

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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“Because there was no room for them in the inn”

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity of thanking all who helped make the Parish Fete such a success. To date, receipts exceed £1,340. Such a sum represents many hours and weeks of hard work on the part of the stall-holders and their supporters, and I want to thank all who worked and gave so generously to achieve such a wonderful result.

This year, we had a Visitors' Book, and 863 people signed their names and addresses. We know that many more attended who did not sign. It is estimated that over 1,000 people attended the Fete. There was no catch in signing the book as some imagined, and the lucky person to win the dinner valued at over £3 was Mrs. Webster of 287 Stanmore Road, Petersham. Perhaps next year, more will sign!

The Season of Christmas will soon be with us, and I take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Christmas from my wife, self, and family. The season will bring mixed feelings to some, but we all need to treasure the hope of the Gospel, which is something not only for this life, but eternity. Christianity stands for more than a joyful time at Christmas. The tragedy is that so many people leave the "Christ" out of "Christmas." When He came the first time, there was no room for him in the inn. To-day, many still have no room for Him in their lives. **It is not Christmas without Christ.** [The list of this Church's Christmas Day Services appears on the back page of this "Chronicle".

During January, I shall be away with my family; we leave on 3rd January when the Rev. C. J. N. Gundry of Kurri, will be in residence at the Rectory. I am sure that both Mr. and Mrs. Gundry will receive a warm welcome at All Saints'.

May God bless you all this Christmastide, and may 1964 bring you every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We urgently need donations of soap, talc, handkerchiefs, and face washers, also gifts of money to purchase these articles for distribution during Christmas week. Each year, we wrap and deliver nearly 300 gifts to the "Home of Peace," nursing homes, hospitals, and to some private homes within our Parish.

Many of our little gifts are the only ones received by the elderly folk.

Please let us remember the older folk at Christmas time—so many of them are sad and lonely and look forward each year to a visit from our Rector and the ladies who accompany him to deliver these gifts. A box will be left at the Church entrance from December 1st., so please leave your donation there.

Gifts of money (always acceptable to buy gifts for the menfolk) can be left with the Rector or Mrs. Shaw. We are grateful for gifts of money already received from Mrs. Kerry, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Teale, Mrs. Ayrton, Mrs. Nisbet and Mrs. Higginson.

● **January "Chronicle":** Owing to our printers' holidays, all material for next month's "Chronicle" must be submitted by **Tuesday 10th December**. Items handed in after this date cannot be included until the February issue.

OBITUARY

Mr. L. C. Calver

There will always be green memories for those who knew Leonard Calver, for his worth and personality are unforgettable.

There will be his capacity for friendship (in which he showed his love for his fellow man), his delightful humour and the brilliant wit he used when fighting for what he felt was right. There will be his enjoyment of life, his patience in sickness, his courage in adversity, his loyalty to his employer, his devotion to his family, and his steadfast service to his Church.

Leonard Calver lived all his life against the background of All Saints'. There he was baptised, went to school and Sunday school; there he was married, as were his children, and to it he gave the value of his experience, knowledge and leadership without faltering and without stint.

For 50 years he was a member of the Y.C.I., 46 years of which he was its Honorary Secretary. For over 40 years he was a member of the Parish Council, over eleven years as Rector's warden and for a much longer period, as Secretary.

His work for the Church was not confined to secretarial duties, however, for in the many phases of its activities, and mostly in the background, the quality of the man was evident: generous, constant, and unassuming.

The mainspring of his happiness, and the secret of his splendid character, lay without question, in the words he once wrote at the conclusion of a report: "It is for us to always remember we belong to the Church, and to love God: that is our privilege."

We mourn his loss and we are grateful that we knew him.

D.H.



NEWS BRIEFS

● **Rev. Maurice Hayward:** The Rev. Maurice Hayward from the House of the Epiphany, said farewell to us on Sunday, 17th November, before sailing home to England for Christmas. Mr. Hayward will spend only six weeks with his family before returning to New Guinea early in the new year. The Rector is grateful for his valuable assistance with the Sunday morning services during the past five months.

