

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

Rector: Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

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JULY, 1957



PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
5th Sunday after Evening Prayer.

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 T. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK A. JONES.

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

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

On Friday night, 28th June, the Annual Fancy Dress Party was held in the Parish Hill. The main feature of the evening was the presentation of the Sub-debs, little Miss Bronwyn Mangan, as a fairy, led them in through the flowered arch and white gates, followed by the flower girls, who presented flowers to the ladies in the Official Party. Miss Margaret Hicks, presented the Sub-debs to Mrs. Champion, the Rector's wife. The girls looked really lovely, in their dainty white frocks, as they danced around the hall, and were a credit to Mrs. Ditchburn who trained them.

The Grand Parade of Fancy Costumes then took place and the three judges, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mrs. Turnbull and Miss Barbara Storey had no easy task in choosing 1st and 2nd in each class.

The Sub-debs then danced the Dashing White Sergeant with boys from the Fellowship as partners. Then Mr. K. Locke called the figures for a square dance accompanied by Mr. Ron Reilly. Mr. Reilly later gave two items on his guitar, which were much appreciated.

Mrs. Champion presented the prizes to the winners in the fancy dress section. Miss Hayes, the Physical Culture Teacher presented each deb with a dressed doll. The Rector thanked Mr. B. Sayers, who acted as M.C. Mr. K. Locke, and Mr. H. Locke for the work they had done. Mrs. Collis for her invaluable help at the piano, the Mothers for their co-operation and last but not least Mrs. Ditchburn for her untiring efforts on behalf of the children. The Hall was packed to capacity, the singing of the National Anthem brought a very happy evening to a close.

LADIES' GUILD

Our activities over the past two months have proved very successful. The floral art demonstration in May and the Singer Sewing Machine Demonstration in June were both very enjoyable and most interesting, we were pleased to welcome a very good attendance on both occasions. Our Street Stalls continue to prove very popular. The next will be on Friday, 19th July any donations of cakes, jams, pickles or vegetables will be much appreciated.

On Thursday, 25th July, we are arranging a party to attend a Cooking Demonstration by the Gas Company, at David Jones', George Street Store, at one thirty (1.30 p.m.) We extend an invitation to any ladies of the parish to join with us on that day, 25th July, the usual donation of 2/- will include afternoon tea.

FLOWER ROSTER

- July 7th—Donated by Fellowship, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 14th—Donated by Mrs. Hills in memory of her daughter, arranged by Mrs. Colburt and Mrs. Hills.
 „ 21st—Donated by Mrs. Gresswell in memory of her husband, arranged by Y.M.C.
 „ 28th—Donated by the Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Sugden, arranged by Mrs. Champion.
 Aug. 4th—Donated by Mr. Carr in memory of Mrs. D. Carr, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

On June 16th, Flowers were donated by Mrs. McPherson in memory of John Douglas McPherson. We also wish to thank Mrs. Willis for a donation for Sanctuary flowers.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. room on Tuesday, 9th July, at 8 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

A Street Stall is to be held on Saturday morning, 13th July. Cakes, jams, pickles etc., will be on sale, donations of any kind will be very acceptable. The proceeds of this stall will be allocated to the Stove Fund. Many thanks for the anonymous £2 handed in for the same fund through the Rector. We again appeal for help to pay off the stove and would welcome a donation of 2/- from each family towards the same. Please help us if you can.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP

On the 20th July next bring all your friends and relations to our Western style Barbecue Dance which will be held in the Church grounds commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are already on sale and are available from all Fellowship members, priced at 5/- for adults and 3/- for children. Please remember this date, come along and have an enjoyable evening.

On 9th July, the Fellowship will hold an "Amateur Night in the Parish Hall, and on 23rd will have a Guest Speaker. Anyone of confirmation age is most welcome at any of these functions, also to Fellowship Tea on the 4th Sunday in each month.

GWENDA SMITH, Hon. Secretary

L.H.M.U.

The Petersham Branch of the Ladies Home Mission Union, will hold a Direct Giving and picture afternoon in the Guild Room on Tuesday, 27th August at 2 p.m.

Rev. R. G. Fillingham, General Secretary of the Home Mission Union, will show some interesting pictures of the work of the Home Mission Union. Members of the various Church organisations, also visitors and friends are very cordially invited to be present and will be made most welcome.

J. SMITH, Hon. Secretary

REFRESHMENT ROOM STREET STALL

A Street Stall will be held on Friday, 2nd August, commencing at 10 a.m. in aid of the Refreshment Room funds for the forthcoming Fete. On sale will be home-made jams, pickles and cakes. Donations in kind would be thankfully received and could be left at the Rectory.

BASEBALL CLUB

The Club has met with mixed success in both grades so far this season. "A" grade has won 8 games and lost 3. "B" grade has won 6 and lost 5. The leading team on each grade has won 11 games. Our juvenile team, although not winning many games is having an enjoyable time and gaining valuable experience.

