

# All Saint's Church of England, Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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## RECTOR'S REPORT TO ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Firstly, a word of thanks to everyone who has helped forward the spread of the Gospel in 1984. Without prayer, and worship, and giving, nothing would be accomplished.

As Rector of the Parish I depend on these prayers. Those who come to hear the Gospel at services depend on our worship. The Parish Council and Church Wardens depend on gifts of time, money and experience to meet the cost of maintaining a living ministry here in Petersham.

It is gratifying to discover that financially we have ended 1984 with a surplus of \$991.81 in our General Fund. We thank the Lord of His goodness.

A look at offertories over the twelve months shows an increase of 8% over last year, but when we compare attendances at services we see again a drop of something like 11% over the previous year. This is a matter of great concern for the past three years the numbers attending services have been dropping at the rate of 10% per year.

Coupled with this fall in attendances is the fact that we are not holding those new folk who come to live in the area. Some are just passing through but others are buying houses and establishing their homes. It is a serious question: why are they not continuing to worship with us?

We must take a long hard look at our mode of worship, the structure of our services, our Sunday School, and the type of activities we have for younger families.

Who is going to support All Saints', Petersham in five, ten or twenty years time? The answer is, those who are now moving into the area and the teenagers in our Sunday School.

These people must be our priority. We will need funds to set up a youth activities and programmes for younger couples coming into the parish.

I believe we have at present a very real opportunity to do something along these lines. Two years planned effort by a part or full time worker spending time among such people could bring into the church younger people we need to ensure the continuation of All Saints' Church as a separate vital parish unit.

Use of the property given us by the late May Rühle could well be used as the accommodation for such a worker and the re-direction of funds such as the present Bus Fund could help

finance such work. This appears to me as a way forward.

We must meet the challenge present at this stage of the parish's life. It would seem that with faith, vision and imagination All Saint's, Petersham could look forward to a very bright future.

The question is: have we the faith, vision and imagination

God has a plan for this parish; this plan will come to pass and we are challenged to be part of that future.

### FOR THE YOUNG

A Junior Fellowship for school children 13 years and under has begun at All Saints". The group meets in the Parish Hall on Friday afternoons beginning at 4.00 p.m.

A range of activities is planned including: story time, craft work, singing and games. The program lasts about an hour. Children attending school who are 13 years and under are very welcome.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Prize-giving was held at the Family Service last month. The prizes awarded were for the work carried out by the pupils in 1984. We congratulate all who won a prize. A list of the prize winners is printed below:

#### KINDERGARTEN

CLASS ONE—First Prize: Daniel Edwards.

Second Prize: Nathan Edwards.

Third Prize: Corinne Khoury.

CLASS TWO—First Prize: Alison Carr, Steven Brown  
Alexandra Yeend.

Second Prize: Rebecca Edwards, Michelle Lea

Third Prize: Matthew Lea, Liza Gilderdale.

CLASS THREE—First Prize: Emma Kate Essam, Raymond  
Allan.

Second Prize: Rebecca Yeend.

Third Prize: Alice Dallow.

#### SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Prize: Sarah Essam, David Woolcott, Bertie Dallow,  
Jason Hitchcock, Andrew Hitchcock, Stuart  
Hitchcock.

Second Prize: Cameron Forsyth, Sarah Forsyth, Stacey Shep-  
pard.

Third Prize: Scott Sheppard, Genevieve Freeman, Kelly-Ann  
Lea, Emma Mills, Debbie Granger.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

### FLOWER DONATIONS

April 7—In memory of Sydney Hays by his loving wife and  
family.

Arrangement by Mrs. Alice Steed.

April 14—By Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stanley Walter.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

April 21—No Donation. April 28—No Donation.

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 9th April at 1.30 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend as the details of our Annual Luncheon on the following Tuesday, 16th April, must be discussed. The Petersham Salvation Army are again going to entertain us. The donation for the luncheon will be \$2.00. Please keep this date in mind and help us in this effort by your attendance.

The Happy Home Demonstration following our last meeting was very enjoyable. The proceeds for the club being \$24.50

Following our meeting on Tuesday, 14th May, Deaconess Andrews will be our Guest Speaker at 2 p.m. Come and hear what she has to tell us. I'm sure it will be interesting.

In June, Mrs. Margaret Nyle (who some of you will remember as Margaret Calver) will be presenting "Herbal Encounters" after our meeting. That's the 11th June.

Also on 10th May the next Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Stall will be held in the Church Hall. Any saleable goods you no longer want would be appreciated. Remember the date: Friday, 10th May.

