

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas

PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (Every Sunday), 2nd and 4th SUNDAYS at 11 a.m.
3rd SUNDAY AFTER EVENING PRAYER.
SAINTS' DAYS AS ANNOUNCED.

9.45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND EXTENSION GROUPS

11 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER 7.15 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs L. C. Calver (Rector's), W. Sopwith, E. Quelch

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs V. Barrett, T. H. Bosward,

H. G. Brodie, K. Grant, W. H. Hall, J. W. Humphreys, D. B. Hunter,

N. T. Kennedy, B. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw, W. R. Williams and R. Wright.

SIDESMEN: Messrs R. F. Atkinson, R. Boots, J. M. Royle, J. Ditchburn, J. Gorman, A. Jones, B. Livingston and G. R. Minter.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: T. H. Bosward—LM 2778.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs H. J. Shaw and A. Jones—LM 5218

ORGANIST: Miss Kathleen O'Neill.

MEMORIAL DOORS

The Harold Jones' Memorial Doors were dedicated by the Rector during the Evening Service on Sunday, November 5th.

The polished maple and plate glass doors, which further enhance the beauty of our Church were made in the Rectory Garage by the Rector and Y.C.I. Members; the latter also carried out the renovation of the Northern Porch.

It was very appropriate that the dedication took place on the occasion of the Patronal Festival and, also, the Y.C.I. Commemoration Service, as Harold was a most loyal Churchman and a keen Y.C.I. Member.

We wish to thank all who contributed to the cost of materials, and thus made possible the erection of a beautiful and fitting tribute to "a faithful servant of Jesus Christ."

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A special "Carols by Candlelight" service will be held on Sunday evening 24th December in lieu of Evening Prayer. All who attended this service in previous years enjoyed it very much, and we expect that again in 1961, it will be a memorable and very special Christmas service. If you have not been before, do join us this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Concert took place on November 10th, when an interesting and entertaining programme was presented to an appreciative audience. The School wishes to thank all who helped to make the Concert successful.

The Grocery Stall was again conducted by the School at the Annual Fete; we wish to say a big "thank you" to Parents and Friends who gave such a splendid array of goods for the Stall. Altogether, we raised just under £39 through these efforts.

The Annual Prize-Giving will be held on Sunday, 17th December, at 9.45 a.m., when all Parents will be most welcome to attend.

It has been decided to hold the Picnic in February, thus avoiding the rush of functions exams, etc., that in the past, has prevented many scholars from attending; the date will be announced later.

On behalf of the School, I wish to extend to all Parents and Parishioners the Compliments of the Season.

R. F. ATKINSON, Superintendent

APPRECIATION

The 1961 Fete is over, the weather was anything but nice, but we can all count our blessings. As Rector, I take this opportunity of thanking all the Stall-holders, and all who worked or gave in any way.

The result was magnificent. Who would have imagined that we could have eclipsed the 1960 result? Our success was the result of a wonderful loyalty on the part of all the people of All Saints'.

Thank you one and all for helping us achieve an all time record of £1038. We are also appreciative of the very prompt action by the Eagle Star Insurance Co. Ltd., of settling the claim under our Rain Insurance Policy for the afternoon session.

ERIC CHAMPION, Rector

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Christmas Party is open to all, young and old, and we will be happy to see you there; we would like to continue the pleasant custom of giving and receiving gifts at this function, and we ask all attending to bring a small gift, costing not more than 3/-, and they will receive a gift.

It would be appreciated if Parish Organisations could assist in the catering as follows:

Guild: Sandwiches.

Y.M. & Friends, Fellowship and Centenary Club: Cakes.

Y.C.I.: Tea, milk and sugar.

Please come and enjoy the companionship of your fellow parishioners.

OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Donations of Talc, soap, washers and handkerchiefs, and also gifts of money to purchase these articles will be accepted at the Rectory right up to Christmas Eve.

This is the fifth year that the Rector of All Saints' and ladies of the Parish have distributed small useful gifts to the Hospitals and Homes for the Aged in our Parish. Sometimes, the gifts which we deliver are the only ones received by very lonely aged people.

