

# THE CHRONICLE

of

## The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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

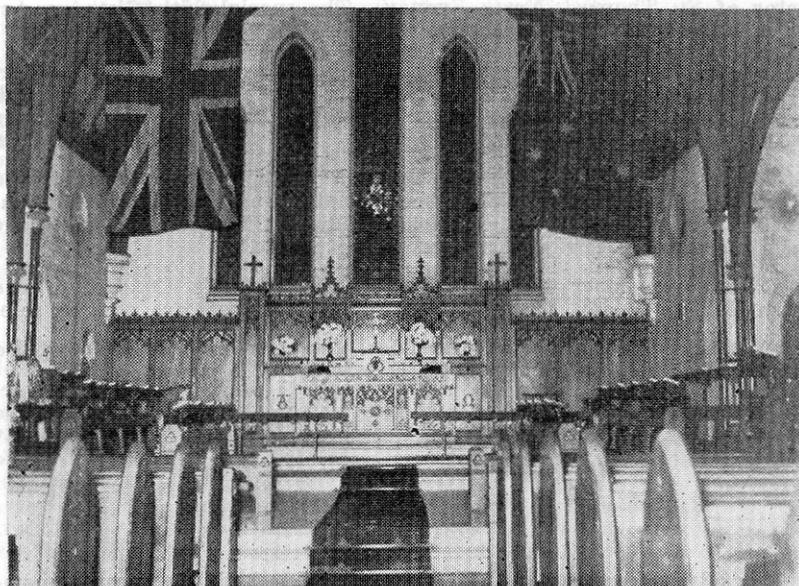
The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

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

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OCTOBER, 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, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. L. C. CALVER

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. W. SOPWITH

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

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

We are now getting very close to the Annual Fete which will be held on Saturday, 20th October. It will be officially opened by Bishop E. N. Wilton at 10.30 a.m. The Bishop is well known to many of the older members of the Church. I hope that we shall have the loyal support of all our parishioners. We are endeavouring to effect many improvements to our Church property and such work costs money even when the labour is voluntary. In this connection the Parish Council is making an appeal for All Saints' Day, Sunday, 4th November. This is our Patronal Festival, or if you like, the Birthday of our Church. We appeal for a generous offertory on that occasion. The services on Sunday, 4th November will be 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Special service for those who have suffered bereavement during the year. The subject will be "The Christian Hope." Preacher Bishop E. N. Wilton, B.A., Th.D.; 7.15 p.m., Preacher the Rev. W. J. Siddens, Th.L., Rector of St. Thomas', North Sydney. The special 85th Birthday Appeal envelopes may be handed in at one or other of these services.

At the last meeting of the Parish Council it was decided to collect all available historical material in connection with our Parish and publish a history of All Saints' when possible. Photos and newspaper cuttings will be especially welcome.

May I again remind you that the Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 28th October, when about twenty young people will be confirmed at the 11 a.m. service by Bishop Hilliard. (Please come and make this a memorable service for these young people.

Please remember the Sunday School Children's Concert in the Parish Hall on Friday, 12th October, 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale.

A special service for all the Local Chapters of the Order of De Molay will be held on Sunday, 14th October at 7.15 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

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## OBITUARY

Our Parish has suffered the loss of three highly respected members in recent weeks. The first was Mrs. Florence Amy Day who did so much in playing the piano, in a voluntary capacity, for various Church and other functions for many years. Mrs. Day was kindness itself and was always willing to help any who needed the service of a pianist.

Miss Emmaline May Belfield was a well known Church worker in this Diocese throughout her life. For many years she was a voluntary worker in the C.M.S. Bookroom and for many years a worker for C.E. N.E.F. being Secretary of the All Saints' Branch as well as helping at the Headquarters in Sydney.

Miss Belfield was over 50 years a Sunday School teacher, twenty-five of those years were spent in the Darlington Parish and the balance at All Saints' where she was also Bible Class leader. Miss Belfield was also Y.P.U. Leader at All Saints' and Patroness of the Church of England troupe of scouts at Darlington.

Mr. Edward Raymond Warr, our esteemed organist passed away after a short illness on 7th September. His passing was most unexpected and came as a great shock to us all. Mr. Warr came to us as Organist last February, being appointed by my predecessor, and he rendered very acceptable service during his time here. The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church where most of the Choir members robed for the occasion. The address was given by the Rev. N. Graham, of St. Silas', Waterloo, who paid tribute to the life service of Mr. Warr as chorister of St. Andrew's Cathedral and later organist in various churches of this diocese.

