

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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DECEMBER, 1967



Wishing you all a Happy and Holy
Christmas

A Christmas Greeting

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Friends,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the outstanding loyalty, faithfulness and hard work that was put into our Fete on 18th November by so many of our parishioners and friends. The result of \$2960 is a truly remarkable and magnificent figure, and I must congratulate all Stallholders and workers on this great achievement.

It is not possible to mention everyone by name, but I wish to thank you all most sincerely, including the silent workers who are known to me personally.

December will be another big month at All Saints' and I look forward with confidence to your support for all that we have arranged for you at the Christmas Season.

We have a special "scoop" for Sunday evening, 10th December, when the Royal Philharmonic Choir will present Handel's "Messiah" in the Church at 7 p.m. The Choir will be accompanied by the Royal Philharmonic's own orchestra, conducted by Mr. Arthur H. Satchell. A performance on this scale has not been attempted at All Saints' for many years, and we shall be opening the Church doors at 6 p.m. in anticipation of a large congregation expected.

Then, on the following Sunday night, our beautiful "Carols by Candlelight" will be held at 7 p.m. This Service draws one of our biggest attendances of the year, no doubt because of the special atmosphere in which it is held, and the many well-beloved carols that are sung. Again I advise you to come early.

May I also commend to you the Sunday School Prizegiving, which will take place at Family Service on the same Sunday, 17th December, at 10 a.m. Parents of the scholars are especially invited.

The Christmas Day services are advertised later in this "Chronicle". There will be no evening service on Christmas Day, which is a Monday, but on Sunday 24th, all services will be held at their usual times.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Augusta Craigie, who passed away suddenly on 20th November, after a short illness. Mrs. Craigie has been a devoted District Visitor, Guild member and worker for All Saints' for many years. Her friendly personality will be greatly missed by us all.

As 1967 reaches its close, my wife and I wish to thank you one and all most sincerely for your continued efforts throughout the year to further the cause of the Church in Petersham. We wish you all a Holy and Happy Christmas.

God bless you all, and may 1968 bring you every blessing.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Champion

PARISH FETE REPORT

Highly Successful Day

The great traditions of All Saints' Fetes were maintained on Saturday, 18th November, when the magnificent total of \$2952 was raised.

The figure is almost the same as last year's, and in old currency, within £100 of the all-time record of £1,558 established in 1965.

When one considers the continuing increase in costs for the stocks to put on our stalls, and the falling number of workers available, it is clear that there was a tremendous effort put in to raise this year's total. Many worked throughout the year in making goods and other preparations for the great day. 1,012 people signed the Visitors' Book.

Several stalls increased their takings from last year; two, the Pottery Stall and the Plant Stall, more than doubled last year's figures.

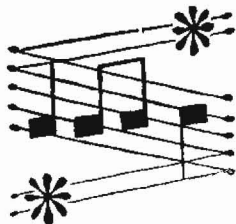
The proceeds will be used for general maintenance of Church finances, which have been gradually declining because of the falling number of Anglican families in the Parish. A fixed percentage must always be sent, as is required of all Parish income, to the Diocesan authorities, while advertising, insurance, entertainers, and other Fete expenses will take over \$200 of the proceeds right away.

The following are the amounts received up to the close of business on Fete night. Where names are given below, these are of the persons appointed by the Parish Fete Committee to take charge of the stall concerned.

Stall	Conducted by	\$
Toys, Hoopla, (Fellowship)		224
Fancy Work & Gifts (Mrs Jones \$415; Mrs. Clark \$300)		715
Groceries and Jam (Sunday School)		245
Cakes and Sweets (Y.M. and Friends')		237
Children's Wear (Mrs. Bosward)		281
Pottery and Cushions (Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown)		113
Plants and Flowers (Sunday School Mothers' Club)		158
Jewellery (Mr. Giddings)		267
Books (Mrs. Reid)		136
Refreshments (Mrs. Champion)		133
White Elephant (Mrs. Humphreys)		322
Vegetables (Y.C.I.)		66
Ponies (Mr. Carroll)		14
Merry-go-round (Mr. Gorman)		18
Hot Dogs (Y.C.I.)		25
Donation		6

GRAND TOTAL \$2960

We congratulate Mrs. Smith of Searl Street, Petersham, who won the free poultry dinner and hamper.



HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

presented at All Saints' by

The Royal Philharmonic Choir and
Orchestra

SUNDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 7 p.m.

FETE APPRECIATION

The Parish Fete Committee (Messrs. H. J. Shaw, L. Carroll, J. Gorman, W. C. Whiting and W. R. Williams) wish to express their thanks to all stallholders and fete workers for making the fete such a big success. The Chairman, Mr. Shaw wishes to record his special thanks to Mr. Charles Whiting and Mr. Bert Osborne, who spent several days both before and after the fete arranging the tents, signs, chairs, and carrying out many other essential jobs.

