

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

325 STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM 2049

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DECEMBER 1988



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

THIS CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 11TH -

* 9-30AM - CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE

7-00PM - HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 18TH - SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

9-30AM - HOLY COMMUNION

* 7-00PM - PARISH CAROL SERVICE

DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY

* 8-00AM - HOLY COMMUNION

NOTE: NO SERVICE AT 9-30AM OR 7-00PM

JANUARY 1ST - NEW YEARS DAY

9-30AM - HOLY COMMUNION

7-00PM - HOLY COMMUNION



THE RECTOR'S LETTER.

The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM. 2049.
23rd November, 1988.

Dear Friends,

"Christmas comes but once a year,
when it comes it brings great cheer."

That is certainly a very old rhyme. It was probably learnt at our mother's knee.

Too often to-day "Christmas Cheer" is considered as beer. I am sure that was not the original meaning.

I wonder what brings us cheer or joy at Christmas?

The younger members of our community would probably say Christmas Presents! - whether distributed by Santa Claus or found under the tree on Christmas Day.

The greatest joy is the realisation that God loves us and at Christmas sent His only Son to be our Saviour. This brings everlasting joy to the heart of every believer.

The words of the angels to the shepherds in the fields outside the town of Bethlehem were,

"...behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy which will come to all peoples; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord". (Luke 2: 10 and 11)

Such news as this cheered the shepherds no end. They like all Jews had been waiting for the Christ, the Messiah or the Promised One who was to be their Saviour and Lord. This was a joyful message.

This good news was not just for a few shepherds minding their flocks; nor was it for the people of an

insignificant country ruled by a foreign power; no, the good news was for "all men".

We living nearly two thousand years later are also cheered by the news that the Saviour has come.

The Child born in Bethlehem that night grew up to be the person who at about thirty-three years of age died on the cross outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem. His death was underserved. He was the sinless Son of God.

The joy of those shepherds was not that a child was born but that the Saviour had come, and this is the full joy of Christmas.

God loves us with all our faults with all our failures. He sent His only Son into the world in order that through Jesus Christ we might know forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness."

May you know the lasting joy of Christmas and be of good cheer in the troublesome world.

Yours, sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

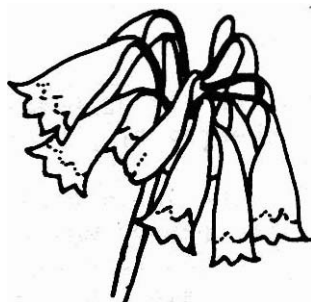
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS.

The Sunday School will finish for 1988 at the Family Service on Sunday 11th December at 9-30am. The entire Sunday School will be taking part in this service.

Classes will resume in 1989 on Sunday 29th January.

The Sunday School Christmas party will be held on Friday 9th December, 1988 commencing at 5-00pm. Parents are asked to bring a plate.

Noel Cragg.


**FLOWER DONATIONS.**

- DECEMBER 4TH - Mr. & Mrs. Swankie in memory of our mother and nanna.
Arrangement Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.
- DECEMBER 11TH - Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Snr.; Mrs. Rodgers & family in loving memory of her husband, David.
Arrangement Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam
- DECEMBER 16TH - In loving memory of Elsie Hillery from her sister Kath; In memory of friend Vera Deering & son Peter Brian Moran from Mrs. Rhodes.
- DECEMBER 25TH - In loving memory of my mother and daughter, Betty from Phil Heap.
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Baxter, sisters Ena & Stella from Barbara.
From Mrs. Carr in memory of her parents
Arrangement Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam


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Christmas Day

GLORY TO GOD


 **PRAY.** Lord, I am glad to celebrate your birth today.

 **READ** Luke 2:1–20.

 **THINK** **The town.** Nazareth was an insignificant Jewish village on the margins of Galilean society far removed from the centre of power. Not mentioned in the Old Testament or in any writing prior to the Gospels, it was a place without a history — and would have had no future had Jesus not lived there. Bethlehem was a small town with a long history rich in religious associations as the home of David, the place where he was anointed king (1 Samuel 16). The census linked Jesus to Roman history; the move to Bethlehem to salvation history of Israel.

The Manger. The place where Mary placed Jesus was either a feeding trough for animals (in a barn or under the open sky) or a stall for tying up the animals. Under the influence of Isaiah 1:3 later tradition included the donkey and the ox, but they are not mentioned in Luke. We are not told why there was no room for the family in the inn (a private house or a place where large groups of people found shelter under the one roof), but it has often been seen as a sign of the later rejection of Jesus.

