

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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"My Peace I Give Unto You"

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School, Kindergarten, and Extension Group on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. R. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, G. W. Gorman, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.
SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Graham, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minter, and H. J. Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. J. Carroll.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. J. Nance.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (797-6967) and A. Jones (56-5218).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

● “My Peace I give unto you” is the text that inspired the stained glass window pictured on the cover of this month’s “Chronicle”. This beautiful window on the northern wall of All Saints’ was erected to the memory of Mr. William Patrick Bannan by his wife and family.

RECTOR’S LETTER

My Dear People,

No matter what you are doing just now in life, you are serving your priorities, you are living toward some particular goals, whether you are able at the moment to articulate words to describe them or not. Our goals, our priorities lie deep within us, and are at the root of every dream, every wish, every choice, every decision. As we progress from infancy through adulthood and on to old age these aims of our lives change. As we achieve each goal new ones immediately appear on life’s horizons. As often as not we change our goals and adjust our priorities when we arrive at their fulfilment and discover to our chargin sometimes, but always to our betterment that this is not where we really want to be, or what we wanted to do, or have, at all.

Human nature demands that we climb many a mountain just to see what is at the top. It is not a bad thing though that we do this, because from the top of such mountains we discover that we can see other mountains, higher and more majestic and even more enchanting, that we didn’t even know were there. And these new visions kindle within us new fires as our imaginations soar toward even higher and more wonderful goals.

During scripture lessons in the high schools, I find that we are often discussing these very things; asking what are our priorities and what should they be? What are our goals and where will they lead us? In our religion and spiritual life where are we going and why?

Surely, anything to do with God has to do with the absolute. Since God, by definition, was the inception of things, the first thought, the first design, the first goal based on the first set of priorities. Since God, therefore, was the establisher of the primary rules by which all creation exists, then any study of God must be an attempt to know these primary laws, and understand their purpose. The orienting of ourselves in happy alignment with these primary absolutes **MUST BE**, therefore, the highest goal and first priority of any true religion. We discover

that until we can be absolutely honest about the facts that we cannot even take the first step toward our goal. And then when we have some measure of those absolute truths, we have to be absolutely trustworthy in their dissemination and application.

And so we begin to realize something. If we want to know the truth and live the truly perfect life we must first develop a truly flawless character. We can't even begin without it. Before we can HAVE we must BE. And so in the religious life our primary priority is the perfecting of human character. A fine intellect is a great asset, a body of useful intelligence is even better, but . . . it is character that uses the intellect as its servant, and makes a man bad or good, weak or great.

A famous educator, Will Durant, wrote: "I have tried to train character through education. I taught my students four subjects: History, that they might be inspired by the achievements of man, and restrained by learning his nature; Poetry, that they might have imagination; Music, that rhythm and grace might enter their souls; and Manners, that they might become gentlemen. For when manners decay the state dies".

"I believe in the uncommon man," he said, "it is the uncommon man who begets new ideas and offers new examples for our imaginations. We cannot make all men equal, but if we can make able men good, and good men able, their examples will raise the people to integrity and high civilization." The primary thing seems to be the goodness of the soul, his character. Durant says these should be our leaders; "men who will be anxious to acquire truth rather than wealth, who will be sincere with the facts, and not distort them with partisanship, who will never fawn upon those above them, nor ever scorn those below them, who will understand with sympathy the problems of other men and who will never do to others what they would not have others do to them."

Sir Foo Young, known to us as "Confucius" believed in the force of example. He taught that when the great men of China wanted to disseminate the highest virtues among mankind, they must first order their own states well. Wishing to order their states well, they must first regulate their own families. Wishing to regulate their families, they must first seek to cleanse their own hearts. Wishing to cleanse their hearts, they must first seek to be sincere in their thinking. Wishing to be sincere in their thinking, they must work to extend their knowledge to the utmost. For he knew that "reform begins at home, and that Utopia is nowhere except in the clean hearts and upright minds and understanding souls of men of impeccable character". And so true religion begins with an honest search, and this is the Christian's first priority and final goal—to purify his soul and perfect his character.