So please keep your donations coming in; many thanks to all those who have sent in parcels, while for gifts of money, we also thank Miss L. Bayley, Mrs. Ayrton, Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Teal.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

Dates to Remember for Christmas Parties

Saturday, 2nd Dec.—Kindergarten Christmas Party.

Monday, 4th Dec.—Physical Culture Concert.

Wednesday, 6th Dec.—Bowls Club Christmas Party.

Friday, 8th Dec.—Girl Guides Christmas Party.

Saturday, 9th Dec.—Combined Fellowship/Centenary Club Christmas Party.

Monday, 11th Dec.—Physical Culture Club Competitions.

Tuesday, 12th Dec.—Guild Christmas Party.

Wednesday, 13th Dec.—Parish Christmas Party.

Friday, 15th December—Y.C.I. Bucks' Christmas Party.

Saturday, 16th Dec.—Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party.

CLUB NOTES

Fellowship:

On Sunday, 29th October, the newly-Confirmed were welcomed at a Communion breakfast prepared by Fellowship members. The newly-Confirmed attended their first meeting on Tuesday, 31st October, when they took part in a Games Night.

At our Fellowship Meeting for 14th November, members helped to distribute Fete Dodgers throughout the Parish.

The next meeting, which is our last for this year, will be our Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, 9th December, in conjunction with the Centenary Club, and it will take the form of a Social Evening. Fellowship will resume its New Year activities on 30th January, 1962.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

JOY FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls:

During November, two of our Club Members attended the Victory Social held by the Indoor Bowls' Association at Ashbury Methodist Church, to present the Shield and pennant to the competition winners, St. George's Church of England, Earlwood. It was an inspiring function. One only had to see the bowlers of all denominations in such a friendly atmosphere to realise the true meaning of fellowship.

Our Secretary, Bert Shaw continues to make good progress, and we hope to see him around again soon.

We wish to make a drive for new members for our club during the coming months.

The Club extends the Season's Greetings to everyone.

JACK GORMAN

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Members of the above Club are asked to note that their final meeting for this year will be on 14th December. Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 16th December, in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m.

We will resume our usual Social Afternoons on Thursday, 4th January.

To the Reverend T. E. Champion, Mrs. Champion and Family, also to all Organisations connected with All Saints', we extend the Season's Greetings and many thanks for the help we have received during the past year.

D. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Centenary Club:

November has been a busy month for all of our members; chairman for the month was Alan Bate, and our meeting on 6th November was spent playing Table Tennis.

Our "Pick-a-Box" Stall at the Fete completely sold out, with the help of Don O'Sullivan, and we were very pleased to hand in a total of £50 raised on this Stall. The guessing competition held in conjunction with the Fellowship was won by Fellowship member, Jim Somerville.

I would like to thank all those who saved boxes for us, as the Stall would not have been so successful without your help.

L. SANDERSON, Hon. Secretary

Physical Culture:

A Bright programme has been arranged for our Annual Concert to be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 4th December at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from all Club members, and will also be on sale at the Hall on the night of the Concert.

Everyone is assured of a good night's entertainment, and will be most welcome. All proceeds are for the Church Funds. Girls from each of the Club's Age Groups will be taking part, as well as our Mother's Class.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.:

We had a good attendance at our Commemoration Night, held on the 3rd November. There was Community Singing as well as reminiscences from several members, and, of course, a very nice supper. It was indeed an enjoyable evening.

On the night of Sunday, 5th November, we held our 51st Commemoration Service. It synchronised with the Parish's Patronal Festival, and during the Service, the Memorial Doors in honour of our late beloved Vice-President, Harold Jones, were dedicated by our President, the Rector. It was indeed gratifying to have a large 'roll-up' of members to commemorate the founding of the Y.C.I. and at the same time to honour the memory of our late member.

On Friday, 15th December, we will hold our Buck's Christmas Party in the Parish Hall. All men of the Parish are cordially invited to be the guests of the Y.C.I. on this occasion.

L.C.C.