To the relations of each of these departed friends we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

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### PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

By the time the October Chronicle comes out our 7, 9, and 11 year girls will have competed in the Western Suburbs Zone. Our 13 year girls and 15 year Champion girl compete on the 11th and 13th October. They have all shown a very keen interest in their work and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing Miss Piercy and our girls every success. Also to thank the Mothers for the attractive uniforms, which at times were rather hard work for them to cope with, but in the end turned out so very nice.

Happy Competition girls.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

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### LADIES' GUILD NOTES

Our social afternoon on 11th September was once again a very happy function, we would like to see many more of our ladies come along and enjoy these social hours with us. The next will be on 9th October and the donation of 2/- which includes afternoon tea, will go to help stock the pottery stall at our Fete. Our September Street Stall was again most successful, the total being £10. We would like to thank all who have given us donations towards these efforts. Any small donations of material for making cakes, jam and pickles and empty jars are much appreciated. The demand for home-made cakes at our Street Stall is far greater than our supply at present. Owing to our Fete the next Street Stall will be held on Friday, 12th October.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The coming month promises to be fairly busy one for the school. We have two big functions listed. Firstly the Concert, which will be held on Friday, 12th October at 8 p.m. We feel sure that the parents will give us their support on that night.

At the forthcoming Fete the Sunday School will again be in charge of the grocery stall. (As the Fete will run from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. we will need to have a large supply of goods. We are appealing to the scholars to donate supplies between now and the day of the Fete. We also hope that the stall will be patronised by all who attend the Fete.

KENNETH GRANT, Hon. Secretary

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND 1871-1956

The history of All Saints' may not differ greatly from that of any other suburban church in the Diocese of Sydney, but it contains many interesting features, and represents much self-sacrificing effort for the glory of God and the welfare of humanity.

It was in May 1870 that the foundation stone of the present Church was laid, but the origin of the Church dates further back than that. On Sunday, 15th April, 1860, the first service was held in a tiny school room which had been built three years previously, the officiating minister being the Rev. P. J. Smith, incumbent of the newly formed parish of Canterbury.

The population in the district was then very small, and consequently the congregations were inconsiderable. (But many of the people were strong in faith and full of zeal and therefore they resolved to erect a building to be used for worship, and for the education of the children in the neighbourhood. In due time the school-house was erected in Crystal Street (next to the present Town Hall) a Parochial Association was formed, and the Petersham Church of England was fairly started on its career.

The first Annual Report of the Association tells us "Divine Service was held alternately in the morning and afternoon every Sunday, the average attendance of persons of all ages being 80". The report also states that the efforts to form a Sunday School had not been attended with success, but that the day school had been placed on a satisfactory footing.

The history of the parish during the next four or five years reveals periods both of encouragement and disappointment. In 1864 after a poor year financially, it is recorded that "it seemed doubtful whether the Church could much longer be kept open for the worship of Almighty God." However, towards the end of that year, the clouds of depression which had hung over the Church began to disperse, and early in the next year the congregation increased, and it continued to increase until the school house could no longer comfortably contain it, and the building was enlarged.

So things went on until 1868, when a great calamity befell the Church. It is thus described in the minutes: "On Sunday, 29th March, 1868, one side of the roof of Petersham Church of England was torn completely off by a sudden and violent hurricane; but fortunately the wind blowing from the Church, the shingles were carried away from the building (one or two falling inside) by which the congregation assembled providentially escaped injury."

In 1869 the Rev. H. A. Palmer became incumbent of the combined parishes of Canterbury and Petersham. From the day of his appointment the Church made rapid progress both spiritually and materially, the congregation co-operating most heartily with their energetic pastor. After a year of work it appeared to Mr. Palmer and his congregation, that the time had arrived when the project which had been contemplated several years before, of building a new Church, should be carried out.

The foundation stone of the new building was laid on 17th December, 1870, by Dr. Barker, Bishop of Sydney. It was opened on All Saints' Day, 1st November, 1871, the total cost being £1927. The architecture is early English, and the daily press of those days describes it "in every respect appropriate for a country Church". The architect was Mr. Benjamin Backhouse, and the builder Mr. T. Lane. The land on which the Church and Rectory are erected was obtained by the ex-

ertions of Mr. Palmer and the Rev. Charles Priddle, to whose memory the handsome brass lectern was placed in the Church.

