

The Chronicle

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Petersham

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AT OUR CENTENARY SERVICE—MAY, 1960

THE CHRONICLE SPEAKS

I am a little paper called "The Chronicle". I come as a MESSAGE to YOU from All Saints' Church, to notify services and meetings, and to tell you of the work of the Parish in the cause of Christ, and to assure YOU of a WELCOME to the services.

If you can give the District Visitor who brings me, a REGULAR MONTHLY DONATION for the funds of the Church, she will be pleased to receive it; but, if not, the lack of money will not prevent me coming into your home. I am a link between you and your Church, and I want to become a very strong one; so strong that you will be really interested, and that you will make a well-beaten track between your home and All Saints !

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HISTORIC COLUMBARIUM SERVICE

On Sunday, 17th April, in the presence of a large congregation, the Rector dedicated the ashes of all former parishioners that had been placed in the new Columbarium.

The special guest preacher was the Right Reverend E. N. Wilton, who preached a most inspiring sermon appropriate to the occasion. Bishop Wilton's association with All Saints' goes back many years, when he was Precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and Principal of its Choir School, from 1907 to 1916. In these days, the Bishop used to bring the Cathedral Choir to All Saints' to take part in large choral festivals that were a feature at All Saints' before the first World War.

Both the dedication in the Columbarium area, and the proceedings in the Church provided a memorable experience of one of our most historical services for some years.

All ashes received until a few days before the dedication have been placed in their niches in the Columbarium.

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PERSONAL

We extend our sincere sympathy to a number of our parishioners who suffered the loss of loved ones during the last month. Especially do we remember Mrs. Palmer and the members of the Sayers family in the passing of Mr. Arthur Palmer, Mr. Hird and his Family in the loss of their wife and mother, Mrs. Hazel Hird, and Mrs. Beardow and Family in the passing of Mr. Eugene Beardow. We also regret to report the passing of Mrs. Dorothy Crawford, wife of Mr. Eric Crawford, who is well known in local sporting circles, and of Mrs. Ada Elizabeth Jones, formerly of Chester Street, who had recently donated the new hymn bookcase in memory of her Husband and Son. The Rector conducted each of the funeral services.

Our sympathies also extended to Mr. Keith Dingle and his family in the sudden passing last month of Mr. Dingle's Father, who lived at Concord.

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VILLAGE FAIR

A "Village Fair" will be held at the Mowl Memorial Village, Castle Hill, on Saturday, 7th May. It will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., in the grounds of the Village, Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill.

This is a Church of England project for housing elderly church members, and if you have not had a look at it, why not go along to the "Fair" and look around at the same time.

There will be a wonderful variety of stalls including handicrafts made by the villagers, plus pony rides, train rides, bands, afternoon teas, and Dutch Folk Dancers at 3 p.m.

Buses run from Parramatta and Pennant Hills Stations. If wet, the fair will be held under cover.

NOTES ON THE CALENDAR

On Thursday, May 19th, we celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven. This is followed by the commemoration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost or Whitsunday (May 29th), which is, therefore, regarded as the birthday of the Church and one of the most important dates in her calendar.

The word "Pentecost" is Greek, and means "fiftieth", and was given to this festival because it comes fifty days after Easter. In the old Jewish calendar, it was the feast which celebrated the wheat harvest. "Whitsunday" means "white Sunday" and refers to the white robes worn by those baptised on this day in the Middle Ages.

Whitsuntide is the shortest of our Church seasons, lasting only one week, but for the Roman Catholics, the season of Pentecost is their longest. We put it at the end of the first half of the Church year because it was the final act of our Lord's earthly ministry; they put it at the beginning of the second half because it marks the Spirit-led activity of the Church. Hence, we number the remaining Sundays after Trinity, whereas they number them after Pentecost.

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PARISH NEWS

● **Watch the weekly Church notices for the date of the Easter Vestry Meetings, to be held during this month. At this meeting, to which all Parishioners are invited, annual reports are presented by the Rector and all Parish Organisations, the Parish Financial Statement is considered, and Wardens, Parish Councillors and similar Church Officers elected for the coming year. Parishioners over 18 years of age can vote at these elections.**

If you want to raise any matter at all, or ask any questions about parish affairs, this is your opportunity to do it.

