

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

Phone: 569-4735

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APRIL, 1983

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The Rectory,  
325 Stanmore Road.  
Petersham, 2049  
21st March, 1983

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter sitting in the study listening to the rain and the wind beating against the windows. The weather has affected the electrical wiring in the rectory so I am also sitting waiting for the repair man. Besides writing this letter for the Church News I am also making preparations for a funeral to be held in All Saints tomorrow—picking hymns, arranging for an organist etc, etc.

What with funerals and failures in the household electrics one finds oneself thinking of the words of that favourite hymn often sung at funerals:

“Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim, its glories fade away;  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.”

Many people to-day see life slowly but inevitable decaying and changing into patterns which make us feel insecure. I suppose just to look at the size of churches built by our forebearers and now present day congregations; so small within such massive structures—this makes us insecure.

We need to be aware that our Christian Faith is not based upon material things or out dated structures. If we depend on things instead of God then we have no hope either in this life or the next.

The hymn speaks of everything around us changing, but God never changing. The Lord Jesus Christ is a dependable per-

son—"O thou who changest not, abide with me". Men and women from the earliest days, in a thousand different circumstances and in many a country and various ages have found Jesus dependable, unchanging and ever loving.

One of the most amazing stories now coming into prominence is the wonderful way in which hundreds of Aboriginal people throughout Australia are turning to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. As white Australian's forget God, and become materialists and amoral many of our original inhabitants are turning to Christ, and wonderfully this is happening right across our nation.

God never leaves himself without witness. This is another aspect of His unchanging love, His dependability. He doesn't always use the methods we know or approve but He still shows His unchanging love to those who seek Him.—"O thou who changes not, abide with me."

Make sure it is only the material things that are decaying around you, and don't let your faith in a loving God change.

Yours sincerely, Bruce Woolcott

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### PARISH REGISTER

#### Baptisms:

Matthew John LAWLER — Sunday 6th March

#### Marriages:

Sandra Louisa RATTRAY to Danny Patrick  
O'RIORDAN — Saturday, 12th February

Anne Constance ASKEW to John Norman HUNG —  
Saturday, 26th February

#### Funerals:

Miss M. COLE, of Albert Street — Tuesday, 22nd  
March

Miss STREET, of Braeside and Point Clare — Wed-  
nesday, 25th March

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### PARISH DIARY

APRIL 1983

Tuesday 5th: 1.00 p.m. Women-in-Friendship, Church Hall.

Thursday 7th: 1.00 p.m. Senior Parishioners Club, Twenty-fifth  
Anniversary Get-to-gether.

Sunday 10th: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER —

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Monday 11th: 7.45 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, Church Vestry.

Thursday 14th: 1.00 p.m. Senior Parishioners Club, Church Hall.

Friday 15th: 9.30 a.m. Care and Share Group, Guild Room.  
Church Hall.

- Sunday 17th: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER —  
 9.30 a.m. Family Service  
 Guest Speaker: Kevin Voliner, C.M.S.  
 7.00 p.m. Holy Communion
- Tuesday 19th: 12 noon Women-in-Friendship Luncheon,  
 Church Hall.
- Thursday 21st: 1.00 p.m. Senior Parishioners Club, Church  
 Hall.
- Friday 22nd: 9.30 a.m. Care and Share Group, Guild Room,  
 Church Hall.  
 6.30 p.m. Bush Church Aid Society — Thanksgiving  
 Service, St. Andrews Cathedral.  
 7.45 p.m. Bush Church Aid Society — Annual Rally,  
 Chapter House, Sydney.
- Sunday 24th: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER —  
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- Monday 25th: ANZAC DAY.
- Thursday 28th: 1.00 p.m. Senior Parishioners Club, Church  
 Hall.
- Friday 29th: 9.30 a.m. Care and Share Group, Guild Room,  
 Church Hall.

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**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM —**  
**SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 12 MONTHS**  
**ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1982**

Balance at Bank 1/1/82		114.10
	RECEIPTS	
Donations	648.28	
Competitions, etc.	58.00	
Sale of Goods, Jewellery, etc.	120.85	
Bank Interest	8.41	835.54
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		949.64
	LESS PAYMENTS	
Afternoon Teas, Table Prizes, Christmas Party, etc.	399.40	
Get well Cards, Telephone calls, etc.	6.57	
Gift, All Saints' Church	450.00	855.97
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Balance being balance at Bank		93.67
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		949.64
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Balance at Bank 31/12/82		93.67

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**SENIOR PARISHIONERS ANNUAL REPORT — 1982**

Although our members are all getting older and not many younger members showing up, our actual membership remains about the same, but our average attendance has dropped to about 24-25.