Young Marrieds' and Friends':

The next meeting of our Club will be held on Tuesday, 12th December in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m. We hope that all members will be able to attend this meeting, as it is our Christmas Night. After this, the Club goes into recess until Tuesday, 13th February, 1962.

Many thanks to all our wonderful friends who helped make our Stall at the Fete such a Financial success. We were very proud at the end of the evening to hand in £90 proceeds from our Stall.

We are still appealing for clean newspapers. We hope to have another sale of papers early next month. Please let us know if you have any for us to collect.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

In spite of the very bad weather, the Fete was a tremendous success and a great thrill to all.

Our street stall this month will be on the third Friday, 15th December. Donations of home-made cakes, scones, jams and pickles would be very much appreciated. The ladies of the Guild will provide the sandwiches for the Parish Christmas Party on Wednesday, 13th instant.

The Guild Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, 12th December, after which we will be in recess until 13th February, 1962. Our only effort during this period will be the street stall on Friday, 19th January.

We take this opportunity of wishing our Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth, and all Parishioners the compliments of the Season.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

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ANOTHER RECORD-BREAKING FETE

Oh, what rain, but Oh, what a day!

At the end of counting of Saturday, 18th November, proceeds from the Parish Fete totalled £1038/3/-,—a remarkable amount to raise in one day's selling, and on a day right in the middle of one of the stormiest November weeks we have had for many years. Despite the effect

which the continuous rain must have had on our attendances and the cancellation of all outside attractions, big crowds still attended the Hall for the morning and afternoon sessions, and the takings were even greater than those of last year.

The Rector and Mrs. Champion, who both worked tremendously hard for the Fete, were delighted at the outcome.

The successful result was achieved by the hard work and co-operation of many parishioners and their friends, and their efforts are greatly appreciated. As mentioned in last month's "Chronicle" by our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. Sopwith, the cost of the current re-roofing (estimated at about £600) will have to be met from these funds; in addition, we are obliged to remit a certain proportion to the Diocesan authorities, while the balance will assist us to continue the protection and improvement of our valuable property.

Mr. Sopwith has announced that the following are the amounts received on the day of the Fete:

Y.C.I.—Plants and Flowers	31	2	10			
Hot Dogs	9	17	0			
Fruit and Vegetables	12	12	3			
White Elephant	44	8	0			
				98	0	1
Y.M. Club—Cakes and Sweets				90	0	0
Ladies' Guild—Fancy Work and Christmas Gifts	186	9	0			
Children's Wear	115	1	4			
Refreshments	61	2	3			
Pottery	27	2	6			
				389	15	1
Books, Toys and Jewellery				187	3	4
Sunday School—Groceries and Jams				38	16	5
Centenary Club—Pick-a-Box				50	0	0
Clocks and Wristlet Watches				143	16	6
Fellowship—Hoop-la and Drinks; Girl Guides						
—Mixed Stall				40	5	0
Miscellaneous					6	7
Grand Total				£1038	3	0

It is probable that there will be a little more to add to this figure; such amounts will be acknowledged in the January "Parish Chronicle".
A.J.

N.B.—We congratulate Mrs. Deans of Livingstone Road on winning the watch.

FROM THE STALLHOLDERS

The members of the various organisations and stall-holders would like to convey their sincere thanks to all who assisted in their preparations for the Fete, and on the great day itself, and also to the car owners who helped transport much of the goods on those rainy days. In particular, we have been asked to express thanks and appreciation as follows:

The Ladies of the Refreshment Stall extend thanks to all who gave money, flowers, bread, butter, cakes, sandwich fillings, etc.

The Sunday School—to parents, friends, and certain business houses for gifts of groceries and jams; also to Mrs. Dudley for jams, pickles, and arranging donations of groceries.

Watches and Clocks—to Mrs. Perrett for her invaluable assistance.

Y.C.I.—to Mrs. Humphreys for her work on the "White Elephant" Stall; to Mrs. Sopwith, Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. Neyle for looking after the Plant and Flower Stall; to Mr. W. Hackett for collecting our vegetables and for assisting on the stall; to Mr. D. Petherbridge for donating a case of bananas; and to Mr. W. McCarthy for his donation of £3/3/-, paid into Fete funds through the Y.C.I.

