

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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“CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE”

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, Kindergarten, and Extension Group 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. R. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, G. W. Gorman, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Graham, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. E. Minter, and H. J. Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. J. Carroll.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. J. Nance.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (797-6967) and A. Jones (56-5218).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

● "Christ in Gethsemane" is the subject portrayed in this month's cover picture of the Hordern window, located above the War Memorial at the north-west corner of the Church. This beautiful window was the gift of the family of Mrs. Annie Hordern, who died in 1939.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

A Happy and a Blessed Easter to you all.

Happy Easter is what we in the West usually say on this great day. However I wonder if we ought not to have a more descriptive greeting? In the Eastern Orthodox Churches they use a better Easter greeting, I think. The first person to speak says: "Christ is Risen!" and the answer from the other is: "Christ is risen indeed!" This exchange of greetings truly expresses the message of this happy season.

Easter as you know is the greatest of all Christian feasts, the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, from the dead. Easter is the time when we remember that astonishing moment when the God of the Universe vindicated the life and teachings of Jesus.

Whatever the world thought of Him, God demonstrated whom He was. While a few believed and followed Him, most people were offended at Him because He did not teach the party line, would not support the status quo, indeed, Jesus rocked the boat! Most people felt uncomfortable in His presence as He taught and lived the pure truth.

Christ's piercing honesty and forthright presentation of the claims of God unavoidably brought Him into conflict with the leaders of His day for His message meant the changing of the heart of every man and the bringing down upon this earth of the peace and the beauty of the Kingdom of God. The common folk heard Him gladly, but those whose lives were tied up in the status quo hated Him out of fear, being selfishly unwilling for anything to change. For to allow love and truth to rule the world would turn their world up-side-down. And so they destroyed Him . . . or so they thought they had.

But God was not to be defeated! Our God was determined to save his children from the tyranny of selfish sin, but not by force. Service which is forced is not love; it is slavery. And God wants love. So on Easter-morning some nineteen hundred and forty years ago, He raised Juses whom they killed bodily from death, changed Him into a spiritual

body, and after convincing His followers of His rising, received Him back into the spiritual realm.

This one event, magnificent, miraculous, mysterious as it seems, is the promise of victory over the grave for every man, woman, and child, who chooses to follow Christ and live by His law of love. For as St. Paul put it in Romans 6:5 "If we have become incorporate with him in a death like his, we shall also be one with him in a resurrection like his." And we are called to emulate this unselfish love at any cost, any hurt to us, even an untimely death if necessary like His. We learn in time that love is the only essential thing in life. Love is the Christian character, and our character is the only thing we shall take with us into the life to come. At physical death we leave everything else behind. The only thing that lives on with us is that which lives within us. As Jesus put it: "The Kingdom of God is within you".

It should be easy to see from this central teaching of Christ, that the quality of our lives is the only important consideration, not the quantity or length of our lives. We are called to live this life of love for as long as we are given to live. Whether we live for a hundred years or only for a few years, the quality of our life is not changed. Jesus's Resurrection guarantees the victory of this kind of life, no matter how long it is. And even if we did live for a hundred years and had not this love, we would have only piled up more and more selfishness, sin and sorrow. A longer and longer list of let-downs, disappointments and heartbreak does not add up to a good life. Misery is only compounded by length of days. Jesus, you remember, lived only thirty-three years before he was murdered. But those few years have moved all mankind and have written the laws of God into the laws of history.

And so as each Easter comes around we are recommissioned by the Son of God Himself to live as soldiers of the Kingdom of God, which is not necessarily the kingdom of this world. He calls us to live by the laws of Heaven knowing that by such life, and by no other, shall mankind be lifted and converted, and the Peace of God be established among us. And even if the going becomes tough, lonely, and earns only the ridicule of the world, we who know Jesus for whom He is, know that His resurrection is the promise of our own. The crown of victory goes to those who fight the good fight.

Believe in Jesus! Cling to His words! Follow His sterling example, and the crown is yours. From the moment a soul takes Jesus as his Lord, Jesus becomes his Saviour. The Lord of your life will guide you to His own end. And Jesus has promised His followers Paradise — nothing less. "In my Father's house are many mansions," He said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And I shall come again to gather you unto Myself."

