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The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. C. CALVER, W. SOPWITH, Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

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Treasurer: Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR.

Vergers: (Vacant).

Motto for 1954

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. . . . Proverbs iii.5, 6.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We offer to Thee, O Lord, our gratitude for all that the Christmas season has brought us of joy and fellowship. Now, as we enter a New Year, forgive the failures of past days. Grant that the New Year may see realised new hopes for our dear land. God save our beloved Queen and all who are dear to her. Guide those who serve our nation in high places, both at home and in far distant lands. May Thy will be the course on which we move forward. Bring our troubled world safely out of the present storm of suspicion and unrest and fear, and let Peace and Unity rule in Thy world, and in Thy Church, and in our homes, and in our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

All Saints' Rectory,

12th December, 1953

Dear People of All Saints',

Owing to the Christmas and New Year holidays it is necessary to have the copy for the January "Chronicle" in the printer's hands by the middle of December. This issue, therefore, cannot include some things you are accustomed to find: for example the District Visitors' lists. However, anything that must be omitted will be included in the February "Chronicle."

Here we are at the end of 1953 and approaching 1954. One year goes and another comes to remind us that we are moving on in time and to ask us whether we are moving on in wisdom and in truth. Many of us are inclined to despise ourselves because of past failures, and we imagine that any effort to be better and other than we are, is quite futile and useless. It is a good thing to be able to take St. Paul's advice in this matter: "Forgetting those things that are behind . . ." This is the season when we should remember old friends, pay debts of kindness, and recall gratefully the health, love, and laughter with which we have been blessed beyond our deserving. It would be graceless to forget these bounties of Providence or to fail to remember our spiritual heritage—the Faith and the faithful to whom we owe so much. But many people are too apt to remember what should be forgotten and to be brought to a standstill in the Christian race by the burden of such remembrance. "The year is going, let him go," sang Tennyson, lest some recollections should weigh us down and delay us. In Charles Morgan's novel "The River

Line," Mairi, the heroine, said of Heron, the buoyant young officer who had escaped from the Germans and contacted the French Underground Movement, "He gave a lift to the heart, because he travelled light, hoarding nothing." Heron was cheering company, because he did not harbour any memories which would impede him. He did not carry any load on his mind which would entangle and exhaust him, but went along with a free stride which made one happy to see. A man may so brood over the wrong which he thinks has been done to him, he may be so embittered by some relative or neighbour or competitor who has played him false, that he blinds himself to higher claims and misses many opportunities of seeing God and seeing others as they really are.

If 1954 is to be in any sense a new year, there must be some change in ourselves. We say good-bye to the Old Year by committing ourselves more thoroughly to Christ. That is how we may make the New Year a growing experience of God, a new discovery, a fresh victory, instead of a repetition of old frustrations, the same miserable muddle all over again. Life to-day is so apt to be self-contained. It is like one of the great modern ships, everything is there, every possible want and desire is provided for. But suppose the ship has no destination, drifting or even steaming full speed, but with no definite harbour in view. This is a generation which seems to have everything except confidence in its own future. Compared with the world which the Wise Men knew, we are rich beyond their dreams, **only, they had a guiding star.** The only true wisdom is the wisdom which humbles itself before the wisdom of God in Christ. This alone can make and keep men sane. The choice before the world is Bethlehem with its message of the wisdom of God, or chaos.

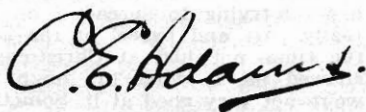
In view of what we have been reading in our papers and hearing over the air recently, it is refreshing to read this statement of James Boyd Allison: "I am a scientist and a member of a university faculty. My specialty is bio-chemistry. I am persuaded that neither our universities nor science can save the world. As a scientist I know that this universe of ours and our human lives are unexplained miracles. I sincerely believe that the only answer to it all is to be found in infinite wisdom and infinite love. In other words, I am convinced as a scientist that Christ is the only answer."

Our acknowledgment and thanks for the fine response to the Missionary Appeal are recorded elsewhere. Will you please continue your prayers and gifts for South East Asia? Those who attend Church have received the pamphlet setting forth the challenge to the Australian Church. For the information and interest of those who have not read it, we publish our Archbishop's letter (under the heading "The Primate to You") concerning our great responsibility in these areas so close to our shores. "Communism is making the most of its opportunity in South East Asia, and missionary strategists say the doors of the Gospel will only remain open for another five to ten years in some areas."

