

# The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF EASTER WE  
HAVE AN ENDLESS HOPE INSTEAD  
OF A HOPELESS END.

**All Saints' Church  
Petersham.  
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**Dear Readers,**

One Saturday evening in February I took my two oldest boys to a Youth Alive rally at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. They had a "mad" time. (ie they enjoyed themselves immensely). What was exciting was the fact that somewhere around ten thousand young Sydney people came together to celebrate what Jesus means to them by singing about him, praying, and hearing his word preached. Hundreds came forward to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We were in church. It was exciting, alive, and it was very moving. A living and authentic relationship with Jesus is a reality in the lives of those thousands of teenagers and 20 - 30 year olds. This relationship with Christ is the basis of purpose and direction and hope in their lives. He is the very source of their life and being. Why? Because through him they have become "new creations".

Last month I spoke of a Vision for our church. Let me describe it for you. In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul highlights what was of prime importance in his life and ministry. In Galatians 6: 15b Paul says "...what counts is a new creation". This verse is at the heart of my vision for what our church can be. Of prime importance is that men and women and children hear the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that they may come to him in repentance and faith - so that they may each become a new creation; and then to grow to maturity as disciples of the Lord. My Vision, then, for All Saints' Petersham Anglican Church is that we will be.-

"A community of disciples of Jesus Christ which is growing in christian maturity, and which is striving to have a positive impact for God's Kingdom."

This Vision Statement has four components -

1. "A Community" - With a GEM of a character

**G**lorifying God

**E**difying one another

**M**ission minded

2. **“Disciples of Jesus Christ” - A Disciple is a person who:-**

- Knows Christ personally as Lord and Saviour,
- Knows the Bible and puts it into practice
- Is involved in the local congregation
- Is having as impact for Christ on the world.

3. **“Growing in christian maturity”**

Each member of the church is growing more like Jesus in prayer, Bible reading, meeting together, using gifts and resources, and is growing in love for God and each other.

4. **“Striving to have a Positive Impact for God’s Kingdom”**

I long to see a church where the members have a burning desire to see people come to know Christ. This passion compels them to use their God-given gifts, talents, and temperament to see that the gospel is proclaimed and new believers are nurtured to maturity. Thus we will see God’s Kingdom grow here at Petersham, and through-out the world.

This is the Vision. It can only come to fruition by the gracious work of the Holy Spirit. We will only see results as we are committed to prayer.

Next month I will describe some goals and strategies for moving towards seeing the Vision become a reality. Till then please pray earnestly for God’s wisdom and continuing provision for our needs.

May God bless you and fill you with all joy in believing.

**Your Brother in Christ,  
Paul Watson**

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### What's On This Month of

On the 20 March we are commencing a series of sermons entitled "Six Hours One Friday" celebrating the resurrection of Jesus for us today. This series spans the Easter festival. The Evening service is called "Beginnings".

Date	8-30am	10am	Topic
Mar 20	Morning Prayer	Morning Worship	"My Life Isn't Futile"
27	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	"Living Proof"
Apr 1	9-30am Good Friday Service	"Six Hours One Friday."	
Easter Day 3	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	"My Death is Not Final"
10	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	"The Death of"
17	Morning Prayer	Morning Worship	"My Failures Aren't Fatal"
24	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	"Come Home"



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MEMORIALS**



**March 13 Memorial for the Stone of Remembrance**

**March 20 In memory of David Lennox**

**This Month of Sundays?**

“Six Hours One Friday” which looks at the significance of the death and festival. The Evening Services commences a series on Genesis chapters 1 - 11

<b>Topic</b>	<b>6-30pm</b>	<b>Topic</b>
“My Life Isn’t Futile “Living Proof”	Holy Communion Evening Worship	“Genesis Series” “
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“My Death is Not Final “The Death of	Holy Communion Evening Worship	“He is Risen” Genesis
“My Failures Aren’t Fatal”	Holy Communion	Genesis
“Come Home”	Evening Worship	Genesis

## Parish News

### **Farewell to Robert Bembrick.**

On Sunday 27 February we held a barbeque at which we said farewell to our principal organist, Mr. Robert Bembrick. Robert has been a member of All Saints' Peter-sham and our organist for the past twelve years. We thank him for these years of faithful ministry amongst us and assure him of our prayers and best wishes for his new life in the beautiful surroundings of the Blue Mountains.

### **Vestry Meeting.**

Our Annual Vestry Meeting was held in February. The following people were elected and appointed as our representatives for the coming year.

Rector's Warden                   - Noel Cragg  
People's Wardens                 - Bruce Livingston and Ray Swankie.

Parish Council. Six members elected.

- Michele Essam, Sarah Essam, Debbie Harrop, Ann Lennox,  
Joan Livingston, and Dorrie Playford.

The Rector's two nominations to be advised.

Auditor                             - Ian White  
Synod Representative             - Bruce Livingston.

### **Church Building Restoration and Preservation.**

We are presently engaged in the process of restoring our historic church building. There are a number of areas which are in pressing need of repair such as box guttering on the roof, other guttering, masonry and brick repairs, interior paintwork, electrical system and a number of other items.

A firm of Architects/Engineers experienced in historic church restoration is being consulted so that we can prepare a plan of action which will ensure that the work is planned and carried out in proper order and by experts in each field.

We are also preparing an application for a grant under the NSW Government, 1994 Heritage Assistance Programme. These funds are much sought after, and our application must be spot-on in order to have any chance of receiving any assistance. If we are successful we could be granted assistance anywhere between ten to fifty thousand dollars, on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Please pray for this!

### **Worship Services.**

In our February Parish Council meeting we agreed to some very significant changes in Sunday Services. We are introducing a third Service on Sundays. It will be held at 10am and will be a Service aimed to be attractive to non-churched people. The Service will be based on the same principles of our faith as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer and the Australian Prayer Book, but it will be in a different form. We aim to use contemporary Christian music and a less structured form of liturgy.

This means that the Service currently held at 9-30am will now begin at 8-30am. This Service will be the traditional Anglican Prayer Book Service.

The Evening Service remains at 6-30p

This Change comes into effect on Sunday 20 March 1994



