

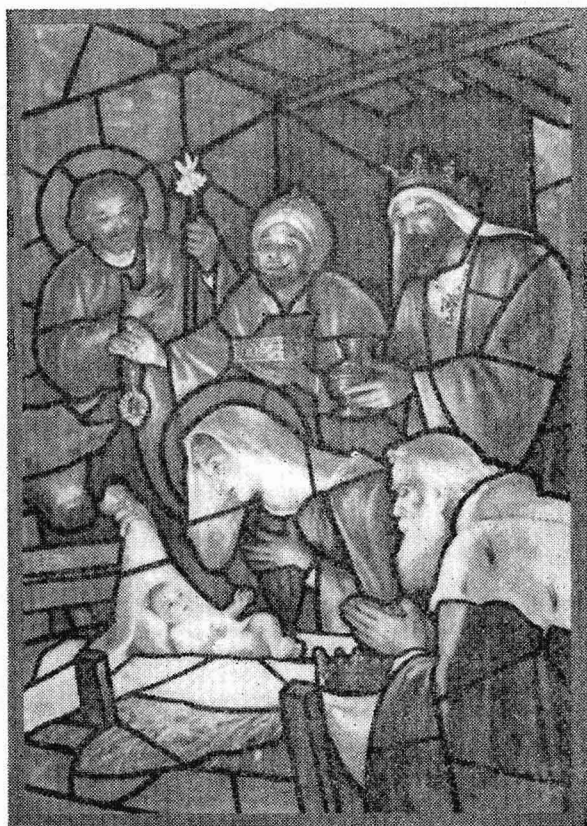
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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A THOUGHT FOR 1968

Take ship, my soul,
Joyous launch out on trackless seas,
Fearless for unknown shores to sail,
Chanting a song pleasant of exploration.

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NEW YEAR'S SERVICE,



As New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday, we will not be holding a Watchnight Service on that day. However, we invite all parishioners to attend any of our regular services on that day, Sunday, 31st December, when the special significance of the New Year will be discussed by the Rector. Mr. Champion trusts that all readers of "The Chronicle", including those who have attended the midnight service in the past, will make a point of making their final preparations for entering

1968 by attending a Service in God's House.

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Many thanks indeed to all the kind folk who sent along gifts of soap, talc, washers, etc., for the Christmas parcels we distributed. We were well repaid by the looks of joy at receiving our gifts.

Some folks were surprised, others were waiting for us to visit them; many of these folk have received a gift from us for years past and look forward to this visit each Christmas. As you well know, many of these old people spend years in the nursing homes and we felt happy indeed to give them a small gift from All Saints' Petersham.

For gifts of money, we thank: Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Piper, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Plowman, Miss A. Campbell, Mrs. Osborne, the Misses Bayley, Mrs. Bosward, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Cook, Miss Slocombe, Mrs. Hilliard, Miss Speight, Mrs. Landic, Mrs. Dickson, Miss Street, Mrs. Ayrtton, Mrs. Perritt, Mr. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Anonymous, and a Friend. We also wish to thank Mrs. Willis for her contribution, and two anonymous donors for envelopes placed in our box in the porch. As our January "Chronicle" goes to print in mid-December, we are unable to include later donations in this issue.

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PERSONAL

We regret to record the passing of one of our older parishioners in the person of Mrs. Alva Slee, formerly of North Street. Mrs. Slee was an active church member and Guild worker for many years until ill health befell her a few years ago, and we wish to express our deepest

sympathy to the members of her family in their sad loss.

Several of our ladies are presently in hospital and we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Colburt, Mrs. Barron and Mrs. Swankie. We also think at this time of a number of parishioners currently ill at their homes. We hope to see them all back at All Saints' again soon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LENT

Important dates in the Church Calendar for early 1968 are:

Sunday, 25th February: Harvest Festival.

Wednesday, 28th February: Ash Wednesday.

Friday, 12th April: Good Friday.

Sunday, 14th April: Easter Day.

For our Harvest Festival Thanksgiving offering, we appeal for donations of fruit, vegetables, eggs or groceries. We hope that this year we shall receive a worthy offering of these items, all of which will be passed to that most deserving of Church Institutions, the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road.