Notwithstanding our own parish needs (which are many) we shall try to do all we can to make a Thank-offering for the visit of our beloved Queen Elizabeth and, incidentally, to take our share in the cause for which the Thank-offering is being made. See the December "Chronicle" and page 4 of this issue.

We wish you one and all, A Happy New Year.

Yours very sincerely.



THE QUEEN'S VISIT

THANK-OFFERING FOR C.E.N.E.F. MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTRE

You will have read in the December "Chronicle," that Synod recently commended to all parishes the proposal that Thanksgiving offerings be made towards the extinction of the debt on C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Youth Centre in all churches on January 31st. This offering will be presented at the Cathedral Service on the 7th February in the presence of Her Majesty. The Queen has always shown keen interest in work amongst youth, and before her accession was President of the Church of England Youth Council in Britain.

We have already commenced this Thank-offering through the Sunday School, asking that each boy and girl will bring at least two shillings for this fund. We are confident that **ALL** our people will be willing to make a thank-offering on the occasion of the visit of Queen Elizabeth—the first visit of a reigning Monarch to our shores—and also help to remove the debt from C.E.N.E.F. Centre which is playing an important part in cultivating spiritual and moral values among young people in this city and Diocese and providing a meeting-place for all Church organisations.

**PLEASE TRY TO INTEREST YOUR FRIENDS IN THIS
THANK-OFFERING**

**USE THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED
RETURNING IT ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31st.**

JANUS

One of the oldest—in fact, I think actually the very oldest—of the gods that the ancient Romans used to worship was one called Janus. He was the god who (they thought) looked after all doors and gateways and entrances—a sort of patron saint of doors; and I suppose that's the reason why Janus was regarded as being specially interested in the beginning of the New Year; because New Year's Day, when you come to think of it, is like a rather special sort of gateway leading into the future. So the Romans called the first month of the year "Januarius," after the god Janus, and we still have the same name for it—January.

In ancient statues Janus was often represented with two faces looking in opposite directions—one looking back into the past and the other looking forward into the future. And that's exactly what we all find ourselves doing quite naturally at the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one. We look back over the past and take stock of things and see how we've been getting on; and we look forward into the future and ask ourselves whether there are any ways in which we can improve things a bit and make a better job of everything. We all do that if we're sensible.

And there's one thing that always strikes me about this. It's an interesting fact that New Year's Day falls exactly a week after Christmas Day—a rather neat and tidy arrangement, I think, because those two go very well together. At Christmas, even people who don't specially believe in the very thing that Christmas is all about—the Birth of Christ, the Son of God, at Bethlehem—even they still like to keep the spirit of Christmas. They value Christmas as a season of friendliness and goodwill, and they go all out to be particularly kind and generous—more so than usual. All this business of giving presents and sending Christmas cards and thinking of other people instead of ourselves (for a change!) and in general trying to spread a bit of happiness about the place—all that is really part and parcel of the sort of life God meant us to be living all the time, not just at Christmas. The Christmas spirit, as Christ plainly showed us, is what life ought to be like always. But there you are—we're not very good at it. Something has gone wrong with us, and it takes

an awful lot of effort and we don't find it at all easy to keep it up, most of us! With a bit of luck, we can keep it going until Boxing Day; but then, if we're not careful, the Christmas spirit gets swamped again by ordinary life and that's the end of it for another year. It's a pity.

And here's the real link between Christmas Day and New Year's Day—this is where the two heads of Janus join, so to speak. Because making New Year resolutions, when I really get down to it, is only a matter of trying to take the spirit of Christmas with me into the New Year. It's a way of trying to get a bit nearer to what God meant me to be like. And I believe (from bitter experience) that the reason why, for so many of us, the Christmas spirit fades so soon after Christmas and doesn't last (and the same goes for New Year resolutions) is because it's just a small effort that we make all on our own. Just for a day or two over Christmas we can manage to keep it going, but it's too much effort to keep it up for long. And this is where Christ says to me: "You know, you can't manage this thing just by your own efforts. You need my help—and I'm always with you to give it." And there's the Christian religion in a nutshell—not just in some vague sort of way trying to take the spirit of Christmas with me into the New Year, but taking the Spirit of CHRIST with me, which is a very different matter. It's worth bearing that in mind as I make my New Year resolutions and try to keep them.

—John G. Williams in "Listen on Wednesday."

