

THE CHRONICLE

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

Rector: Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.
The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735
Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

SEPTEMBER, 1956



8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
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, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

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

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. E. WARR—LX 3285

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends.

This has been a very busy month in the Parish, apart from the usual meetings. We had a special service at 11 a.m. on Education Sunday, 5th August, when we had the largest number of people present for some time. There were representatives from the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and other youth societies besides the Sunday School children. It was good to see so many parents in Church as well, for "example is better than precept." So many children in these days are to be pitied rather than condemned when they get into trouble, because they get little or no spiritual help from their parents. I reminded those present that real education is the development of body, mind and spirit. If we were merely animals without a soul, then the spiritual life need not be attended to in this life. Many think only of education as learning to be sharp enough to outwit their fellow creatures in the race to get material riches. True education fits us to take our place in this life and the next. One of the disappointing things about education is that men and women who devote their lives to the training of children get very little recognition. When one glances down the New Year and Birthday Honour's List, one finds honours are given to every department of life but the Teaching Profession. Surely those who spend their lives moulding the characters of the next generation are worthy of more recognition in those lists. It seems to me that sportsmen are to-day given precedence over educationalists. If jockey's and cricketers can be knighted, surely School Inspectors and Headmasters who have served for thirty or more years are worthy of being mentioned in despatches or being given an O.B.E.! In connection with Education Week the Local Ministers' Fraternal was responsible for three combined services. One for the Petersham Girls' High School, where the Rev. A. Lynn gave the address. One for the Stanmore Domestic Science School, where the Rev. J. Fisher gave the address, and another at Fort Street Boys' High School, where I gave the address. All these were very happy services and were enjoyed by those present.

The All Saints' Youth Fellowship presented their Annual Revue in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th August. There were about four hundred in the audience and the programme was very well received. Good humour was well to the fore throughout the programme and a good time was held by all. We are pleased to say the sum of about £50 will be available for Church Funds from the Revue. Well done Fellowship.

As you know the Young Marrieds' Club have been working to put a gas stove in the enlarged kitchen in the Parish Hall. We appreciate the gift of a second-hand stove by Mrs. Davis of Trafalgar Street, Petersham. As the Gas Company offered us a good trade-in value for the old stove on a new one, we were advised to do so and have now put the latest model stove in the Rectory and the good enamelled stove which was in the Rectory, in the Parish Hall. This was not the suggestion of either Mrs. Champion or myself, but seems to have worked out quite satisfactory to all concerned. The new stove has been bought on the deferred payment plan so donations towards the cost of same will still be very welcome.

The Consecration Festival services of our Church were held on Sunday, 19th August. The attendances, whilst good, were not good enough for such an important occasion. (Many who claim a loving loyalty to All Saints' Church were not among those who worshipped that day. Surely there is need for many of us to bestir ourselves and make an extra effort to attend God's House on such occasions as this. The two special preachers were very good; both giving us much food for

thought. The preacher at 11 a.m. was the Rev. Dr. F. R. Arnott, and the preacher at 7.15 p.m. was Archdeacon Robertson, Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions.

At the close of the evening service there was a social hour in the Parish Hall at which we had supper and the pleasure of seeing a coloured talkie film of Palestine. This film was also shown to the children at 9.45 a.m. instead of Sunday School.

The Annual Festival Tea was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 22nd August when about 200 sat down to an excellent hot meal. In past years it was the custom to have cold meat and salad. This year (inspite of potato prices) we had mashed potato, green peas with the meat, the usual scones and cakes to follow. A worthy tribute must be paid to those responsible for the wonderful meal. The hostesses and their assistants did a great job and every chair was occupied at the twelve tables. I am sure one could not get a meal anywhere in the country to compare with our three shilling spread! The newly installed gas stove was used for the first time and proved a great boon. Among many who gave donations of money and food (all of whom we thank sincerely) we do especially want to express our thanks to Mr. Johnson, of Stanmore Road, Enmore, for the gift of 225 bread rolls. To the Ladies' Guild of St. Augustine's, Stanmore, for the use of crockery. The "Daphne" Florist for the lovely poppies which graced our tables, to the local Scouts for lending us three trestles and tables. Many of our kind friends helped us in one way or another and to all we say a big "Thank You."

After the Tea we were kindly given a much appreciated Organ Recital for half an hour in the Church, by our organist, Mr. E. Warr. Then followed a short service which I conducted, with the help of a depleted choir as many of the members were in the hall helping to clean up in time for the Concert.