The year passed very happily and thanks to our wonderful band of helpers was a great social and financial success.

We were able to donate \$450 to the Church at the end of the year, so we didn't feel we were a liability by using the hall and Kitchen etc. every Thursday.

This figure was brought about by many direct donations, one being \$100. Sales of Jam, goods such as coathangers, books, cards and many other items, donations of prizes for our housie table and door. Also our wonderful cooks and those who prepare the room and afternoon tea, the housie callers and door keepers. I could go on and on. Thanks to all these people and our members who turn up so regularly to keep things going.

The club was represented this year at the Government House Garden Party in Senior Citizens Week by Mrs. Gladys Bonser, who reported spending a very happy afternoon.

We looked forward to 1983 our Silver Jubilee Year, The club will be 25 years old in April, being just as happy and successful.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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**ALL SAINT'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM —  
WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 12 MONTHS  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1982**

1st January, 1982 Balance at Bank		137.36
<b>31st DECEMBER RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	78.20	
Clothing Sales	372.00	
Table Sales	34.15	
Special Luncheon	118.50	
Safcol Demonstration	23.20	
Petersham Stall/Marrickville Council*	142.75	
Bank Interest	4.39	773.19
<b>Total Available</b>		<b>910.55</b>
<b>LESS PAYMENTS</b>		
Petty Cash and Sundries	26.00	
Gifts		
Bible Society	25.00	
Home Mission Society	20.00	
Bush Church Aid	25.00	
Anti T.B. Association	5.00	
Sponsorship Fund	69.00	
New Areas	20.00	
Petersham Residence Group	15.00	
World Vision**	20.00	
All Saints' Church	500.00	725.00
<b>Balance, being credited at Bank</b>		<b>185.55</b>

\* Receipts Petersham Council \$142.75 proceeds from Stall Petersham Residents Group—Heritage Group.

\*\* World Vision — A further \$20.00 was received by World Vision being a direct gift from an All Saints' member.

W. SOPWITH — 6/1/83

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**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT — 1982**

Mrs. Woolcott still being ill, Mr. Woolcott (Rector) has been our chairman during the year.

We started the year with \$137.36 in the bank and our first meeting was attended by 13 members on Tuesday, 2nd February.

The Annual meeting in March was followed by a Happy Home Demonstration which realised \$22.

A Luncheon was held in April to which we invited 10 patients from each of the four local hospitals, also 25 local churches and organisations. The proceeds of this function was \$118.50.

The secondhand clothing stalls were held during the year, brought in \$372. The cake and sweets stall at the fete netted \$351.00. A trading table was held at each meeting which netted \$34.15.

A stall in Petersham Park was run by some of our members in Heritage Week. Proceeds \$142.75.

A Safcol Luncheon brought in \$23.50.

At most of our meetings we had speakers from, World Vision, Bible Society, Home Mission Society, Bush Church Aid, New Areas Churches. To all these speakers we made a donation of \$20 or \$25. Also further donations were made to World Vision Child Sponsorships of \$69, Petersham Residence Group \$15, Anti T.B. \$5, Dr. Barnardo's in Australia \$5, and All Saints' \$500.

The Women's day of prayer was attended by Mrs. Woolcott and four of our members.

We finished the year with the Safcol Luncheon as our Christmas party at which we sang Christmas Carols. Mr. Woolcott acting as M.C.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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**WALTERS & SON****FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

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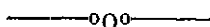
**You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.**

**People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.**

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**APRIL FLOWER DONATION**

- April 3rd:—By Mr. & Mrs. Champion in memory of Mr. Champions mother.  
By Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow. Arrangement by Mrs. Steed.  
10th:—By Michele in memory of Don. Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.  
17th:—In memory of Mr. Sydney Hays, from his devoted wife and family. Arrangement by Mrs. Steed.  
24th:—By Colin and Iris in memory of their parents Cissie and Stan Walter. Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Sunday School Prizegiving was held on 20th March, at the Family Service. We would like to congratulate all who were awarded prizes.

**Kindergarten Prizes:****Class 1:**

- 1st Prize: Rebecca Edwards, Alexandra Yeend and Daniel Edwards.  
2nd Prize: Michele Lea and Matthew Lea.  
3rd Prize: Steven Brown and James Ritchie.

