

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

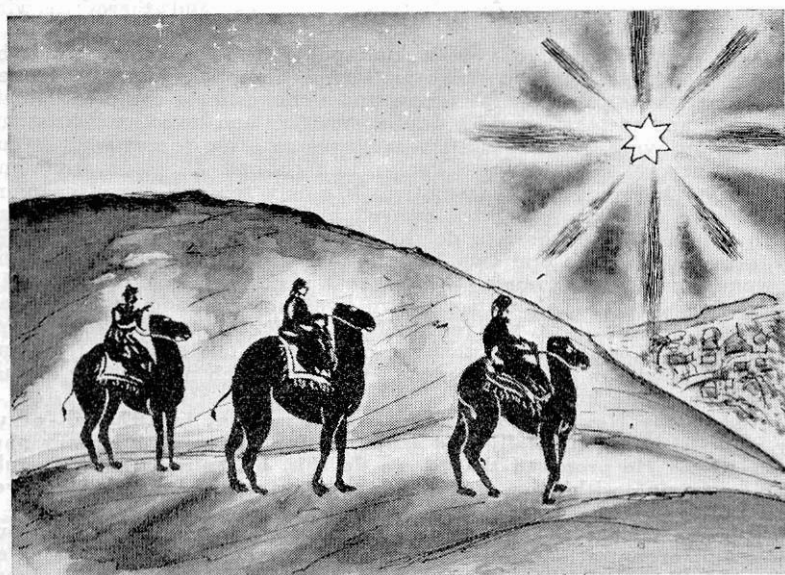
Petersham

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JANUARY, 1973



"Their Joy Knew no Bounds!"

A THOUGHT FOR 1973

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, "Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

—M. L. Haskins.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

It hardly seems possible; another year gone, another begun. Time marches on and waits for no one. We have struggled on another year and our existence in this place has been a part of the world-wide testimony of the goodness of God and the claims and promises of His Son Jesus Christ. For this reason, despite our difficulties, our labours have not been in vain. Whatever is done in the name of the Lord, if truly done so is good and will help to lift this old world and hasten the day when all frowns will be changed to smiles. The love of God which we preach must win the day, and the Kingdom of Christ must one day rule in every heart.

Because we believe these things, because we are loyal to our Lord, we must be about our Father's business in this New Year. It is terribly important that we continually search and know and renew our motives in life. We must be sure that we will never be guilty of doing a good deed for a bad reason; and to remember that there is no good reason for doing a bad deed. Human society is often very two-faced. But Christian human society is not. Jesus proclaims: "Blessed are the pure in heart . . ." He means how very happy are the singleminded, who do whatever they do with unmixed motives, and therefore with unmixed joy.

Over the years it has been unhappily true of many would-be Christian congregations that they let competition and jealousy, hatred and unforgiveness, unco-operativeness and unhelpfulness creep into their parish life, and so take away all the buoyant joy and love that Christians should be enjoying. And it is all because we so often forget what is our primary purpose for having a Parish Church and all its surrounding activities. That purpose, that motive, is solely to give ourselves more and more to the sincere service of God and His kind of righteousness, and to help as many others to do the same as we possibly can.

It means opening our own hearts more and more to the love and forgiveness of God for ourselves, and to the gentle admonitions of His beloved Son, Jesus. This way our own lives, motives and thoughts, can be cleansed and lifted toward real holiness. Then, as this miracle begins to happen to us, we will find that we can pass it on to others, bringing them to a knowledge of Salvation too. One can much more easily discuss an experience one has had.

And so my New Year's wish for us all is: that in 1973, all of us may walk with Christ, really and truly, letting his spirit fill every part of our lives. He promised that if we do this, his spiritual drink would become a spring within us, welling up to eternal life; and flowing over to all life around us.