● From the first Sunday in June, we revert to the winter starting time of Evensong. The actual time for this year will be considered at the Annual Vestry Meeting. The earlier time was adopted two years ago after a plebiscite of parishioners, and our experience has shown that the change is worthwhile in the colder months. We began services last year at 6.15 p.m.

We will change back to the 7 p.m. start from the first Sunday in September.

● **Family Service:** This is a reminder that on the third Sunday of each month, the children of the Sunday School combine with the adults in a Family Service that is held at 10 a.m. On this Sunday, there is no Service at 11 a.m. at All Saints'.

Parents are especially invited to come to this Family Service and sit with their children.

● **Confirmation:** In order that arrangements can be made for our 1966 Confirmation Service, the Rector would like to hear this month from all prospective candidates. To be eligible to be confirmed, candidates should be at least fourteen years old by October, 1966. The Rector would also be grateful if any adults wishing to be confirmed would get in touch with him during May.

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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

Will you please sort out your books and let us have them towards the Book Stall at the Fete. We are also collecting magazines, but regret that we cannot take weekly ones, such as Women's Day or the Women's Weekly, as these are not saleable.

They can be left at the Rectory or picked up from your home. — Please help.

GOD IN SCHOOL

Children are inclined to think that a school is a place remote from life, a place from which they escape as soon as they can, in order to take their place in the "real" world.

Actually, the "real" world is only a school, and God is the teacher. You will all recall the prayer that begins, "Teach us good Lord . . ."

God is truth, and when we search for truth, we search for Him. Some Christians are so short-sighted that they reject some of the results of scientific investigation. But why? Christians serve God, scientists serve truth, and God is truth. In so far as the so-called "fundamentalist" group rejects the assured conclusions of modern scientific investigation, it turns its back on God.

God put us into the world as into a school, and He Himself is the teacher. His Son came among us to teach us, and sent out his Apostles to teach and preach Jesus Christ (Acts 5:42). His Church is a teaching Church. We are all pupils in His school.

When we stop learning, we begin to die. So a school is not a place remote from life. It is very much a part of the "real" world. The process of teaching and learning which go on there are in reality basic things.

We tend to take our schools for granted, and to forget what a blessing they are. It seems that life is becoming more and more complicated, and more and more skill and knowledge will be necessary for us to get anywhere.

Let us realise with Hannah that the Lord is a God of knowledge (1 Sam. 2:3), and that the acquisition of knowledge is a way of serving Him. Those of us who are still in school are fortunate. Those of us who have finished our formal education must recognise that there is still much for us to learn, if we are to be really at home in God's world.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- May 1st: Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 8th: Donated by Mrs. E. Jones, Janice and Alan in memory of Mr. H. F. Jones; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- May 15th: Donated by Mrs. Wigger in memory of Mr. Wigger; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 22nd: Donated by Miss M. Irvine and Miss E. McBride in memory of Miss Alice Street; arranged by Mrs. Champion.
- May 29th: Donated by Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason, and by Mrs. Craigie and Family in memory of Don; arranged by Miss Speight.
- June 5th: Donated by Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Father and Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We acknowledge with thanks the following additional gifts of flowers received for Easter Day; Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones, a Friend in memory of Miss Browning, the Rector in memory of his Mother and Father Mrs. Nisbet in memory of her Mother and Father, the Misses Jones in memory of their Parents and Brother, and by Mrs. Tant, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Bosward, and Miss Fry.

On Sunday, 17th April flowers were also donated by a Friend in memory of Miss Browning, and by the Family of the late Mr. Lewis in his memory. Flowers for Sunday, 24th April were also given by Mrs. Burton in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Holland.

CLUB NEWS

Young Churchmen's Institute

Guest Speaker: In March, the Y.C.I. was very fortunate to acquire the services of Judge Holden as our Guest Speaker. The Judge, himself an ex-member of the Institute, gave a most interesting talk on a number of aspects of his career.

Bucks' Motor Picnic: On Saturday, 26th March, the annual Bucks' Motor Picnic was held. This event is usually held at Kurnell, but due to bad weather this year, the venue was changed to National Park, where we partook of afternoon tea. Although only a small number of members attended, all had a good time.