THE PRIMATE TO YOU

The Church in Australia has before it now a striking opportunity of strengthening the Churches in South-East Asia. To-day we can help them. To-morrow may be too late.

The intense pressure of world affairs and the swift changes in South-East Asia have created an entirely new situation. These changes impose upon Australians heavy responsibilities and obligations, which arise as much from our geographical nearness to these peoples as from our Christian heritage.

People matter. And the people of South-East Asia matter to Australia.

The Australian Government has seen the significance of these changes. As a nation Australia has sent diplomatic representatives to eight new independent countries in this area during the last five years.

Furthermore, in the Colombo Plan Australia is a partner in a realistic attempt to share our material resources and technical experience with the millions of peoples in these countries.

We are the nearest Christian nation to approximately half the world's population. Millions of these races are illiterate, are living below a subsistence level, and are without knowledge of the Gospel.

Can the Church in Australia meet this new situation with a spiritual Colombo Plan, so that we might share our cherished spiritual realities and resources with our South-East Asian neighbours?

To us is given the opportunity of strengthening the indigenous Church and its leadership, and of reaching areas hitherto unevangelised.

The time available for giving such help may be short. Many urgent and specific needs have been mentioned. Let us not fail to meet them.

—HOWARD SYDNEY.

MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL

Special Missionary Appeal.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, the Rev. Clive Kerle, General Secretary of C.M.S., came to receive our gifts for South-East Asia and the Diocese of Borneo in particular. We thank him for his informative and challenging message. Do we realise that "Australia is the nearest Christian country to 1,100,000,000 people? God

has set us in the midst of peoples who are in great need. For the Australian Church, this is the day of opportunity, which we neglect at our peril."

The Rector, together with the President and members of the Women's Guild thank all who responded to this Missionary Appeal in memory of their late President:—

Miss Allen, 5/-; Miss Anderson, £1; Miss Atwell, 1/-; Mrs. V. Barrett, 5/6; Mrs. Bryant, 5/-; Miss D. P. Brown, £2; Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnard, £2; Mrs. Craigie, 10/-; Mr. J. Carroll, £1; Mrs. Chamberlain, 10/-; Mrs. Garrad, £1; Mr. S. H. Gannon, 10/-; Mrs. H. L. Holland, £1; Mrs. Hacking, 5/-; Mrs. Horton, 5/-; Mr. H. F. Jones' Group, 9/1; Mr. B. Livingston, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. Meatyard, 10/-; Mrs. Nisbet and family, 10/-; Mr. A. E. Shipp, £1/10/-; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, 10/-; Miss A. Turner, £1/1/-; Mrs. M. Wolrige, £1/1/-;

Anonymous.—£5, £1, £1, £1, 5/-, 5/-, 5/-, 5/-, 4/-, 4/-, 4/-, 3/-, 3/6, 2/6, 2/6, 2/6, 2/-, 2/-, 2/-.

Previously acknowledged.—£83/19/-. Total, £111/15/6.

The Women's Guild.—The only meeting in December was a business one on the tenth. After the Parish Christmas Party on the 16th, the Guild goes into recess until 25th February, 1954, which will be a Gift Evening for the Home of Peace, and will form the basis of our gifts for the Harvest Festival the following Sunday.

We miss Mrs. McLean from the Guild and its activities, and sincerely hope she may soon be restored to health and strength. To carry on our work effectively we **MUST** have more members; we hope more women of the parish will join our fellowship in the New Year. Perhaps this means **YOU!**

—V. Lucas, Secretary.

Fellowship.—Our Christmas Party and Break-up was a great success with 40 members and friends present. Competitions and games were arranged by the Rector, Ken and Erik, and prizes were won by various members. Our combined fellowship dance will be held at Artarmon and our next Fellowship meeting will be on 26th January, 1954. We wish every one a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Joy Sanderson, Secretary.

Y.C.I.—We held our "Quiz" night at the first meeting in December. There was a good attendance of members, and the proceedings were both instructive and amusing. The teams were led by Messrs. H. F. Jones and E. W. Brooks, the former's team winning by a small margin. Our Christmas Party was held on the 18th December, and proved very enjoyable. Meetings of the Y.C.I. are held on alternate Friday nights but owing to the intervention of New Year's Day, there will be a three weeks break. Our next meeting will, accordingly, be held on Friday, the 8th January, 1954. The 169th issue of the Y.C.I. "Manuscript Journal" will be released. "Journal" nights are regarded as the most popular items on the Syllabus, and all members are asked to contribute articles in order to ensure the success of the issue. The Institute is looking with confidence to 1954, and cordially invites men of the parish to come along to our meetings with a view to joining our ranks and sharing our fellowship. The Y.C.I. meets in their Club Room, Parish Hall, and intending members will be gladly supplied with full information upon application to the Rector, Wardens or other Church officers.—L.C.C.

