gift of Dahlias from Mrs. Heaps of Albert Street, for Sunday, 18th April and from Mrs. C. Ricardson. On Sunday, 25th, anyone with a bunch of flowers to spare is asked to ring Edith Hearn on 569-1852. The church flowers are normally arranged on Friday morning, starting at about 10 a.m.

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MR. WORRY AND MR. WHY NOT?

by Joan Kirk

Mr. Worry and Mr. Why-Not? were close neighbours.

Mr. Worry was a sad fellow, always expecting the worst, and imagining all sorts of things that could happen but rarely did.

Mr. Why-Not? was a warm friendly fellow. He was good-natured, and pleased to hear good news, and eager to join in celebrating with his friends.

When they heard Mrs. Warren nearby had twin babies, Mr. Worry said "Poor thing. Isn't that awful. However will she cope."

Mr. Why-Not? said "Twins! A special blessing! 'll come and babysit for you sometimes."

When they heard Mr. Ward had won a free holiday trip overseas, Mr. Worry said, I wouldn't go. I'd hate it in all those strange places with all those New Australians everywhere. I'm sure you'll get sick, you know what the water is like in those places. Anyway, there'll probably be an airline strike, or you'll lose your luggage, or maybe the plane will even crash! You wouldn't catch me going on a trip like that!"

Mr. Why-Not? said, "How marvellous, what an opportunity to meet all those interesting new people. How exciting to visit new places, and to try those specialty dishes in different nations. You are strong and healthy, you'll cope with the travelling and living out of a suitcase for weeks. Have a wonderful time."

Mr. Worry liked to know what he would be doing each week. He would go to work each day, play Bowls on the weekend, cut the lawns each Sunday. He liked to watch the same programmes on TV, and liked his tea served at 6 p.m. sharp every night. He could never go anywhere unexpectedly, he always liked to have an invitation well in advance so he could plan a change of his routine. He was careful and frightened and lived his life year in, year out, in the same pattern. He missed seeing dew on the roses or the insects on the rose leaves. He couldn't see the glorious colours of the sunset because the sun

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was in his eyes. He didn't see the rainbow for he held his umbrella too low.

Mr. Why-Not? was cheerful. He greeted each day with enthusiasm, eager to see what would happen, and ready to try new things. When things went wrong and people grumbled, he didn't complain that it wasn't fair. He knew there would be problems in his life, at his work, in his health. "Things can't be changed by worrying about them," he would say. "It's happened and we must make the best of it." He knew that moaning and groaning wouldn't alter things and work at a solution.

When Mr. Worry became ill, he said "Why me?"

Mr. Why-Not? said "Why somebody else? Why not me?"



APOLOGY

In our report on the election of Parish Councillors at the Annual Vestry Meeting the name of Mrs. Dulcie Reed was omitted. For this omission we offer Mrs. Reed sincere apologies.

BIRDS

Birds—the feathered variety. Are you interested in cage birds?... If you are we have news for you. The Parish Hall will be filled with cage birds on the 29th & 30th May, and the 1st June, when the championships are held. An invitation is extended to all people interested in birds to visit the show and admire the beauty and song. No doubt the birds will make a song and dance about it and you may have difficulty in hearing yourself talk.

This reminds me of the two cockney lads who took a trip to the country for the first time. Eventually they ended up walking down a country lane and Alf said to Fred

"Dont them birds sing lovely"

"What you say Alf"

"I said dont them birds sing lovely"

"Speak up Alf, I cant hear a word for the noise them bloomin birds is making."

See if you can make it on the 29th, 30th May or 1st June. It is a free show.

BEAUTIFUL WINDOWS

As a variation to the history of All Saints, attention this month is drawn to the beautiful stained glass that everywhere catches the eye, particularly on a bright summer morning. The porch contains two fine windows. One shows Sergeant Pilot Robert Ricketts in flying kit. Bob grew up in the Sunday School and was killed while a Spitfire pilot in World War II. The window on the left, has recently been extensively repaired, as the result of a break-in, and depicts "The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, in memeory of parishioner Mrs. Elizebeth Tailby.

Turning into the aisle on the Southern side of the church, we see first a colourful window representing "Charity" in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Toms and Miss Emma Tanner.

Then a fine window of St. Paul to the memory of Mr. W. J. K. Rostron.

This is followed by a window of "David" to the memory of Arthur Lippeat and Nicholi Tromlett, two choir boys who were victims of a boating accident.

Let us now have a careful look at the magnificent East window with its harmonious blending of colour; all worshippers in our Church are familiar with the loveliness of this window, especially with the morning sun shining through: it is to the memory of the first Rector, Rev. Henry Palmer, and consists of five separate windows; the two small outer ones show the four writers of the Gospels, the lower portion of the left one is St. Mark, the upper St. Luke, the lower, on the right is St. Matthew and the upper, St. John.

The second window from the left shows in the lower part "The Annuciation of the Virgin Mary", and the upper "The Visit of the Shepherds".

The lower panel of the centre windows portray "The Last Supper" and above "The Ascension".

The remaining window shows the healing of "Blind Bartimaeus", and above, "St. Paul Preaching".

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY,
1982**

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	792.74	Rectors Nett Stipend	1,005.33
RECYCLING		Rectors Travel	
Alum. Cans 88.70		Allowance	177.08
Bottles 91.76		Organist	75.00
Papers 186.18	366.64	Church Flowers	37.50
		Rectors Superannuation	
Fete	3.50	Contribution	185.40
Church Flowers	20.00	Parish Superannuation	
Donations	10.00	Contribution	317.40
District Visitors	41.00	Feb. Chronicles	65.20
		Church Cleaning	120.00
		Hall Gas	16.00
		Stationery	30.00
		Induction Service	
Deficit for Month	978.69	Cards	78.00
		Workers Comp.	
		Insurance	22.66
		Repairs to Rectory	
		Stove	38.00
		Polythene sheeting for	
		memorial garden ..	45.00
	<u>2,212.57</u>		<u>2,212.57</u>
Balance of General A/c.			
Less deficit for February			
			<u>\$5,879.74</u>

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