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Of All Saints
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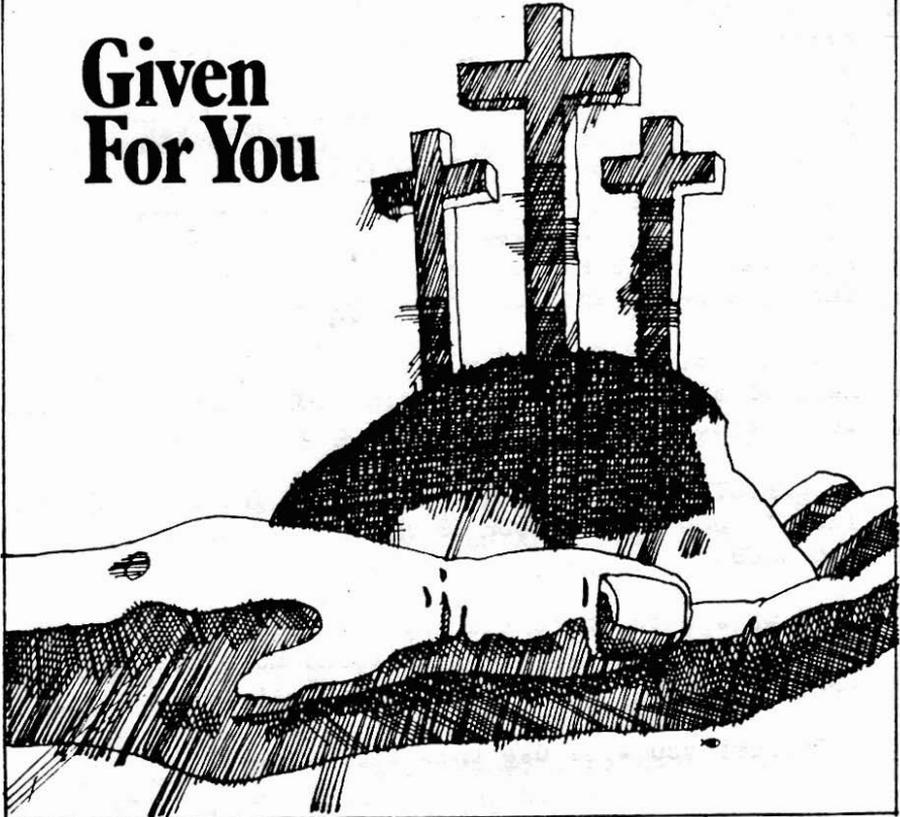
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**Given
For You**



The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM. 2049.
20th February, 1990

Dear Friends,

Wednesday 28th February marked the beginning of Lent.

In the climate of to-day's world we tend to forget such traditional seasons. I think that this is a pity for we fail to remember some of the important things that such observances teach us.

The season of Lent comes before Good Friday and Easter. It is intended to be a time of preparation for what is surely the most important events of the Christian Year. Good Friday and Easter remind us of the very basis of our Christian hope. God gave His Son to die instead of us; to pay the price of our sin; and that sacrifice not only paid the debt we owed but also freed us from the power of the Evil One, the Devil. Forgiveness and Freedom are the twin benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

We are given the forty days of Lent to consider our need of a Saviour; our own sinfulness and the amazing love of God sending His Son to die for us.

"CHRIST DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, AND THAT IS GOD'S OWN PROOF OF HIS LOVE TOWARDS US" Romans 5:8 (NEB).

If we are to share the joy of Easter we need to prepare. Lent is when we can spend more time considering our needs and God's great love.

I trust you will use this time well.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott. (Rector)

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Already things are in full swing for 1990. Sunday School has been meeting now for a month. The season of Lent began with a Communion Service on Ash Wednesday 28th February and two Weekly Home Study Groups are meeting each week. But there is more to come. Plenty for everyone.

On Saturday 17th March we will be having A PRAYER BREAKFAST to remember the work of the Church Missionary Society. It will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall beginning at 8-00am. We share a simple breakfast together, hear something of what missionaries are doing and spend time praying for them.

Next day, Sunday 18th will be Family Service and KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING. All the children in the Kindergarten will receive prizes. The Primary and Senior Sunday School however work on a different system and will not be receiving prizes. Every child in the older group receives a book when he or she attains a certain number of marks irrespective of when that happens. Thus right through the year rewards are given.

A new departure this year will be an all day SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEMINAR at Fort Street High School. This will take on Monday 26th March. The Anglican, Baptist, Salvation Army, and Roman Catholic Churches are combining with the Anglican Board of Education to present this activity. Do especially remember it in your prayers. We plan this to be the first of four such seminars for the students this year.