**Class 2:**

- 1st Prize: Emma Essam.  
2nd Prize: Rebecca Yeend.  
3rd Prize: Belinda Brennan and Cameron Scott.

**Class 3:**

- 1st Prize :Kelly Lea.  
2nd Prize: Raechel Scott.  
3rd Prize: Donna Egan and Scott Sheppard.

**Class 4:**

- 1st Prize: Sarah Essam. ,  
2nd Prize: Nicole Scott.  
3rd Prize: Sasha Jensen and Nicole Brennan.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZES

1st Prize: Debbie Granger, Stuart Hitchcock, Andrew Hitchcock, Jason Hitchcock and David Woolcott.

2nd Prize: Genevieve Freeman and Stacey Sheppard.

3rd Prize: Matthew Egan and Peter Cruden.

Special Prize: Stephen Woolcott.

NOEL CRAGG—Superintendent

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT ANNUAL VESTY MEETING

Rectors Warden: Mr. Noel Cragg

Rectors Nominees to Parish Council: Mrs A. Steed, Miss F. Flower.

People's Wardens: Mr. Bruce Livingston and Mr. F. Heárn.

Elected Parish Councillors: Miss I. Barrett, Mr. V. Barrett, Mrs. M. Essam, Mr. K. Hitchcock, Mr. J. Livingston and Mr. R. Swankie.

# SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Life is just as happy in the Senior Parishioners Club as always. Our two members who represented our Club at the Government House Garden Party in "Senior Citizens Week" reported spending a wonderful afternoon.

This month (April) is our Club's 25th Birthday month. We are all very proud of this fact and look forward to many more anniversaries, so if you can spare Thursday afternoons every week some and join us. I know you'll enjoy the afternoon. You don't have to have any qualifications, just 60 cents to cover afternoon tea, Housie prizes etc.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

# WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting on Tuesday, 5th April is a business meeting, mainly to complete arrangements for our Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, 19th April at 12 noon. The Petersham Salvation Army are kindly arranging a program for us. Donation \$2. Please ladies come along and help us make this a happy and successful event.

The Happy Home Demonstration last month realised \$25. Thank-you all who attended.

We give advance notice of a Byron-Parker Presentation to follow our meeting on Tuesday, 5th July at 2 p.m. Goods presented are not for sale, but we are promised lots of free samples.

We hope to see you at our Luncheon on Tuesday, 19th April.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

# GENERAL MISSION ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance 1/1/82	0.91	Donation to Missions as	
Deposit Interest	4.88	detailed below	1118.81
Offeratories — General	246.19	By Balance	31.98

— Special	898.81	
	<u>\$1150.79</u>	<u>\$1150.79</u>
Balance 31/12/82	\$31.98	
Represented Balance Society Cheque A/c		\$31.98
<b>DONATIONS TO MISSIONS — 1982</b>		
Lay Institution for Evangelism (R. & A. Small)		270.00
World Vision of Australia		136.20
Sydney City Mission		20.00
Open Doors with Brother Andrew		25.00
Eversleigh, Neringh & Greenwich Hospitals		20.00
Bush Church Aid Society		35.00
The Bible Society in Australia		51.00
Moore College Building Fund		2.00
World Council of Churches — Christmas Bowl		8.50
Home Mission Society		376.11
Leprosy Mission		2.90
Church Missionary Society		132.10
Barnardos Australia		20.00
Eversleigh Hospital		20.00
		<u>\$1118.81</u>

Balance 31/12/82	\$3948.83	
Represented by: Society Cheque A/c		0.23
Term Deposits		3748.60
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds		200.00
		<u>\$3948.83</u>

**ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT No. 2**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance 1/1/82	18616.70	Nil.	
Deposit Interest	2352.25		
	<u>\$20968.95</u>		

Balance 31/12/82	\$20968.95	
Represented by: Balance Society Cheque A/c		0.10
Savings Investment A/c		1531.95
Term Deposit		19436.90
		<u>\$20968.95</u>

**COLUMBARIUM TRUST ACCOUNT**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance 1/1/82	2194.50	Transfer of funds to	
Deposit Interest	180.31	Capital Reserve	443.90
Niche Reservations	100.00	By Balance	2030.91
	<u>\$2474.81</u>		<u>\$2474.81</u>

Balance 31/12/82	\$2030.91	
Represented by: Society Cheque A/c		0.33
Term Deposit		1365.00
Savings Investment A/c		665.58
		<u>\$2030.91</u>