From the Club's point of view, the field-day, held by the Union at Nestle's on the Queen's Birthday holiday was a big success. Members of the Club won 5 pennants out of 12 awarded, and had 5 players in the two representative teams elected to play the visiting Canterbury teams. "A" grades won the accurate throw (Bob McConnell) base running and sprint pennants (Don O'Sullivan) "B" grade collected the accurate throw (Peter Wheelan) and the fungo hit (John Miniter) pennants. This has been the Club's most successful field day, and it is hoped that the teams may have the same success in the present competition.

J. MINISTER, Hon. Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

An American Tea

To be held in the Chapter House, St. Andrew's Cathedral on THURSDAY, 18th JULY, at 2.15 p.m.

Official Opening by Archdeacon G. R. Delbridge

Musical Items — Attractive Stalls — Afternoon Tea 2/6.
in aid of funds for

St. Margaret's Church of England Student's Hostel, Stanmore

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The Buch Church Aid Society for Australia and Tasmania

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL FAIR

Chapter House, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Friday 26th July, 1957

Official Opening 11 a.m. Mrs. Thelma Kirkby, B.A. (C.W.A.)

STALLS — REFRESHMENTS — PICTURES — ADMISSION FREE

Donations of Cakes, Jams, Sweets—in fact anything that will sell will be appreciated

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Rock Newspaper

A Film will be shown in the Parish Hall on Friday evening, 26th July, 8 p.m. by the Protestant Film Campaigners (Rock Newspaper). The Film "Mtnacing Shadows" was produced by an organisation of converted R.C. Priests in the U.S.A. called Christ's Mission. This film was at first banned in Australia but later released. Come and hear a startling story as told by Mr. J. W. Campbell, Editor of the Rock Newspaper.

Y.C.I. NOTES

Cricket

The Y.C.I. is pleased to announce that Mr. C. G. Macartney, former Test Cricketer, will make a return visit to the Institute on Friday, the 19th July. Mr. Macartney will tell more of his Cricketing experiences, and Y.C.I. members who were present at the Meeting when he gave his first 'Talk' are eagerly looking forward to this meeting. The Y.C.I. cordially invites all men of the Parish to attend this meeting, which will be held in the Institute's Club Room. Mr. Macartney's "Talk" will be preceded by a short Business Meeting, commencing at 8 p.m. Visitors are, however, invited to attend the meeting, too, so remember Friday, the 19th July, commencing at 8 p.m. Visitors are not restricted to this particular meeting. As a matter of fact the Y.C.I. is always glad to have men of the Parish to come along to any of its meetings, which are held in the Club Room on alternate Friday nights, commencing at eight o'clock.

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S.O.S. FOR OUR BOOK STALL AND TOY STALL

At the Parish Fete in October

How about a Spring clean of that old Cupboard, Box or Drawer? That is what I had last year and how our Toy Stall originated, and as it gave a lot of pleasure, as well as helping the Church, I would like to have it again this year, but I need your help to again make it the success it was last year.

You might possibly find in that cupboard, box or drawer, some of your children's old toys and bits and pieces; perhaps some games like ludo, draughts, dominoes, snakes and ladders, jig saw puzzles, cards, etc. in fact, anything you used to buy from 1d. upwards.

It is also surprising the pieces of art jewellery and beads one can find accumulated in drawers and not now needed—ear rings, bangles, brooches, beads, etc. It does not matter if they are tarnished, they will be made to look like new, and they give a lot of pleasure. Last year it was surprising how many children bought them to give Mother a present.

We want the youngsters and teenagers to really enjoy spending their money at their own Stall and to give them real value for it.

Comics and Children's Books: Everyone loves Comics. If you have any, please help, so that we can give the children (and often grown-ups) a "beano". Last year one young man gave us boxes of his old comics he had kept and looked after for years. I am sure he must have been rewarded in knowing how delighted the children were with them.

Books for the Adults: Have you any detective stories, mysteries, murders, romances, short story and sports magazines, etc. Books of all kinds, hard covered or paper covered, we would appreciate them all.

If you can help in any of the above ways, I would be very pleased if you would ring me LM 1643 (Mrs. Millarey) and I will be only too happy to call and pick them up at any time or if preferred to drop anything at the Rectory, I could pick them up from there.

CHURCH ARMY

We are pleased to know that on Sunday, 28th July, we are to have a visit from a representative of the Church Army in the person of Captain R. . Gwilt, he will preach at both the 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. services, and ell us something of the work being done by the Church Army in Australia. There will be a retiring offertory at both services that day for the work of the Chuch Army.

CONFIRMATION NOTES

Confirmation

Confirmation is a form or rite of the Church. It is really the ordination of the laity to a place of service in the Church. The method of conferring spiritual blessing by the laying on of hands dates back to the days of the Old Testament, when elderly men laid their hands on younger men praying that God would bless them. The practise was carried on to the time of Christ and even later. The Christian idea of laying-on-of-hands is that we might receive the Holy Spirit and be able in His power to witness for Christ. We notice in the New Testament that Jesus at no time desired His followers to shut themselves up in water-tight compartments, but to go into all the world and to be loyal witnesses for Him. We remember Jesus prayed for His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane saying, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil". Jesus went to weddings and parties and was accused of being a wine-bibber and a glutton. He showed the Pharisees that the Christian life was a positive one not merely negative. Jesus showed the world that Christianity was sanctified common sense any anything more or less than this is not of Him. We all know that prayer held a big place in our Lord's life but He worked as well as prayed. God has given us the opportunity to be labourers together with Him and we must remember that He will one day desire us to give an account of our work when we stand before Him.

