

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

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OCTOBER 1987



WORSHIP TIMES:

9.30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)
Sunday School and Kindergarten.

7.00 p.m. — Evening Prayer (H.C. on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
Petersham.
25th September, 1987.

Dear Friends,

The Bi-Centenary Celebrations are well underway; or at least the planning is well underway.

I trust you will support the churches - Australia wide ; in the gift of a New Testament to every household. We need your prayer support as well as financial to make this a successful Bi-Centenary Event.

You know christians have been celebrating an event that took place well before the arrival of the First Fleet in Australia. Yes for one thousand nine hundred and fifty five years we have celebrated the victory of Christ Jesus over death and hell.

Every Sunday we celebrate that victory of Calvary. It was intended to be the end of Jesus Christ of Nazareth but, Praise God!, it was the beginning of the christian church with all that that means.

The idea of celebration is kept before us in the way we speak of the Holy Communion. The clergymen taking the service is called the "celebrant", and we often speak of "the celebration of Holy Communion". So you can see although Christ died nearly two thousand years ago we still celebrate that event Sunday by Sunday. Of course we do not confine celebration to just one service but whatever the service, whatever we call it, or how ever we conduct that service, it is still celebration of Christ's victory over death and Satan.

As the First Fleet arrived in a new land, so with the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have also come to a new land - a new kingdom. Through faith in Christ's death

and rising again we become citizens of a heavenly kingdom - a new land.

Being a citizen of this kingdom - the Kingdom of God - doesn't restrict us to a "pie on the sky when you die" experience. No! the benefit of citizenship in heaven is a present blessing as well as a heaven home.

The christian has peace and power now. Firstly, he or she knows peace in his heart, or in her heart. Nobdy nor anything can shake their confidence because their confidence is not in self but in the Risen Christ - Christ lives within our heart. .

The christian has power. He has power to resist evil. He has power to be the person he would want to be - the highest and the best.

Is it any wonder that christians continually celebrate that event which took place two thousand years ago. Two hundred years is something to celebrate, but two thousand years is amazing.

"When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first began."

- John Newton.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 13th October at 1pm, followed by the Demonstration "Tasty Tips" that I have been telling you about in the last few Chronicles. This demonstration, presented by "New Idea", should prove interesting to all women. Please come and help make the numbers worth the demonstration. It won't cost you anything, and apart from sampling the "Tasty Tips", you will enjoy a very nice afternoon tea. Please!! Please!! come and join us 2pm on Tuesday 13th October.

Our cake and sweets stall at the Fete is very much in our minds now. Saturday 21st November won't be long in coming. Donations of cakes on the day, or sugar for sweet making earlier will be very much appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation.

The secondhand clothing and jumble stall held last month, was a great success, the proceeds being \$253. Thank you once again to all who helped in any way. The next sale and last one for this year, will be held on Friday 30th October. We propose to make it a CLEARANCE SALE, Frocks, Skirts, Blouses, Cardigans, Slacks, Shirts, Trousers, all only \$1. We hope to see you there.

There has been a lot of illness amongst our members this winter. We wish everyone who is still ill a speedy recovery and hope to see their smiling faces with us at our next meeting, to enjoy our "Tasty Tips". We miss you so much when you are absent. So see you all on Tuesday 13th October at 2pm.

Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is now meeting every Thursday at 1pm in the church hall. The sunny days should soon start to increase our numbers and put all the winter aches behind us. Still every Thursday at 1pm.

Still in the Church Hall.

Still a lovely afternoon tea and competitions.

Still only 50 cents.

Still a host of friends for all.

Come and join us, we are waiting to welcome you.

Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School is at present in recess to coincide with the school holidays.

