

# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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**COVER PHOTO:** Robert Champion's photograph of the All Saints Columbarium and the J. M. Boyle Memorial Lamp is featured on our cover this month. Both the Columbarium and the Lamp were dedicated at the Morning Service on Sunday, 10th October, 1965.

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### RECTOR'S VACATION

During January, the Rector and Mrs. Champion spent their holidays at their home in Katoomba. We trust that they both had a restful holiday, and they have fully recovered their zest and energy after the strenuous activities of 1965.

We appreciated the Services conducted for us during the Rector's absence by the Rev. Cecil Smith, Vicar of Willaura in Western Victoria. Mr. Smith stayed at the Rectory with his wife and family during his Sydney holiday.

Our thanks are extended to the Rev. Robert Barnes, who spent some months with us in 1962, and who came to us on Sunday morning, 16th January, while on his first leave from St. Aidan's College at Dogura in Papua. We are also grateful to the Rev. A. H. Gallop, who conducted our Services in his own inimitable cheery way on 23rd January, and to Mr. Reg. Wallis of the Home Mission Society, who preached at Morning and Evening Prayer on 30th January.

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL THIS MONTH

We will be having our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Quinquagesima Sunday, 20th February. The Rector confidently looks forward to the support of all parishioners on this day.

We seek donations of fruit, vegetables, and groceries, and look forward to a worthy offering of such items, which will, in accordance with our usual custom, be given to the Home of Peace, the Church of England Hospital in Addison Road.

Gifts may be left at the Rectory and Church on Saturday, 19th February, or brought with you to Church on Sunday.

The Rector would also be glad to hear from any parishioners willing to participate in the decorating of the Church for this special festival.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Kindergarten:** A teacher is urgently needed for the Kindergarten. Due to a number of teachers leaving, the Kindergarten is short staffed. Kindergarten is held every Sunday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Anyone interested in teaching is kindly asked to contact Mrs. Carroll, The Rector, Mr. A. Jones or myself.

**Scholars:** Now school has resumed we would like to see all the scholars back at Sunday School next Sunday. If you bring along a new Scholar you will receive six (6) extra marks.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

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### ISSUES OF FORMER "CHRONICLES"

Our sincere thanks to all who have given copies of old "Chronicles" to us. We now have almost a complete set for the last 30 years, and some going back as far as 1922. A list of those we're still missing will be included in the next "Chronicle", in the hope that we may be able to complete the parish records.

### SCHOOL SCRIPTURE CLASSES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon will be moving from our parish this month; we are sorry that they will be leaving us, but extend to them and their daughter Rosemary all good wishes as they go into their new residence at Eastwood.

The Rector writes that Mrs. Gordon has been a wonderful help to him in conducting the Scripture Classes at the local Infants' Schools during 1964 and 1965, and takes this opportunity of expressing his sincere thanks for her work.

### New Teachers Wanted

An appeal was launched on the weekly Church Notices in January for a lady or ladies to take Mrs. Gordon's place. One thirty minute class is held at each School as follows:

Stanmore: Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Petersham: Thursdays at 9.15 a.m.

Prepared lesson materials can be forwarded each week by the Anglican Board of Education. It is to be hoped that when the Rector returns he will have received offers of help to carry on this important work of the Church.

The Rector can't take the classes himself, as he has to take the older classes at the same times.

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### PARISH NEWS

#### Lenten Services:

Special Services will be held on Ash Wednesday, 23rd February, to mark the beginning of Lent. These will be held at 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., and we hope that all parishioners will make a special effort to be in the congregation at either of these important Services.

Then, throughout Lent, we will be having Services at these same times each Wednesday. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and at 7.30 p.m. there will be a short Devotional Service, with addresses on a theme to be selected by the Rector.

We hope that all parishioners will show their support of these Services. Remember, no one else can take your place! A number of our Parish groups which meet on Wednesdays are asked to vary their programmes to allow their members to be present at these Services.