On 4th May, 1879, Mr. Palmer died suddenly, and was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Baber on 6th July of that year. During Mr. Baber's incumbency it was found necessary to enlarge the Church, and in 1880 the plan was completed, with the exception of the tower and steeple which appear in the original design.

A mission Church in Crystal Street was erected in 1889, which soon became the centre of great spiritual activity. This building subsequently became a part of Crystal Street Public School, and is still used as a sub-primary department by the Department of Education.

Owing to ill health Mr. Baber was obliged to resign his incumbency on 29th April, 1895; he saw his parish extending and he established new Churches (including one at Marrickville in 1883) to meet the need. It is recorded of him and his ministry that "to do good in his day and generation was his one desire; and this, the noblest of all ambitions he fulfilled".

The Rev. R. E. Goddard (subsequently Canon Goddard) followed Mr. Baber on 11th July, 1895, and served with great distinction for 29 years. The Canon's gifts as pastor, organiser and administrator will long be remembered; and it was largely due to his enthusiasm, supported by the gifts of his people, that the Church was freed from debt and consecrated on 15th August, 1903, by Dr. Stanton, Bishop of Newcastle (in the absence of the Archbishop of Sydney). Several fine memorials were added to the Church during Canon Goddard's incumbency.

The Rev. P. J. Bazeley succeeded him in 1924, and during his ministry the spacious parish hall was built in 1926. Mr. Bazeley resigned in 1931, and at the end of that year Rev. C. E. Adams was appointed. Since then the Church has been further beautified by the erection of the oak reredos and side-ranelling (in memory of Canon and Mrs. R. E. Goddard); the memorial side chapel was consecrated and five memorial windows erected.

A kindergarten Sunday School (one of the best equipped in the Diocese) was built in 1940, and a Children's Library (sponsored by the Petersham Group of the Christian Social Order Movement) was opened in 1945.

The Rev. C. E. Adams died suddenly on the 6th January, 1954. His passing came as a great shock to all who knew him. The Rev. R. A. Johnson, Th.L., was then appointed Rector of All Saints'. He resigned in 1956 upon his appointment to the rectorship of St. Jude's, Randwick. The present Rector, the Rev. T. E. Champion, Th.L., was appointed in March, 1956.

The kitchen in the Parish Hall has been enlarged and modernised and a gas stove installed, and the room known as the Guild Room or Library painted. This work was completed in July, 1956.

All Saints' may be regarded as a "Mother of Churches"; for in the area originally served by the Church there are now seven parishes, namely: Summer Hill (part), Marrickville, Leichhardt, Enmore (part), Annandale, Dulwich Hill and Stanmore.

(This history is mainly the work of the late Rev. C. E. Adams).

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### WHERE IS THE TWO-TON MONSTER?

In view of the approach of All Saints' Day, 1956, which marks the 86th Anniversary of the Opening of our Parish Church, the following might find an appropriate place in "The Chronicle."

It is an account of the laying of the foundation stone of All Saints', Petersham on Saturday 17th December, 1870, at 5 p.m.

"The Bishop (Dr. Barker) and the clergy assembled in a small and rather unsightly schoolhouse or temporary Church, about 200 yards away from the site. A large concourse of people assembled at the site. After the procession of clergy arrived on the site, some little delay was caused by a mishap to the foundation stone. The stone was a large one (nearly two-tons in weight) and the machinery employed by the workmen to re-hoist it repeatedly gave way when the ropes were brought to bear upon the mass. This difficulty was, however, after a while, got over by the voluntary aid of some of the intelligent bystanders, who, by means of a timely leverage, when all was done that was required, lifted back the dead weight into its appointed place.

This little circumstance—arising out of the hurried preparations for the ceremony in view of the approaching departure of Dr. Barker—was very happily alluded to by the Metropolitan in his address to the people, and was generally accepted as an omen of good success."

Apparently they had their troubles in the "good old days," for Mr. G. P. Urwin's Short History of All Saints, says:

"The troubles of the building committee were not at an end when the foundation stone of the Church was laid; indeed, it might be said they had only begun. The contractor, like not a few members of his class, was very dilatory, and on March 27 1871 the committee expressed the opinion that the progress made by the contractor is most unsatisfactory' and resolved 'that if the works are not at once proceeded with, steps be taken to compel the contractor to fulfil his contract.'"

"Six months afterwards things were still unsatisfactory, and the committee insisted upon certain work being done before they would pay any more money to the contractor. Two months later they made a demand of a somewhat similar nature, and they must have been very thankful when the building was at last finished."

