

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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Dear Friends,

The month of June comes round again. I always turn my thoughts to the tax-man—June 30th, end of the financial year—time to prepare the tax return.

For many businessmen it is a time to balance their books. A time to calculate how profitable the year's trading has been.

Three things come to mind in thinking about the end of the financial year. The first, quite practical. Most of us give small or large gifts to various organisations or charities. The best organisations to support are Christian organisations. We can always be sure the money is used to help the needy and that it is not spent on organisational expenses. Money is given to such societies as the Home Mission Society, the Bush Church Aid Society is effectively used. Many such Christian organisations are registered charities. It is a way to make your dollar go further in more senses than one.

The second point I would make. Are you surprised how much you have spent on entertainment, how much on papers and magazines, how much on clothes, etc., etc.?

How does your giving for the welfare of others or the work of the church compare with your spending on purely personal things?

It is a time to take stock of such things. The Jewish people in Old Testament times were encouraged to give a tenth of their income to help others. Many today observe this standard. We certainly ought to budget in some regular fashion.

Lastly, taxation time causes many to stop and look to see

if they have enough to meet their obligations to the Government. "Have I sufficient to meet my taxes?"

To many, it is like a mini-day of judgement. However when we meet the Lord face to face, all our good deeds and all our wealth will be of no importance.

Heaven is free to all those who here on earth have given themselves to the Lord and trust in His death on the Cross as full payment for their sin.

Hope the tax-man treats you kindly. I can promise God will if you come to Him through Christ Jesus the Saviour.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT

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CHURCH RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The Parish Council, at the May meeting, decided that a committee should be formed to advise on ways to raise funds for the restoration. June Hadley, Robert Bembrick and Noel Cragg were elected to this committee, with Noel Cragg as chairman.

A brief meeting of this restoration committee was held following the morning service on Sunday, 26th May. At this meeting it was decided to invite parishioners to submit any ideas they might have for raising funds.

Parishioners may submit ideas by contacting any one of the committee members or placing a note in the box on the book stand at the rear of the church. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Saturday, 9th June, 1984.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School has resumed for the second term. As mentioned in the May Chronicle, the senior section of the Sunday School has been divided into two groups—one High School and the other Primary School.

The theme of this term's lessons is "The Family of God." We were introduced to this theme in the Rector's address at the May Family Service. One of the goals of these lessons is to lead the pupils to a deeper awareness and appreciation of God's gift of families.

As a result of this theme we encourage parents to join the children at the coming Family Service and worship in a family group on Sunday, 17th June and thereafter on every third Sunday each month.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Another very happy afternoon was spent celebrating Mothers Day on Thursday, 10th May. We all received a white flower for Mothers Day and Ken once again played on the piano all the Mothers Day songs we could think of. Then we all joined in the singing which was led by Mrs. Nightingale with her beautiful voice. Thanks, Phyllis, it was just lovely, and thanks once again, Ken.

I am very happy to report that both our ill members, Mrs. Champion and Mrs. Hanssen, are improving. We look forward to seeing them again as soon as possible. It was lovely to see Mrs. Hazelwood back for Mothers Day after her long illness. We pray that all our members stay well over the coming cold weather. It's nice and cosy in the hall once you get there.

Don's forget, every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. We are waiting to welcome you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

**FLOWER DONATIONS**

- June 3 — By Mrs. June Hadley in memory of her mother Ivy and mother-in-law, Rose.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- June 10 — No Donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. Nisbet.
- June 17 — Anonymous donation for the Stone of Remembrance.
By Mrs. E. Hillery in memory of Katie O'Neil.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- June 24 — Donation by Mrs. Perry.
Donation by Noel Cragg and Mrs. L. Lawson in memory of Noel's parents, Gladys and Hector Cragg.
Arrangement by Mrs. Nisbet.

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

Although I did thank all those who had promised help for our Luncheon in last month's Chronicle, now that the big day is over, and was such a success, thanks again to all who helped in any way. Thanks also to all who attended and the Petersham Salvation Army girls. I don't know what we would do without you. We had about 130 in attendance including our guests from Ardrossan, Armond and Braeside. Eversleigh was unable to attend this year.

