

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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The Rev. C. BABER,
Second Rector of All Saints',
1879-1895

TEXT FOR THE MONTH.

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

My Dear Friends,

There are hundreds of men and women in Petersham who have never had a vital and saving experience of Jesus Christ, who up to this moment, have not come to that greatest of all decisions, that of acknowledgement that Jesus Christ died for them personally and then receiving Him into their hearts as their Saviour and Lord, and going on to experience the great joy and power of His forgiveness and salvation.

Too many men and women seek to live on the remnants of the faith which their parents or grandparents possessed and do not seem to realise that the godliness and piety of their forbears will not bring them salvation. Every man and woman who would be saved must go **PERSONALLY TO CHRIST** for salvation. No-one else can make this important decision for you.

CHRIST CAN COME INTO YOUR LIFE --- just as He has come into the lives of many men and women at All Saints' who now rejoice in His salvation and live in the power of His Spirit. If you know in your heart that you have not received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, if you know you have not received His forgiveness and peace, then we at the Church are anxious that you should find Jesus Christ to be "the Way, the Truth, and the Life". The Church is not a body of people who think it is nice to worship God Sunday by Sunday, but a body of people whose lives have been gloriously changed by Jesus Christ, and who show the new life in joyous worship of God.

**May God bless you and yours,
your friend
W. G. Collier.**

IF

(with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

IF YOU CAN keep "The Faith" when those about you
Are losing it and seeking something new;
IF YOU CAN stand the firmer though they flout you
As being simple and old fashioned, too;
IF YOU CAN put you hand in Christ's and feeling
The marks of Calvary's scars upon your palm
Can gladly say "Amen" to all His dealing,
Or change the sigh into a joyous psalm;

IF YOU CAN laugh when human hopes are banished,
When castles fall, and cherished prospects die;
And just keep on, though earthly props have vanished,
Content to see the pattern by and by.
IF YOU CAN meet abuse without complaining,
And greet your unkind critic with a smile,
If, conscious that human love is waning,
You claim that a Calvary love that knows no guile;

IF YOU CAN let the mind of Christ posses you,
To think on "things of good report" and true;
And ever let the love of Christ obsess you
Constraining everything you say and do;
IF YOU CAN find in Him your highest treasure,
Let Him hold sway o'er heart and soul and limb,
The LIFE is yours, and blessing without measure,
And - what is more - you'll live and reign with Him.

- Reginald Wallis

"I CAN ... THROUGH CHRIST" (Phil. 4:13)

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

4-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

Home Bible Studies will recommence on Thursday 3rd September. For more details speak to Revd. Walter Collier.

COMING EVENTS.

Deputations from C.M.S. and Bible Society.

Church Missionary Society

Sunday, 13th September. 9-30am.

Bible Society.

Sunday, 27th September. 9-30am.

ANNUAL FETE. Our Annual Fete will be held this year on Saturday 21st November.

More than ever we need to make this fete a huge success. What can you do to help? The first of the fete meetings will be held in August.

Details of the meeting will be printed in the Weekly Bulletin. All welcome.



FLOWERS DONATIONS.

SEPTEMBER 6 - To the memory of our Mother & Nanna from Ray Swankie and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

SEPTEMBER 13 - In loving memory of Jack from Joyce and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

SEPTEMBER 20 - Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother Mrs. Sheriff.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

SEPTEMBER 27 - In memory of Mum from Ross and Pat Hitchins.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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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.

WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT THE CHURCH?

Well, why should you support the Church? The answer lies in whether you think the Churches are filling a worthwhile place in modern life. Obviously, if you think that there are no such things as spiritual values and that there is no God to be worshipped; that there is no point in maintaining men to visit the sick, to cheer the lonely and depressed and to give kindly and disinterested advice over life's problems, then you wouldn't shed a tear if all the churches in the land had to be closed through lack of support.

Yet there are many people who, though they rarely enter a Church, would be extremely sorry to see them disappear from the pattern of our national life. Somehow they expect the church to be there and a clergyman or minister to be available for their needs, if and when required. Indeed, such people are quite shocked when a Church has to be closed through lack of money or man-power, and are not slow to complain that "nobody ever visits them".

If we mean by "the Church" those who believe in and try to follow Jesus Christ, then it can never be destroyed, even if it has no financial support, and even if it is bitterly persecuted. History proves this. But if you mean by "the Church" your particular Church with its ministry, its organisations and its influence on the community, then that Church could very easily come to an end through sheer lack of support.

It is easy to moan about empty Churches, particularly if we do nothing to fill them! It is easy to complain about depressed clergy and ministers, but the very reason why many of them grow depressed and depressing, is because they do not get the backing of the men of goodwill who do at heart value what the Church stands for. It is easy to say that the country is going to the dogs, but how can the Church exert its proper influence if it is hamstrung by lack of support from the people who care about an honest and decent life?

We don't need to be Jeremiahs to see that this is a materialistic age which is rapidly exhausting the spiritual capital of the past. Every Church in the land is a natural rallying point for those who do believe that there is a spiritual meaning in life, and there is a God who loves and cares what happens to us men. Don't stay outside and criticise; come in and help.

There are three kinds of people in life:

- * those who make things happen,
- * those who watch things happen, and
- * those who don't know what is happening.



The Parish Register

BAPTISM



"We welcome into the family of Christ's church"

19th July 1992 Thomas Daniel Leah.
2nd August 1992 Ashleigh Jane Fletcher.
16th August 1992 Claire Angela Nicholas.

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FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25



3rd July 1992 Robert Thomlinson.
5th August 1992 Elyzabeth Thompson.
7th August 1992 Angus Fitzalan.
11th August 1992 John Moar.

GOD'S PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your Peace,
Where there is hatred, let me show love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;

And it is in dying we are born to Eternal life.

