

# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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DEDICATION OF Y.C.I. DOORS, 11th NOVEMBER, 1960

## 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.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, V. BARRETT, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, R. WRIGHT, W. R. WILLIAMS, W. H. HALL, K. G. LOCKE.

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Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

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Envelope Secretary: Mr. T. BOSWARD—I.M 2778.

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

## THOUGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

"Almighty God, who hast given us Thy only begotten son—"

"Grant that we being regenerate—"

"May daily be renewed."

There are three phrases in the Collect to-day which have a special message for us.

We wish each other a very Happy Christmas and I believe we sincerely mean it; but that happiness does not come by wishful thinking; it is conditional.

Some people think religion was invented to make people miserable, but true Christianity stands for peace and happiness.

We are happy to-day firstly, because God has met man's deepest need by giving us His Son.

With the coming of sin into the world there came sorrow and trouble and man was cut off from fellowship with God. The fall of man was a fact, not imagination. God was not happy to see man living without Him, so He gave His only begotten Son to die for us, to reconcile us to Himself.

The sacrifice of Christ must produce in true Christians sacrificial service. If we are not prepared to make sacrifices for God, He gave His Son in vain.

It is so easy to be side tracked into thinking only of superficial things rather than those which are deep and lasting. Christmas can become just a time for patting each other on the back and living in a fool's Paradise. If we are not prepared to make sacrifices for God in time and talents, we miss the main message of the season.

Any pagan can feast—it calls for no great effort to eat plum pudding and cake, but it does take courage, in the midst of all the rush of Christmas, to find time to visit God's House and worship Him.

If the challenge of Christmas is real to us, we will make time to visit His House. Why is it some get more out of Christmas than others? I believe it is summed up in the second phrase of the Collect—"Grant

that we being regenerate." The word regenerate means literally to have NEW LIFE.

If every professing Christian had new spiritual life and was truly "Born again" in Christ, the Church would so dominate this world that nothing could compete with it.

In Baptism we were sealed with the sign of the Cross and water was poured on us as a symbol of what the Holy Spirit seeks to do in us,—that is to cleanse us from all sin. Being handed back by the minister to our parents, he said "This child is now regenerate." In other words this child has now a new beginning, by the grace of God and by the help of parents and godparents. As the child grows physically so he must develop spiritually. Alas, many grow physically, but are spiritually stunted. They receive no spiritual food or help and know nothing of the love of God.

Religion is a strange affair to many, if not a burden, and not realised as a help in their daily life.

That brings me to the last thought in the Collect of "daily renewal". We realise that the body needs food at least three times a day but too many professing Christians only feed their soul three times a year! In my opinion we are reduced to spiritual skeletons, if in a world which asks so much of us, we only feed our souls three times a year. Better come three times a year than not at all, but better still come regularly to God's House for spiritual food and fellowship. We must all grow in grace if we are to become like Him our pattern and example.

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### CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We would like to express our gratitude to all who gave gifts to this appeal. The response this year exceeded that of previous occasions and we were very happy to be able to distribute presents to so many old people in our parish in the name of the Church. We would also like to acknowledge gifts of money from the following people, for which we were very grateful: Mrs. Callaghan, Misses Street, Mrs. Ditchburn, Mrs. Furnell, Mrs. Dudley, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sopwith, Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Bryce, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. R. Miniter, Mrs. I. Clark, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Slee.

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### VICTORY FOR CRICKETERS

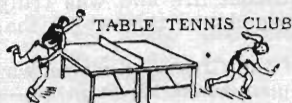
The "C" grade team had its first outright win of the season with a convincing victory over Belfield Methodist. All Saints scored 82 runs for the loss of 4 wickets, top scorer being Neil Moore who made 20 runs. Belfield were dismissed for 30 in the first innings and 37 in the second, so that our boys won the match outright by an innings and 15 runs. John Yard was our most successful bowler, taking 3 wickets for 8 runs in the first innings and 4 for 12 in the second.

The "D" grade team was very unlucky not to score a good win also, for rain prevented play on the second day of the game when the boys were in a strong position. They had scored 163 runs for the loss of 9 wickets. Our outstanding batsman was David Callanan—105 runs not out. He also took 4 wickets for 21 runs. However, as there was no play on the second day, they had to be content with a draw.

