

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

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DECEMBER, 1955



With SINCERE GREETINGS FOR A HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS
to All from

RECTOR, MRS. JOHNSON, HOWARD and PATRICIA
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DECEMBER 11th — Evening: "FESTIVAL OF NINE CAROLS."

DECEMBER 18th—Evening: SACRED CANTATA "CHRISTMAS."

CHRISTMAS DAY

6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

10 a.m., Family Service and Holy Communion.

7.15 p.m., Evensong with Carols.

THE CHRONICLE

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I do want to congratulate all who were responsible for our Fete; it was a splendid effort, and such a happy day of goodwill and fellowship. The Church grounds had been cleaned up for the occasion by two of the members of our Parish Council. The attendance at the opening ceremony was indeed good. Mrs. A. L. Walters gave a stimulating and challenging address, and reminded all present of the importance of the Church and its work in the community. We are most grateful to Mrs. Walters for her interest and help, which was I know appreciated by all present. Mrs. Johnson and I are most grateful for the loyal co-operation and help given by the organisations in our Church and they are to be congratulated on a very fine achievement and were rewarded by exceeding last year's figure by over one hundred pounds. So far over £340 has been handed in. The individual results of stalls will be seen elsewhere in the Chronicle.

The All Saints' Festival was well attended, and it was a pleasure to see the first Communion of the newly confirmed so well attended. May we all make a resolve that we will continue to help them by our regular attendance at Communion week by week. The Festival closed with a great Thanksgiving Service at which the members of Lodge Prince Alfred, attended to give thanks to Almighty God for blessings received during the last 75 years, and they joined with us as we also gave thanks for great blessings vouchsafed to us for the past 84 years of this Church and Parish. The Masonic Choir rendered special music, which was enjoyed by all for the great spiritual message it conveyed, and so beautifully rendered. Our own Choir excelled in the whole service, and the rendering of the great Chorus from the Messiah "Worthy is the Lamb" was moving. Few will ever forget the Negro Spiritual "Steal Away to Jesus," which came fittingly after the Sermon. It was indeed a great Service in every way.

We were privileged to have the Archbishop with us for our Confirmation Service this year, and the simple service with two fine addresses from His Grace will long linger in the minds of all who shared that important service.

I now come to the part of this letter that I find very difficult to write. As many of you will have heard by this His Grace the Archbishop has offered me the important Parish of St. Jude's, Randwick. This great Parish has had a long history, and an important place in the diocese, and His Grace has honoured me by asking me to accept. After much prayer and consideration Mrs. Johnson and I felt that we should take up this important work, and have accepted the offer made by the Archbishop. It will not be easy to leave All Saints', particularly as we have not been with you for very long. The help and loyalty we have received during our brief sojourn with you has been a happy experience, and will always remain with us as happy memories. We would both like to thank you all for your kindness, and your support: our prayers will always be with you and may God bless you all abundantly. We will not be leaving until February for Randwick: we will be away on holidays for the first part of January, and will be back with you for a few weeks then.

We have entered the season of Advent. Our thoughts at this time are directed to the fact of the Incarnation, the first Coming of Christ, God's great gift to the World. We are asked to ponder once again what that great Gift really means. It means just this: Emanuel — God with us — Yes, Jesus showing us, revealing to us God the Father. Jesus said: "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." In the life of our Blessed Lord we have revealed to us the activities and attitudes of God the Father. We are also reminded in this Christmas season that this greatest of all gifts was "for us men and for our salvation." We are urged this year to put Christ back into Christmas: we need to put Christ back into our lives. Let us get at the real meaning of this great Festive Season. For too long have we surrounded Christmas with a vast conglomeration of things: cards, presents, Santa Claus, turkey, hams, plum puddings, etc.; these things perhaps harmless in themselves have deflected our thoughts from the real meaning

of the time. What is the real meaning? It is the celebration that Christ was born. Why was He born? If we ask Christ that question, this is what we hear: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth." (John 18, 27.) Yes in Him life takes on meaning for it is only as we see through the fog of sentimentality to the heart of the matter only as we let Christ shed His light over all that we do or say, shall we have a truly happy Christmas. May Christ come into your life this Christmastide, and may each one of us know the Peace of God in our hearts and lives as a living experience and thus bring Peace and Goodwill to men.