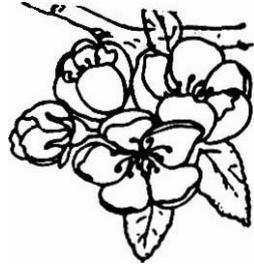
Sunday School and Kindergarten will resume for the fourth term, on Sunday 18th October, 1987 at 9-30am. This is a Family Service, pupils of the senior Sunday School will meet in the church at 9-30am. Kindergarten pupils will commence at 9-30am in their own hall before coming into the Family Service.

The Sunday School is once again running the grocery stall at the annual fete. This year we are seeking donation of tinned groceries for the stall, letters have been sent to grocery firms but the response to donation request have fallen off over the past years So any help in stocking the stall would be appreciated.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.



FLOWER DONATIONS



- OCTOBER 4TH - Donation by Mrs. E. Beatty (Merimbula)
in memory of her family.
Arrangement by Mrs.M.Essam & Mrs.E.Hearn
- OCTOBER 11th - Donation by Miss Perry.
Arrangement by Mrs.M.Essam & Mrs.E.Hearn
- OCTOBER 18th - A memorial by Mrs. Hitchins for her late
husband.
In memory of Alan Carr by Mrs. Carr,
Julie, Alison & Wendy.
Arrangement by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- OCTOBER 25th - In loving memory of Clarie Richardson by
June & Arthur.
Arrangement by Mrs.M.Essam & Mrs.E.Hearn

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THE FETE

This years Fete day will be Saturday 21st November. The passage of time has reduced the number of workers willing and able to take part and the indications are that it will be on a reduced scale. Nevertheless with the help of the many people who have our interests at heart we hope to make it a worthwhile event.

We will welcome donations of rooted plants and cuttings for the plants stall, china and ornaments for the pottery stall, groceries etc for the grocery stall and cakes and sweets for the cake stall.

The work stalls will be reduced to one this year but the quality will be unchanged.

The fete will open at 9am and close at 2pm.

THE HOLE IN THE FLOOR

At its last meeting the parish Council discussed aspects of repairs to the church floor from two angles.

Firstly the improvement of ventilation under the floor.

Secondly the replacement of rotten flooring that was removed to allow a full inspection below floor level.

The parish council inspected the site and Mr. Swankie explained the proposals in detail.

It is proposed to make ventilation holes through each of the aisles, which are at the moement solid. It is hoped that the completion of this work will increase the life of the flooring which at this time appears to be satisfactory. This work is estimated to cost around \$3200.

Much of the floor needs to be replaced and estimates for this range from \$8722 for wood floor to \$6659 for a concrete floor.

Treasurer Mr. B. Livingston, advised the meeting that it did not have enough money to do the floor repairs but that the improvement to underfloor ventilation could be financed. Council then agreed to proceed with the ventilation improvement and leave the flooring until we have accumulated more money.

LADIES EVENING GROUP

Thankyou ladies, for coming along to meet Mrs. Ruth Oliver last month. Ruth, whose husband is our Archdeacon, was most entertaining and encouraging guest. After telling us of some of the trials and joys of her life, Ruth put us to work in a small counselling situation. How very interesting! Try, it yourself:

"Next time a friend starts to tell you of a problem, listen. See how long you can just listen and encourage that person to continue. Don't try to interrupt by saying 'I know, it's happened to me', or 'Oh yes, Mrs. XYZ had that problem'. Just listen!

We were amazed at how we had to practise listening!

An area in which Anglican Counselling is involved is that of conducting PARENTING GROUPS. We need a minimum of six families to be interested, either one parent or both. Let me know if you think you might be interested in joining such a group next year.

Instead of an Evening Meeting in October we hope to have a morning visit to see Mission Aid Group at Kingsgrove. Further details will be announced in the Weekly Bulletins. - Helen Woolcott.

A SAD FAREWELL

Cathy, Andrew & Jason Hitchcock leave Sydney with our love & prayers. Stuart has been in New Zealand (Cathy's Homeland), since early this year, & is apprenticed as a carpenter. We shall miss them all very much. Each one has contributed greatly to all Saints' family for many years.