L.H.M.U.—The final meeting of the L.H.M.U. for the year was held at Miss Allen's home on the 10th November. A presentation was made to Miss D. P. Brown in appreciation of her many years of work with the Petersham Branch of the L.H.M.U. A small gift was presented to Miss Allen in appreciation of her kindness in allowing members to meet at her home for the monthly sewing day. The next meeting at Miss Allen's home will be the second Tuesday in February, 1954, where more workers would be welcomed. Notice is given of a Concert to be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 10th in aid of L.H.M.U. An attractive programme is being arranged by the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society.—J. Smith, Secretary.

1954.—Here are some important days in the Church year which we should remember:—

Ash Wednesday	March 3
First Sunday in Lent	March 7
Palm Sunday	April 11
Good Friday	April 16
Easter Day	April 18
Ascension Day	May 27
Whitsunday	June 6
Trinity Sunday	June 13

Harvest Festival, 1954.—Timely notice is given of our Harvest Festival Services, which will be held on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 28th. As usual all our Harvest gifts will be sent to the Home of Peace.

Condolence.—We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris in the loss of their infant son, Peter, on December 6.

Physical Culture Club.—Our club competition and yearly awards were presented on November 28. Mrs. Adams graciously presented the following girls with trophy cups and medals: Ruth Medina, Helen Ferguson, A. Masonwells, Diana Hird, Julie Pearson, W. Rosenberg, Helen Medina, Jan Mitchell, F. Harvey, R. Murphy, Ann Short, Jan Locke, J. Churchill, Jill Lambert, Noeline Wilson, Fay Endycott, Jan Endycott, J. Thew, Noeline Rawson, Carol Toyne, Jan Ward, J. McDonald, M. Eves, J. Chamberlain and Dorothy Beardow.

Our Concert held on the 30th November and 2nd December attracted a full house each night. Everyone spoke highly of the entertainment given by our girls. We wish to thank Miss McGeorge for her splendid efforts on behalf of our Club and sincerely regret her resignation on account of her health. May we take this opportunity of thanking the parents and girls for their grand co-operation, through their efforts we are able to give £50 to the Jubilee Fund.

We resume class on the 1st Monday in February.—F. Ditchburn, Sec.

Jubilee Fund.—The Churchwardens acknowledge with thanks the following gifts received since last issue:—

In memory, Minnie Holland, £3/3/-; Box No. 3, Miss G. James, £4/18/-; Box No. 6, Miss Y. Arnfield, £3/16/-; Box No. 8. —, 14/-; Box No. 9, Mr. and Mrs. Meatyard, £2; Box No. 10, Miss Norman, 10/6; Box No. 12, Mrs. Allan, £1/7/-; Box No. 13, The Rectory, £5/3/-; Box No. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield, £2/2/-; Box No. 19, Mr. W. E. Lewis, £1/3/3; Box No. 20, Mrs. Hacking, 8/3; Box No. 21, Mrs. Craigie, £1/19/4; Box No. 22, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ayrton, £2/2/-; Box No. 23, Mrs. Gotke, 10/-; Box No. 23, Mrs. McLean, £1/2/-; Box No. 24, —, 9/9; Box No. 27, Mrs. Ditchburn, 13/3; Box No. 29, Miss A. Allen, £1/5/-; Box No. 31, Mrs. and Miss Houston, £1/16/6; Box No. 32, Mr. E. Bulloch, £2; Box No. 39, Mrs. H. L. Holland, £2/4/7; Box No. 44, Miss L. Rainsford, £1/10/-; Box No. 45, —, £2; (Unnumbered), Mrs. Lange, 1/-/6; Box No. 56, Mrs. James, £1/1/-; Box No. 63, Mrs. Joyce, 14/3; Box No. 64, Mr. and Mrs. W. Slee, £2/9/-; Box No. 70, Mrs. Miller, £1/9/-; Box No. 76, —, 10/-; Box No. 77, The Seagloves, £1/10/6; Box No. 78, Miss M. Mackay, £2; Box No. 79, Miss E. Dacey, 8/9; Box No. 85, Mrs. R. Mitchell, £1; Box No. 89, Mrs. Nisbet and family, £2/6/-; Box No. 93, Miss E. Browning, £1/1/3, Box No. 94, Mrs. Horton, £1/1/-; Box No. 105, Mrs. R. W. Holt and Miss Hobbs, £2; Box No. 107, Miss Meyers, 8/2; Box No. 108, —, 12/11; Box No. 109, Mrs. S. Stedman, £1; Box No. 120, Miss Farley, 10/-; Box No. 144, Mrs. R. Furnell, £1/1/-; Box No. 149, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver, £1/1/-; Box No. 152, Mrs. Collis, £1/0/6; Box No. 161, Miss McCulloch, 11/1½; Box No. 167, Mrs. Robinson, 5/10; (Unnumbered):—Miss Taylor, £1/1/-; Mrs. L. Sharp, £1; Mrs. M. Hoseason, £1/4/-; Mrs. Bugden, 8/6; Mrs. Fowler, £1/4/1; Mrs. P. Jones, 13/-; Mrs. Powning, 17/6; Mr and Mrs. J. Thomas, £1/-/2; Mrs. A. Hilleard, 14/-; Miss Speight, £2/5/-; Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin, £2/2/-.