Mrs. Johnson, Howard and Patricia join me in wishing you all a Holy, Blessed and Happy Christmas, and may the coming year be a prosperous and happy one for all.

With best wishes,
Your sincere Friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

PARISH PARS

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Pullen, Senior, is seriously ill and has been taken to hospital. We pray that God will abundantly bless and sustain her.

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Mrs. Handel, Senior, is very well and is looking forward to celebrating her 90th birthday early in the new year.

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Mr. Cook has not been well, also Mrs. Baker of Sadlier Crescent has been very ill. We pray that God will bless and restore them to health and strength.

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We take this opportunity of thanking all who gave gifts in kind and money to the Fete, and trust that they will accept this as personal thanks from the Rector and Churchwardens.

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Mrs. T. J. Andrews has kindly organised a Barbecue and Carol Singing Evening at her home, 18 Martin Road, Centennial Park, on Saturday, 17th December, to commence at 7 p.m. Views of Mrs. Andrews' recent World Tour will be shown. Tickets are available from the Rector, at 5/-, and the proceeds will be for our Church Funds. There are 100 tickets available only. Book yours now.

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On December the 14th Mr. H. T. Ford will present Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in the Parish Hall. Do not miss this excellent presentation by a skilled artist. Admission 2/- in aid of Church Funds.

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Our deepest sympathy is expressed with the families and relatives of the late Cyril Wear of Hobbs Street, Lewisham, the late C. J. Christian, West Street, Petersham. We pray that God will comfort and sustain them at this time.

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We welcome Bruce Capel to the Parish. Bruce unfortunately is in Sydney Hospital. When he comes out he intends to join the choir. We trust that he will be well enough soon to do so.

Parishioners will be sorry to learn that our esteemed friend and Parish Councillor David Hunter, M.L.A., suffered the loss of his mother during the past month. The Rector of Burwood in his address at the funeral service described the late Mary Selina Hunter, as the Grand Old Lady of Burwood and paid fitting tribute to the quality of her character. There were many All Saints' folk at the service, and I had the privilege of taking part in the service together with the Rural Dean. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Hunter Family and especially to David whom we esteem very highly and we pray that God will bless and comfort them in their sorrow. A wreath was sent from the Parish and from the Y.C.I.

The NEW DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION!!! At last the Church in the Diocese is taking steps to improve the giving of our people to the work of God. The Rev. Ron Walker, has been appointed as Director of the Department of Promotion, and is now busily engaged in preparing for the big drive next year. All the churches in the Diocese will be taking part in this scheme and I hope that All Saints' will give a worthy lead.

An Every Member Canvass will be made, culminating at the end of the year in a Day of Dedication when our pledge giving to the work of Almighty God will be received. The EVERY MEMBER CANVASS will begin on OCTOBER 21, 1956. WE WILL WANT MEN CANVASSERS—WE WILL HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS SPECIALLY PREPARED TO HELP YOU—WILL YOU ASSIST THE CHURCHWARDENS IN THE COMPILATION OF A PARISH ROLL—IT IS ESSENTIAL. YOUR CHURCH FINANCE ON A SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING — WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR DECEMBER

Monday, 5th December—Physical Culture Club Concert, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, 10th December—Sunday School Christmas Party, 2 p.m.
 Tuesday, 13th December—Fellowship Christmas Party, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, 14th December—Mr. H. T. Ford presents Dickens' Christmas Carol, 8 p.m.
 Friday, 16th December—Y.C.I. Buck's Christmas Party, 8 p.m.
 Saturday, 17th December—Barbecue and Carol Singing at the Residence of Mrs. J. T. Andrews, Centennial Park.
 Wednesday, 21st December—Parish Christmas Party . . . Bring a Gift . . . Receive a Gift . . . Santa will be present.