May God grant us success,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

PERSONAL

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Bruce Livingston, whose mother Mrs. Bernice Livingston, passed away early last month. Bruce had returned from a 17 month term of duty in Papua New Guinea only a few days before. We also regret to record the passing of another of our parishioners in the person of Mrs. Gladys May Watts of Belgrave Street. Mrs. Watts had one of the longest records of membership in the Senior Parishioners' Club.

We are happy to see that Mr. George Barron is now able to drive up to Church once again after a rather difficult eye operation which kept him out of action for some weeks.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

Continuing our series of background articles on the various organisations which make up the life of our Parish. This month our guest writer is Mrs. Ida Barrett, Hon. Secretary of the Y.M. and Friends' Club.

Y.M. AND FRIENDS' CLUB

"The Young Marrieds' Club" was formed 25 years ago by Miss Dorothy Adams, sister of the Rev. Charles Adams, who was Rector of Petersham for many years. Her idea was a social club to help keep together the girls who were Sunday School teachers, choir members and members of the various church groups. It was just after World War II, and so many weddings were taking place. This Club helped in a very big way to make every firm friendship among this group of young ladies, who might otherwise have drifted apart.

As time passed, the Y.M. Club had many ups and downs and changes. At one period, we were purely a tennis club. But this held the Club together and kept the name alive, during a period when young families prevented our members from attending meetings.

Then as our little ones grew to school age, our Church meetings re-commenced, some members paying their "subs" at the meetings and others at the tennis court. The tennis later seemed to draw to a close and once more, we were a Church group, helping in various ways in the activities of the parish, such as holding street stalls, social afternoons and catering and caring for the children at Sunday School picnics. The Cakes and Sweets Stall at the annual parish fete has always been our responsibility, while for 12 years, we collected and sold newspapers and old rags.

Members also assisted for some two years by serving afternoon tea to the patients in the Home of Peace in Addison Road.

The Clubs' membership at the present time is very small, and we would greatly like to have more members. Our meetings are held in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing at 8 p.m.

We still help in various ways in the Church activities, but our main aim is still the promotion of good fellowship amongst our members, as was Miss Adams's original wish. The only difference is that instead of being Young Marrieds' as we were 25 years back, we are now mostly very proud Young (?) Grandmothers.

CLUB NOTES

Ladies Guild:

On Tuesday, 9th May, we will commence with morning tea in the Guild Room, followed by a "Trend" Demonstration (China and Pottery) at 10.30 a.m. Our business meeting will follow the demonstration.

In June, our meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th, and will commence at 1 p.m. At approximately 2 p.m. in the Guild Room, the Matron of "Caramar" will speak on the work of this Hospital. We extend an invitation to all ladies of the parish to hear our speaker.

At each function, a donation of 30 cents includes Morning or Afternoon Tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room on Tuesday, 9th May, at 8 p.m. New members and visitors will be very welcome.

Our Club is combining with the Bowls Club to hold a Games Evening in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 10th May, commencing at

7.45 p.m. Donation will be 30 cents, and will cover supper, door prizes, and prizes for the games. We hope to make this night a very happy event. Please come along and join us.

A street stall will be held on Saturday morning, 3rd June, at the corner of Gordon Street and New Canterbury Road, Petersham. Gifts of anything saleable would be very much appreciated. Or just come along and see what we have to sell—we may have something to interest you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Y.C.I.:

Two ladies and six members attended the Parish Essays Night held on Friday, 14th April. The evening was a most interesting one, with articles being submitted on such topical subjects as the Train Strike and the Rock Operas, "Godspell" and "Jesus Christ Superstar". At the conclusion of the evening, a supper was kindly prepared and served by Mrs. Ivy Clark.

Theatre Party: 30 tickets in the deluxe stalls have been obtained to see the award winning picture, "Nicholas and Alexandra" on Thursday, 18th May, 1972, at the Paris Theatre, Liverpool Street. The tickets will cost \$1.70 each and any persons seeking tickets are asked to contact Mr. Alan Jones (tel. 56-5218) or Geoff. Gorman as soon as possible.