Take courage therefore, good people of All Saints'. The best this world can offer is a shallow fading glory, but God offers you Eternal Life. Think about your own life to date; if you were called now would you be satisfied with what is done? Follow Jesus! Live his kind of life of love, and we shall all meet later on when the Battle is over and the victory won. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Yours sincerely,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers' Meeting: The Sunday School Teachers' Annual Meeting was held on 28th March. A report on this meeting will be in the next "Chronicle".

Lenten Boxes: I would like to remind the boys and girls who have not returned their Lenten boxes to do so as soon as possible. The

boxes should have been returned on Easter Day.

Attendance: The attendance at Sunday School during the past month was good but we would like to see every class with 100% attendance. We are looking to the parents for their support in sending their children regularly to Sunday School.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

KNOW YOUR PARISH

Continuing our current series of background articles on the various clubs and societies of All Saints', this month we have two most interesting items from Mrs. Bosward, Hon. Secretary of the Guild, and from Mr. Peter Gray, Hon. Secretary of the Youth Group.

LADIES' GUILD

This organisation has, I think, one, if not the oldest association with All Saints'. Looking back, we had a membership of 25 to 30, now an all time low of only nine.

Our object has always been to help the Church financially and with any other service within our power. One of our big efforts was the purchase of the Church carpet, and rubber covering and carpet in the Vestry. This, with numbers of other amenities in the Church and Rectory, plus donations to work being done at various times, would on a rough estimate from memory, amount to around \$3,000.

In addition, we have sufficient crockery, cutlery, tablecloths, and all other necessary bits and pieces to set a meal for between 140 and 150 people.

We are always pleased to welcome ladies who are interested in Church activities and have a little time and energy to spare. We meet in the Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m., commencing with business and following with a demonstration of some useful products or a speaker on some interesting subject. Membership fees are 10 cents a month.

We give small donations annually to the Bush Church Aid Society, Home Mission Society, Temperance Alliance, Ashfield Infants' Home, Callan Park, Dr. Barnardo in Australia, and Anti-T.B.

Three stalls are arranged for the Fete—two feature plain and fancy needlework, gift suggestions and children's wear. The third is the Pottery Stall.

We have something of interest arranged for the second Tuesday of each month of 1972; details will appear in the "Chronicle" monthly. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings; they can thus judge the value of our work.

We would like to hear from ladies who could help arrange the Sanctuary flowers, one Saturday morning each month. For health reasons, several ladies have had to retire from the Flower Roster.

We trust that God will bless our future efforts.

YOUTH GROUP

We are the newest of the Clubs in the Parish at the moment. The old Fellowship had to abandon its meetings due to lack of members, but about nine months ago, some new blood arrived at the Church and the Rector arranged a meeting of all the teenagers and newly-wed couples in the Parish. We all sat down and worked out the foundations for the new Group.

Christian endeavour is the main object of our Group. We have Bible Studies quite often, with the help of Mr. Campbell and led by

one of our members. The singing of choruses is quite popular among the Group.

Social activities also feature on our programme. Some of these include games evenings at the Rectory after Evensong, a Revue planned for next September, and a Bar-B-Que at Wollongong.

The Youth Group has taken over the collection of newspapers for sale, we mow the Church lawns when needed, and we look after the Book Stall, Hoop-la, and Toy Stall at the Fete. This participation in the Fete is our biggest fund-raiser for the Church.

Our meetings are held every Friday, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Fees are 20 cents per week for students and 40 cents for workers. Although average attendance at meetings is 15, many more young people would be welcomed, especially to help make our Revue a great success. (It should be the highlight of the year — we have begun practices already.)

That's just about all to say on this new group, except that we all ask for God's blessing on all organisations in the Parish.

CLUB NEWS

Senior Parishioners' Club: We would be very happy to increase our membership and invite any ladies or gentlemen interested to call into our Club any Thursday at 1 p.m. — be our guest and stay for afternoon tea.

Sorry to report that Mrs. Gill, one of our Club members, has been hospitalised. We trust she will be back with us again in the near future.

For any information regarding the Club's activities, please ring 797-6967.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies' Guild: At our meeting on Tuesday, 11th April, we shall have a Demonstration of "Flower Arrangements" commencing at approximately 1.45 p.m. It will be preceded by our business meeting at 1 p.m.

