

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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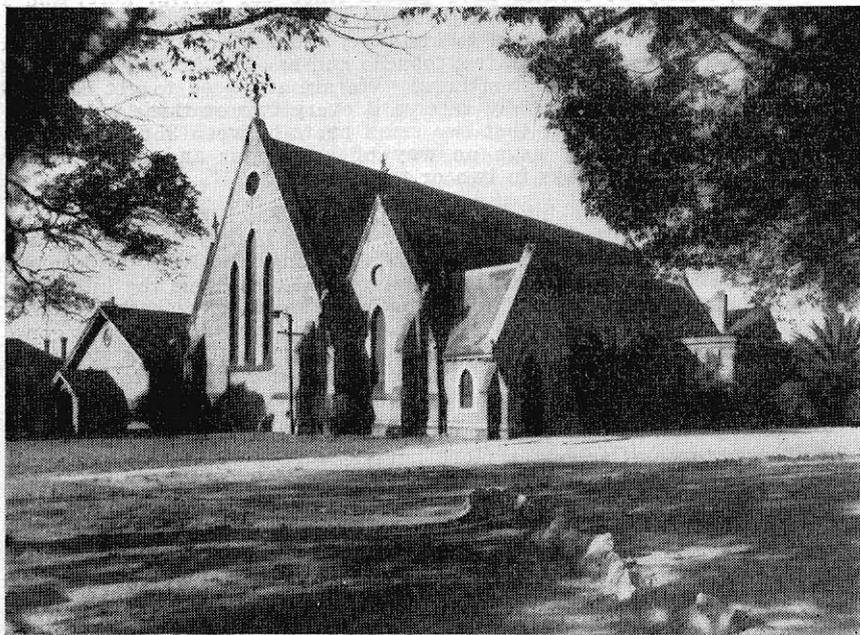
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ALL SAINTS', PETERSHAM

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 A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, R. WRIGHT

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

Lockhart River Mission,

North Queensland

Dear Friends,

Why is it that one keeps putting off the chore of writing letters, when it is really a satisfying and pleasant task. However I have delayed writing since a letter came telling me of the parcel of clothing etc., you people so kindly collected and forwarded on, that I could tell you we had received it, but unfortunately it has not yet arrived, but may do so on the next boat in two weeks time.

Well, nearly 10 months have passed since our arrival here, and I am sure of one thing, we have a long way to go to understand these people. These people respond to kindness, and ask for little more than basic food, such as flour, rice, tea, tobacco and as often as possible, some meat. The latter is a problem here. We are supposed to get continuous meat supplies, but actually receive it every two or three weeks. A little calculation will show that two small boats between 350 people does not go very far. They have no way of keeping it and consequently have meat about two days in two or three weeks.

Mrs. Bailey is looking after the School, Kitchen, which supplies breakfast and lunch to 70 odd children, and tea if they want it. There is a lot of trouble with the women helpers stealing food from the kitchen. Mrs. Bailey has a system now, before the women go home the kitchen is searched and any food found is put back in the store, then she watches the faces of the women as they go to their hiding places and find it gone. These people have a long way to go yet to come near decent standards of living, according to our ways. Of course the fact that up to 23 people live in one small house makes it difficult to expect too much.

I have been hammering away for a saw mill to be installed, just a small one, to cut timber for more houses. We may have some result shortly.

We have two sections here, one is the Christian Co-operative and the other Mission. The Co-op people work for themselves and earn money by such things as diving for Trochus Shell, a conical spiral shell up to four inches high by four inches across. Most pearl buttons on men's shirts etc. are made from this shell. You can pick them by a reddish spot on the back of the button. They also dive for Black Lip Pearl Shell,

this is a small relation of the Mother of Pearl Shell. The Mother of Pearl Shells grow to about ten or eleven inches across, like a grand-father oyster, Black Lip about five or six inches across. A few pearls are found but not many.

The diver boys go out in the luggers to the reefs, and then go four or five to a dinghy, and then swim with water glasses in about 10 to 12 feet of water, and pick up the shells from the bottom. The Trochus shell has to be boiled to get the animal out, as they smell too high even in a day or so. We get about £350 a ton for Trochus, and about the same for Black Lip. The Co-op is also working on a Cotton growing project at Mundah Plain, a large expanse of flats about 12 miles from the Mission. They hope to plant a pilot crop of 100 acres this year, but progress is very slow and expensive. There will certainly be no profit this year.

The elder members of the Co-op make strings of beads, both small shell and native tree seeds, which are very colourful and attractive. Other members make spears, womerahs and firesticks for sale to shops who deal in these things. The fire sticks are two pieces of soft round wood about $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and 5' long, fitted into a socket with two holes in it and decorated with red beads. To make fire, a notch is cut in one stick and the point of the other is rotated back and forth in this notch, by rubbing the pointed stick backwards and forwards between the hands. I have seen a fire going in half a minute, not as good as a match, but—

The other section is the Mission itself which has no real income from the people, but supplies their food etc., and wages (about 5/- to 7/6 per week) from Diocesan funds. The Mission people work in building new earth houses (one every 6--8 months) workshops, under my control, mission launch and other tasks around the village itself.