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 5th June at 1 p.m. is to be followed at 2 p.m. by a Byron Parker Presentation. The donation will be 50c. Goods on display will not be for sale, but lots of samples are to be given away. Afternoon tea to be provided. Please come and join us.

The July meeting on Tuesday, 3rd is to be followed at 2 p.m. by a speaker from C.M.S.

By the time you read this the second-hand clothing and jumble stall on 25th May will be over. Thanks to all who helped or contributed in any way.

We are happy to report that our profit from it was \$200.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Parish Council is negotiating with Marrickville Council and traffic authorities to improve the exit from All Saints. At present the "No Parking" signs are so close to the entrance gates that parked vehicles totally obscure oncoming traffic leaving the outgoing motorist at risk.

The entrance gate recently suffered a knock from a heavy vehicle which partly dislodged one of the stone pillars and was only saved from falling by the iron gate. The pillar has now been restored to its original position. For this we thank Mr. Ray Swankie who with various associates organised the work and completed it at no cost to the Parish Council.

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: At the suggestion of the Parish Council the Rector has appointed Stephen Woolcott as Assistant Organist at All Saints', Petersham.

Parish Council felt this a fitting way to express their appreciation of the help given in church services by Stephen.

CONGRATULATIONS: Grandmother again. Mrs. Thelma Kidd has another grandchild born Monday, 14th May — Claire Meredith. Grandma and grandfather are doing well.

WINTER IS COMING: During the months of June, July and August the time of the Evening Service will be put forward to 5 p.m.

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The earlier time should allow folk to come to church in the daylight and sufficient transport will be available to get them home.

INCREASE GIVING: Parish Council decided on Monday to increase their giving to the Small family to help him in his work with students. The allowance is to be increased to \$20 per month.

MISSIONS: Richard Small works among students at Monash University, Melbourne. This work with students is both important and successful.

Richard and his wife, Annette, and their children are finding it difficult financially as they depend on freewill gifts. Pray that their work may not be hampered by lack of funds. Pray that people may give to this work.

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EASTER GIFTS TO RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES

Mrs. Mabel Willis this year organised Easter Gifts to approximately 220 residents of local nursing homes: Ardrossan, Armon and Braeside. Armon Nursing Home has written expressing appreciation of this work. Mrs. Willis has for some years accepted donations of cash towards this work throughout the year so that she can take advantage of sales and shopping specials. Our thanks to those who gave.

Unfortunately she is now unable to continue this work and we are therefore in need of a volunteer to carry it on. Anyone interested in this matter is welcome to ring Mabel on 560-2436 and she will be pleased to elaborate on what is required to do it efficiently.

SNIPPETS

And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work
for fame,

But each for the joy of living. **RUDYARD KIPLING**

Let us, then, be up and doing

With a heart for any fate

Still achieving, still pursuing

Learn to labour and to wait. **H. W. LONGFELLOW**

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Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might:
For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge nor wisdom
in the grave, whither thou goest.

ECCLESIASTES 10, 10

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S WINTER APPEAL

St. Anderw's House, Sydney 2000

For want of a helping hand

Jenny looked and felt different from the other girls at school. She didn't have anything that looked right. Her tatty clothes set her apart and there was no money to buy the books and equipment she needed for school. She felt like giving up and started missing school.

Jenny lives with her grandmother. When the local minister heard of Jenny's continued absence from school he called on the grandmother and offered help.

There simply wasn't enough money to go round after food was bought and bills paid. In Jenny's case the problem was easily solved when the rector was able to step in and lend a helping hand and provide funds to get through this difficult time.

For want of a job

In some Sydney areas worst hit by the recession, three out of every 10 working people have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Many have become "unemployable", having outdated skills now no longer useful.

The Winter Appeal has helped finance a retraining centre which has given new skills to many, offering new hope to families.