Both teams are enjoying some good cricket and look forward to further victories.

The next meeting of the club will be held early in January at a date to be announced.

TABLE TENNIS



The summer competition conducted by the N.S.W.T.T.A. is well under way and five teams from the Church are taking part. The results so far are as follows:

"D" grade: (P. Whalan, J. Yard, N. Moore, G. Ongley) won 6 games, lost 1.

E. grade: No. 1 team (Mrs. Gorman, G. Gorman, R. Cornford, J. Durham) won 3 games, lost 4.

No. 2 team (A. Humphreys, T. Thompson, C. Hemmings, G. Davis) won 2 games, lost 5.

No. 3 team (D. Waterfield, K. Lipscombe, P. Keen, A. Bell) won 3 games, lost 4.

No. 4 team (R. Hackett, G. Daly, D. Ward, N. Ward) 7 defeats.

The boys in the number 4 team are playing in their first competition and they are all displaying very fine sportsmanship, despite their defeat in every game. We hope that they will profit from the experience of the competition, and that they will win some matches before the end of the season.

The members of the club would like to thank all those who helped them during 1960 especially the Rector and the Y.C.I.

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

The Annual Concert held on 5th December provided a grand night's entertainment for all who attended. Our girls and mothers certainly worked hard to make their concert a success and are to be congratulated on the interest shown in their club. Yearly awards were presented by Mrs. Way to the following girls:

H. Collis Trophy Cup—Jan Locke; 2nd M. Hicks; merit—B. Cheese-wright, H. Muir.

15 years—1st V. Kelly; 2nd M. Jackson.

13 years—1st R. Champion; 2nd, D. Hird; 3rd R. Jackson; 4th, H. Roberts and C. Berg. (More awards were given to this group as they have worked consistently well together all through the year).

11 years—1st, L. Pilt; 2nd, J. Hird; 3rd, L. O'Hara.

9 years—1st, M. Kelly; 2nd, G. Mills.

7 years—1st J. Neary; 2nd, C. McPherson; 3rd, L. Elliott.

Our club is very thankful to all who helped us through the year: the Rector and Mrs. Champion, Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Hird, Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara, our pianist, Mrs. Collis who donated her services free for the last couple of months, our door-keepers, Mr. Locke and Mr. Ditchburn, our M.C., Mr. Sayers and Mr. Lovelace, and all our girls and parents who play such a big part in helping to make our club a success. We should be able to make quite a big donation to Church funds as a result of the year's work. We wish the girls all a happy holiday and hope to see them again in the new year.

Y.C.I.

The Y.C.I. successfully held its "Bucks" Christmas Party on December 9th, when over thirty members and visitors enjoyed the happy and informal atmosphere that is characteristic of such functions. We were especially pleased to have the Rev. A. Richards, Rector of Baradine, amongst our visitors. The greater part of the evening was devoted to the traditional cricket "Test Match", in which some unusual strokes

were made by the batsmen and Umpires Jack Alt and Fred Metcalf were kept busy giving some strange decisions. There was some doubt about the result, but it was officially declared a tie.

Later we enjoyed a splendid supper in the Guild Room, during which we joined in singing some well-known Christmas hymns and carols, a feature being "Good King Wenceslas" with "Bushy" Hall and Ken Grant as soloists and Geoff. Horton at the piano. We also had a visit from Santa Claus who distributed valuable presents, all of them able to produce loud noises which were joyful, if not harmonious.

The finale of the party was an excellent tape recording prepared by Alan Jones which gave a resume of the past year including the Centenary Service, the Car Drive, Jubilee Dinner, the Fete and many other parochial and Y.C.I. topics.

We should like to wish all parishioners a very Happy New Year.

**"The Guardian"**

We should like to thank Mr. Paul Henningham, Editor of "The Guardian" for donating us space regularly in the paper for publicising special events and reporting parish news.

If any organisation has special news for publication, would they please give details to Mr. H. Shaw or Mr. A. Jones by the Saturday preceding the Thursday on which the paper appears.