Recently Mrs. Bailey and myself had a trip to Thursday Island to fit a new engine in our boat the "Mary Lockhart", we spent a pleasant if hard working month there. The poor old engine a 3-cylinder diesel, was only going on two for the trip up and was so sick I was afraid to stop anywhere, so we sailed right through non stop for the 200 miles, taking 40 hours. However, the trip home was much more pleasant, we took three days and camped on small islands for the two nights.

The boys found turtle nests, and had a whale of a time eating about twenty eggs each. They are like a table tennis ball with a soft leathery shell, we did not fancy them and dined off a 40 lb. Kingfish we caught on a tow line. I take my hat off to the men who navigate these waters. The channel is all over the place with reefs and sandbanks everywhere. No wonder you can see wrecks all over the place, one channel is only 50 yards wide, imagine navigating that at night!

Lynn is at St. Mary's School at Herberton, near Cairns and is doing very well. She was home for the term holidays recently. Train from Herberton to Cairns then 300 miles by plane to Iron Range, then Land Rover 8 miles to the sea and 25 miles by launch to the Mission, almost a holiday by itself.

Please give our kind regards to all at All Saints', any more donations of clothing will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Well, cheerio for now,

from,

WAL BAILEY

LADIES' GUILD

At our meeting on 9th September it was decided to arrange a Ladies' Rally for our Social afternoon on Tuesday, 28th October. This will be a short service in the Church, where our speaker will be Mrs. Cordell, who has spent many years with the C.M.S. in Tanganyika, followed by afternoon tea and a social hour in the Parish Hall. We extend an invitation to all ladies of the Parish to join with us on this afternoon.

Our next Street Stall will be on Friday, 17th October, donations of home-made cakes, jams or pickles will be much appreciated.

The Apron Afternoon on September 23rd was a most enjoyable and successful function. We were delighted to welcome quite a number of visitors and express the hope that they will join with us on many more occasions. Quite a number of aprons will be added to our number as a result of the afternoon.

Time is fast speeding on and our ladies are all busy with preparations for the stalls at the forthcoming Fete on 22nd November. Any donations for the Work, Children's Wear or Refreshment Stalls will be much appreciated.

E. M. BOSWARD, Secretary

FLOWER ROSTER

- Oct. 5th—Donated by Mrs. Carroll in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Binns, arranged by Mrs. Sopwith.
 „ 12th—Donated by Mrs. Colbert and arranged by Mrs. Colbert and Mrs. Bellamy.
 „ 19th—Donated by Mrs. Sharp in memory of her husband, Mr. R. E. Sharp and arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 26th—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Mother and Father and Nephew, arranged by Mrs. Bosward
 Nov. 2nd—Donated by Mrs. Challenger and Miss Speight and arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 „ 9th—Donated by Mrs. Colbert, arranged by Mrs. Colbert and Mrs. Bellamy.

As the 5th November is All Saints' Day our special service will be on Sunday, 2nd November, any extra flowers or money for flowers for that day would be much appreciated.

On Sunday, 14th September, flowers were also given by Mrs. V. Bryce in memory of her Mother.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the above club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room, Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th October at 8 p.m. New members and visitors always welcome.

The Annual Club Luncheon held last month was a great social and financial success. The speaker, the Rev. C. Craven-Sands, of the Seamen's Mission, was most interesting and gave us some knowledge of what is done by the Seaman's Mission for those whose work takes them to sea on ships. Many thanks to all who helped by donations and assistance in any way.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

ALL SAINTS' STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Y.C.I. Room on 21st October at 8 p.m.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. C. E. Pike we hope to elect a new Chairman. Will all Stall-holders for the coming Fete please attend this meeting as we have urgent matters to discuss.

Also all those interested in forming our new Dramatic and Concert Club, please come along as Mr. B. Pullen is anxious to begin as soon as possible.

H. J. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Are you lonely? Do you look for a familiar face when you come into your Church?

Come and join the "Senior Parishioners' Club", held every Thursday at 2 p.m. Make friends with your fellow parishioners. Join our happy family circle and share afternoon tea with us.

You are assured of a sincere welcome.

D. SHAW, Acting Secretary

Y.C.I.

Our Film Night was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 5th September. A large number of parishioners were present, in response to the Institute's invitation to share the interest and pleasure of the Y.C.I. members. A representative of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority screened a beautiful colour film covering the main aspects of the Snowy Mountains project. The representative, Mr. Dunn, gave a preliminary "Talk" and at the conclusion of the film there was a ready response to his invitation to "fire" questions at him. It was indeed an interesting evening, and we are very appreciative of the action of the Authority in making the evening so enjoyable. To Mr. Dunn we also express our sincere thanks for his excellent "Talk" and his ready co-operation.