Our sales table at the church gate on March 18th netted \$26. Thanks to Mrs. Joan Livingston for taking all the left over goods up to the Home Mission.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT, 1984**

1983	RECEIPTS	1984
12,094.36	Offeratories .....	13,143.19
470.70	District Visitors .....	330.30
1,629.00	Donations .....	2,662.27
262.88	Deposit Interest .....	261.01
6,388.01	Net Fete Receipts .....	6,521.65
92.77	Fete Receipts for next year .....	9.00
943.36	Hall Rent (To Capital Reserve Account)	—
150.00	Chronicle Advertising .....	120.00
10.34	Net B-B-Q Receipts .....	—
1,193.01	Recycling Cans .....	1,102.32
451.07	Recycling Bottles .....	—
3,676.40	Recycling Papers .....	4,793.61
1.00	Sale Church History (To Restoration Fund)	—
120.50	Church Flowers .....	136.00
—	Hire Trestles .....	5.00
—	Insurance Premium Refund .....	445.04
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27,483.40		29,529.89

## PAYMENTS

14,235.00	Stipend .....	15,813.08
3,270.44	Rector's Travelling Allowance .....	3,495.84
,720.00	Parish Superannuation Contrib. ....	756.00
823.50	Organist .....	480.00
2,233.00	General Assessment .....	2,576.00
658.00	Special Assessment .....	759.00
310.00	Special Assessment Arrears .....	112.50
429.78	Repairs and Maintenance .....	144.26
717.20	Chronicles .....	797.20
136.68	Stationery .....	89.00
322.45	Telephone .....	375.65
432.20	M.W.S. & D.B. ....	219.00
180.71	Church Electricity .....	135.82
379.46	Organ Tuning, Maintenance and Repair ...	559.50
576.15	Insurance .....	147.47
812.50	Church Cleaning .....	705.00
117.00	W. A. Flick—Annual Maintenance .....	129.00
119.55	Freewill Offering Envelopes .....	—
493.69	Offertories to H.M.S. ....	374.45
267.30	Repairs to Gestetner .....	—
40.32	Paper Hand Towels .....	3.00
19.50	Editor's Clip Sheet .....	21.00
—	Catering Expenses for Carol Service ...	45.63
—	Visiting Preachers .....	137.00
19.07	Cleaning Materials .....	28.10
1983	<b>HALL EXPENSES</b>	1984
157.00	Purchase Fire Extinguisher .....	—
812.50	Hall Cleaning .....	705.00
311.20	Hall Electricity .....	173.89
64.00	Hall Gas .....	89.97
61.00	Installation Floodlighting—Supply and Re-	—
20.24	placement of Fluorescent Tubes .....	—
25.00	Assn. Performing Rights—Annual Fee ...	22.03
—	Annual Hall Licence Fee .....	25.00
—	Purchase of Kettle .....	9.79
—	Electrical Maintenance .....	23.00
—	Recharging Fire Extinguishers .....	26.15
—	Repairs to Hall Roller Door .....	60.00
<u>28,773.44</u>		<u>28,538.33</u>
BALANCE OF GENERAL ACCOUNT 1/1/84 .....		5,288.81
PLUS EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		991.56
<u>BALANCE 31/12/84 .....</u>		<u>\$6,278.37</u>

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Balance Society Cheque Account .....	2,224.18
Savings Investment Account .....	4,059.24

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT — 1984**

In 1984 the Sunday School had 13 pupils on the roll and the Kindergarten 15 pupils.

During the year we said goodbye to three teachers Felicity and Ian McLure and Joan Stokes. Once again we were short of teachers in the Senior Sunday School and Kindergarten. As a result, all the High School pupils attended the morning service instead of Sunday School in the Second Term.

To highlight the problem in the Sunday School a letter was sent to the parents during the August/September holidays. In the letter the following points were made:

1. A need for teachers in the Kindergarten and Senior Sunday School.
2. Because of the lack of teachers the High School group would be remaining in the church instead of attending the Sunday School.
3. There would be only one class for the Primary School pupils in the Sunday School.
4. There are more children in the Kindergarten than can be coped with by the existing number of teachers.
5. Parents be asked to help with classes in the Kindergarten.
6. The Sunday School and Kindergarten will resume on 16th September, 1984.
7. Children welcome to all services.
8. At Family Services parents are asked to bring their children to church, and sit together as a family unit.

Twenty of these letters were sent.

At the beginning of the Third Term Mrs. Woolcott offered to teach in the Sunday School to enable the High School pupils to return to classes. Our thanks to Mrs. Woolcott for teaching this second class.

At the annual meeting the following donations to the Missions were allocated:

C.M.S. ....	\$20	Mission to Seamen .....	\$20
B.C.A. ....	\$20	Dr. Barnardo's Homes	\$10
H.M.S. ....	\$20	C. of E. Homes .....	\$10

A Family Fun Night was held in May and a Family Picnic in October. Both of these activities were very successful.