Children's Wear—Mrs. Bosward, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Scott extend thanks to all who helped by making or donating goods for sale on their Stall.

OVER THE FENCE

Mrs. Critic and Mrs. Loyal sat drinking their morning cup of tea—both were tired, having had a big wash and felt the need to relax. Mrs. Loyal had accepted the invitation of her neighbour and had slipped through the gap in the side fence to share "the cup which cheers" with her friend.

The postman's whistle interrupted the conversation and Mrs. Critic hurried to her letter box to get a number of letters and several Christmas cards.

"My goodness," said Mrs. Loyal, "fancy getting cards already for Christmas—it seems only a short time since last Christmas." Mrs. Critic agreed that time flies, and that the older one gets, the faster time seems to fly. Mrs. Critic continued, "you know, Mrs. Loyal, Christmas doesn't seem the same when you are grown up. When I was a child, it was a great thrill to believe in Father Christmas and to hang up my stocking on Christmas Eve—going to bed and dreaming of all I hoped to receive. It used to puzzle me how Santa Claus knew just what to bring each child."

Mrs. Loyal agreed with her neighbour that Christmas is a great time for the children. She added that Christmas does seem different to the older people. "A little child is so dependent upon others and knows only the joy of receiving. But as you get older," she continued, "your happiness depends not only on what you receive but also on what you give. I believe one has to graduate from a child who hangs up his stocking, to an adult who fills other children's stockings. The thrill of making others happy more than compensates for the loss of having one's stocking filled with pleasant childish surprises.

Mrs. Critic then replied, "I agree with all you say, Mrs. Loyal, about Christmas being a time when a person is made happy, not as he contemplates all he hopes to receive, but as he plans to brighten the lives of others. Happiness is not bought and sold—it is something you receive as a reward for trying to make others happy."

Mrs. Loyal then spoke. "I believe the person who tries to put 'Christ in Christmas' has the right idea. Christmas to many is just a time for selfish orgies and no thought is paid to Him whose birthday it is. So many think abundance of food and drink make a happy Christmas, but often, they so over-indulge themselves that they fail to have a happy New Year!"

Mrs. Loyal added, "when you stop and think of the Christmas message, isn't it summed up in the text, 'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.' God's idea of happiness certainly begins here and now, but it goes on for eternity. Real happiness is not a matter of a few hours or days, Mrs. Critic, but for ever. True Christians know that as we copy our Master, Jesus Christ we give of our best and He in turn gives us lasting peace."

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

Oct. 27th—Margaret Henningham; Alma Dorothy Fozzard.

,, 29th—Jeanette May Pearce.

Nov. 12th—Trevor William Tomes; Craig William Wheatley; Kellie Ann Wood.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined"

Nov. 11th—Stuart Melrose Clark to Jane Lillian Sullivan.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Oct. 24th—Violet Margaret Tingle.

,, 25th—Ann Marguerita Button.

,, 26th—Elizabeth Ann Campbell.

,, 30th—Arthur Albert Cottrill.

Nov. 2nd—Hannah Downie.

,, 7th—David Ernest Charles Fairfield.

,, 15th—Clarence Moore.

,, 17th—Thomas Henry Allison.

,, 17th—Minnie Mabel Holt.

FLOWER ROSTER

Dec. 3rd—Donated by Mrs. Archer and family in memory of Mr. Archer; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

,, 10th—Donated by Mr. Miniter and John in memory of Mrs. Miniter; arranged by Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Colburt.

,, 17th—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.

,, 24th—Donated by Miss Meyers in memory of her Sisters; arranged by Mrs. Champion and helpers.

,, 31st—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bryce in memory of Mrs. Bryce Senior; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

We would be grateful of flowers or donations of money to purchase flowers for Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Day — Monday, 25th December

6 a.m.—Holy Communion

7 a.m.—Choral Communion

8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion

10.30 a.m.—Family Service

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

WALTERS & SON

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.