The idea of Confirmation is to help us make the most of God's gifts and develop our special talents. Through Baptism we are made members of Christ's Body, the Church, so that we may not work single handed, but with the help of God and our fellow Christians. We say "Unity is strength" and rightly so. In the Apostle's Creed we say "We believe in the Communion of Saints" or gathering together of Christians. A Christian very often loses his interest and enthusiasm for spiritual things when he isolates himself from his fellow Chrstians. When he has the help of others in the Church, he retains his spiritual warmth.

Furniture in the Church

Pew—is a seat with ends on it where the congregation sit. Prayer desk—where Morning and Evening Prayer is said by the Minister. Lectern—Sometimes made of wood or brass, sometimes in the shape of an eagle signifying the bearing aloft of the Word of God, the lessons are read from the Lectern. Pulpit—this is used by the Min-

ister from which the sermon is preached. Holy Table (sometimes called the Altar)—the Holy Communion is celebrated at the Holy Table where we see the Cross, the symbol of our faith. It is usual to have two or more vases for flowers on the Table. Credence Table—this is usually placed on the right hand side of the Holy Table on which is placed the Brass Alms Dish and the Bread and Wine for the Holy Communion. The large silver Cup used at the Communion service is called the Chalice and the silver Plate the Paten. It is usual to cover the Chalice and Paten with, what we call the Burse and Veil, which may be coloured to suit the season. Font—this is usually placed near the door of the Church because by Baptism we take the first step in the Church.

Church History

Many people think the Church of England began in the reign of Henry 8th, this is wrong. There was a Church in England at the end of the 2nd Century and in 314 A.D. when a Council of the Church was held in France there were three English Bishops present.

In 597 A.D. when Augustine, the Roman Missionary arrived in England he found the Christian Church already established there. At the Reformation the Church of England "washed her face" and threw out those practises not in accordance with the Word of God. So we see that the Church of England did not start in the reign of Henry 8th, but was simply reformed and cleansed about that time. Henry 8th was not a good man but held a position of great power and authority and God used him to fulfill His plans. In Henry's time, the Church of England was still un-reformed and much of the worship in England, was what we call "Romish". They issued a number of prayer books and there was much evidence of unscriptural practises. The spiritual awakening of the Church, which is called the Reformation really began with the Prayer Book of 1549. The steps leading to this were: (1) The denial of the Pope's supremacy in England 1532-1534. (2) In 1536 the Bible was enthroned in England's Church. These two things paved the way for the Prayer Book in English in 1549. In the Prayer Book there were numerous quotations from scripture and such practises as: (1) Prayers for the dead. (2) Belief in Purgatory. (3) Prayers offered to the Saints and Virgin Mary. (4) Indulgences. (5) Extreme Unction, were omitted. The five important things in the English Prayer Book were: (1) English language. (2) Pure Word of God. (3) Plain and easy wording. (4) The Glory of God. (5) The good of the people

Confession to a Priest was no longer necessary before making one's Communion. Instead, what is called General Confession was adopted; that is, the Priest confessing his sins with the people to God. The Absolution Prayer does not give the Priest the power to forgive the sins of the people, it is a declaration, that if the people sincerely confess to God, He will forgive them.

We may say the result of the Reformation in the Church of England was three fold: (1) The separation of England from Roman domination. (2) The reform of the Church's spiritual life and worship. (3) The reconstruction of the Church's Doctrine. The first English Prayer Book of 1549 was revised in 1552 and in 1662. In 1928 another revision of the Prayer Book was attempted but was not made legal because an attempt was made to introduce the Reservation

of the Sacrament. However, the Book had many good points, it allowed us to shorten services where necessary and to read Christ's summary of the Ten Commandments at the Holy Communion. It omitted the word "obey" in the Marriage Service and allowed us to use suitable psalms rather than the Psalms as set for Morning and Evening Prayer.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms—Diane Melva Krick; Rhonda Shirley Jones; Gordon Kenneth Moore; Barbara Daphne Wright; Annette Gardiner; Robert Laurence Cecil Fox; Sandra Mae Luke; Karen Evelyn Luke; Karen Ann Hamilton.

Marriages—William Percy King Reilly to Vida Joyce Bulmer; Barry Laurence Feutrill to Mary Enid Roberts; John Joseph Limon to Gwyneth Lloyd James; David William Brown to Carole Faye Bryant; William Raymond Hourigan to Shirley Alwyn Mobberley.

Funerals—Herbert John Smith; Mary Hitchins.

ALL SAINTS' CONSECRATION FESTIVAL SERVICES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1957

8 a.m.—Holy Communion. THE RECTOR

11 a.m.—Mattins. Rev. F. B. DILLON, Th.L., Rector of St Clement's, Mosman.

7.15 p.m.—Evensong. Rev. B. H. WILLIAMS, B.A., Rector of St. Alban's, Five Dock

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