Therefore let each one of us, individually, and each one of our groups and organizations rededicate our whole selves to the unreserved service of Christ and His kind of love. We shall find that all those saddening sins will slip away, together with that frown, and in their place an unexpected joy in generous working together and a deep serenity in humble worship together. Let us no more indulge in false

excuses for absence from worship. Let us hear our conscience speaking to us concerning our rightful share in the maintenance of the church and buildings we use and enjoy. Let us shoulder together the growing needs of our beloved All Saints' Church; not leaving it to chance or somebody else, as so many are doing.

Let us resolutely look forward to the challenge of a new year, not immovably determined to have our own way, but determined to find His way, whatever that might be. Let us do as He did; put self second, and others first in this search. And let us, especially we who are older and nearing the end of our service on this globe, remember that life will go on beyond our days. We, therefore, must think and pray and work to leave to those who shall come after us a truly spiritual institution as safe in this world as God will permit us to make it.

If these things can be part of our New Year's resolutions, then 1973 will be truly new and a step toward that great day when the Kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Christ!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Affectionately,
Your Rector,
C. A. CAMPBELL.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR



Start the New Year in the best place of all—your Parish Church. We shall be holding a Watchnight Service commencing at 11.30 p.m. on Sunday, 31st December, and continuing until just past midnight.

The Service will take the form of a Celebration of Holy Communion. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

New Teachers: I would like to welcome Pat Prince, Judith Evans and Grant Elliot to the teaching staff of the Kindergarten.

Until now there were only two teachers to teach all of the Kindergarten children and in the last few weeks there have been ten new enrolments.

Invitation Cards: At the beginning of November, 122 invitations were sent to parents who have had their children baptised at All Saints' in recent years. Sixty-four of the invitations were returned; apparently the people have moved from the parish, but we have had 10 children enrol in the Kindergarten as a result of sending the invitations.

Christmas Party: The Sunday School parties were held on 2nd December, the Kindergarten party in the afternoon and the senior Sunday School in the evening. Although the Mothers' Club closed during the year, they came together again to organise the Christmas party.

There was plenty of food and the children really enjoyed themselves. So did the teachers. On behalf of everyone present I would like to thank the ladies for the party and also all the parents who sent along plates of food.

New Classes: The new classes this year are co-educational. With the co-educational idea, we are keeping the boys and girls of similar ages together. When we were discussing the new classes at our meeting on

27th November, we found that if we had separate classes of boys and girls of similar ages, there would be only one or two in each class. Therefore it would be better to have one larger class than two small classes.

Our Thanks: Miss Kerrie Cheetham, who has been a teacher for three years, is leaving the Sunday School and I would like to thank her for her work during this time.

Prize-giving: The Sunday School prize-giving was held on 10th December; I congratulate the pupils who received a prize.

In the Kindergarten the prizes are awarded on attendance; in the senior Sunday School they are awarded on attendance, lessons, books, and conduct. A total of twelve marks is given each Sunday and double marks for attending family service on the third Sunday in the month. Four marks are given for attendance, three if the lessons that have been given are learnt, i.e. verses from the Bible, Prayer Book or Catechism, two marks for bringing the books that the teacher requires (Bible, Prayer Book, Catechism), and three for conduct. This is how we calculate the total of twelve marks.

Examinations: The Board of Education has revised the teaching syllabus and the pupils will be happy to know that the Sunday School Examination has been discontinued.

School Holidays: For the girls and boys who are not going away during the school summer holidays, the SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE REMAINING OPEN.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

FETE REPORT

Final figures for the Fete on 18th November showed a gross total of \$4,353.69, a splendid result. To deduct from this amount, of course, there are several hundred dollars expenses for items such as advertising, dodgers, insurance, etc., plus the Diocesan assessment.

In the near future, while the Fete is still fresh in our minds, the Chairman Mr. Frank Hearn, will be contacting stallholders and organisations for suggestions on changes and improvements for our 1973 fete.

From the Refreshment Room, Mrs. Graham writes: "Thank you to all those generous people who made donations of any kind to Refreshments, these were greatly appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the young people from the Youth Group who gave very able and valuable assistance serving our many customers. One of our Girl Guides also deserves many thanks for assisting both on the day preceding the Fete and on the Saturday morning, for more than one good deed well done.