#### Final Fete Result:

We wish to announce that the total takings by the Guild at the Refreshment Room at the November Parish Fete were £152 and not £141 as stated in the December "Chronicle". We would especially like to congratulate all the ladies concerned for their record effort.

#### Parishioners Ill:

We are sorry to learn that several of our parishioners are very ill. Amongst those we wish to remember at this time are Miss A. Street, our Organist at 8 a.m., and Sidesman, Mr. George Clark, who is in Canterbury Hospital. To them and to all our friends who are not enjoying the very best of health we send our prayers for a speedy recovery.

#### Sunday School Picnic:

A Committee of Sunday School Teachers has been meeting to decide whether it is possible to hold a Sunday School Picnic this year. If we go ahead, we shall probably appeal to parishioners with cars to help, as the cost of buses for the return trip to any handy picnic spot would cost at least £40. A picnic for the children would be out of the question altogether if we had to hire transport at this price.

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## Ezekiel (I.)

The book of Ezekiel is, like that of Jeremiah, closely linked with the life of the prophet whose name the book bears. The book is not to be regarded as a connected series of events but rather as an "anthology" of prophetic messages delivered by Ezekiel in a number of different situations, each relevant to the message itself. As far as can be determined, the messages contained in the book were given from 593-573 B.C.

Ezekiel was a priest, who lived during the same period as Jeremiah, when Judah was under assault, and finally fell to Babylonian armies in 587. During the last decade of the nation's life large groups of the population were forcibly deported to Babylon, as part of a general Babylonian policy toward conquered peoples. Two main deportations of this kind occurred the first in 597 and the second ten years later, when Jerusalem was captured and destroyed.

Ezekiel was deported with the first batch and spent 10 years as an exile in Babylon while his nation still remained intact as a "semi-sovereign" State. While in Babylon he acted as spokesman of God to the exiles, at the same time as Jeremiah was doing a similar work in Jerusalem. Like Jeremiah, Ezekiel had a message of what he described as "mourning, lamentation and woe". Some, described as "false prophets", were saying "that there would be a speedy . . ." end to the exile and that all would be well.

Ezekiel said that harder times lay ahead, Jerusalem would fall, and that the first exiles would have no quick trip home but would be joined by their fellow countrymen now in Judah. At this point the nation was utterly broken in spirit, defeated in war, transported from the homeland, their cities reduced to broken stones and their temples destroyed, they were a people without hope for the future. Their nationhood had been taken from them, they felt that God had deserted them. Ezekiel's message then changed and councils of despair were changed into councils of hope. The latter half of the book is devoted to recalling the nation from despair and assuring them that behind the judgment of God lies restoration and renewal.

Of Ezekiel's own life we know little. He was more than any other prophet, a man of visions and dreams. The first verse of his book declares that he saw the "heavens opened" and that he saw "a vision of God". Much of his prophecy seems to have been based on vision and experiences that lie well beyond common understanding. Like other prophets before and after him, he used sign and symbol to convey his message. By curious symbolism and acted signs, he depicted the fate of Jerusalem and the exile of the nation. His message at that time was unheard. He, like Jeremiah, spoke to a rebellious house.

## PERSONAL

We regret to report that a number of families in our Parish have been saddened by the loss of loved ones since the last "Chronicle" was issued.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the families of the late Lillian Dean, Phyllis May Allwood, Elsie Marion Morris, and Emma Georgina Charles, all faithful parishioners for many years, whose funeral services were conducted in All Saints'.

Our sympathy is also extended to the Atkinson family in the passing of Mr. Henry Atkinson, brother of Miss N. and Mr. R. Atkinson, and to the relatives of Mr. John Kinnings of Maroubra; the late Mr. Kinnings was a brother of Mrs. K. Dingle, and a member of a family with very long associations with All Saints' Parish. To Mrs. Bosward and family we extend our sympathy upon the passing of Mrs. Bosward's sister at Maclean on Christmas Eve.