General Quiz: Our first meeting last month was a General Quiz, the success of which can be attributed to the two "Quiz Masters", Messrs John Minitier and Richard Boots.

Tour of Inspection: On Friday, 13th May, we will be holding our Annual Outside Visit, and hope that there will be a good roll up of members for the tour of historic Holy Trinity Garrison Church at Miller's Point.

New members are always welcome at the Institute. We meet in our Club Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m. on alternate Fridays.

G. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

The Guild will continue to meet on the second Tuesdays of each month, but we have been forced to do away with the fourth Tuesday, which in the past has been a Social Afternoon, because of lack of members. For the same reason, we have had to cancel, for the time being, our monthly Street Stall. If at any time we are able to have a Street stall, we will let you know.

We would appreciate help any readers can give us, especially if you can sew—the material will be willingly supplied.

E. CHAMPION

Senior Parishioners' Club:

During April, the Senior Parishioners' Club celebrated its eighth birthday with a happy social afternoon, and lots of special door prizes which were presented by the Rector.

During these eight years, we have given much pleasure to many of our local senior citizens. The Club has become a popular meeting place where these folk can spend an afternoon away from the house where daily chores become a monotony.

We especially welcome anyone who is lonely, and we promise them a warm welcome. Whether or not you attend All Saints' Church, we invite you to join us any Thursday in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. If you would like to attend our Church and do not know anyone else, come to the Club first and make friends with our members.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Nance and myself will gladly help any new members to get established.

DOT SHAW

Physical Culture Club:

For many reasons (lack of children for one) we have been forced to close the above club. In twelve months' time, the position will be reviewed and if then possible, we will start up again. To all those who, in the past, have worked so very hard, we say a sincere thank you, especially Mrs. Ditchburn, and we hope that she will soon feel much better. We trust we will once again be able to see the Physical Culture Club going with Mrs. Ditchburn as our Secretary.

T. E. CHAMPION

Men's Indoor Bowls Club:

Last month, our competition teams played Clemton Park, and we registered another win. The match was keenly played right to the last bowl. Clemton Park are always a hard team to beat, and we always have an excellent match against them.

The news concerning George Clark continues to be good, and I believe he will soon leave hospital. The members of the Bowls Club extend to Mrs. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Sayers and family their deepest sympathy in the sad loss they have suffered.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
HOSEA

The Book of Hosea is the first of what are called the "Minor Prophets". The term minor is not in any sense a classification of the prophet's standing or message, but refers only to the length of the book, the "prophets", as a whole in the O.T., being grouped as the four major and twelve minor.

Again, the grouping of the prophets in our Bibles is not according to date, the Book of Hosea, completed between 790-740 B.C. follows the major prophets, all of whom wrote after him, and precedes books such as Micah and Amos who followed him.

The book itself might be more helpfully described, as indeed with almost all the prophets, as the "Word of . . ." in this case Hosea. It is a collection of prophetic messages, declarations of the Word of God through Hosea and was probably compiled over a period of time. Hosea lived in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, when, after the collapse of the central authority following the death of Solomon, the kingdom was divided. At this time Israel was enjoying a period of unprecedented prosperity, which proved, however, to be short-lived, and soon after the death of the then-ruling king, Israel was defeated by the Assyrians, never to rise again.

During this period of prosperity, the nation had fallen away from the religion of their fathers and was profoundly engaged in much religious activity borrowed from the pagan cults of the surrounding nations. In many cases, these cults made no moral demands on their adherents and in other cases, they were linked with rites of a thoroughly degrading nature. The heart of Hosea's message is that of Israel's unfaithfulness to the God of her fathers who brought her up out of the land of Egypt. Hosea sees Israel's national life under the symbol of an unfaithful wife whose husband ever pleads for her return and her love. The symbolism springs out and is intensified by Hosea's own experience, as in the opening chapter the story of the prophet's own life and his wife's unfaithfulness is related. As Hosea pleads with his erring bride to return and offers her forgiveness so the God of Israel is pictured as pleading with his people for their loyalty and faith, offering abundant forgiveness for all their past neglect and sin.