Mrs. Champion sincerely thanks all who gave donations of goods or money for the Refreshment Room, with a special thanks to those who so willingly gave their services in the kitchen, or who served in the tea room. Without their help, the total of \$133 would not have been possible.

Mrs. D. Jones wishes to thank all who made donations to the Fancy Goods stall, and to all the ladies who helped serve.

Mrs. Clark expresses her thanks to all who helped or bought from the Fancy Goods stall. She adds her best wishes for the Christmas season, and hopes to see all her friends at the next Social, which will be held early in the New Year.

Mrs. Humphreys says a very sincere thank you to all who worked with her on the White Elephant stall, and to all who contributed to this stall's great stock.

Thanks are also due to the countless other parishioners who supported the Fete in other ways—to those who gave goods for sale, erected and dismantled the stalls, cleaned up the halls and grounds, manned the visitor's book, donated the hamper prizes, distributed fete leaflets, counted the takings, picked-up donations, and performed countless other valued acts, so often anonymously or quietly performed.

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ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

During December, a carton will be left in the front porch of the Church to receive small gifts of soup, talc, washers, handkerchiefs, etc. which will be distributed to hospitals, nursing homes, and private homes where there are aged or ill people within the Parish of All Saints'.

Ever since our Rector, the Rev. T. E. Champion, came to this Parish, he has devoted time each year during the busy week prior to Christmas, when so many private Communion are required and when his services are called upon so constantly, to visit the sick with a small gift and a few cheery words which do so much to help.

Could you please make a small donation to this worthy cause? Members of the Senior Parishioners' Club gift-wrap the parcels each year, ready for distribution.

It is very pathetic to visit some of these dear old folk and watch their untold joy at receiving a gift from All Saints', Petersham. We give to people of all denominations, and we know that, even if it is only for a short time, we have been the means of bringing a little happiness to their lives.

For gifts of money already received, we thank: Mrs. Nisbet, Mr. R. Miniter, Miss Pearce, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Kerry, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams. As our November and December "Chronicles" go to print early, we will acknowledge all donations as soon as possible.

Kindly leave your donations or gifts with Mrs. Bert Shaw or at the Rectory.

CLUB NEWS

All Saints' Indoor Bowls Club:

The outstanding news item in November was the amalgamation of the men's and women's bowls teams. As both our Clubs had only small attendances each week, it was found necessary to amalgamate. The first combined night was a big success in all ways.

It was also decided to donate \$20.00 to the Sunday School to help in their work of teaching the Christian message to the children.

Men and women are invited to join the Club, which meets every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Ladies' Guild:

Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather and a most successful Fete, and we say very sincerely, "Thank you" to all our good friends for their gifts to stock the stalls, and for their help on the day.

On Tuesday, 5th December, we will hold our final meeting of the year and also our Christmas Party, which will feature a demonstration of candles.

To our Rector and Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth, and may I include Beverlie, we send our best wishes for Christmas, and Happiness and Good Health for 1968.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

Fellowship:

Many thanks to all those who made donations of articles and money towards the toy stall and hoopla at the Fete, and also to all those who helped on the three Fellowship stalls on the big day.

Our special thanks go to Mr. Osborne and the Rector for their major contributions of hand-made wooden toys.

Fellowship members are reminded that the Barbecue and Dance programmed for Saturday, 2nd December has been cancelled. They will be notified of an alternate date at the next Fellowship Tea, to which all our newly-confirmed members are cordially invited.

R. CHAMPION, Hon. Secretary

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th December. We hope all members will be able to attend as this will be our Christmas Night. We will then go into recess until Tuesday, 13th February, 1968.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our friends of the Parish the compliments of the season, and also of thanking all who helped in any way to make our stall at the Fete such a wonderful success. At the close of the day, we were able to hand in \$237.36.

We were very proud of the effort which was made possible by the efforts of our many friends who helped us in so many ways.

We again extend our thanks to all who have saved newspapers for us; we will not be making another collection until after New Year.

Once again many thanks to all our helpers, and may the Peace and Blessings of Christmas be in all your homes.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Thursday, 14th December marks our last Club meeting for 1967. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 16th December—all members are requested to attend at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

After a short recess, we will resume on Thursday, 11th January, 1968. New Club members will be most welcome on that date.

As 1967 draws to a close, we can again look back on a most successful year for the Senior Parishioners' Club. Our attendances have proved just how popular this Social Club has been in the past, and we look forward to more new faces next year. Mrs. Wilson and I are very grateful indeed to all the kind folk who have made donations to our Club and to those who have helped with the afternoon teas each week. We thank our Rector for his frequent visits on Thursdays, and for the help he is able to give members from time to time.

To the Rev. T. E. Champion, Mrs. Champion and family we wish a very Happy Christmas, and we look forward to a bright happy future for all the organisations and members of All Saints' Church.