### **DON'T FORGET!**

**December 31st—WATCH NIGHT SERVICE—11.30 p.m.**

Holy Communion and Sermon in preparation for the New Year

- Jan. 4th—Bowls' Club resumes.
- " 6th—Y.C.I.—Impromptu Speeches.
- " 8th—Corporate Communion for Y.C.I. members, 8 a.m.  
Social Hour after Evensong.
- " 12th—Senior Parishioners' Club resumes.
- Feb. 6th—Physical Culture Club resumes.
- " 14th—Ladies' Guild and Young Marrieds and Friends' Club resume.

### **BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY**

Miss B. Hodgson has been elected Box Secretary for the B.C.A. All those holding boxes are asked to leave their boxes at the Rectory at the end of each quarter. Thank you.

BARBARA HODGSON

### **MONTHLY FILM**

The film which should have been shown on the third Sunday in December, "Question of Values" will now be shown on Sunday, 8th January. There will be the usual film on Sunday, 22nd January, plus the cup of tea.

### **INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**

The Bowls Club will resume activities on 4th January, 1961, when we will be pleased to welcome new members. Why not come and join the happy members. Our Christmas Party was very enjoyable, we invited two members from every club that we played during the year. All had a very happy evening. We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Humpreys, Mrs. I. Clarke and Mrs. Shaw for their kindness in preparing a very excellent supper.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

## CENTENARY CLUB

I wish to welcome any persons 18 years and over to the above Club's meeting held 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday evening of the month at 7.45 in the Y.C.L. Room, Parish Hall.

We will be going into recess from our Christmas Party on 13th this was our first Christmas Party and a wonderful one it was. Do not forget tennis, every Thursday evening at 7.30, Jackson's Court, Stanmore Road.

BARRARA HODGSON, Hon. Secretary

## LADIES' GUILD

We will be going into recess from our Christmas Party on 13th December and will resume on 14th February, 1961, when we hope for a full attendance of members to begin arrangements for our Annual Luncheon on 22nd March.

Our Street Stall will be held as usual in January, on the third Friday, which will be the 20th.

Our best wishes to the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth and to all Parishioners for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

## FLOWER ROSTER

Jan. 1st—Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams.  
Arranged by Mrs. Morris.

" 8th—Donated by Mrs. Colbert. Arranged by Mrs. Colbert and Mrs. Bellamy.

" 15th—No Donation. Arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.

" 22nd—No Donation. Arranged by Miss Speight.

" 29th—No Donation. Arranged by Miss Street.

Feb. 5th—No Donation. Arranged by Mrs. Malone.

On 11th December extra flowers were given in memory of Mrs. Humphreys, Senior by Mr. and Mrs. G. Clarke and Mr. J. Alt.

On 18th December the flowers in the Church were donated by Mr. V. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of their Mother.

## KNOW YOUR PARISH

## St. Margaret's Hostel for Women Students, Cambridge Street

In 1917 the Anglican Nuns of the Community of the Sisters of the Church were concerned about the lack of suitable accommodation for their students leaving St. Gabriel's School at Waverley for the University or Teachers' College. After consultation with the late Bishop Stone Wigg and others, a Committee was formed and the property at 90 Cambridge Street, Stanmore, was rented for £3/10/- a week. A former school teacher and Headmistress, Miss Carter, was appointed first Warden, and it was not long before the value of the Hostel was realised. After further negotiations, the property was purchased and dedicated to St. Margaret of Antioch.

The finance was raised by the late C. J. D. Goldie, Esq., and further assistance was made available through fetes held by Mrs. King Slater (a Life Governor of the Hostel), and the Women's Guilds of St. James' Church and Christ Church St. Laurence in the city.

The Education Department and the Teachers' College were warm supporters of the Hostel, and Professor Mackie (the first Principal of Sydney Teachers' College) was a member of the initial Committee. St. Margaret's is the oldest girls' hostel in Sydney.

