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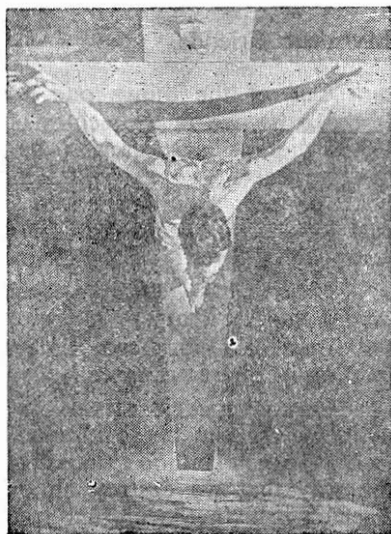
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APRIL, 1981

Easter 1981
at
All Saints



WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL — 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY, 17th April —

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Family Worship

**3.30 p.m. Diocesan Service in
Sydney Square**

EASTER DAY — SUNDAY 19th April —

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Family Communion

5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

From your Minister's Desk



My dear Friends,

One of the things one notices when travelling in Europe is the existence in the centre of almost every village of a cross. When these villages grew to be towns or cities the ancient cross has been carefully preserved. People like to have that symbol at the heart of their teeming modern life. The cross has been in a very real way the inspiring centre of the world's life for two thousand years. What gives it its significance? What message does it convey?

No one has been able to adequately answer these questions. And I suggest that the ultimate meaning of the Cross is hid in the heart of God. From time to time however, we catch new light on it. There are three facts about it that are worth pondering.

First, the Cross reveals the nature of sin. Its reality and its ugliness. We can be so blinded by our prejudices and our fears that we can take God's holiest and loveliest gift, and destroy it in the way that we destroy an evil thing. Every time we sin we re-enact in time the eternal tragedy of the Cross.

Second, the Cross shows a new way to power — the way of sacrifice. Men and nations are scrambling for power. Today they fail to realise that the greatest power ever released in the world came through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. Dare we take that road to power today?

Third, the Cross places a new value on the worth of each individual. There is something in your life, and mine, which justified that sacrifice! So often we men do not see that something. The Cross says that God will not refuse any sacrifice in order to win our allegiance.

Every value is transvalued in the light of the Cross. Every individual life is tested as it stands reverently before it.

The approaching Easter Celebration proclaims these truths to you and me. May each of our hearts receive and respond to them in love.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,
S. W. GISSING

From H. L. Gee's Book Entitled

"WARTIME PILGRIMAGE"

Another quarter of a mile bringing me clear of the woods, I paused to look over a field from which all but one row of stooks had been gathered in. Then I gave a low whistle, for not ten yards from the hedge was a large crater. Beyond it were three more craters. "Bombs," said I to myself, "Most likely there are ammunition dumps as well as military stores in the woods, and apparently the enemy has had a pot at them. He wasn't far off, either!"

For some minutes I stood looking at the nearest of the four craters. Then I noticed something. Clover was growing near the bottom. An idea popped into my head. Finding a gap in the hedge, I tresspassed in the field, descended a little way into the bomb-crater, and picked a clover flower. Having placed it in my wallet, I returned to the highway, and so continued my journey: "Not a brand plucked from the burning," I told myself, "but something fair and sweet taken from something ugly and cruel . . . God, for very shame, beginning to hide the evil that men do." In this fashion my thoughts ran on; and I recalled a story, well known to all Toc H men of the War of 1914 to 1918.

It seems that in 1916 a charge of 91,000 lbs of ammonal exploded, making a ghastly crater 40 feet deep and 250 wide, only a few miles from Ypres. In after years Tubby Clayton called it a pool of peace, for it became a lake with a gathered radiance, so that man's warth became God's praise.

As I say, I put the clover in my wallet, for I thought I would take with me as a memento of my pilgrimage, a reminder that God begins where man leaves off.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

TEMPLE DAY

As revealed in the March Chronicle, urgent repairs to the Church building are required.

Sunday, the 10th of May, is set aside for you to make that special donation to enable repairs to be carried out.

We need \$5,000.00 to get the jobs done, and the building brought up to a safe condition. Let's get the job done.

Watch out for your May Chronicle with an envelope enclosed for your use on the Temple Day **Remember the 10th of May.**

Church Wardens

S. YEWDALL
N. CRAGG
B. LIVINGSTON

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CHURCH FLOWERS

We are grateful to all who help beautify our church on Sundays by contributing towards flowers as a way of remembering loved ones, to mark some cause of thanksgiving.

April 5 — Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of the late Mr. Beardow.

12 — Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stanley Walter.
Mrs. S. Hays and family in loving memory of Sydney Hays.

Friends who would value an opportunity to make such a memorial in All Saints' are asked to contact the Rector as early as possible — say by six weeks before the date. This helps in organising the details and recording it in the Chronicle concerned

Thank You.