We wish to pay a special tribute to the late Mrs. Elsie Morris, who was a devoted worker for All Saints' in many ways down the years and her name has been synonymous with the Fancy Work Stall at our Fetes for many years. Her passing at the end of December came after a long and painful illness. To her Mother, Mrs. Yarrington, her son Terry, and his family, and to the sisters of the late Mrs. Morris we extend our deepest sympathy.

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## DECIMAL CURRENCY AT ALL SAINTS'

February 14th is "C-Day" and marks the changeover to the new Decimal Currency in Australia.

The Hon. Treasurer of All Saints', Mr. Sopwith, has announced that the parish financial records will be kept in decimal currency as from that date. Mr. Sopwith said this would be done because our bank would be working only in the figures of the new currency from 14th February.

Mr. Sopwith will have a busy month altering all the pounds, shillings and pence balances in his accounts to the new currency.

He pointed out, however, that notes and coins of the old system were still legal tender and could still be given to the Church. "All offertories" Mr. Sopwith said, "whether in the new or old coinage, would be most welcome."

The Y.C.I. recently fixed the annual subscription for its year starting mid-February as two dollars. The first special function in the "decimal era" will be Mrs. Clark's Social on ~~16th~~ <sup>16th</sup> February, when the charge is 30 cents. Again, however, 3/- will be quite acceptable, as will a mixture of coins of both types totalling 30 cents.

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## AN AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT

## Mrs. Clark's Social

All parishioners and their friends are cordially invited to a Social Afternoon to be conducted by Mrs. Clark in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, ~~16th~~ <sup>16th</sup> February, commencing at 1 p.m. ~~16th February~~.

With prizes for the cards and games, followed by afternoon tea, an enjoyable time is assured for all. Card players are especially invited—bring three friends and make up a foursome.

The charge for admission is only 30 cents (3/-) and all proceeds will go to Church funds.

## CLUB NEWS

**Senior Parishioners' Club:**

We extend a sincere welcome to Senior Citizens within our Parish to join us any Thursday afternoon in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Free prizes and afternoon tea are available to all.

We are very sorry to report the loss of two of our regular members during the last few weeks—Mr. Green who passed away suddenly at Penrith, and Mrs. Charles who was a member of our Club for many years. Both will be sadly missed.

DOT SHAW

**Indoor Bowls Club:**

The All Saints' Indoor Bowls Club has resumed its activities for 1966 and will welcome new players any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

If you have not played the game before, we will be very glad to teach you all the finer points of this most enjoyable past time. Afterwards, we invite you to have supper with us.

I am sorry to say that our old friend George Clark is ill in Canterbury Hospital. George is one of the foundation members of our Club, and popular with us all. May God speed an early recovery to our friend.

The Churches' Competition for 1966 will be starting on Monday, 21st February. This year, we are entering our Club in one Division only.

A very happy new year to you all.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

**Young Churchmen's Institute:**

Members of the Y.C.I. are reminded of their 55th Annual Meeting, to be held in the Club Room on Friday, 18th February at 8 p.m. There will be much important business to be dealt with, and a full attendance of all members on the roll is requested.

JOHN MINITER, Hon. Secretary

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Most of the other clubs and societies at All Saints' are due to resume their regular activities this month. The Physical Culture Club will commence on Monday, 7th at 6.30 p.m., and on Tuesday, 8th, the Guild will meet at 2 p.m. and the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club at 8 p.m. The Boys' Club has already begun—Thursdays at 7 p.m.

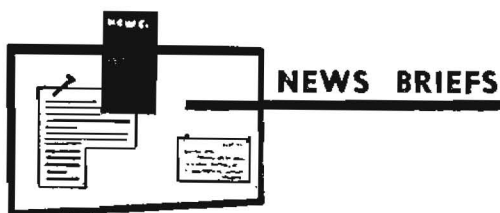
Details of the meeting times of all our organisations will be shown on your Weekly Church Notices.

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**CUT IT OUT !****Notice to Club Secretaries**

The following are the dates by which your monthly contributions to "The Chronicle" should be ready. Cut it out now, and paste it in a very prominent position such as the front of your minute book. Your contributions are especially wanted, but by these Sundays please.

