

*The Chronicle  
Of All Saints  
Petersham*

*The Friendly Church*

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## RECTOR'S NOTES

There's something very pleasant in contemplating the first opportunity that my wife and family and I will have of joining together with you all to celebrate the remembrance of our Saviour's Birth. December is a very happy month—for most of us surely. Of course, there comes a pressure in the accelerating pace of activities which takes a "bit of the shine off" the rejoicing. We can become so busy that the weariness robs us of the ability to "real-ise" the basic significance of the occasion. I hope this misfortune will not be your experience. I must admit I find I need to make a deliberate effort to avoid that trap myself. We've planned a few "get-together" occasions for "the family" here at All Saints—and we hope you'll be able to share them with us—the Lord's family celebrating the Lord's Birthday together.

Christmas and the Christ-Child speak so plainly of newness and the promise of new hope and great possibilities. It's like the excitement of the prospects that confront us when a baby makes his appearance in our home—only then it is possibilities for someone else. But the Coming of the Christ Child really means the promise of new hope and new possibilities for us. He came to make it possible for the chain of cause and effect to be broken when it's needed and longed for. That's the real miracle of Christmas—the fact that we can always know the release from things that bind us. Just as God broke into the life of man and revealed His power and love in the God-Man Christ Jesus, so also His Spirit is able to "break-in" (when invited) to the life of the individual and powerfully re-make the direction of a man's life, and share with him the joy of divine love and companionship. I say "when invited" because He comes to answer needs, and needs when consciously realised will always issue in invitations being made. God will not impose Himself and His Life Abundant, but like the Prodigal's father, waits to speedily respond when once we turn homeward, motivated by our realised needs.

May you all make the most of your opportunities to experience the Newness and Offered Blessing in the celebration of the Coming of God's Salvation at this Festive Season.

Your Friend and Minister,

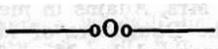
S. W. GISSING.

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
from Dreamthorp  
**ALEXANDER SMITH**

There is one more good thing about Winter—he brings Christmas through the bleak December the thought of the coming festival is pleasant—like the reflection of a fire on our faces. We taste the cake before it is baked, and when it is actually before us we find that it is none the worse for the fond handling of imagination. Christmas day is the pleasantest day in the whole year. On that day we think tenderly of distant friends, we strive to forgive injuries to close accounts with ourselves and the world—to begin the new year with a white leaf, and a trust that the chapter of life about to be written will contain more

notable entries, a fairer sprinkling of good actions, fewer erasures made in blushes and fewer ugly blots than some of the earlier ones. And to make Christmas perfect, the ground should be covered and the trees draped with snow, the bleak world outside should make us enjoy all the more keenly the comforts we possess; and, above all, it should make us remember the poor and the needy for charitable deed is the best close of any chapter of our lives, and the best promise, too, for the record about to begin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

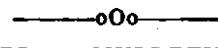
**Grocery Stall:** This year the grocery stall raised \$322 at the annual fete.

I would like to thank the ladies who made the Jam, also thanks to the parents & parishioners for their donations of groceries and cash, to the boys and girls in the Sunday School who were a great help in selling the groceries, lollies, drinks, lucky dips, etc. I would also like to thank the following companies for their help:—

- H. Jones & Co. (IXL), Kellogg Aust. Pty. Ltd., Samuel Taylor Ltd., G. J. Coles & Coy. Ltd., Colgate-Palmolive Pty. Ltd., Bushells Pty. Ltd., Lifesavers (A/asia) Ltd., Sanitarium Health Food Co., The Weston Biscuit Co., and Leopold Barnett's.

The Sunday School will remain open during the School holidays as usual.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.



BIBLE WORD — CHILDREN'S SECTION

**LUKE Chapter 2:8-14.** (Revised Standard Version.)

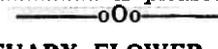
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**The angels and the shepherds.**

And in the region there were ..... out in the field, keeping watch over their ..... by night. And an angel of the ..... appeared to them, and the ..... of the Lord shone around them, and their were ..... with ..... And the angel said to them, " ..... ; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is ..... this day in the city of ..... a ..... , who is ..... the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the ..... a multitude of the heavenly ..... praising God and saying,

" ..... to ..... in the highest, and on earth ..... among men with whom ..... is pleased.



SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- December 1: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and Family in memory of Mother and Grandmother and by Misses Jones. Ex. (Gordon St.) in memory of their Parents; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- December 8: Donated by Mr. R. Minitier, John and Margaret in memory of Mrs. Minitier and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.

- A. Hunt from their Daughters; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
December 15: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
December 22: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
December 25: Donated by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Senior and donations from Mr. and Mrs. H. Shaw and Mrs. Bosward; arranged by the ladies of the flower roster.  
December 29: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
January 5: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams and from the Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt in their memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

Extra donations of flowers or money to purchase flowers would be appreciated for Christmas Day. If flowers are sent they should be delivered to the Church by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 24th December, so that their is time for them to be arranged.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers on 27th October from L. and E. Bayley in memory of their Sister Dorothy and on 17th November Red Carnations were donated by Mr. A. V. Graham in memory of Ealalle Graham and Alice de Sandovah. Flowers were also donated on 24th November by Mr. W. Williams and Family in memory of Aileen Williams.

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**CLUB NEWS**

**Ladies Guild:**

Our final meeting for 1974 will be our Christmas Party on Tuesday, 10th December, in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m.

In 1975 our meetings will change to the first Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting will be on 4th February, at 1 p.m. when we will hold our annual meeting.

We take this opportunity to extend to the Rector and Mrs. Gissing and family our best wishes for Christmas and 1975.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

**Y.M. and Friends' Club:**

The next meeting of our Club will be our Christmas meeting on Tuesday, 10th December, when Mrs. Gissing has invited us to hold our meeting in the Rectory.

We wish to thank all who helped in any way to make our stall at fete so successful. We were pleased to hand in \$330 as the proceeds of our stall.

The Club will go into recess as usual in January. Our first meeting next year will be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th February, in the Parish Hall.

We take this opportunity to wish everybody the Peace and Joy of a Christian Christmas.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

**Senior Parishioners' Club:**

Our year is nearly over and we plan to have our "break up" party on Thursday, 12th December, so I hope that all members will keep this date in mind.

The club will recommence next year on Thursday, 25th January.

We wish everyone a Happy Holy Christmas and Good Health in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

## THE CHRONICLE

### Indoor Bowls Club:

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone interested in sharing our evenings with us, either as a player or a spectator. If you are interested please come along any Wednesday.

B. SEE, Honorary Secretary.

### Boy's Club:

The Boy's Club is steadily growing and we would welcome any young lad between the ages of 8 and 16. We meet on Monday evenings at 6.30 p.m.

On Monday, 9th December we will be holding a presentation and display evening, commencing at 6.30 p.m. If anyone is interested in seeing the groups activities they would be most welcome to be present.

J. ARROWSMITH, Leader.

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### Youth Group:

The Youth Group after having many setbacks, is picking up the threads and getting back in the groove. So why not come along and enjoy a Friday evening with us. The minimum age is 13 years.

J. ARROWSMITH, Honorary Leader.

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### A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Lord grant to me a quiet heart  
Before examinations start,  
Teach me to use my leisure hours  
To re-invigorate my powers  
My mind from day-dreams liberate,  
Give me the will to concentrate  
From all distractions set me free,  
That in my studies I may be  
A student with this sole intent,  
To make my work a sacrament.  
From my faint heart in love expel  
All failure fears that therein dwell.  
And from my pillow drive away  
All dark forebodings of that day.  
Help me in faith to rest so deep  
That I may have untroubled sleep.  
While notes and summaries I prepare,  
May I not lose my zest for prayer.  
And may I not forget to look  
For daily evidence in Your Book.  
In quietness, confidence and peace,  
May I find sure and swift release.  
From needless fears and apprehension,  
From outward strain and inward tension.  
And may I ever grateful be  
To all who offer prayer for me.  
While for myself I intercede,  
For other students I would plead.  
So may examinations find,  
Each one alert in heart and mind.  
Thus inward joy and peace possessing,  
Exams will prove a source of blessing. Amen.

### FETE APPRECIATIONS

The Chairman of the Parish Council's Fete Committee, Mr. Frank Hearn, extends his sincere congratulations to all stallholders and other fete workers for their tremendous efforts throughout the year. Without their hard work and co-operation, the record final result would not have been obtained. Thanks also to all parishioners and friends of All Saints' — your wonderful support will enable the work of this Parish to be maintained securely in the coming year.