We were favoured with a number of distinguished visitors at the Tea. The Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. Murdock, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Le Huray of Croydon, the Rev. A. H. Gallop of Parramatta, the Rev. and Mrs. R. O'Brien of Canterbury, the Rev. J. Fisher (Peter-sham Congregational Church), Mr. and Mrs. Downie (Presbyterian Church) and Miss D. Pope (Methodist Church). Before we commenced the concert the Mayor gave us a message of goodwill as representing the Council and said he hoped that our cause at All Saints' would continue to flourish. He always enjoyed coming to our functions because they were friendly. The Rev. J. Le Huray (Rural Dean) said he also looked forward to functions at All Saints' and congratulated us on the abundant good food provided for the meal. The Rev. A. H. Gallop caused much good humour as he told of his past associations with myself in Paramatta. Mr. W. Sopwith (Treasurer of All Saints') pointed out to parishioners that for many years we have had a heavy burden to shoulder in keeping buildings repaired and as our funds are now very low, he hoped that they would rally to our aid. No donation is too small, but the bigger the better! Our need is urgent. Mr. L. Calver (Rector's Warden) cordially passed a very hearty vote of thanks to the visitors and to those who spoke on the platform.

The Concert programme which was varied and very much enjoyed, was arranged by Mr. Warr. The Artists were as follows, M. Bruce Harrison (songs), Miss N. Harding (recitations), Mrs. B. Sayers (songs), Mrs. Champion (violin solo), Mr. Johnson (songs), Mr. Latham (concertina), accompanied by Mrs. Latham. Mr. E. Warr and Mr. R. Thomas (accompanists). I am grateful to all these good people who gave us a delightful hour of entertainment. Once again I wish to thank all who helped make the Festival functions such a great success,

May I remind you again of the Annual Parish Fete to be held on Saturday, 20th October. If everyone who claims to belong to our Church will co-operate this function will be a success. Please come and help us.

The Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 28th October, at 11 a.m. Bishop Hilliard will conduct the service. It will be the anniversary of his own Confirmation many years ago in the Petersham Church. If there are any adults who would consider being Confirmed please see me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Clubroom, in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 11th September at 8 p.m.

We thank all who have contributed to our Stove Fund, and hope that still more parishioners will send in donations, however small.

A very happy and financially successful evening was spent at Mrs. Pullen's home during last month. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Pullen for making the evening possible.

Ladies please do not forget the Y.M. Luncheon to be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 19th September, commencing at 12.30 p.m. Donation 3/-. Mr. Ardill, of the Home for Neglected Children, North Strathfield, will be our Guest Speaker. Do come and help us to make this function a success.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our total number of articles for the Medical Mission Appeal reached 255 and proved itself a very worthy effort.

Many thanks to Mrs. Cannes for her donation to the Sunday School grocery stall at the forth coming Fete. Mrs. Cannes handed us the proceeds of a tennis afternoon which she organised.

We are all sorry to hear of the passing of Miss Belfield, who for many years was a devoted teacher in our school. We extend our sincere sympathy to her niece, Miss Caralus.

KEN GRANT, Hon. Secretary

LADIES' GUILD

The Guild held another Games and Competition afternoon in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th August. This was not so well attended as the previous one and only £1/6/- was the result. We would like to make it known that each month on the second Tuesday we hold these Social afternoons and would welcome more of the Church members. Our aim is to renew the covering on the Vestry floor, will you please help us to do so. Last month the new lino was laid in the Parish Hall kitchen at a cost of £21/10/- the Guild paid for this.

We are very pleased to say that the Street Stall is still a very worth while effort, the last one on Friday 17th gave us over £10. We would like to say thank you to the few who always support us and would ask that more of the Church people come along with donations and help the Guild funds.

WANTED

Companion help wanted for a Christian home to care for sick woman. Remuneration and keep. Apply c/o. the Rector.

FLOWER ROSTER

- Aug. 19th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Spencer. Also a donation from Mrs. Binns and Mrs. Fogwell.
- „ 26th—Donated by Mrs. Furnell arranged by Young Marrieds'
- Sept. 2nd—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.
- „ 9th—Donated by the Jones Family, arranged by Mrs. Colburn.
- „ 16th—Donated by Mrs. Angus in memory of Mrs. C. J. Sharp and arranged by Mrs. Morris.
- „ 23rd—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
- „ 30th—Donated by Miss Caralus in memory of Miss Belfield, arranged by Mrs. Champion.

Flowers were given on 12th August by Mrs. Weir, of Kiama in memory of her parents.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The White Elephant Stall is going along steadily, we are grateful to receive several gifts during the past month, and we will be happy to accept further gifts.

Gifts may be left at the Rectory, the Y.C.I. Club Room on any Friday night or we will arrange to pick them up if you let us know.

As the Fete is only two months away we will be most grateful if you let us have household articles for which you have no further use.

If you are interested we have for sale silver toast rack, a parrot's cage, glass kitchen measure, bed lamps, tables, egg cups, plates, etc.