This Hospital is conducted by the Church of England, and provides the very best in care for the dying and elderly incurable patients. To show your appreciation of this work, and as a token of your gratitude for the good things of life that God has given you, we look forward to your making an appropriate donation for the Harvest Festival on 25th February.

The Rector will also be glad to have offers from the various organisations, especially their younger members, to aid in decorating the Church for this important festival.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

At the end of the last year, Misses J. Hird, B. Dingle and C. Miller left the teaching staff prior to their forthcoming marriages. At our meeting last month, the Superintendent, Mr. A. Jones thanked them for their valued work over the past years, and wished them all the best for the future. He also asked them to present the prizes at the Annual Prizegiving, where the opportunity was taken to present each of them with a small gift of Crystal as a token of our appreciation of their work in the Sunday School.

We would like to welcome to the teaching staff Misses Judith Cheetham, Kathleen Falls, and Beverley Lance, while we are happy to welcome back Miss Pam. Kidd after her Higher School Certificate Examinations.

The Sunday School and Kindergarten are remaining open throughout the Christmas—New Year period and the school holidays for all the scholars who are not going away. We hope to have a good attendance.

At the last teachers' meeting, committees were formed to look into arrangements for a concert and a picnic. They will recommend to our next meeting whether each of these can be held, and if so, they will make the arrangements for the two functions.

Kindergarten Christmas Party: This was again a highly enjoyable function for children, parents, and teachers alike, and we express our sincere thanks to all who helped towards the success of the afternoon. Our special thanks go to the Sunday School Mothers' Club for helping to finance the party, to all the ladies who prepared the afternoon tea, to the teachers for their work, and to Mr. W. C. Whiting who again filled a major role most willingly and cheerfully.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

CLUB NEWS

Plans for the New Year

Fellowship:

The Fellowship held its final meeting and Christmas Party on Friday, 22nd December. The Party took the form of a barbecue in the Church grounds, with the members providing their own meat.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking members for their support during the past twelve months, and to wish them all a merry Christmas.

The first meeting of 1968 will be held on Friday, 9th February. It will be a swimming night, and members are asked to meet at the Church at 7.30 p.m.

RUTH CHAMPION, Hon. Secretary

Young Churchmen's Institute:

Tour of Inspection: On Friday, 27th October, the Y.C.I. held an inspection of the P.M.G. Mail Exchange Branch at Redfern. About 25 members and friends attended the evening which lasted about 1½ hours. Our thanks go to Mr. Ben Pullen for arranging this very enlightening and interesting evening.

Commemoration Night: Speaker at this year's Commemoration Night was Vice President Bert Hall, S.M. In his talk, Mr. Hall reminisced over the history of the Institute, with particular mention of Mr. Len Calver, who was Honorary Secretary of the Y.C.I. for over 40 years. Mr. Hall's address was most interesting and enjoyed by all who attended. Supper was served after the meeting by the Social and Club Room Committee.

57th Commemoration Service: The 1967 Commemoration Service was held in conjunction with Evensong on Sunday, 26th November. The Address was given by Mr. David Hunter, M.L.A., a Vice-President of the Y.C.I. while the lessons were read by Messrs H. G. Brodie and F. Evans. The Service was attended by some 14 members of the Y.C.I.

Suggestions Night: Although not a new feature, Suggestions Night was re-included in our syllabus after an absence of some years. The suggestions put forward by members were many and varied and included:

- Brightening up the Y.C.I. Club Room.
- Re-arranging the Club Room furniture.
- Obtaining a visitors' book.
- Installing a small kitchenette in the room.

New Year Meetings: We don't go into recess for the school holidays! January meetings will be a Games Night on Friday, 5th January, and a colour slide screening on Friday, 19th January. Advance notice is given of our Annual Meeting on 16th February. New members and visitors will be made most welcome. We cater for menfolk of all ages, but recent enrolment of new members has meant that 50% of our attendance now comprises those under 25 years of age. New members mean new ideas, and we hope that the growing proportion of younger members will augur well for the Institute's strength in the years ahead.