Last and by no means least, my heartfelt thanks to that gallant band of workers for their assistance all day. Words are somewhat inadequate, but their stamina in being on the job and helping in any and every way throughout the day and into the evening was truly remarkable. A most sincere "thank you to you all."

This year's fete will be held on Saturday, 17th November.

CLUB NOTES

Senior Parishioners':

First of all I want to say many, many thanks to all the kind people who came to my assistance and made our Christmas Party so successful. Secondly, I wish to thank the many friends, both inside

and outside the Senior Parishioners' Club, who gave gifts and cash donations towards the party.

Why don't you make a New Year Resolution to become a member of our Club? After a short recess, we will resume again on Thursday, 18th January, 1973. Join us at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, the donation is only 20 cents and we can assure you of a happy social afternoon.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends':

The members of the Y.M. Club wish to thank all who helped in any way with their Cakes and Sweets Stall, including those who made donations, who served on the stall, or who made purchases. Your support was gratefully appreciated.

We are sorry to report that our Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Ida Barrett, is in hospital following a major operation. We trust that she will soon be fully recovered and back home again.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th February at 8 p.m.

B. SAYERS, President.

Y.C.I. (Young Churchmen's Institute):

Thanks to all who came to our most successful Christmas Party. Some 25 folk who attended had a most enjoyable time, especially from viewing the beautiful and interesting slides of England and its Cathedrals screened by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sopwith. Our thanks also to Mrs. Clark and Mrs. See for arranging a sumptuous supper and to Mr. Geoff. Horton for his Christmas music.

I would like to express thanks for the anonymous donation of tea and sugar for our recent car drive, given in memory of our former member, the late Mr. Charles Whiting.

At our next meeting, on 12th January, we will be having a "Visitors' Slide and Film Night". We invite parishioners to bring along a selection of their slides or home movies that they think will be of general interest. We are sure that this will be a most interesting evening.

To assist in organising the programme, it would be very helpful if those wishing to bring slides or films could advise Alan Jones (56-5218) beforehand. Supper will be served, and all will be welcome.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Youth Group:

Well, we're off on another year's activities and the Group is planning a full programme under the guidance of a fairly new committee. The following were voted into office:

Assistant Leader: David Williams.

Hon. Treasurer: Karen Williams.

Hon. Secretary: Peter Gray.

The position of Leader is vacant.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the whole Group in wishing the new committee all the best in their new offices.

I am very glad to announce that the Burwood Children's Home received quite a good bundle of toys from us in December. In this way, we hope to add some brightness and cheer to Christmas for these young children. Please don't forget, we are still seeking toys in good condition, and also books and paperbacks for our stall.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies Guild:

We were pleased to have quite a number of friends with us for our Christmas break-up party on 12th December. The demonstration of "Parcel Wrapping" and "Bow Making" was most interesting and attractive.

Our meetings will resume on Tuesday, 13th February, at 1 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- December 31: Donated by Mrs. E. Robertson in memory of loved ones; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 7: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams, by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister, by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their Daughters; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 14: Donated in memory of Mr. Fred. Andrew by his Wife, Mrs. Win. Andrew (Western Australia), Daughter Jennifer and Son-in-law, Donald Ward, his Mother, Mrs. L. Andrew, and his Sisters-in-law; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 21: Donated by Mrs. E. Robertson in memory of loved ones; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 28: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 4: Donated by Mrs. I. K. Scott in memory of Mr Norman Scott and by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge additional donations of flowers for Christmas Day from Miss Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shaw, and the Senior Parishioners' Club.

POSITIONS VACANT**WANTED FOR WORK AS CHRISTIANS**

QUALIFICATIONS: MEN AND WOMEN, ANY AGE,
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

God is looking for people who see themselves as they really are —they must be humble and meek, just and peacemakers.

No pay, but a rewarding business, immediate and long term satisfactions.