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SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

6 a.m.—Holy Communion; 7 a.m.—Choral Communion; 8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion; 10 a.m.—Family Service with Holy Communion; 7.15 p.m.—FESTAL EVENSONG with CAROLS.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

WATCHNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION—11.30 p.m.

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PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our Club competitions and party were held on Saturday, 19th November, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Mrs. Johnson presented the awards to the girls who gained respective places. Miss Hayes is to be congratulated on the instruction she has given our girls, and everyone agreed it was a pleasure to watch them doing their work. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Little who donated two trophy cups, also to Mr. Locke and Mrs. Nolan for their splendid help in preparing the heavy work so necessary in functions of this kind. We are grateful to the ladies who provided the afternoon tea and to our girls for their delightful entertainment. Following list is of the successful competitors:

7 Years: 1, Heather Noble; 2, Julie Hird; merit, Roselyn Meehan. "Club Trophy" Cup: 1, Valerie Dicks; 2, Sandra Rowney; M., C. Wethered. 9 Years: 1, Margo Jackson; 2, Wendy Rosenberg; M., Sandra Ridding; M., Wendy Dallas. "Club Trophy" Cup: 1, W. Rosenberg; 2, R. Jackson; H.M., B. Allen. 11 Years: 1, Pam Hunter; 2, J. McMillan. Yearly Award: 1, Ann Short; 2, C. Williams; H.M., R. Irwin, J. Harris and J. Pearson. 13 Years: "Club Trophy" Cup: 1, Sandra Rosenberg; 2, Jan Locke. Yearly Awards: 1, J. Sayers; 2, J. Pullen; H.M., P. Fisk. Challenge Cup:—13 years: Susan Pike. 11 Years: Sandra Hunter. 15 Years: Elaine Murphy. Seniors: 1, Jan Ward. C.T. Cup (Seniors): 1, Noeline Willson; 2, Carol Toyne.

FLOWER ROSTER

- December 4 — Donated by Guild, arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 December 11 — Donated by Miss Speight, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.
 December 18 — Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
 December 25 — Donated and arranged by Guild and Y.M.C.
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 January 1 — Donated by Mrs. Adams, arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 January 8 — Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.
 January 15 — Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.
 January 22 — Donated by Miss Belfield and Miss Carodos, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 January 29 — Donated by Mrs. Oldfield, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.
 Donations to Flower Fund: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver, £1.

WOMEN'S GUILD

After a short business meeting on 8th November, we handed over to the ladies of the Refreshment Stall who had arranged entertainment and afternoon tea, the result, a very happy and successful function. A visit to Peak Frea'n's biscuit factory on 9th November proved so interesting that we have booked another date for the new year. We congratulate all our workers and their friends (who helped behind the scenes) on the result of the Guild Stalls at the fete: all were heavily laden with attractive goods. We were delighted to see Mrs. Craigie and Mrs. Binns at the fete and trust their health will continue to improve. On 13th December we will close our activities for 1955 with a Christmas party when we would be pleased to welcome visitors. The President, Secretary and members extend Season's Greetings to all Parishioners.

Y.C.I.