CRICKET CLUB

There is mounting interest in the coming cricket season, following the Cricket Club's Annual Meeting held on 20th August. Almost

30 members and supporters were present and showed keen interest in all proceedings. The Secretary's Annual Report covered a satisfactory year's activities by the two teams, and it is hoped that copies may be available for anyone interested, within a few days.

Mr. Bruce Harrison, the Hon. Treasurer presented a financial statement showing a credit balance of over £14. We are deeply grateful to Mr. L. Kennedy for his interest in our work, by presenting trophies for Les Watkins and Graham Howlett the outstanding all-rounders of each team. It was decided to ask the Rev. T. E. Champion to become Club Patron, while all other office-bearers were re-elected.

The "C" Grade competition started on 1st September, and the "D" Grade begins on Saturday, 15th September. The latter is a Saturday morning team for boys under 15, and we still need a few players; any Sunday School boys wishing to play are asked to contact me straight away.

Any offer for a scorer for the "C" Grade team would be appreciated.

ALAN JONES, Hon. Secretary

ALL SAINTS' BASEBALL, 1956

Once again another successful season in the Club's long history has been brought to a close. The Club fielded four teams, an "A" Grade and a "B" Grade in the Churches' Baseball Union, and two junior team, comprised in the main of Sunday School boys: the basis of future All Saints' teams. These junior teams are the greatest thing that has happened in our Church baseball in years.

The "A" Grade, practically 100% of last year's players, played well, but had some bad patches which destroyed their competition hopes.

The battery, comprising pitchers, R. McConnell and T. Morris and catcher Erik Olofsson performed creditably, well supported by a good infield, while many excellent catches were taken in the outfield. This team, if its batting improves, should go a long way to taking our next year's competition. One feather in the All Saints' cap was the defeat of St. Paul's, Canterbury the competition winners.

The "B" Grade side, the youngest and most promising side in the whole Union, had a very good year, thanks being due in no small measure to Mr. Reg. Minitier, who has built this team up from a collection of raw youngsters. They too toppled the leading side, Randwick Methodists in an excellent game of a very high standard indeed. Pitchers P. Wheelan and G. McConnell gave an outstanding account of themselves, while John Minitier performed well behind the mask. The infield was "tops" and the outfield held many high and difficult catches. If this remains intact, there is nothing to stop them gaining the highest honours in their grade. Mention should be made of the general all-round ability of Don O'Sullivan.

Now we come to the two Junior teams, namely the "Giants" and "Pirates" who, under the able direction of Mr. Leslie Kennedy, with the assistance of Mr. El. Olofsson and Mr. J. Minitier and other seniors, played on Saturday mornings. And did they battle? These youngsters of your Sunday School gave the games all they had and many enjoyable matches resulted. Without wishing to pick out individuals, among a uniformly good lot, the following boys showed good promise: N. Moore, A. Humphries, R. Kennedy, P. Hodgson and Robert Watson, young Billy Rowe marked the last game of the season by a clean hit "Home Run."

The sportmanship angle is constantly stressed by Mr. Kennedy and these boys should grow up a credit to their Church, Club and the community.

At the conclusion of the last game several presentations were made including a fountain pen to Mr. Kennedy, and to the young lady scorer and to the seniors who assisted. One pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation by each team to their opponents of a suitable reminder of an enjoyable season.

So that is All Saints' Baseball for 1956; with organising in the off season we can, one feels, promise better things for 1957.

FELLOWSHIP

Our Annual Revue which was held on 14th August was a wonderful success both socially and financially. This was mainly because of the marvellous support given to us, you, the parishioners and friends. We hope to be able to hand the Rector £50 for general funds as soon as things have been finalised. We have reverted back to holding our business meetings each 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesday nights of the month commencing at 8 p.m., but having social activities on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Our Fellowship teas which are held each 4th Sunday will be continued as usual, commencing at 5.15 p.m. This year, we again, had two tables at the Parish Tea in conjunction with the choir, and we had a good representation of members present. We are hoping to boost our membership with the young folk to be confirmed shortly.

JOY OLOFSSON, Hon. Secretary

L.H.M.U.

The Direct Giving Meeting of the L.H.M.U. will be held in the Guild Room at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th October. There will be a Guest Speaker and afternoon tea will be served. ALL WELCOME.

SPRING FAIR

CHESALON PARISH NURSING HOME
63 PROSPECT ROAD, SUMMER HILL

SATURDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1956

Doll Competition :: Apron Parade
OFFICIAL OPENING BY MATRON SHAW 2.30 p.m.