We invite all ladies to come along and join us at either time. A donataion of 30 cents will include afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club: The Clubs' next meeting will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room on Tuesday, 11th April, commencing at 8 p.m. We extend a cordial invitation to all ladies of the Parish who are not members of our group to come along and join us, either as new members or as visitors.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Youth Group: Our Group is arranging a Revue to be staged some time in September. As you can imagine, it takes quite a lot of preparation and practice, so we have already started working to make it a success. If it is, we shall be staging more Revues and plays written by members of the Parish.

Newspapers are still being collected and anyone who has any is asked to ring me on 56-2208 and collection will be arranged. Toys for our Fete stall are also being sought.

New members will be very welcome, and we invite those interested to please come along and see if you like it.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

Bowls Club: The feature of the Bowls Club has been brightened during the past month by the arrival of three new members, all ladies, and the indications are that they will all quickly become skilled players. We are pleased to welcome Mabel Willis, Pauline Lush and Isobel Graham to our happy band.

This gives us a total of seven ladies and five men, just enough to keep us in the mixed fours competition. Our first Beginners' Competition will be run after Easter, so there is still time for other brave souls to come out at night and join us and be in it. If you're not in it, you can't win it!

FRANK HEARN, Hon. Secretary.

Y.C.I.

Last Meeting: The first meeting on the "New Look" Y.C.I. programme, was held on Friday, 10th March, the subject of the evening being a Calypso Slide Night.

The arranging of the evening was left entirely to our Rector Rev. Colin Campbell, who took great trouble to see that the Y.C.I. club room was aptly decorated in a West Indian theme, with fishing nets draped across the windows, potted palm trees around the screen, coloured lighting and beautiful calypso music in the background. Over 300 colourful slides of the West Indies were screened for the 30 or so people who attended, and at interval a wonderful West Indian Punch was kindly served by the Rector's Wife. At the conclusion of the evening a supper was served by our good friend Mrs. Ivy Clark.

Next Meeting: Everyone is invited to the next open evening of the Y.C.I. to be held on Friday, 14th April. The subject of the evening will be a Parish Essay Night. We ask anybody who wishes to contribute a small essay (a few lines) on any subject they wish (e.g., Current Affairs, Humorous Stories, Parish Gossip, etc.). Even if you do not want to write an article, come along anyhow and listen to the fun, you might even hear about yourself. **A supper will be served, no charge.**

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Friday, 25th February, 1972. The Rector, the Rev. C. A. Campbell, who presided, presented his second annual report (printed in the March "Chronicle") in which he reviewed church activities generally and outlined the chief parochial events of 1971.

As Assistant Treasurer, Mr. E. Quelch, on behalf of the Wardens, presented the accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1971 which were received and adopted by the meeting.

Mr. E. Quelch accepted the Rector's nomination as his Warden, and Messrs. F. G. Hearn and W. R. Williams were elected as People's Wardens.

The election of other Church Officers resulted as follows:—

Parish Council: Messrs. J. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, A. L. Granger, P. Gray and A. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. H. E. Quelch and J. R. Williams.

Rector's Nominees: Messrs. G. W. Gorman, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., and H. Swankie.

Sidesmen: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Graham, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minter and H. J. Shaw.

Parochial Nominators: Messrs. F. G. Hearn, D. B. Hunter, E. Quelch, B. Sayers and W. Williams.

Auditors: Messrs. E. W. Brookes, H. E. Quelch and B. Sayers.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

April 2: **Easter Day:** Donated by Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow, by the Hird Family in memory of their Mother and Father, by Mrs. Dobson in memory of loved ones, and by the Petersham R.S.S.A.I.L.A.; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

April 9: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

April 16: Donated by Mrs. Hays and family of Revesby in memory

of Mr. S. Hays, and by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

April 23: Donated by Mrs. Hansson and family in memory of Mr. Hansson; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

April 30: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

May 7: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Memorial Bible:** At Family Service on 19th March, the Rector dedicated a new Lectern Bible, in the New English Version, for use in our Services. The Bible is the gift of Mrs. Michele Essam as a memorial to her late Husband, Mr. Donald O'Sullivan.