The Y.C.I., which is the men's organisation of the Parish, was founded on 21st November, 1910, and in commemoration of this important event, a Men's Dinner was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 25th November, 1955, being our 45th Commemoration Night. There was a large attendance, and the function was an outstanding success. A pleasing feature of the attendance was the presence of a large number of ex-members, who exchanged reminiscences of their membership years and joined with present members in paying tribute to the Y.C.I. Our President, Rev. R. A. Johnson, Th.L., was Chairman of the gathering, and among the guests were His Worship the Mayor of Marrickville, Alderman A. Murdock, and Major F. Nicholas, D.S.O., M.C. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the toast of the Y.C.I. was proposed by Mr. Jim Hollands, whose speech was followed by the singing of the Y.C.I. hymn, "Quit ye like men, be strong." In responding to the toast, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. C. Calver, conveyed goodwill messages from several past and present members, including telegraphed greetings from Mr. John Farnsworth Hall, Conductor of the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, and from Doctor P. L. Bazeley, of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, who recently returned from America. Letters were also received from Mr. Jack Werner of Melbourne and Mr. W. H. ("Bushy") Hall of Grafton. The toast of "Local Government" was then proposed by Vice-President D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., and was responded to by the Mayor of Marrickville. The catering was carried out by the members of the Young Marrieds' Club, under the leadership of their President, Mrs. B. T. Sawyers. The Y.C.I. greatly values the voluntary work of these ladies and the excellence of the catering earned the commendation of all those present. In proposing the toast of "The Ladies," Vice-President Jack Alt, in his inimitable manner, expressed our appreciation to them. Vice-President W. Sopwith then proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and referred in particular to our Guest Speaker, Major Nicholas, and the various ex-members who were present. Both Mr. Sopwith and our President

emphasised the Major's brilliant war record, which covered both Great Wars. In responding to the toast, the Major expressed the great pleasure that he and other visitors had derived from the function. He then dealt with his experiences in Europe during the World War II under the title "From Dunkirk to D-Day." Major Nicholas paid great tribute to the people of Britain who stood so steadfast during the dark days of the War and rebuilt the nation's resources to make possible ultimate victory. The "talk" was of absorbing interest and it was greatly appreciated by the large assemblage of men.

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FETE

	£	s.	d.
Grocery Stall (Sunday School)	17	12	11
Books	10	13	0
Cakes, etc. (Young Marrieds' Club)	73	10	0
Pottery (Mrs. Bosward)	61	1	3
Y.C.I.—			
Darts	6	10	6
Vegetables	30	12	9
Rollo (B. Sayers)	3	0	0
Plants (K. Grant)	6	1	2
		46	4
Fellowship		28	15
Afternoon Tea		29	13
Mrs. Sharpe		14	11
Work Stall (Mrs. Morris)		52	8
		334	9
Donations—			
For B. Sayers Stall (Rollo)	10	0	
General	3	17	6
		4	7
		£338	17
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Included in above:—Allan Humphreys, £3/12/-, distributed by him as follows: £1, Y.C.I. Vegetable Stall; £2/12/-, Sunday School (Grocery) Stall.

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MISSIONARY OUTREACH BY SOUTH INDIA CHURCH

Despite the fact that it still has many urgent needs at home, the Church of South India is increasingly recognising its responsibility for missionary work overseas.

Latest evidence of this is the fact that the Diocese of Central Travancore has released the Rev. K. M. John for work amongst Indians in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. Mr. John recently took up this new and important work.

Commenting on this move the Bishop of Central Travancore, the Rt. Rev. C. K. Jacob, who visited Australia five years ago, said: "When we ourselves are in need of more pastors it may be asked if we are justified in giving up the services of promising young men to work in other lands.

"I do believe this is a right step in the right direction.

"We have already sent ministers to look after large congregations of people from this diocese who reside in the cities of Calcutta, Bombay, Bangalore and Madras. I believe all this is to our advantage and spiritual growth.

"The more we give out of our best the greater will be our blessing."

The Church of South India has for a number of years supported missionaries in Papua.

MINISTRY AT OIL REFINERY

Described by the Bishop in Iran, the Rt. Rev. W. J. Thompson as "the most important opportunity we have at the moment" the staff of the huge refinery at Abadan, Iran, is in great need of a regular Christian ministry.

The Bishop said in a recent report that he hoped the Rev. H. C. Gurney, Australian C.M.S. missionary now in Egypt, would take up this work as soon as a visa is available for him to return to Iran.

With the change of political situation in Iran, Abadan is returning to life and British and American experts as well as Irani employees, are flocking back.

Bishop Thompson emphasises the whole opportunity in Iran today, with the country rapidly becoming literate.