Y.C.I. NEWS

The highlight of the Institute's activities during August was the Cricket Talk, which took place on Friday, the 10th. Mr. C. G. Macartney, the former Test player, recounted his experiences as a member of Australian teams in England, New Zealand, Malaya, Canada and the U.S.A. as well as in our own land. Most members of the Y.C.I. are "cricket-minded", and it was a great pleasure to them as well as to the large number of visitors to hear such an outstanding player as C. G. Macartney, known throughout the Cricket World as the "Governor-General". In his "Talk" he was modest about his own achievements with bat and ball but many of those in the audience had experienced the pleasure of witnessing some of his great performances, and others of the younger generation had read of them in the Cricket records. It was indeed a very enjoyable Meeting, and the proceedings concluded with supper, which was very nicely prepared and very efficiently served by our Social Committee. Men of the Parish who have not yet linked up with the Y.C.I. are reminded that the Institute meets in the Y.C.I. Club Room, rear portion of the Parish Hall, on alternate Friday evenings, commencing at 8 p.m., the September Meetings being on the 7th and the 21st. Copy of the Institute's Syllabus will be gladly supplied upon application to the Rector or to any of the Church Officers.

L.C.C.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

On 8th August the members of the Petersham and District Centre of St. Luke's Hospital, with their friends, attended a demonstration of cooking at David Jones', George Street Store by Miss Hegearty of the A.G.L. Co.

During the afternoon items were rendered, Mrs. Champion sang two songs accompanied by Miss O'Neill at the piano, afterwards Miss O'Neill entertained the company. Thanks to these two ladies on behalf of all present.

The next meeting will be held on 12th September, when we hope to see all members present, and we are always happy to welcome new ones.

I. J. CADE, Hon. Secretary

CHEAP AT TWICE THE PRICE

By James Worsham

Several times a week Z. R. Word, an old coloured preacher in the hills of Alabama would come to my near-by office asking for money for the Church and the orphanage he had founded. Finally one day I got tired of it. I said, "Parson, you are all the time making demands on my time and pocket book for that Church and orphanage of yours and I'm getting tired of it. I am going to stop right now."

My abruptness and unusual manner surprised and hurt him. As he sat there a few minutes in silence, I watched him. Finally he

looked up. Haltingly he said, "Mr. Jim, I'd just like to tell you something. I think I understand exactly how you feel. I once had a little boy and he was always making demands on my time and my pocket book. It was a nickel here and a dime there and a quarter some place else. There never seemed to be any let up. I was everlastingly being called upon for candy, peanuts, a pair of shoes, a hat, a suit of clothes, and many other things. Just when I thought I had him all fixed up I had to do it all over again. He'd make demands on my time too. In the evening when I was all tired and worn out from my work in the mines, he'd climb upon my knee and I'd have to tell him stories. But Mr. Jim my little boy doesn't make any more demands on my time and my pocket book." He paused a few moments before he went on. "My little boy is dead."

Then directly he resumed. "Mr. Jim, when this coloured man's Church is dead, when they have nailed up the doors and boarded up the windows, there'll be no demands made on your time or your pocket book. But as long as it is a living force in this community; as long as that little orphanage sits up there on the hill with its doors open to the little helpless black folks of Alabama, it will not only make demands on your time and your pocket book, but those demands may be greater as the years go by". He got up and stood for a moment gazing through the window at Red Mountain, and then slowly walked down the steps into the afternoon sunshine with 20 dollars more than when he came in.

To this day, when I get exasperated at so many demands on my time and my pocket book from Churches, missionaries, and other Christian organisations I think of that good man and I say to myself, "When Communism has nailed up the doors and boarded up the windows of every Church here there will be no demands made on my time and my pocket book. Then I would wish I had given 10 times as much".

DONATIONS

We thank the following for their donations:—

General Fund—All Saints' Sunday School £10; Ald. A. E. Murdock £1/1/-; Mrs. Thompson £5; Miss Budd 10/-; Miss Hobbs 6/-; Mrs. Angus 10/-.

Hall Renovations—Rector £5; H. Brodie £5; W. Sopwith £5; E. Quelch £5; J. Humphries £2; Young Marrieds' Club £3/8/10; Mr. Goldspink £1/1/-; Mrs. Furnell £1/1/-; Mrs. Slee £1; Mrs. Sworn £1; Mrs. Angus 10/-; Miss Rainsford 10/-; Mrs. Graham 6/-.

Missions—Miss Holt 10/-; Miss L. G. Bayley £5.

It is impossible for us to print a list of all subscriptions received, but a long list of donations received by the district collectors, covering the months of April, May, June and July has now been placed in the Church Porch, and we thank all who contributed monthly to the General Funds of the Church.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH FETE

SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1956

Please keep this date in mind and give us your wholehearted Support!

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

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