GEOFF. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

On the first Thursday in April, we celebrated our 15th birthday with lots of lovely free door-prizes which were presented at afternoon tea time by our Rector, the Rev. C. A. Campbell.

Our attendances have improved greatly in the last few weeks and we have welcomed three new members to our Club.

We were all very distressed to learn of the passing of Mrs. G. Watts of Belgrave Street, Petersham. Mrs. Watts has been a Club member for approximately 12 years, and gave most generously both to All Saints' Church and to the Senior Parishioners' Club.

We really do have a happy Social Afternoon on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall for just 20 cents admission. Why not come along and make new friends? Or if you wish, bring a neighbour. The majority of our Club members have been coming for many years and enjoy the companionship and friendliness that prevail. Please pop in any Thursday and join us.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Youth Group:

Since the last "Chronicle", I am glad to welcome three new members, Pam Kidd, Hugh Quelch, and Chris Sillince. We hope that this increase will be a steady one and that these new members will find the Youth Group a new experience.

The Youth Group is planning a House Party at "Telford" in National Park, Port Hacking. Anyone interested in going should please contact me on 56-2208; the cost for the weekend, 14th-16th July, will be \$7.80. Another two outings being arranged are theatre parties to "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspell". Would all interested in coming please contact me so that we can get the numbers early.

The Fete is drawing near, and we are still looking for books, etc., for our stalls. We are especially asking for paperbacks. Newspapers will be collected in the first or second week in May and everyone who has had them picked up before will be called on again. Would those who can give us papers, but who haven't been called on before, please give me a call in the first week in May?

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary

Girl Guides:

The First Petersham (All Saints') Guide Company urgently needs a lady over 19 years to be an assistant guide leader. No previous experience is necessary—only enthusiasm!

Would anyone interested please see Mrs. Corinna Kelly—Guide Leader—any Thursday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall, or inquire at the Rectory.

One leader can only do so much, and an assistant leader would be much appreciated by the girls and others who work for our Guide Company.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Teachers' Meeting: As I told you last month, the annual teachers' meeting was held on 28th March. You may wonder what happens to the money the girls and boys bring to Sunday School each week. Besides being used to purchase teaching books and activity sheets for the pupils, it is allocated to various missions that we decided to support. This year, we are sending a total of \$80 to these missions as follows:

\$20 to Home Mission Society.

\$10 each to Church Missionary Society, Archbishop's Winter Appeal, Bush Church Aid Society, Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, Christian Broadcasting Association and the Church of England Homes.

Last year, Miss Pam Kidd and Messrs. Hugh Quelch, Lindsay Nance and John Maxwell formed a committee to revise the order of service sheets used to open and close Sunday School each week. With Lindsay Nance in England and John Maxwell teaching at Port Kembla, Mr. Richard Evans will join Pam and Hugh to continue the revision of these service sheets. The Sunday School uses one sheet for each season of the Church year, with four sheets for Trinity.

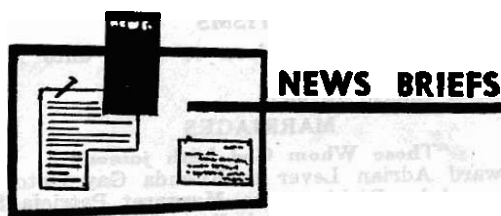
A Fete Committee was elected to organise the Grocery and Jam Stall; those elected were Messrs. John Nance, John Williams and Peter Gray, along with Mr. Alan Jones and myself. You will hear more about our Fete activities in the months to come.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- May 7: Donated by Mrs. J. Dark in memory of her husband, Mr. E. Dark; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 14: Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother, by the Craigie family in memory of their Mother; by the Misses Nisbet in memory of their Parents, and by Mrs. E. Jones, Alan and Janice in memory of Mr. Harold Jones; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- May 21: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 28: Donated by Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason, and by the Craigie family in memory of their Brother, Don; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 4: Donated by Miss N. King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge additional gifts of flowers as follows: April 9, from Mr. Samuelson in memory of his wife; April 16, from Mrs. Colburt in memory of Mr. Colburt; and from Miss McNaughton, Mrs. McLaurie, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Clark in memory of Miss Betty Noerr; April 23, from Mr. A. Boyle in memory of his Father, Mr. J. M. Boyle.