February 20th; March 20th; April 17th; May 22nd; June 19th  
July 24th; August 21st; September 18th; October 23rd; November 20th; December 11th.



● On Saturday afternoon, 26th March, an "Exhibition of Dolls" will be held in the Parish Hall. There will be over 500 different dolls, covering every nationality.

Proceeds will go to Church Funds, and when you pay admission, you will receive a door ticket that could win you one of six little dolls which are being given away as Free Door Prizes.

Afternoon tea will be available at a small charge. Make a note of the date in your diary and watch the March "Chronicle" for more news.

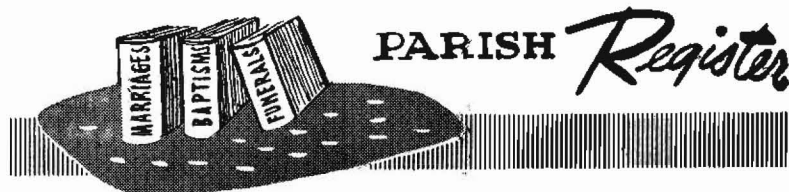
● Our congratulations are extended to all our young folk who passed their School, Technical College or Teachers' College Examinations at the end of last year. Of those sitting for special examinations, we would like to mention Lynette Harris and David Sayers who passed the Leaving Certificate, and Pamela Kidd and Muriel Adams who passed the new School Certificate Examination. Lynette and Pam both went to Fort Street Girls' High and each gained six "A's". Phillip Dingle passed his finals at the Alexander Mackie College, and starts teaching this month at Yagoona School.

● Speaking of the teaching profession, we also report that Mr. John Nance, after a year in charge of the Public School at Roto, moves on this month to Narronine, a much larger town some 22 miles west of Dubbo. We wish him well in his new appointment.

● Our best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hall, who were married at St. George's Earlwood last month. Adrian was a prominent member of the Sunday School staff until he moved to his new home at Gynea, and was presented with a wall clock by the staff and scholars in appreciation of his services as a teacher.

● "CHRONICLE" NEWS: Each month we try to include on this page items of interest about parishioners of All Saints'. If any readers have items they think will be of general interest to other parishioners, they are invited to let the Rector or Mr. Alan Jones know.

● Our thoughts control our destiny far more than we can guess. One harsh, unkind, persistent thought can spoil our happiness. And though we push it from our mind, it won't go far away, If it can gain one hour's hold, then it can rule our day.

**BAPTISMS***"Suffer the little children to come unto Me".*

- December 12th: Kim Muldoon  
 " 12th: Robert Alex Svoronos  
 " 19th: Stephen John Loftus  
 " 19th: Jennifer Ann Higgins

**MARRIAGES***"Those whom God hath joined"*

- December 24th: Alan Colin Edwards to Desda Elizabeth Antaw  
 January 8th: Stuart Graham Brown to Jan Moira Lennon

**FUNERALS***"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"*

- December 31st: Lillian Dean  
 January 4th: Phyllis May Allwood  
 " 4th: Elsie Marion Morris  
 " 18th: Emma Georgina Charles

**SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER**

- February 6th: Donated by Mrs. Garland in memory of Mrs. Sherif and arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 " 13th: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
 " 20th: Donated by Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Winchester in memory of Mr. G. Butt; arranged by Miss Speight.  
 " 27th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 March 6th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the following additional gifts of flowers that were received for Christmas Day: Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones, Mrs. Sumner in memory of Mr. Sumner, Miss Graham of Railway Street in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Nisbet, Mrs. Colburt, Miss Fry, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Bosward, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams.

On Sunday, 16th January, the flowers were donated by Mrs. I. Clark and Mrs. D. Jones in memory of Mrs. Elsie Morris.

We would be glad to receive gifts of flowers, or money to purchase flowers in memory of loved ones, for Sundays 13th and 27th February, and 6th March, all of which are vacant at the time of going to press.

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