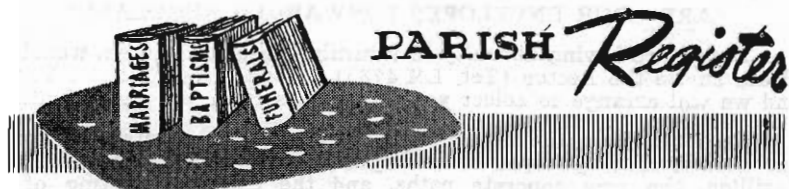
During World War II an Air Raid Shelter to accommodate 60 was dug on the south side of the grounds by order of the Defence Department, but in 1946 this was filled in and a very fine Chapel built on the spot. At this time Bishop Pilcher (Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney, now retired) was President of the Hostel, and he consecrated the Chapel and blessed the contents.

St. Margaret's played its part during the pneumonic flu epidemic by housing nurses, and helped the war effort by entertaining sailors of the Royal Navy and U.S. navy at small dances.

Because of the pressure of applicants, additional accommodation has had to be provided; "Simpson House" was added in 1950 and "Harrow House" in 1952; both of these Houses hold eight girls. Altogether St. Margaret's now caters for 37 students, all of whom are pursuing courses at one of Sydney's two Universities, or one of the three Teachers' Colleges.

Since January, the Warden has been Mrs. Grace Dudley, whose late husband (The Venerable Dr. Lance Dudley) was Warden of Christ College, within the University of Tasmania, and Archdeacon of Hobart. The Patron is the Lord Bishop of Newcastle, and the Chaplain is the Rector of All Saints', the Rev. Eric Champion, who is also at present Acting Chairman of the governing Committee.

Your interest and prayers will be appreciated.



### BAPTISMS

Mark Anthony Critchley; Ian Malcolm Green; David John Scurr; Jason Dean Parkinson; Stephen John Drinkwater; Shane Patrick Brighton; Michael Raymond Tucker; Allan Roy Setttee; Kevin Alexander Smith; Lindsay Michael Moss; Allan John Cunningham; Denise Anne Sharp; Jeffery Wayne Jones; Philip Wayne Renton; Cheryl Diane Dimitroff.

### MARRIAGES

Errol Ray Wiseman to Maxine Rae Reid; John Thomas Roffey to Elsie May Orford; David George Evans to Vera Lenore Paul; Keith Arnold Johnson to Daphne Margaret Allen; Edward Charles Turner to Pamela June Canham; Kenneth Albert Martin to Barbara May Bruce.



## FUNERALS

John Johnston; Charles Griffiths; Edward Henry Cooper; Roland Elliott; Edward John Davis; Fannie Clara Bennett; Ellen Scott; Alfred Richard Monroe; Agnes Russell; William Harold Stewart Quayle; Elizabeth Wooller; Elsie May Scaysbrook; Walter Alfred Renike; George Edward Kay; Elsie Alberta Harrington Biehler; Elsie May Harrison; Alfred James Blair; Reginald Arthur Mitchell.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parish Christmas Party held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, 14th December, was a huge success. About 200 parishioners attended. Mr. B. Sayers was the M.C. and in his own bright style kept things moving, dancing and games were enjoyed by young and old. Mrs. Sayers sang two much appreciated solos, we would also like to thank Mr. Thompson and his friends for their music for the dancing.

Supper was served by the ladies and was provided by members of the Guild, Y.M.C., Y.C.I. and Fellowship, after supper there was the exchange of Christmas Gifts.

During the evening Mr. Calver presented the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion, Robert and Ruth with a Christmas Hamper, and expressed the good wishes of all present that they would have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. The Rector suitably replied.

The Rector, Mrs. Champion and children would like to say a very big thank you to all the Church organisations who contributed towards the contents of the Hamper, it was a wonderful surprise and very much appreciated, once more thank you.

## AN APPEAL FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO—

## WEEKLY ENVELOPE SUBSCRIBERS

## ARE YOUR ENVELOPES FORWARDED REGULARLY

If you are having difficulty in returning them to Church, would you please advise the Rector (Tel. LM 4735) or one of our District Visitors and we will arrange to collect your Envelopes from you each Month.

Proceeds from the Envelope System must be maintained to meet our normal running expenses and special costs such as the Centenary Carillion, the new concrete paths, and the exterior painting of the Church and Parish Hall.

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