The quaint language of the newspaper report with which this article opened, is worth preservation. It is strange that the two-ton monster is nowhere to be seen these days. Its whereabouts must, I fear, remain one of the mysteries of All Saints! Nevertheless, those who went before gave us something pretty solid on which to build, and it is "up to" each one of us to arise and build worthily.

—Clericus.

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### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CENTRE

The last meeting of the Centre of St. Luke's Hospital was held at All Saints' Parish Hall, on 12th September.

At the election of officers the present members were re-elected to the positions they held during the past year.

Those present enjoyed a musical interlude, given by Mrs. Champion who played two violin solos and Miss O'Neill who very kindly accompanied her on the piano, also played several items.

The next meeting will be held on 10th October at All Saints', where new members will always be welcome and also any friends of members.

I. J. CADE, Hon. Secretary

## Y.C.I.

The meeting on September was given over to Club Room Games, and opportunity was taken to complete the Table Tennis Tournament, the final being a very close tussle between Bruce Livingston and Terry Morris, Bruce winning by a narrow margin.

Impromptu Speeches was the subject for the meeting on the 21st, and much interesting discussion took place on such subjects as Television, Colonel Nasser, the Mystery of the Missing Foundation Stone of All Saints', the future of Australian Cricket, etc.

At this meeting we were happy to welcome back our esteemed Secretary, Mr. Len Calver, after a spell in hospital for an eye operation, and we rejoice with him that his Doctor has given him a favourable report, and we trust he will soon make a complete recovery.

The Y.C.I. will be very active at the Parish Fete, they will be conducting the Vegetable, Plants, "Hot Dogs", White Elephant Stalls, as well as the "Darto".

The next meeting on October 5th will be Ladies' Night, we extend a cordial invitation to all Ladies to be present.

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 WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The White Elephant Stall, like the Elephant, has a very big appetite and although we have received a fair amount of stock, for which we are most grateful, we still require more stock; if you have any articles about your home for which you have no further use may we have it, as other people may be on the look out for such articles.

We will gladly pick up any donations before the Fete if you will let the Rector or any Y.C.I. member know.

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 YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the above club will be held on Tuesday, 9th October at 8 p.m. All members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting as it will be the last before our Fete on 20th October.

The Y.M. Club is responsible for the cake and sweets stall at the Fete, and donations of cakes or sweets will be very much appreciated.

Our Luncheon last month was a very enjoyable function. We all feel very grateful to Mr. Ardill for his very impressive address.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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 FLOWER ROSTER

- Sept. 30th—Donated by Miss Caralus in memory of Miss Belfield, arranged by Miss Caralus.
- Oct. 7th—Donated by Kerry McIlwraith in memory of Mrs. Mary Fisher, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- „ 14th—Donated by Mrs. Smith in memory of her father Mr. Kinnings, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
- „ 21st—Donated by Mrs. Sharp in memory of her husband, arranged by Y.M. Club.
- „ 28th—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson, arranged by Miss Norman.
- Nov. 4th—(No donation). Arranged by Mrs. Spencer.

## PARISH ROLL

**Baptisms**—Karel Denise Jones; Mark Leslie Krug; Paul Anthony Bower; Philip Gordon Grant; Kim Jenkins; Robyn Shayne Causer.

**Marriages**—Robert Janes Miller to Helen Muriel Ball; John Budd to Zita Ann Burke; Donald Albert Stewart to Margaret Armstrong; Karlheinz Reiss to Norma Jean Williams; Neil Alfred Maier to Doreen Beard; William John Stubbs to Jean Louise Willock.

**Funerals**—Frederica Williams; Alice Moran; Emmaline May Belfield; Florence Mabel Horton; Stanley Herbert Gannon; Thomas Claude Kenny; Florence Amy Day; Elizabeth Oldham; Matilda Mitchell; Blanche Catherine Hamester; Edward Raymond Warr; Harry Walter Baxter; Leslie John Schetrumpf.

# ALL SAINTS' PARISH FETE

SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1956

OFFICIAL OPENING 10.30 a.m. by

The Rt. Rev. E. N. WILTON, B.A., Th.D.

There will be the following Stalls:

SEWING	FRUIT AND VEGETABLES	WHITE ELEPHANT
	GROCERY	CAKES AND SWEETS
		BOOKS
RECORDS AND TOYS	POTTERY AND FANCY GOODS	
HOOP-LA	DARTS	HOT DOGS
		OPPORTUNITY
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