The following Stallholders wish to express their appreciation for the help they received in raising the takings:

**Fancy Goods:** Mrs. D. Jones wishes to thank everyone who donated goods, sewed, and helped in any other way, including those who served on the Stall on the big day; this assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all who came and bought.

**Mrs. Ivy Clark** expresses many thanks to all who gave stocks for her stall, to all who helped on the day, and to her niece from Queanbeyan, for help on the stall. Thanks also to all who bought and helped to make the result better than ever. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to you all — I hope to see you all in 1975.

**Jewellery Stall:**

Miss Hunt and I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Jean Hitching of Flair Hairdressing Salon for her help in selling Jewellery during the year; also to the Staff at Scotts Provisions for their support to Miss Hunt; and to the donor of the wonderful collection of stamps for which we received \$70. I would also like to add a personal thank you to the Ladies Bowling Club at the Georges River Sailing Club for their support to me during the year.

EDNA MILLAREY.

**Refreshments:** Mrs. B. See wishes to extend her grateful thanks to those who toiled throughout the day in the Refreshment Room, and to all the kind folk who patronised us, or gave donations in cash or in kind.

YOU ARE INVITED TO . . .

### A PARISH FAMILY BAR-B-Q and CAROLS EVENING IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS ON WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Cooking Fires are planned to be ready by 6.45 p.m.  
Please bring your own Meat, Cup, Plate, Cutlery.  
Some Salads, Cordials, Cuppa, Bread will be provided.

AN INFORMAL "FAMILY GATHERING" to provide an opportunity to "get-to-know-you" is planned.

The programme will merely be Community Carol singing and a film.

The plan is to end early so the kids will not be "kept out" too late!



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

December 15th—7 p.m. CAROLS AND LESSONS Service,  
by Candlelight.

December 25th—OUR LORD'S NATIVITY.

7 a.m. Holy Communion.

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Family Worship).

**NEW YEAR WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**

December 31st—11.30 p.m. Holy Communion.

**PARISH FAMILY OCCASIONS**

December 15th—10 a.m. Family Worship.

5 p.m. Men's Club FAMILY TEA.

December 18th—6.45 p.m. Parish BAR-B-Q and Carols Evening in  
Church Grounds.



"How delightful is the company of generous people who overlook trifles and keep their minds instinctively fixed on whatever is good and positive in the world about them.

People of small calibre are always carping. They are bent on showing their own superiority, their knowledge or prowess or good breeding. But magnanimous people have no vanity, they have no jealousy, they have no reserves, and they feed on the true and the solid where ever they find it, and what is more, they find it everywhere."

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**HOLY COMMUNION**—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

**MATINS**—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

**EVENSONG**—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

**FAMILY SERVICE**—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten  
on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
THE RECTOR.**

**CHURCHWARDENS:** Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.  
Williams.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N.  
Cragg, F. Evans, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston, H.  
E. Quelch, B. Sayers, D. Sayers, C. Silince, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H.  
Swankie.

**HON. TREASURER:** Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr. N. Cragg.

**KINDERGARTEN LEADER:** Miss J. Evans.

**EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:**

**PUBLICITY OFFICER:** Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

**ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:** Mr. C. Silince.

**CHRONICLE EDITOR:** Mr. H. E. Quelch.

Christmas Services

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER

7 p.m. THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our moving "Carols by Candlelight" Service

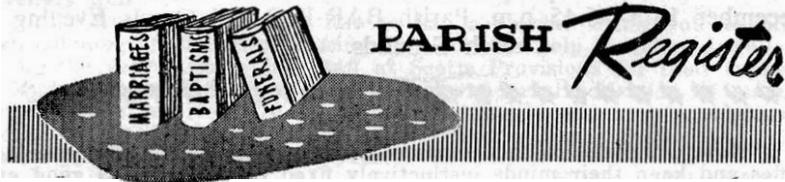
CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25th

7.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

Note: There will not be an Evening Service on Christmas Day.



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

November 17—Bronwyn Joan Jones of 223 Nelson Street, Annandale.

November 17—Paul Alexander Mangan of 109 Station Street, Petersham.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

October 3—Linda Florence Bridge of 86 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills.

October 24—Lauretta Rose Liddell of 32 Cecil Street, Ashfield.

November 10—Percy Edwin Carpenter of Frank Whiddon Home, Glenfield.

November 18—Hilton Ralph Whiteman of 34 Fort Street, Petersham.

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.