DOT SHAW, Secretary

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS
"Born Again"

October 29th	Brian Radley Miller
October 29th	Catherine Annette Bennett
November 4th	Elaine Kirby
November 12th	Gregory Raymond Straw
November 12th	David John Straw

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

November 3rd	Ivan George Waite to Valerie Harris
November 11th	Harry Duncan Gregory to Denise Anne Young.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord".

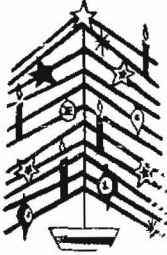
November 3rd	William James McLoughlin
November 21st	Augusta Ruby Craigie

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

December 3rd	Donated by Mrs. Archer and family in memory of Mr. Archer, and by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of their Mother, Ellen; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
December 10th	Donated by Mr. G. R. Minter and John in memory of Mrs. Minter, and by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis, Senior; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
December 24th and 25th	Donations of money or flowers for this week-end will be greatly appreciated. If giving flowers would you please leave them at the Church by 11 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd December; arranged by Mrs. Champion and helpers.
December 31st	Donated by Mrs. Quine and Mr. Bryce in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

On Sunday, 26th November, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Coates in memory of Mr. Fred Coates,

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



A party open to all—in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 13th December at 8 p.m. There is no charge, but we invite you to join in the pleasant custom of giving and receiving gifts; just bring a small gift, costing not more than 30c., and you will receive a gift in return.

All parishioners, whether members of organisations or not, are welcome to attend. Please accept this as your personal invitation to join in this Parish-wide "get-together".

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CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES

Tuesday 5th	Guild Party and Candle Demonstration, 2 p.m.
Saturday 9th	Kindergarten Party, 2 p.m.
Tuesday 12th	Y.M. and Friends' Party, 8 p.m.
Wednesday 13th	Parish Christmas Party, 8 p.m.
Thursday 14th	Indoor Bowls Club Party, 7.30 p.m.
Friday 15th	Y.C.I. Bucks' Party, 8 p.m.
Saturday 16th	Senior Parishioners' Party, 2 p.m.
Friday 22nd	Fellowship Party, 7.45 p.m.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Successful Fete Effort

Fete Report: The Grocery and Home Made Jams Stall was a great success. The amount raised was \$245.

I would like to thank Mrs. McLean of Dulwich Hill and Mr. Plowman for their generous cash donations, and the scholars, teachers, parents and parishioners for their donations of goods and cash. I would also like to thank Mrs. Champion for another large stock of home made jam, and all the other ladies who made jam for us.

To the following companies, I would like to express many thanks for their help:— Colgate Palmolive, Hoadley's Chocolates, Traders, Eta Foods, William Arnotts, Kelloggs, Fielders' Corn Flour, H. Jones and Co., Cottees, Sanitarium Health Foods, Gordon Edgells, Federal Match Co., Bushells, Lifesavers, Samuel Taylor, Shelleys and Sons, Woolworths, and Coles Food Stores.

Donation: The Sunday School would like to thank the Men's Indoor Bowls Club for the kind donation of \$20.00 to Sunday School funds, and the Y.M. and Friends' Club for \$4.00 towards our Annual Prizes.

Prizegiving Service: We extend a cordial invitation to all parishioners to join us at our Annual Prizegiving Ceremony. It will be held at the Family Service on Sunday, 17th December, commencing at 10 a.m., and will include the singing of many well known Christmas carols.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Holy Communion:** The Rector will again provide Holy Communion to those unable to come to Church on Christmas Day. Hospital matrons and other parishioners knowing of persons wishing to partake of private Communion are asked to let Mr. Champion know not later than Sunday, 10th December, so that he can arrange to visit everyone in the very limited time available before Christmas.



● **"Carols by Candlelight"** This year's Service will again be a most impressive occasion. The popular "Festival of Nine Lessons" will be the central theme, plus carols sung by soloists, the choir, and the congregation. You will enjoy taking part, so join us on Sunday, 17th December at 7 p.m. Candles will be available at the Church.

● A self-pronouncing Holy Bible with concordance was recently found on the small organ in the Church. It may have been left by someone who read a lesson, and the loser should apply to the Rector.

● **Christmas Cards:** It is not Christmas without Christ! Therefore, when buying your Christmas Cards, please don't forget to select ones that have a Christian message.

● **January "Chronicle"** Because of the holidays, the January "Chronicle" must go to print early, and items should be left at the Rectory, or given to Mr. A. Jones by Sunday, 10th December.

● The next Bible summary, covering "The Acts of the Apostles" will be included in the January "Chronicle".

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS DAY—MONDAY, 25th DECEMBER

7 a.m.—Holy Communion

8.15 a.m.—Choral Communion

10.30 a.m.—Family Service and Shortened Holy Communion

Note: There will not be an Evening Service on Christmas Day

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