The Sunday School raised \$560 on the Grocery Stall at

the last Fete. This was the best result to date. I would like to thank all who helped in any way.

The Sunday School and Kindergarten Christmas Party was held on 14th December. We thank all who helped with the organisation of the party.

At the Family Service in December the Sunday School and Kindergarten came into church in choir robes and presented their carols from the choir stalls. Thanks to all who helped with the robes and all who participated in the presentation of the carols. Some of the figures in the Nativity scene in the church in December were the work of the Kindergarten pupils.

Towards the end of the year Beryl Krebs offered help with playing piano and teaching in the Kindergarten. We thank her for that help.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

#### Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 months ended 31st December, 1984

1984		\$	\$
January Balance at Bank .....			46.02
Add Receipts —			
December:			
Donations .....	792.51		
Sale of Goods, etc. ....	352.33		
Bank Interest .....	9.02	1153.86	
			1199.88
Less Payments —			
Afternoon Teas, Prizes Christmas Party .....	537.44		
Get Well Cards, Phone Calls, etc. ....	12.63		
Gift All Saints' Church .....	500.00	1050.07	
Balance being Cash at Bank .....			149.81

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 1984

1984 is now behind us. It was a lovely year. Thursday afternoons were happy social gatherings each week.

Our attendance was good, even through the winter months, when so many of our members were sick at different times.

Thanks to our wonderful band of helpers who are all so dependable at all times and donate so much in every way. Our door money has been able to be kept to 60 cents. We still enjoy a lovely home made afternoon tea. Thanks to our cooks and sandwich makers. Our sales table and games table are always well stocked. Thanks to all who help there. I have not mentioned any names but you all know which thanks is for you.

**THE CHRONICLE**

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We were very proud to be able to hand Mr. Woolcott a cheque for \$500, for the church, from our club, at our Christmas Break-up Party. Although our members had donated for this party day we had so many firm donations this year that it enabled us to make our donations to the church greater. Thanks to all those who made those donations. Thanks also to Beverley Champion family and Ken Rowlands for their very bright entertainment.

The firms who donated our party goods and gifts were: Bonds (face washers), Gambles (handkerchiefs), Galmac (toilet soap), Jewells (groceries), Murrays (sweets).

This was a wonderful year. We look forward to 1985 being equally wonderful.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT, 1984**

Another year has passed very successfully. This year we were able through the year to donate \$1400 to our church. This, I know, was hard work for so few. We urgently need help. Could you be one of those helpers? The following is what we did.

We prepared Mr. and Mrs. Woolcott's wedding afternoon tea for which we received \$200.

Three Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Stalls held in the church hall netted \$200, \$170 and \$246 respectively. Happy Home Demonstrations \$30.10, Luncheon \$150, Byron Parker presentation \$10.30.

Through the year we had speakers from C.M.S. and H.M.S. at our meetings. \$20 was donated to each, also Anti T.B. \$20 in two donations through the year. Other church annual functions were attended through the year. Mrs. Dulcie Reid being our main representative.

The Fete was as usual the big effort of the year. The Cake and Sweets Stall handed in \$429. Although our members were on most of the other stalls on the day as well as working for them through the year.

A sad note is that just before Christmas we lost one of our very regular members and helpers, Mrs. May Ruhle. She will be sadly missed in many ways.

The year finished with the usual Christmas Party in December. We thank Mrs. Beverley Champion and Mr. Ken Rowlands for once again being our entertainers that day.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 months ended  
31st December, 1984**

January 1984 Balance at Bank	269.96
Add Receipts to December, 1984:	

Donations .....	298.40		
Clothing Sales .....	761.00		
Trading Table .....	29.70		
Luncheon .....	150.00		
Sale of Diaries .....	20.80		
Bank Interest .....	4.40		1264.30
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			1534.26
<b>Less Payments:</b>			
Sundry and Bank Charges	30.37		
Pocket Diaries .....	15.60		
Gifts—			
Anti T.B. Assn. ....	20.00		
C.M.S. ....	20.00		
H.M.S. ....	20.00		
Pocket Testament .....	10.00		
All Saints' Petersham .....	1400.00	1470.00	1515.97
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Balance at Bank .....			\$18.29

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club on 10th April this year (which is this month), will be 27 years old. I know being a "Senior" Club we have seen many changes, but it is still the same happy Club, providing a pleasant social afternoon for our Senior Parishioners.

So far, our attendance this year has been very good, but we still have room for you if you would like to join us. Sixty cents is all it costs and there are lots of prizes and lots of laughs.

Don't forget, we don't meet in Holy Week. That is, no Club meeting on Thursday, 4th April.

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## WALTERS & SON

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