● **Lenten Boxes:** We are grateful to the Sunday School children and other parishioners who used A.B.M. Boxes or Envelopes during Lent. We should be grateful if any outstanding amounts could be handed in as soon as possible, so that our cheque may be sent to the A.B.M.

● **Congratulations to our Sidesman, Mr. Vic Barrett,** who last month received news that the Queen had bestowed the Imperial Service Medal on him. The information came in a telegram from the Prime Minister, Mr. McMahon, who said the award had been made for Mr. Barrett's "long and valued service to the Commonwealth."

● **Kokoda Trail:** The Archbishop of Sydney will join the Bishop of Papua and New Guinea, Bishop David Hand in a sponsored walk across the Owen Stanley Mountains next month. The purpose of the walk is to help raise \$1 million to establish a capital fund for the Diocese of New Guinea to put the church on the road to independence. Archbishop Loane last walked the trail when he was an Army Chaplain in World War II.

● **City Workers** are advised of regular Bible Studies, held in St. Andrew's Chapter House at 12.10 p.m. on Thursdays and 1.10 p.m. on Fridays.

● **Endowment Fund:** All Saints' Centenary Endowment Fund is growing slowly but surely, and is open for contributions from both past and present parishioners. The purpose of the fund is to provide future help in maintaining the teaching of the Christian faith in this Church, and donations may be made c/o the Churchwardens.

● **May "Chronicle":** Items for the next edition will be due by Sunday, 23rd April.

Parish Canvass: Over 1,000 homes have been checked so far in the present campaign to record all Anglicans in the Parish. However, with an estimated 10,000 dwellings in all, we still have a very long way to go. This is a simple job that many of our congregation could undertake, and the Rector would like to hear from more parishioners willing to assist him in the canvass. All that is involved is the recording of the names and addresses of Anglican families that are found, and the leaving of a special invitation card with such folk.

Choristers Wanted: Because of recent losses from the ranks of our Choir, more children and seniors are urgently needed to re-build it into a major force in our Services. Mr. Chris. Sillince, our recently-arrived Organist, will be glad to have enquiries from anyone interested.

● **Do you have old Calendars with lots of beautiful pictures?** Or old picture frames? It has been suggested that we try and get these items together, with the aim of selling framed pictures at the Fete. Please watch the "Chronicle" for further details.

Anzac Service: This year's District Anzac Service will be held in our Church, instead of the Petersham Town Hall. It will take place on Sunday, 23rd April, commencing at 3 p.m., and clergy of all local churches will take part.

BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

- Feb. 27: Susan Veronica Ross.
 March 5: Roger Mervin Burns.
 March 5: Ricky Burns.
 March 5: Nicole Marie Slade.
 March 5: Anthony George Slade.
 March 19: Sharon Lee Robertson.

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

- March 4: Geoffrey William Polock to Aliex Claire Yarrington.
 March 4: John Joseph Roach to Valerie Patricia Swan.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord"

- March 9: Stella Adelaide Wood.
 March 10: May Gertrude Trader.
 March 15: David John Lee.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS

(to 20th March)

Mrs. Carr \$19.50, Mrs. Clark \$5.50, Miss Cole \$26.30, Mrs. Hearn \$24.40, Miss Nisbet \$15.40, Mrs. Smith \$4.80, Miss Spreight \$11.60, Mrs. Willis \$13.00. "Chronicle" Subscription, Miss Norman, \$1.00.

ONCE THERE WERE THREE CANDLES

A father candle, a mother candle, and a baby candle. Can you guess which was the baby candle? If you guessed the short one, you are wrong.

The tall one is the baby candle because it has the greatest amount of light to give. Young people have a longer time than older folk to shed the light of Christ abroad — that is, if they begin early!

Chronicle Subscriptions: If due, please forward to Mr. F. Evans, 2 York Crescent, Petersham, 2049. We seek 84 cents per annum for postage, plus a donation towards printing costs.

Bible Study Group: In Lent, the Bible Study Group has been meeting after the Wednesday evening Services. However, with Lent now over, the Group will be meeting at 7.30 p.m. on each alternate Wednesday, commencing Wednesday, 5th April. We look for the support of parishioners of all ages for this new group, the aim of which is to undertake an intelligent, informal study of the Holy Scriptures.

WALTERS & SON

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