PETERSHAM PARK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 11th — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

STALLS

FOOD and DRINKS

CRAFT

RIDES

ART SHOW

JEFF ST. JOHN

BANDS

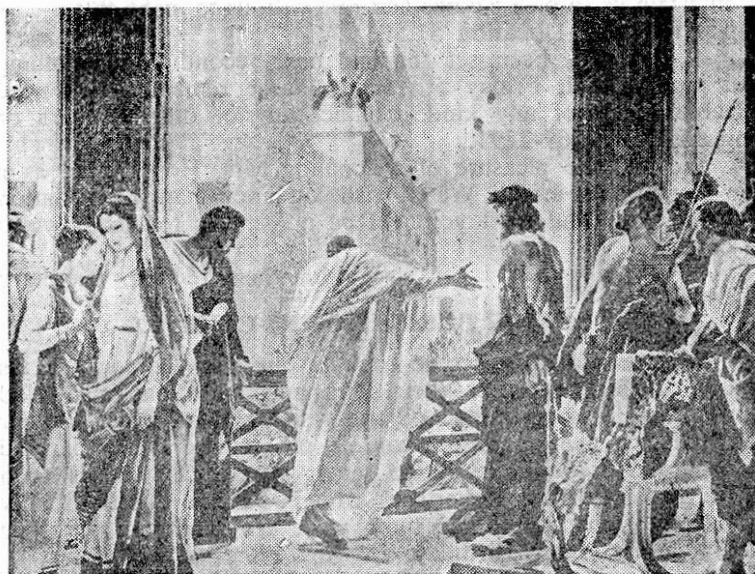
ETHNIC DANCE

DISPLAYS

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JESUS DIDN'T BLAME ANYBODY

Think back to the story of how Jesus was crucified. He must have been lonley — more lonely than anyone else before or since. His execution was a crime, but He forgave. Even as the nails were hammered home through those gentle hands and



feet, his first thoughts were to bless and pray for those around him. Could we do the same?

He blamed no-one. How often we blame someone else. "Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus . . . who emptied himself . . . humbled himself . . . became obedient unto death."

Through that death on the cross it is possible for us to know him as a friend. And it's only by accepting him as Lord that you find him as Saviour.

Florence Nisbet.

**NB FROM 5-4-81 FOR WINTER MONTHS EVENING
SERVICE WILL COMMENCE AT 5 P.M.**

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

28th APRIL

OUR ANNUAL LUNCHEON

I hope you all have marked Tuesday 28th April, in your diaries. Our Annual Luncheon, commencing at 12 noon.

The Ladies from the Petersham Salvation Army are going to entertain us so please come and join with us to make this a very happy function. Donation \$1.50.

A date has been set for our next second hand clothing and jumble stall, Friday 5th June, Please remember we need saleable goods of any kind. Contact any of our members or ring I.Barrett 569-2291.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Hope Ward as a new member last month. We all wish you a very happy association with us Hope and trust you will be a member for many years to come.

Ida Barrett Hon. Secretary

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

We are glad to welcome back to our club Doreen Jenkins and Phyllis Lacey after their long hospitalisation; also glad Lilian Pearn is progressing well and with us again. Ellice Rhyder has had two eye operations and is progressing well I'm glad to report. We look forward to seeing you back with us soon Ellice. Robbie (Mrs. Robertson) who is 91 this month is now in a Rest Home but doing quite well. We send you our love Robbie and a Happy Birthday.

I am very sorry to have to report the passing of one of our very regular and loved members, Vi Brassington. Vi was in her 94th year. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Phyllis Johnsen (also a member of our club) and the rest of her family.

Two of our ladies Mrs. Win Barker and Mrs. Alice Gavin represented our club at the Government House Garden Party during Senior Citizens Week. They spent a very pleasant and interesting afternoon.

On Thursday 16th April our Club will not hold a meeting, this is the Thursday before Good Friday in Holy Week.

We are always anxious to welcome new members! If you want to spend a happy afternoon any Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. playing cards or housie please come and join us. Ladies or Gents — any age — any denomination — 50 cents covers all games and afternoon tea. I'm sure if you once come you'll want to come again.

Ida Barrett

Hon. Secretery

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School prize-giving for 1980 was held on 15th February at the Family Service, and we would like to congratulate the following pupils of the Kindergarten and Sunday School for winning a prize:

Kindergarten—

Class 1: First prize, Emma Essam; second prize, Cameron Scott.

Class 2: First prize, Rachel Scott; second prize Scott Sheppard. third prize, Alexandra Smith and Kelly Lea.

Class 3: First prize, Sarah Essam and Jason Hitchcock; second prize, Glen Stuart.

Extension Class: First prize, Stacy Sheppard; second prize, Nicole Scott; third prize, Naomi Smith.

Sunday School—

Class 2: First prize, Stuart Hitchcock and Andrew Hitchcock; second prize, Debbie Granger; third prize, Genevieve Freeman and Peter Cruden.

Class 4: First prize, Joanna Freeman.

Class 5: First prize, Kim Granger.

Class 6: First prize, Toni Sheppard.

At the Annual General Sunday School Teachers meeting it was decided to hold another Family Picnic at Centennial Park. It will be held on Saturday 17th October 1981. Details will be given at a later date. Please keep this date free.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS

**MORNINGS at 9.30 a.m.:—**

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Family Service is the 3rd Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9.30 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

EVENINGS at 7.00 p.m.:—

(This changes to 5.00 p.m. during winter months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.