G. W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Club members are reminded that after a brief recess, we resume again on Thursday, 11th January at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

I take this opportunity of inviting new members to join us on this date. The Senior Parishioners' Club is a happy social club. Your donation

is voluntary, we give free prizes and afternoon tea, and can assure you of a pleasant afternoon.

During December, we had Mrs. Colburt, Mrs. Swankie and Mrs. Barron on the sick list. We trust that they have all made a good recovery and will keep better health in 1968.

Our sincere thanks to all who gave assistance at our Christmas Party. We also congratulate the lucky winners of some lovely free prizes.

1968 being our tenth year should hold some special celebrations, so why not join early and become a regular attendant at our Club.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls Club:

Our 1967 Christmas Party was well attended and everybody present had an enjoyable evening.

We have decided to enter the Churches Competition again this year, but still have to decide what division to enter. One of our members, Mr. George Taylor, has been elected President of the Churches' Indoor Bowls Association, which we feel is an honour to both George and our Club.

We wish you all the happiest of New Years.

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FETE "THANKS"

Mrs. Reid and John wish to express their sincere thanks to the parishioners of All Saints' who so kindly donated books, magazines and comics to the Bookstall at the Fete, especially Miss N. Atkinson, Mrs. R. Atkinson, Mrs. Callaghan, the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion, the Dingle family, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Milleray, Mrs. Rhule, Mrs. Strauss, Mrs. Stafford and Mr. Plowman.

We also gratefully acknowledge cash donations received from Mrs. A. Brigg, Mrs. J. Bishop, Mrs. M. Elliott, Mrs. S. Gordon and Mrs. Sopwith. Their kindness and generosity is appreciated.

Since the last "Chronicle" was issued, we have sold more books, bringing our total takings to \$140.

May Christmas blessings be yours, with joyous days in the New Year.

D. REID

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THIRTY TONS A WEEK

Someone told us a little while back that about 30 tons of used clothing and rag are given to collectors in Sydney each week. It's a colossal amount isn't it?

The Church of England Home Mission Society Opportunity Shops get some of this but not enough to satisfy either customers' needs or to fulfil their task of supplying the Home Mission Society with some of the money required to do the work needed.

CAN YOU LIFT OUR PROPORTION ?

Your gift will be used to help satisfy someone's need in a material way, and also help to make possible the ministry to the spiritual needs of others too.

Our telephone number is 51-4341. Phone us and we'll arrange to collect your gift,

THE CHRONICLE

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Acts of the Apostles

This book, like the four Gospels, sets out among other things to tell a story. The story here is not what Jesus did and said and what befell him, but the story of what the Apostles did and what they achieved. One helpful way of seeing this book as a whole is to see it as a growth of the Christian Church from its tiny beginnings at Jerusalem to its established presence in Rome. The book ends with Paul in custody in Rome teaching and encouraging the Christians in that city.

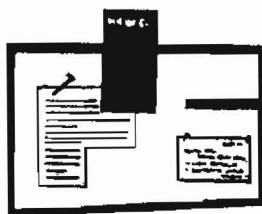
Almost certainly the book comes from the pen of St. Luke. Like the third gospel it commences with a dedication to a Roman of rank named Theophilus. St. Luke's presence with St. Paul is deduced by certain passages in certain parts of the book, often called the "we" sections, where the author of the book becomes part of its story. For those who first read the Book of Acts there must have been great interest in the detailed information that is given about the founders of the first Churches. Peter, Paul, Barnabas and Mark all come alive in the pages. Like ourselves the early Christians doubtless had a warm human interest in these men who, in most cases, were known only to them by name.

As a major aim the book seeks to describe the outreach of the Christian Church along two main lines, first the mission to the Jews led by St. Peter and then the mission to the Gentiles led by St. Paul. Here we see one of the potential areas of division in the early Christian Church as the whole question of evangelising of the Gentiles threatened Christian unity at the very beginning. In the Epistle to the Galatians we see doctrinal answers to the very human problems described in the Book of Acts. For many, the most memorable parts of the book will be the missionary travels of St. Paul. His three journeys, described in detail, take him across the ancient world both preaching the gospel and encouraging the Churches.