On Thursday 29th March we will be having our ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING. This meeting has to be held by the end of March. The meeting will receive the Financial

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th March at 1-30pm. We welcome new members.

The first Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Sale for 1990 is over. It was a very happy day socially and financially. Mrs. Humphreys came all the way from Richond once again to spend the day with us. Our wonderful result for the day was \$340. This was made up to \$350, our first donation to the Parish Council for the year. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. The next sale will be held on Friday 23rd March.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club is in full swing again. We have been thrilled to be able to welcome Mina Crooks and Hilda Young as new members of our club. We would be happy to welcome more members. It only costs \$1.20 for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We give prizes of small useful gifts; sweets, groceries, etc and have a friendly chat over a cup of tea.

Age or creed does not matter, Come and visit us and see for yourself.

We were pleased to have Mr. Woolcott visit us. It was good to see him looking like his old self again after his hospitalisation.

Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL

Over the next three months the Rector will be preaching on St. John's Gospel. The following is a helpful introduction to the book.

It is generally acknowledged that the author of this Gospel was a Palestinian Jew. The author claims to be an eye witness; the disciple whom Jesus loved, and who was present at the Last Supper, and later at the Crucifixion and at the empty tomb, and is the disciple who "testifieth of these things" (John 21:24). The author knows Jewish custom, feasts and the topography of Palestine.

The presentation of Christ in the fourth Gospel differs some what to the portrait given in the other three Gospels. While there may appear to be some differences these all have an explanation. It must be remembered that the Gospels were presentations of Christ not "biographies" in the true sense of the word.

Since Ignatius (an early Christian leader) knew the Gospel it must have written before A.D. 115; on the other hand if Mark and Luke were used in its composition the date must be later than A.D. 85. Scholars taking all the evidence available conclude that the Gospel was written about A.D. 90. As regards the place of writing Irenaeus spoke of the Apostle residing in Ephesus, and tradition has always connected the Gospel with that city. This Gospel is a record of the revelation of the "Word made flesh" and must be studied in its own historical context.

The key notes of the Gospel are Life, Light and Love. Christ comes to give a fuller more abundant life to men. He is the Life that was in the world in conflict with its darkness, and the source of man's true life. The sacrifice of His Life for the world was the expression of God's Love to men. In the prologue,

we have the indentification of the historical Jesus with the eternal Word who was with the Father.

MY LENTEN "SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP"

1. Have I had a personal experience of Jesus Christ? ...Or am I just living on the faith of my parents or others.
2. Am I living in the power of the Holy Spirit? ... Or I living in my own power and failing in my responsibilities?
3. Am I at peace with God? ... Or is life just one long round of tensions and frustrations?
4. Have I found satisfaction in Jesus Christ? ... Or am I still trying to find it in drugs and in questionable habits?
5. Is Sunday "The Lords' Day" to me, and my day of worship in His Church? ...Or do I excuse myself by calling Sunday "Dull" and using it just for my own amusement?
6. Is my pocket converted to God? ...Or do I just use money on myself without giving a definite weekly and generous portion to God?

Having answered these questions, how is your Spiritual I.Q.? If you find it difficult to give and honest and intelligent answer why not talk to your minister.



Statements for last year and elect all Church Officers for the coming twelve months. It is the most important business meeting of the church for the year.

On Sunday 1st April we will have as our Guest Preacher the Rev. Stuart Abrahams. He Heads up the VISION FOR GROWTH work in the diocese. He is a very busy man and we are fortunate that he can find the time to be present at our morning service that Sunday. Our missionary giving for March and April will be supporting VISION FOR GROWTH.

FLOWER DONATIONS

- MARCH 4TH - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.
- MARCH 11TH - Stone of Remembrance (Anon).
Arranged by Mrs. E.Hearn & Mrs. M.Essam.
- MARCH 18TH - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- MARCH 25TH - Flowers from Mina Crook, Warren Crook & Dick Evans in memory of her husband Roy Crook.
Arranged by Mrs. E.Hearn & Mrs. M.Essam.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JANUARY, 1990

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,415.87	Rector's Net Stipend	1,897.15
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allow	486.99
Anonymous	7.20	Organist	127.50
Alexander's Florist	50.00	Church Cleaning	160.00
Flowers	40.00	Hall Cleaning	160.00
Investment Interest		Flowers	40.00
J.H. Douglass Endow	1360.92	Telephone A/c	91.99
		Monthly Lease Copier	88.83
		One set of duplicate keys for Churchwarden	11.00
		Paper for printing	32.93
		Service on Copier	255.02
		Hall Gas A/c	31.54
		Workers Comp. Insurance	82.02
		Morning Tea Expenses	40.99
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