● **Christmas Communion:** The Rector will again provide Holy Communion to aged and sick folk who will be unable to come to Church on Christmas Day. Mr. Champion would like Hospitals and other parish.

ioners knowing of persons wishing to partake of private Communion to let him know by Sunday, 15th December; this notice is essential so that he may be able to organise his schedule to visit all concerned in the limited time available.

● **"Carols by Candlelight"**: All who've been present at this novel Service in past years have been greatly impressed, and it is planned to be a memorable and very special service again in 1963. It will take place on Sunday, 22nd December, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

CLUB NOTES

Physical Culture: A great deal of work has gone into the preparation of our Concert by our Instructress, Mrs. Anderson, the Club members themselves, and Mrs. Holden our Pianiste.

As this issue of "The Chronicle" comes out before our Concert (Monday, 2nd December), we wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those mentioned above for their splendid help throughout the year. Our thanks also go to Mrs. Hird, Mrs. Challenger, Miss L. Sanderson, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Locke, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Robert Champion for their donations and help whenever we need it.

Congratulations, girls, on your work through the year, and for your co-operation at all times. May we wish you all, girls, Mums, and Dads, a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Fellowship: November was a very busy month for most of our members. On Sunday, 10th November, we gave a Breakfast to the Newly-Confirmed, which would not have been such a success without the kind help of Mrs. Humphreys, who cooked the breakfast for us.

The month was topped off with the Parish Fete at which we handed over a total of £49/2/8, being the proceeds of the Hoop-la, "Knock them Down Dolls," Drinks, etc. To this total will be added the proceeds from the sales of scrap metal, and this will swell the figure to over £50. Our thanks to all who gave their assistance during the day and night of the Fete.

Our Christmas Party will also be a welcome to the Newly-Confirmed, and will be held on Friday, 6th December, at 8 p.m. All "new and old" members are invited along.

LYNNE SANDERSON, Assistant Secretary

Baseball: The Baseball Presentation Night was held on Friday, 25th October, and an enjoyable night was had by all. The evening began with two very interesting baseball films and was followed by a very nice supper kindly provided by the girls of the Fellowship.

During the evening, Mr. Roy Atkinson presented the "Harold Jones Memorial Trophy," an award for the best and fairest player, to David Sayers. David played very well throughout the season and his efforts with the bat proved valuable in our hardest games.

The "J. M. Boyle Memorial Trophy" for the most improved player was awarded to Trevor Tomes for his great effort as pitcher for the team.

All the boys in the team were presented with autograph books, while the boys presented Mr. Miniter with a gift in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Miniter, John Miniter and Richard Cornford for their efforts as coaches, Messrs Williams, Perkins and Stephens for providing transport, and the girls of the Fellowship for a very nice supper, and all who helped the Club in any way during the past year.

J. GORMAN

Young Marrieds' and Friends': The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held on Tuesday, 10th December in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall at 8 p.m.; as this will be our Christmas meeting, and the last until Tuesday, 11th February, 1964, it is hoped to see all members able to be present.

The members of the Y.M. and Friends' Club thank sincerely all those who so generously donated goods and helped in any way to make our stall at the Fete such a wonderful success. We were very proud, at the end of the day, to hand in £118 from the Cakes and Sweet Stall.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners': Our final gathering for the year will be our Christmas Party on Saturday, 14th December, at 2 p.m. Club members are requested to attend.

After a short recess, our Club activities will resume again on 9th January, 1964.

As I shall be retiring from office at the end of the year, I should like to thank Mrs. Win. Dingle who helped to establish the Senior Parishioners' Club, and also Mrs. I. Clark and Mrs. J. Wilson whose loyalty and hard work over the years has made the Club so successful.

To our Rector and his family, and also to our many friends we wish the Compliments of the Season.

D. SHAW

Indoor Bowls: The Bowls Club will be holding their Christmas Party on Wednesday, 11th December in the Parish Hall. The usual novelty nights with some serious bowls will be held.

Our Club wishes the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth, and all other organisations a Holy and Happy Christmas, with many thanks to all those who helped us in any way at all in 1963.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Young Churchmen's Institute: It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Leonard C. Calver on 12th November. Mr. Calver had been a member of the Y.C.I. for over 50 years, having joined, 1913, and for 45 years, six months of this period was our Honorary Secretary, an office from which he retired at only the last Annual Meeting in February, 1963. Mr. Calver had been seriously ill on a number of occasions this year, but his sudden passing was nevertheless a shock to his many friends of the Y.C.I., who will miss him greatly from their future meetings.