The titles. Luke uses three titles to describe Jesus, two taken from the Old Testament ('Messiah'/'Christ' and 'Lord') and one from popular religion of the Greek and Roman world. The birth of Jesus fulfils the religious hopes and aspirations of all of humanity. He is God's anointed agent sent into the world to set his people free through the forgiveness of sin. Yet, there was no room for him.

 **MEDITATE** Do you think there would be room in our society for Jesus if he were born today? Where would we put him?

 **PRAY** Lord, help me to reserve space in my life so that I may welcome Jesus today.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP.

The next meeting, the final meeting for this year on Tuesday 13th December will be held in the Guild Room and commence at 1-30pm. The meeting will be followed by our Christmas Afternoon Tea at 2-00pm to which we warmly invite any ladies of our parish who would care to join us. But please let Ida Barrett know by the Sunday before (Sunday 11th) if you are coming, so we will know how many to cater for.

Our last second-hand clothing and jumble sale for this year is over. We made \$195. So we were able to give the Parish Council another \$200, making our total this year \$1750. Many thanks to all the friends who supported us in countless ways. We are so grateful. Thanks and Thanks.

The date has already been set for the first on next year - Friday 17th February. We look forward to continued support from all our friends.

Our first meeting next year is Tuesday 14th February, 1989.

Many thanks to all who helped in donations of money or goods for our cake, sweets and drinks stall at the Fete. Our total to hand at the end of the day was \$457. Also thanks to our helpers on the day. We couldn't do without any of you, to many to mention names.

Our Club Members take this opportunity to wish all the Blessings of a Truly Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB.

By the time you read this issue of THE CHRONICLE the Senior Parishioners' Club will have gone into recess

until Thursday 2nd February, 1989, when we hope to see the smiling faces of all our old members and hopefully a few new ones.

We meet from 1-00pm till 4-00pm every Thursday.

This year will finish on Thursday 1st December with the usual Christmas Break-up Party when we hope Mrs. Beverly Champion and Mr. Ken Rowlands will again provide us with music for carols, etc. Thanks Bev. and Ken in anticipation.

The members wish all a Happy, Holy, Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

1988 FETE.

	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
WORK STALL	932.00	905.40
CAKES, SWEETS & DRINKS	457.00	566.00
POTTERY	424.00	242.00
REFRESHMENTS	318.45	249.10
WHITE ELEPHANT	317.00	1000.00
GROCERIES	316.16	279.33
JEWELLERY	314.10	215.00
BOOKS	162.33	185.25
TOYS	156.00	173.45
PLANTS	155.88	95.90
DONATIONS	92.05	300.00
HOT DOGS	24.60	22.00
	<u>3669.57</u>	<u>4233.43</u>



FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - OCTOBER, 1988

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,571.61	Rector's Net Stipend	1,739.75
Church Flowers	100.00	Rector's Trav. Allowance	485.94
Recycling of Cans	36.00	Organist	75.00
DONATIONS		Church Cleaning	80.00
Mr. C. Caldwell	10.00	Hall Cleaning	80.00
Mr. A. Richardson	30.00	Flowers	65.00
O.E.S. - Floodlighting	3.00	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
Women-in-Friendship	200.00	Telephone Account	71.24
Mrs. J. Mackinolty	55.00	Hall Electricity	135.16
Rector's Telephone Contrib.		Hall Gas A/c	33.10
for August 1988	21.00	Church Electricity A/c	116.80
Sale of B-B-Q Tickets	79.00	Organ Tuning & Minor Maint.	170.00
1988 Fete Donation from		Removal of Rubbish from	
Commonwealth Bank	25.00	Rectory	150.00
INVESTMENT INTEREST			
J. H. Douglass Endow Fund	974.50		

	3,105.11		
Deficit for Month	185.71		

	3,290.82	Surplus for Month	0.00

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BALANCE 1-10-88	2,814.10		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	185.71		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	0.00		

BALANCE 31-10-88	2,628.39		

ACCOUNTS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1988.

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. - September Flowers	65.00
Telecom Australia - October Account	71.24
Sydney County Council - Church Electricity A/c	116.80
Sydney County Council - Hall Electricity A/c	135.16
AGL Sydney Ltd. - Hall Gas A/c	33.10
D.J.Hocking - Removal of Rubbish from Rectory	150.00
Peter D.G.Jewkes - Organ Tuning & Minor Maintenance	170.00

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.