Envelopes.—Sopwith Family, £2/2/-; Mr. and Mrs. Plowman, £10; Miss Juleff, £2; Mrs. Garrad, 10/-; Anonymous, 4/-; Anonymous, £1/1/2; Anonymous, 5/8; Mr. H. L. Brodie, £1; Mrs. J. Chamberlain, 10/-.

Per Y.C.I.—Messrs. G. R. Minitier, £1; R. Ashwood, 12/-; R. N. Hunter, £1; M. A. Buckley, £2; W. H. Hall, £1/1/-; R. F. Atkinson, £1; E. W. Brooks, £1; F. Metcalfe, 16/-; and Y.C.I. Club Room Night, £1/12/- Total, £10/1/-.

Physical Culture Club, £50.

Previously acknowledged, £925/8/5.

Total to 13/12/53, £1080/4/11.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH SCHOOL FOR YOUR BOY?

The Blue Mountains Church of England Grammar School at Wentworth Falls has been re-organised this year as a Primary School for boys; there are vacancies for boys from 6 to 12 years of age. The fees are very moderate, being £60 to £65 per term, according to age. Within two hours from Sydney by car or train, the School enjoys all the advantages of a healthy and exhilarating mountain climate, together with easy access to the City. It is set in the spacious grounds of the famous old home of "Coorah," and has excellent facilities for sport. The scholars are brought up with the background of a sound religious training. The School is efficiently staffed and managed. Further information may be had from the Headmaster, Rev. A. T. Pitt-Owen, B.A., Wentworth Falls 219 or 112; and from Mr. L. Giblin, BX 2568 or WA 2010.

CHURCH MUSIC—JANUARY 10th TO FEBRUARY 7th, 1954.

SUNDAY	MORNING	EVENING
January 10 Epiphany i.	Holy Communion Choral (Merbecke). Hymns 80, 178, 316, 555.	Hymns 199, 76, 704, 679. Psalm 47. Anthem: "An Evening Hymn" (Buck).
January 17 Epiphany ii.	Hymns 488, 657, 478, 282, 28. Psalm 27.	Hymns 540, 671, 239, 477. Psalm 36. Anthem: "Comfort O Lord the soul of Thy Servant" (Crotch).
January 24 Epiphany iii	Hymns 7, 315, 168. Psalm 42.	Hymns 242, 79, 164, 31. Psalm 34. Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" (Handel).
January 31 Epiphany iv.	Hymns 218, 285, 373, 658, 267. Psalm 66.	Hymns 513, 285, 300, 282 Psalm 63. Anthem: "Lord I Flee to Thee" (Mendelssohn).
February 7 Epiphany v.	Hymns 247, 323, 280, 642. Psalm 99.	Hymns 278, 517, 546, 281 Psalm 112. Anthem: "Had we but Harkened" (Davies).

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the Little Children to Come
Unto Me"

December 6.—Craig Alfred Edward Barnard.

December 6.—Gregory James Snedden.

December 13.—Kerrie Ann Johnson

DEATH

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

December 6.—Peter Harris.