There were many past and present Y.C.I. members at the Service conducted by our President (the Rector) and the Rev. John Green in our Parish Church on Thursday, 14th November.

We would like to take this opportunity of expressing our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Calver and family in their sad loss.

Our meetings in November, took the form of a Fete Preparation Night on Friday 15th, and the Annual Commemoration Night on 29th November; at the latter, special mention was made of Y.C.I. history and of the work of Mr. Calver as Honorary Secretary for many years; our 53rd Commemoration Service was held on Sunday evening, 24th November, when one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. G. Brodie, was the special preacher.

We are indeed grateful to our good friends Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. Dillon for their invaluable services at the Fete on the White Elephant Stall, and also for the great amount of time which they spent beforehand in pricing the goods that were donated. Our thanks also are extended to Mrs. Quelch and Mrs. Sayers for washing the crockery and chinaware that was received for sale.

The only item on our Syllabus for this month is the Bucks' Christmas Party on Friday, 13th December, commencing at 8 p.m. We extend a cordial welcome to all Church officers and other menfolk of the parish to join us for this night. We wish the Rector, Mrs. Champion, their family, and all parishioners a Happy and Holy Christmas.

K. GRANT, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild: Our final street stall for this year will be on Friday, 13th December; any donations for same would be much appreciated. We will be providing the sandwiches for the Parish Christmas Party on December 18th.

After our Christmas Party on 10th December, which will be held in the Rectory, we go into recess until 11th February, 1964.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth the Compliments of the Season and a very happy holiday in January.

E. M. BOSWARD

FETE RECORDS BROKEN AGAIN

Once again it gives us great pleasure to say that the takings of our Fete broke all previous records. Last years total of £1,200 was surpassed by £140, and with some further amounts still likely to come, the £1,350 mark could well be reached.

This year's amount is really marvellous—particularly when you consider the tremendous efforts that have been made in earlier years, as over £1,000 had been raised at our three previous Fetes. Given a fine sunny day, sales of cool refreshments would have been much higher, and we would have had an even bigger attendance. However, we are indeed grateful for the sum that has been raised, and the principal use for this money will be to restore the Church organ. This instrument has never had a major overhaul since it was built, and we look forward to its early improvement. A certain part of the proceeds is also required to be remitted to the Diocesan authorities as is the case with all our general income at All Saints'.

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

The following are the amounts received to Tuesday, 19th November, 1963:

Stall	Conducted by	£	s.	r.
Cakes & Sweets	Y.M. Club	118	0	0
Books, Toys, &c.	Mrs. Millarey	245	0	0
Fancy Work	Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Clark	238	17	0
Clocks, Watches	Mr. Cook	203	1	3
Children's Wear	Mrs. Bosward	132	6	6
Groceries & Jam	Sunday School	58	19	4
Refreshments	Guild	66	14	0
Pottery	Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Brown	49	17	4
Plants	Mrs. Sopwith	35	8	6
Hoop-la, Drinks, &c.	Fellowship	49	2	8
Vegetables	Y.C.I.	19	5	4
Hot Dogs	Y.C.I.	13	17	3
White Elephant	Mrs. Humphries, Y.C.I.	53	6	10
Additional efforts by	Mrs. Humphries	26	10	0
Merry-go-round	Mr. Gorman	5	4	6
Ponies	Mr. Carroll	8	6	0
Donations		16	13	0

GRAND TOTAL 1340 9 6

P.S.—We congratulate Mrs. Denholm of Fisher Street, who won Mr. Cook's Transistor Radio Set.

FETE "APPRECIATIONS"

The Rector, Wardens, and members of the Church Fete Committee would like to express their thanks publicly to all who helped the Fete to break records. Thanks are due in particular to the Stallholders and those who served with them on the stalls and other attractions, to those who donated goods for sale, to the menfolk who erected the stalls, lights, signs, and flags, to the Fellowshipippers for distributing dodgers throughout the parish, and of course to those who came and spent the money that resulted in such a tremendous total. Our thanks to you, one and all.