For its first readers the Book of Acts had some special points of interest throughout. The author commends the Christians and the Christian Church against charges of treason and disloyalty that were made against it. Almost throughout the book, Roman governors and officials are shown as sympathetic to the Christian cause.

Also, for the early Christians, the book gave the comprehensive account already mentioned of how the Church reached the capital of the empire. For every generation the book remains significant, apart from these things that we have already mentioned, for it contains a clear and detailed account of what the Apostles preached and taught. The many sermons in the Acts are reported in detail and in their striking similarity of form give us the best account of the gospel as it was first taught.

Lastly, the book remains as a record not only of the Acts of the Apostles, but also of the acts of the Holy Spirit. The awareness of the Holy Spirit's giving of guidance and strength is seen throughout the book and stands as a testimony to the Church in every generation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and what has been achieved by men who were submitted to Him in both will and act.



NEWS BRIEFS

● We are grateful to all who joined in our Parish Christmas Party last month. We're sure everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our sincere thanks go to those who organised the supper, presented the programme, and provided the music.

● **Rector's Holidays:** Although he normally goes away at New Year, the Rector is planning to take his holidays a little later this year. He hopes to have a good rest up on the Blue Mountains, and that the Rev. A. H. Gallop will take our Services whilst he is away.

● **Christmas Hamper:** At the Parish Party, all present received gifts from the "pool" under our custom of "giving and receiving gifts". In addition, the Rector and Mrs. Champion were given a Christmas Hamper from the clubs and parishioners of All Saints' Mr. and Mrs. Champion wish to express their thanks to all their friends here at All Saints' for treating them so generously again this year.

● **Candlelight Service:** The soft lights of over two hundred candles again provided a solemn but inspiring atmosphere for our popular "Carols by Candlelight" Service on 17th December. We are grateful to our Organist, Miss O'Neill, the Choir, the readers of the Nine Lessons, and all others who worked in any way for the success of this Service.

● **Social Afternoon:** Mrs. Ivy Clark has raised a very large sum for Church funds in recent years from the Saturday Social Afternoons held each few weeks in the Parish Hall. The first social for this year will be on Saturday, 2nd March, commencing at 1 p.m., and if you would like an enjoyable afternoon of cards or games, plus afternoon tea, make sure you come along.

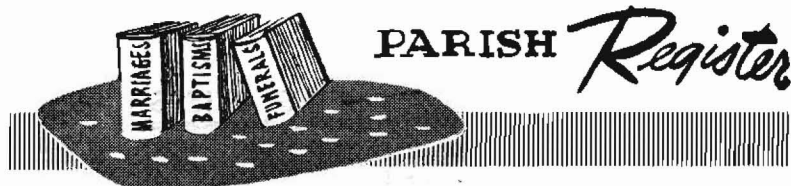
All proceeds go to Church funds, and all parishioners and their friends will be made most welcome. Watch the "Chronicle" for further details.

● Congratulations to Miss Diane Hird on passing her final Nursing Examinations. Diane is on the teaching staff of All Saints' Kindergarten.

● **February "Chronicle"** Material for the next issue goes to our printer on Monday, 22nd January, hence all items for inclusion must be left at the Rectory by Sunday 21st.

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Lord make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred let me sow—Love,
Where there is injury—Pardon,
Where there is doubt—Faith,
Where there is despair—Hope,
Where there is darkness—Light,
Where there is sadness—Joy.

**BAPTISMS**

"Suffer the Little Children to come unto Me."

November 19th Jodie Bayliss.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

November 25th Kenneth James MacMillan to Patricia Mary Franklin.

December 1st Robert Scott to Glenys Margaret Granger.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

November 15th Agnes Mary Griffiths Brown.

November 27th Alva May Slee.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- January 7th Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams, and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie, and by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
- January 14th No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 21st No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 28th Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Speight.
- February 4th Donated by Mr. Richard Boots in memory of his Aunt, Mrs. Vivian, and by Mrs. Garland in memory of Mrs. Sherriff; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

We would be glad to receive donations for Sundays 14th and 21st January.

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