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MALAYAN WITNESS TO RESURRECTION

Christians in Guntong new village, Malaya, used All Saints' Day (November 1) as an opportunity to witness to Christian teaching on life after death.

A special parochial service of witness to Christ as the Resurrection and the Life was held in the Guntong cemetery.

Miss Ethel Clifford, C.M.S. missionary in Guntong, comments: "So many people here believe in re-incarnation; nearly every Chinese home has its ancestral tablets; the Chinese have their 'Day of the Dead,' so we take these opportunities to tell of our Christian belief and Hope.

"The service is tri-lingual—Tamil, Cantonese and English. Any gathering of this type brings a crowd of curious onlookers, so we get our chance to witness."

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NEW TANGANYIKA APPOINTMENT

A new development in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika is the appointment of the Rev. Canon Maxwell L. Wiggins as Archdeacon of Southern Victoria Nyanza.

This is a new Archdeaconry covering the whole of the Lake Province in Tanganyika, the most densely-populated area in the territory.

Archdeacon Wiggins, a New Zealand C.M.S. missionary, was formerly Provost of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Dodoma, and Principal of St. Philip's Theological College, Kongwa.

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PARISH REGISTER**HOLY BAPTISM**

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

November 13—Geoffrey William Read, Jeffrey Wyne Norman.

November 27—Christine May Walczak, Lynette Greta Pout Thompson, Jacqueline Vera Susan Thompson, Christine Vanessa Baker.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

November 5—Albert William Pearce to June Mabel Hale.

November 12—Allan Williams to Lottie Brindley Calver.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

November 9—Cyril Wear, 73 years (Woronora Crematorium).

November 11—Charles James Christian, 75 years (Rookwood Crematorium).

November 15—Mary Selina Hunter, 91 years (from St. Paul's, Burwood).

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS — NOVEMBER, 1955

General Fund.	Missions.	Total.	No. of Communicants.
£115/17/2	£11/11/2	£127/8/4	368

DONATIONS

Additional Fete: Per Mrs. Spencer, £1; Miss Speight, £1; Y.C.I. Stall, per Mrs. Humphreys, 15/-.

Annual subscriptions to General Fund: Mrs. Thompson, £5; Mr. Goldspink, £1/1/-.

Mower Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Plowman, £10; Anonymous, £1.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTION

Per: Physical Culture Club, 11/3; Mrs. Ditchburn, £3/8/3; Mrs. Milarey, 19/-; Mrs. Mitchel, £1/14/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/6/6; Mrs. Grant, £1/5/6; Mrs. Smith, £1/5/-; Miss Bayley, £2/6/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/4/-; Mrs. Robertson, £5/7/6; Mrs. Taylor, £4; Mrs. Humphreys, £12; Mrs. Olofsson, 17/-; Mrs. Furnell, £3/3/-. Total, £42/7/-.

N.B.—Assistant Clergy Fund is included in the above amount.

RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

The Rector will be away for three weeks in January. During his absence the Parish will be looked after by the Rev. A. E. Gardener. All urgent calls may be phoned to him at UA 4386.

CHURCH MUSIC, 11th DECEMBER to 1st JANUARY, 1956

Sunday	Morning	Evening
Sunday December 11 Advent III	Holy Communion (Choral) (Merbecke). Hymns 48, 50, 554, 513.	The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.
December 18 Advent IV	Hymns 53, 164, 612, 641. Psalm 96.	Hymns 483, 64. Psalm 98. The Sacred Cantata "Christmas" will be sung by the Choir and Soloists.
December 25 Christmas Day	Holy Communion: 6 a.m. 7 a.m. (Choral). 8.30 a.m. 10 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion, Family Service.	Christmas Hymns and Carols will be sung at this service. Psalm 85.
January 1 New Year's Day	Hymns 10, 16, 316, 73, 679. Psalm 8.	Hymns 62, 65, 300, 63. Psalm 113. Anthem, Carols.