For want of a break

Life at the Browning's is very hard. Things started to turn sour when Mr. Browning lost his job. His income stopped but the bills kept coming. Things got worse when his wife left him, alone, with the three young children. What the local minister finally uncovered was a sad household under pressure, ready to give up.

With help from the Winter Appeal, counselling, food, money and job assistance were provided. Negotiations were made with debt collectors to lift the financial burden.

Mr. Browning is now back in the work force. His family is being cared for and the finances are under control.

Donations received through the Winter Appeal are distributed to the most urgent areas of need within the Sydney

Diocese. These include welfare work among children and adolescents, family counselling, social work among refugees and isolated ethnic groups, youth camps for underprivileged children, job training programmes and grants to clergy who uncover serious needs within their parishes.

Appeal donations are carefully used on your behalf by the Archbishop through the clergy and Anglican caring agencies.

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NEWCASTLE PARISHES PREPARE FOR ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO COMMUNION

Anglican Encounter, the magazine of Newcastle Diocese recently carried the following report:

Many parishes during Lent will consider seriously when and how they will begin admitting children to communion before confirmation. This has been the object of discussion in the diocese for many years. Last year, Diocesan Synod on the recommendation of a committee which had examined the issue, gave permission for it to happen.

It is anticipated that children of 7 and over who come to church with their family, should be admitted to communion if they and their family wish it. Preparation for this event would take place in the child's home with the family participating. When the child is ready, he or she will be welcomed and received into the communicating life of the parish.

Archdeacon Peter Rushton is looking forward to admitting children to communion in the parish of Maitland. "Theologically", he said, "my attitude is based on the fact that Baptism is the admission to full membership of the church, and therefore, a baptised person is eligible to receive Holy Communion".

The archdeacon stated that it is important that children be able to participate completely in the worship of the church. "We don't give enough credence to children's understanding", he said. "They probably understand better the mystery of the Eucharist, than many adults because their minds are not clouded by such things as disbelief. Whether they understand all the words is irrelevant. God works through the sacrament and that goes beyond words. A priest is aware of the children in his congregation who are ready for this step. Giving children tickets etc. is no substitute for the real thing and children know it."

The Revd. Paul Robertson of Scone would also like to introduce younger children to communion. He said, "children by Baptism are members of the community of the redeemed. In a way they are living examples of justification by faith because of their reliance on God's grace." Also, he said, this step will enable children within the life of the church to realise their full membership of the church.

Paul Robertson said he would also like to see confirmation delayed so that it became an adult public affirmation of faith rather than a puberty rite of graduation out of the church.

He said however he would not like to introduce until there was a general consensus in the parish. He would like to see more discussion on a deanery level as well.

The Revd. Trevor Smith, education consultant in the diocese, has prepared material for parishes to read, and also material for groups to study during Lent. He hopes that parishes which propose to admit younger children to communion, will use the material fully, to allow all members of the parish to understand and participate and take more seriously the nature of the younger members of the congregation.

ALL SAINT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR
30th APRIL, 1984

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	1,522.19	Rector's net Stipend ..	1,186.16
Recycling:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	434.70
Cans	75.00	Organist	90.00
Papers	339.42	Church Flowers	55.00
Church Flowers	78.00	Chronicles	65.20
District Visitors	20.30	Church Cleaning	30.00
Donations:		Special Ass. Arrears ..	25.00
Women-in-Friendship		Stationery	84.00
200		Annual Hall Licence	
Anonymous for special		Fee	22.03
Ass. Arrears	25	Organ Tuning &	
Taverner's Hill School		Maintenance	90.00
Hire of table	5.00	Rector's Superannuation	
Rector's Tel. Contrib.		Contribution	189.00
Dec '83 to Mar '84	50.00	Parish Superannuation	
1984 Fete Groceries ..	1.40	Contribution	189.00
	<u>2,316.31</u>		
Deficit for Month	143.78		
	<u>2,460.09</u>		<u>2,460.09</u>
Balance at 1st April, 1984			4,276.29
Less Deficit for Month			<u>143.78</u>
Balance at 30th April, 1984			<u>4,132.51</u>