Mrs. Millarey asks that her thanks be given to all who helped her with donations and by assistance on her stalls; she is also most grateful to Mr. Stanley Nicholls for his generosity in disposing of so many books at such wonderful prices.

Mrs. Bosward extends a very sincere thank you to all who gave donations, either in cash or material, for the Children's Wear and Gift Stall.

The Y.C.I. thanks Mr. Champion for lending his car plus trailer for the collection of vegetables from the Chinese gardens, and also St. Margaret's Hostel for giving us their week-end vegetable order.

A most successful idea this year was the free poultry dinner, for which all who signed the Visitors' Book were eligible. We express our gratitude to Mrs. Barrett for securing a donation of the poultry, to Mrs. Shaw for buying and attractively packaging the vegetables and groceries, to the various parishioners who minded the book, and to Mr. Stanford for arranging the numbers for the draw.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Dec. 1st—Donated by Mrs. Archer and family in memory of Mr. Archer; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 „ 8th—Donated by Mr. Miniter and John in memory of their Wife and Mother; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 15th—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown and Mrs. Clark.
 „ 22nd—Donated by Mr. H. and Miss A. Meyers in memory of their brother and sisters; arranged by Miss Speight.
 „ 29th—Donated by Mrs. Bryce in memory of her Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 Jan. 5th—Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams; arranged by Mrs. Morris.

Donations of Flowers or money to purchase flowers for Christmas would be very much appreciated.

Additional flowers on 3rd November were given by Miss D. Brown in memory of her Parents and Aunt, and by Mrs. Carr. Flowers on 24th November were also donated by Mrs. Quine in memory of two friends, Mrs. Mansbergh and Mr. Rowlings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Fete: Once again the Sunday School ran the Groceries and Home-made Jam Stall and altogether raised £59, about £18 more than last year's effort of £41. For this we owe sincere thanks to Mrs. Champion (who once again provided us with the bulk of our home-made jam) and other parishioners who donated jam and groceries to sell. Jam once again was our biggest selling item and was still in great demand hours after we had sold the last jar.

Thanks must also be rendered to a number of Sydney companies who either generously donated parcels of goods to sell or else kindly made available to us many of their items at or below wholesale price.

Our thanks go to these groups for their kind support:—William Arnott, Pty. Ltd., Eta Foods, Pty. Ltd.; White Wings, Pty. Ltd.; Aeroplane Jellies; Bingo Pty. Ltd.; Foster Clark, Ltd.; Cottee Ltd.; Sanitarium Health Food Co.; Weston Biscuit Co, Pty. Ltd. Last, but not least, we wish to thank the people who served at the stall during the day and the parishioners and friends who bought from our stall. The amount raised is due in no small way to all those mentioned above. Thanks once again.

Sunday School Prize-Giving Service: The Annual Prize-Giving Service will take place in the Parish Church on Sunday, 15th December at 9.30 a.m. and parents and friends of Sunday School pupils are urged to be present on this important occasion. Please note the earlier time: 9.30 a.m.

Sunday School Picnic: The Sunday School Picnic a very popular function in the Sunday School Year has had to be postponed this year owing to increased transport costs (over £30) which, despite generous donations from parish organisations and parishioners themselves, funds do not permit us to meet. However, other proposals have been put forward, among these one that the children could be transported to Watson's Bay by private car. This means 20 cars would be required to take out and return all scholars wanting to attend. Watson's Bay is a safe and popular spot to hold the picnic, and naturally we do not want to deprive the scholars of this, so we ask for your help in this matter. If you could provide transport on a Saturday to be determined early next year, would you please let one of the Sunday School officers, Mr. R. Atkinson, Mr. A. Jones or the Rector know and leave the rest to us. If sufficient cars could be made available, the committee could then go ahead with plans. With transport costs eliminated, more funds could be allocated for food and refreshments, prizes for races, etc., and any driver who wanted to stay the whole day and join in with us would be more than welcome.

JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS DAY—WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER

- 6 a.m.—Holy Communion
- 7 a.m.—Choral Communion
- 8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion
- 10.30 a.m.—Family Service and Shortened Holy Communion

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

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