APPLY BY OFFERING YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

● **Forms of Service:** The Parish Council has a sub-committee examining forms of Service in use at other Anglican Churches, with a view to seeing whether any of them would be suitable for All Saints'. Committee members are Alan Granger (Chairman), Bruce Livingston (Secretary), Pam. Kidd, Peter Gray and John Williams, all of whom would be glad to have ideas from parishioners, or names of Churches where any of the newer forms of service have been introduced.



AROUND THE PARISH

● **Service in Candlelight:** Our annual "Carols by Candlelight" Service again featured the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and its continuing popularity was evident from the large number present. We are grateful to our Organist, Mr. Chris. Sillince, the Choir and the Lesson Readers representing various walks of parish life, for their contributions to the success of the Service.

● Our grateful thanks are extended to Mr Arthur Cook for re-laying the damaged part of the brick path in front of the Parish Hall. Mr. Cook kindly carried out this work in readiness for the Fete.

● **Rev. T. E. Champion** retires: The parishioners of All Saints' were sorry to learn of the recent illness suffered by our former Rector, the Rev. T. E. Champion. Although he had previously decided to conclude his ministry at St. Hilda's, Katoomba in January, Mr. Champion's illness has forced him to retire immediately. We all wish both Mr. and Mrs. Champion a long, happy and healthy retirement.

● **Christmas Appeal:** Our grateful thanks to all who have responded with either gifts or cash to our Christmas Appeal for the elderly and lonely in the hospitals of the parish. As this "Chronicle" had to go to press early in December, it has not been practicable to acknowledge individual donations in this issue.

● **Decorations:** Our thanks for Mr. Shaw and his helpers for kindly performing their regular task of decorating the Church and Parish Hall for the Christmas season.

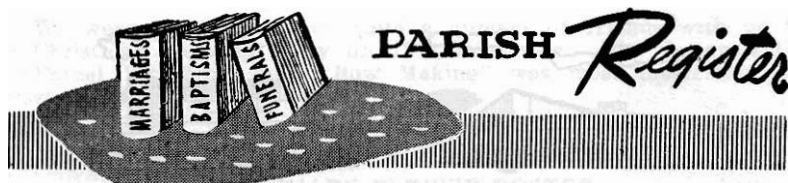
● Our thanks to the lasses of Miss Pam Kidd's 1972 Sunday School group (Kathryn Williams, Lynne Cheetham, Meredith Beattie and Sandra Haigh) for preparing the "Positions Vacant" advertisement on page 6 of this issue.

● **New English Bible:** To any home in the parish without the New English Bible, we recommend the new Bible Society edition. It has hard covers, costs \$2.95, and is available at the C.M.S. Bookshop and Bible House.

● **Financial Year:** Following the change made twelve months ago, the financial year of the Church and all parish organisations now ends on 31st Decemeber. The Annual Vestry Meeting, to consider reports of 1972 activities, and the year's financial statements, will be held in February on a date to be announced.

● There's a strong rumour that another big event in February will be the Sunday School Picnic. Watch for further news.

● **February "Chronicle":** Items for the February issue should be given direct to Mr. A. Jones by Sunday, 21st January.



BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

- November 26: Jason Edward Davis.
 November 26: Ashley Grant Castle.
 November 26: Andrew John Poole.
 November 26: Shane Michael Anthony Burton.
 December 3: Adam Geoffrey Laughton.
 December 3: Melissa Jayne Treu.
 December 10: Craig Matthew Griffin.

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- December 2: Keith Ernest Poppett to Jennifer Ann Williams.
 December 15: Kevin Robert Hutchinson to Denise Leigh Greatorex.
 December 16: Melvyn Roy Gillespie to Geraldine Denise Wibrow.

FUNERALS

*"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour
 but of Thee, O Lord."*

- November 27: Mirla Denise Cremen.
 December 11: Leonard William Lines.

CHURCH FINANCES

Period 1st - 30th November, 1972

Receipts, including offertories:	\$742
Expenditure:	\$1,072
Deficit on month:	\$330

Overall Church deficit, 1st January to 30th
 November, 1972: \$2,735

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