● **Fete Committee:** The Parish Council has appointed a Fete Committee comprising: The Rector, the Wardens, Miss P. Kidd and Mr. A. Jones to organise the 1972 Gala Fete, to be held on Saturday, 18th November.

The Committee has elected Mr. Frank Hearn as its Chairman, and has had approved by the Parish Council a charter or constitution which sets out the responsibilities and powers of the Fete Committee. Bookings have already been made for a number of special attractions, while a meeting to discuss Fete matters with all the stallholders will be arranged in the near future.

In the meantime, Mr Hearn would be most happy to hear from stallholders or any other parishioners who wish to discuss the Fete or offer any new ideas.

● Speaking of Mr. Hearn, he recently gained another new position in the Church, in addition to his role as Warden and Fete Chairman. He has become the unofficial baby-minder at the Evening Services! So if any couples with young ones want to come to Church together, Mr. Hearn will most kindly look after their offspring at the Sunday Night Service.

● **Earlier Evensong:** Preferences indicated in the special book provided in the Church Porch have shown almost equal numbers favouring 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively as the commencing time of Evensong in the winter months, June, July and August. By now, we believe all regular attendants at the night service will have had enough time to indicate their wishes, and a decision on the time will be made some time this month.

● Our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Gorman, who have moved into their new home at Baulkham Hills. Amongst numbers of things, Geoff has been a Parish Councillor for the past five years, and has assisted in the publishing of the "Chronicle" since May, 1970. We are pleased to know that he will be continuing in the position of Hon. Secretary of the Y.C.I.

● **Key Figures:** The Rector and Parish Council have become concerned by the number of times when parishioners have borrowed Parish Hall keys and not returned them promptly. The Council has decided that, as a memory jogger, weighty key tags will be attached to the various parish keys. We hope this will reduce the incidence of forgetfulness!

● Items for the June "Chronicle" should be left at the Rectory or given to Mr. A. Jones by Sunday, 21st May.

WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIR SERVICE

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BAPTISMS**"Suffer the Little Children to come unto Me"**

March 26: Sonia Fiona Murray.

April 16: Belinda Cherie Redden.

MARRIAGES**"Those Whom God hath joined"**

March 25: Edward Adrian Lever to Rhonda Gay Upton.

March 25: Roger John Dickinson to Margaret Patricia Shuttleworth.

April 3: Ian Stewart Bruce Turnbull to Susan Wynne Dyball.

FUNERALS**"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."**

March 27: Leslie Harold Brigg.

March 29: Gladys May Watts.

April 5: Bessie Muriel Sterling.

April 7: Bernice Lilith Livingston.

● **Car Roster:** Do you have a car that could bring to Church some of our parishioners who through illness or disability, find it too difficult to walk to All Saints? We're trying to draw up a roster of sufficient people so that your turn would come not more than one Service a month. If you could possibly help in this way, please contact Mr. Bert Shaw (tel. 797-6967), and he will gladly give you further information.

● **Subscribe to the "Chronicle":** Is your subscription due? Mr. Fred Evens, 2 York Crescent Petersham. will be pleased to accept your renewal, or arrange new subscriptions. Following the postal increases, we now ask for 84 cents per annum, plus a donation towards printing costs.

● **Parish History:** All Saints' has an enthralling history, Anglican services in Petersham go back to the days when bushrangers roamed the area. The manner in which a small band of people built this magnificent Church is an inspiration. Read the full story of All Saints' in the parish history, published for our recent Centenary Year. Copies at \$1.00 each, which covers printing charges, are available from Church Officers, the Rectory, and Mr. E. Quelch.

● **Bible Study Group:** The Rector and members of this new group would be glad to welcome more parishioners to their midst. They meet in the Rectory on alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., the dates for this month being 3rd, 17th and 31st May. We have an informal study of the scripture under the guidance of the Rector, taking into account the thoughts of modern Bible scholars, with a view to gaining a better understanding of the Bible. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the book currently being considered.

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