Our meeting on the 19th September was open to all male parishioners as well as to Y.C.I. members, and the Club Room was crowded. It was Guest Speaker Night, and Mr. Alan Davidson, the well known Test Cricketer, related his experiences as a member of the Australian Team on the South African tour. The excellent coloured films screened by Mr. Davidson, added greatly to the interest created by the "Talk". The gathering, which was the largest at the Y.C.I. Meeting of this nature, comprised men both young, middle-aged and old, and all showed great interest in the "Talk", the film, the discussion and the supper which was the final item.

All those who knew of Mr. Alan Davidson's prowess as a Cricketer, and we were glad to have the opportunity of meeting him at close quarters in such congenial atmosphere. His encouraging remarks to the younger members of his audience, and his friendly and unassuming manner created a deep impression on all those who were present.

L.C.C.

RETTIMMOB TABLE TENNIS ETWIAS LIA

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members: Robert Ball, Robert Clubb, Richard Cornfold and Don Waterfield.

At this stage the top group of six players remains 1 Peter Whalan, 21 Charles Hemming, 3 Neil Moore, 4 John Yard, 5 Alan Humphreys, 6 Edward Faram. The remainder are contesting a ladder competition which stands as follows at the time of going to press: 1, Robert Reid; 2, Graham Davies; 3, James Ball; 4, Trevor Thompson; 5, Graham Allan; 6, John Rowe; 7, Robert Clubb 8, William Rowe; 9, Donald Waterfield; 10, Peter Smith; 11, Roger Cornford; 12, Brian Struss 13, John Fletcher; 14, Geoffrey Gorman; 15, Robert Ball; 16, Carl Lumby; 17, Rodney Lumby; 18, Harvey Ellis; 19, Noel Cragg.

1958 Summer Competition

The Summer Competition of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Association is due to commence on Thursday, 30th October, and the teams from All Saints' are now taking shape. The following teams have been tentatively finalised at this stage:

- No. 1 Team—C. Hemmings (Capt.), P. Whalan, N. Moore, J. Yard.
Team Manager: Mr. Moore.
- No. 2 Team—E. Faram (Capt.), A. Humphreys, R. Reid, G. Allan. Team Manager: Mr. H. Reid.
- No. 3 Team—J. Minitier (Capt. and Manager), T. Tompson (Vice-Capt.) J. Ball, G. Davies.
- No. 4 Team—J. Rowe (Capt.), D. Waterfield and R. Clubb (Team not yet finalised. Team Manager: Bruce Livingstone.

Players not selected in any of the above teams who wish to play in the forth coming Competition are requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible. The competition teams will be finalised immediately.

BRUCE LIVINGSTONE, Hon. Secretary

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ALL SAINTS' PARISH FETE—22nd NOVEMBER

Ye Old "Stall" Round-up

- ART JEWELLERY: Beads, Bangles, Brooches, Earrings, etc.
Powder Compacts: Articles of Personal Adornment, etc.,
Trinket Boxes, etc.
- BOOKS: Children's; Adults; of all descriptions.
- TOYS: Anything from 1d upwards.
- FOREIGN STAMPS:
- GAMES: All kinds of children's games.
- MARBLES:
- CHILDREN'S COMICS:

Lets all get together and help give the children, teenagers and adults the best stalls ever.

In this busy old world of ours we always seem to be looking for a few spare minutes, but please try to find a few and look up the articles you no longer need, and remember what you don't want is just what someone else thinks is great, and the Church benefits quite a lot by your help, so everyone is happy.

YOU! TEENAGERS: I bet you have plenty of toys, games and books etc., you have grown away from.

AND—

YOU! ADULTS: What about all that art jewellery and bits and pieces you no longer need, also the books you have finished with—mysteries and murders, romances, etc.

If you will give me a ring (LM 1643—Mrs. Millarey) I will call any time convenient and pick up any articles you have, or if you care to leave them at the Rectory I will pick them up from there.

PARISH FETE

All Saints' Church, Petersham

SATURDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER, 1958

10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

This is a preliminary notice to all our parishioners and friends, reminding them of the date of this year's fete.

It is hoped to have the following stalls:—

WORK STALL CAKES POTTERY AND GLASSWARE

BOOKS MAGAZINES ART JEWELLERY AND TOYS

WHITE ELEPHANT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

PLANTS REFRESHMENTS SWEETS

MERRY-GO-ROUND PONY RIDES

If you could help to stock any of these stalls in any small way, please contact the Rector at the Rectory—LM 4735. He will gladly answer any enquiries and will personally attend to the collection of any donations.

An early reply would be appreciated.



GRAND CONCERT

Presented by Mr. Newberry of Beverley Hills

ALL SAINTS' PARISH HALL, PETERSHAM

FRIDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 8 p.m.

In aid All Saints' Dramatic Club

ADULTS 2/6 CHILDREN 1/-

Rev. T. E. CHAMPION Rector

BERT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

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