As this central theme is developed, the background of the nation's life is filled out in the harshest of terms. Chapter 4 begins with the words "The Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or kindness and no knowledge of God in the land, there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing and committing adultery". What repentance there is is superficial, it is like "dew that goes early away" (Ch. 6:4). Yet still God is faithful and the Book turns to earlier and happier days, "When Israel was a child I loved Him . . . it was I that taught Ephraim to walk" (Ch. 11:1-3). The threat of judgement is there, for Israel's neglect of her God will bring only disaster but although that disaster may come God will heal & restore his people. (Ch. 14)

For all generations Hosea's theme is that the love of God is stronger than man's sin and will triumph, and, as over Israel's sins and neglect, so over ours.

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NEWS BRIEFS

● Another of our Parishioners, Mrs. D. Jones, formerly of John Street, moved from Petersham recently to a new home-unit at Croydon. Mrs. Jones has been a very prominent worker for our Parish Fetes for several years, and we are glad to know that she will be retaining her links with All Saints'. We hope that she and her daughter will be happy in their new home.

● **Our Set of "Chronicles"** Our thanks to Mrs. Robertson for donating the April 1955 copy of the "Chronicle" that we sought recently. This means that we can bind all issues back to 1934, which is a very good achievement, as we began with no issues dated prior to 1956. These bound copies will be kept for posterity in the parish records. Our thanks to all who have helped us reach this goal.

However, we are still missing the issues of November, 1933, July, 1932, March, 1932, and almost all issues for the years prior to 1932. We are still appealing for these for our archives. Odd copies already donated show that our parish paper existed as far back as 1908, so we still have a lot of issues to collect!

The Rector or Mr. A. Jones would be delighted to hear from anyone who can help.

● **Fete Approaching:** Just a reminder to all our Clubs and Societies, and parishioners generally, that our 1966 Parish Fete is now only six months away. The big day will be Saturday, 19th November. Please be sure that your organisations starts planning its effort early enough.

The young folk of the Fellowship are taking over the Toy Stall this year, and are devoting alternate meetings to making their stock. Gifts of material and patterns for soft toys will be welcomed, and may be given to any Fellowship member or left at the Rectory.

● Items for the June "Chronicle" will be due by Sunday, 22nd May.

● **Thought for the Month:**

Before passing judgement on a sermon, try it out in practice.

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SUCCESSFUL DOLL EXHIBITION

We wish to announce the winners of the dressed dolls given away as free door prizes at the Exhibition of Dolls held recently in the Parish Hall.

1st: G. Cooper, 6 Merton Street, Stanmore	2nd: Mrs. Rendall, 560-7568
3rd: Mrs. Smith c/o 9 Middle Street, Marrickville	4th: E. Hammond, 5 Wardell Road, Petersham
5th: C. Robertson, 52-1804	6th: Mrs. E. McKinnon, 56-1690
7th: Mrs. Harrison, Marshall Street, Petersham.	

In spite of wind and heavy rain, the Exhibition was well attended, and the total amount taken was \$126, which will go to Church funds.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Grafted into the Body of Christ's Church

March	20th:	Fran Allyson Sterling
"	20th:	Paul John Allan Brown
"	27th:	Lucas Gordon Rodwell
April	3rd:	Christopher Andrew Buckman
"	3rd:	Gabrielle Louise Buckman
"	3rd:	Kerry Lee Thurgan
"	3rd:	Raymond Trevor Hawkins
"	3rd:	Glenda Margaret Freeman



HOLY MATRIMONY

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

March	19th:	William Andrew Forrester to Elsie Daphne Mary Matters
"	26th:	Colin William McCarthy to Hilary Childs
"	28th:	Richard William Hobbs to Merle McIlveen
April	2nd:	Peter Seddon Hudson to Joyce Elaine Vinton
"	2nd:	Franklyn Leonard Smith to Christine Elizabeth Allen
"	16th:	Graham John Goodman to Margaret Rose Eggleton

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life".

April	1st:	Adelaide Maude Fredericka Robinson
"	5th:	Frederick William Liebau
"	5th:	Eugene Leicester Beardow
"	6th:	Dorothy Crawford
"	6th:	Ada Elizabeth Jones
"	7th:	Hazel Marion Hird
"	13th:	Florence Ada Reid
"	15th:	Arthur Frederick Palmer

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