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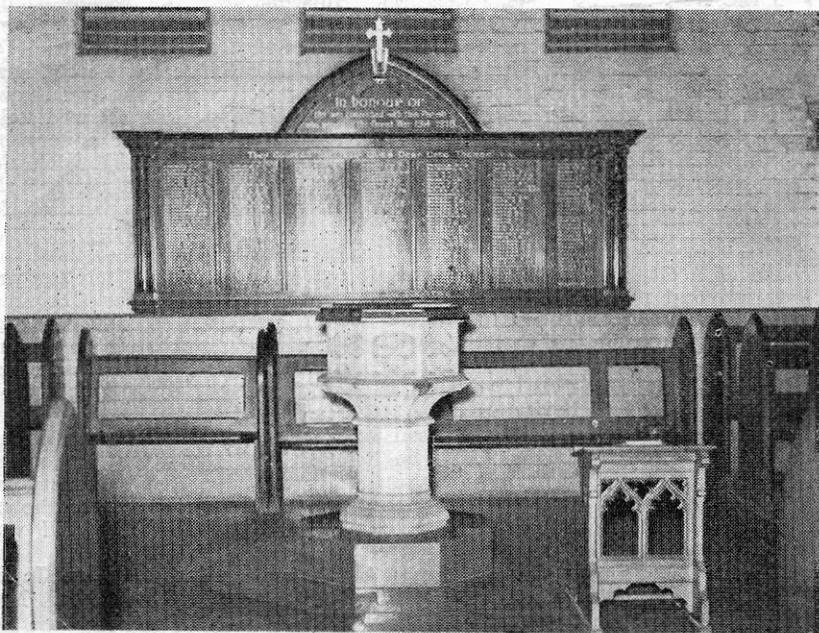
Of All Saints

Petersham

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PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd 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, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, A. JONES.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 18th August, we held our Consecration Festival Services. The preacher at 11 a.m. was the Rev. F. B. Dillon, of Mosman and at 7.15 p.m. the preacher was the Rev. B. H. Williams, of Five Dock. Both these men gave us very challenging messages and all who heard them enjoyed them. The Festival Tea was held on Wednesday, 21st August when a goodly number of parishioners gathered for a sumptuous meal at a very reasonable price at 6 p.m. It was nice to have amongst our visitors the Rev. H. Marshall, Rector of Stanmore, and the Rev. R. A. O'Brien, Rector of Burwood.

After the Tea Miss O'Neil, our organist, gave a splendid organ recital which was much appreciated. Shortened Evensong followed the Recital at 8 p.m. Mr. Warren Hackett, of Marrickville, gave us a number of coloured movie films of his trip abroad. These films were some of the best many had seen of America and England. To all who helped make the evening's programme such a success we tender a very big thank you. Special thanks are given to those who were responsible for the preparation of the tea, hostesses and those who helped remove the tables and trestles and stack them in the basement, in preparation for the film evening.

We have had to postpone our Parish Fete to November 23rd, because of a clash of date. However, it will give us more time for preparation and many small gifts may be more readily sold as Christmas gifts. With increased costs and much need for building repairs, we urge all who claim to belong to the Church to give us their whole-hearted support with this function. When everyone does their bit, a better result is assured. Do not leave it all to the other person, come in and help us make this a bumper success for 1957.

May I remind you of the local combined Churches meeting in aid of the Bible Society, which will be held on Tuesday, 17th September, in the Methodist Church (Newington College Chapel), Stanmore Road at 7.45 p.m. A film entitled "The Living Word in Japan" will be shown. Special speaker, Mr. Ron Roberts (C.I.M.), of Hong Kong. All welcome. Come and represent your Church.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to Mrs. B. Pullen and Mrs. Joyce. Both these ladies recently lost their Mothers rather suddenly. May we remember them in our prayers.

God bless you all,

Yours sincerely,
ERIC CHAMPION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Annual Meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' was held in the Y.C.I. Room on Monday, 26th August at 8 p.m. There were 17 teachers present and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

Superintendent: Mr. R. F. Atkinson.

Secretary: Mr. K. Locke.

Treasurer: Mr. E. Quelch.

Registrar: Mr. A. F. Jones.

The 25th October has been set for the Sunday School concert, any pupil wishing to participate should tell their Sunday School Teacher as soon as possible. This concert was a great success last year and we are looking forward to it again this year.

The Annual Sunday School Picnic will be held on Saturday the 30th November at Watson's Bay. Information such as transport etc., will be given later at Sunday School.

Prize Giving Sunday will be the 22nd December in the Church commencing at 9.30 a.m. (The parents are asked to come to see the children rewarded for their year's work.

The Christmas Party for the Kindergarten children will be on the 7th December and for the older children on 14th December.

K. LOCKE, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship catered for two tables at the Parish Tea one for the Fellowship and the other for the Choir. I wish to thank Mrs. Sopwith for being hostess at the Choir table, and to all those who helped with donations of money or food or helped in any other way with the tables.

Uncle Frank Grose from 2CH came to the Parish Hall on Friday, 23rd August, with a concert party of radio and professional artists. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we hope in the near future Uncle Frank will again visit us.

The Fellowship had a chalk chase at its last meeting which was successfully run by Kevin and John. Our next meeting will be a film evening at the local picture theatre.

Our "Spit and Polish" Night comes next on the agenda. This night is spent in the Church cleaning the brass etc., we hope to have a good roll up.

We are always on the look out for new members, any teenager who is desirous of joining can get the date of our meeting night from the Rector. We would be pleased to see you.

K. LOCKE, Leader

LADIES' GUILD

We say a very sincere thank you for the continued support given to our Street Stalls and the continued popularity with our customers is most pleasing. The next stall will be on Friday, 20th of September.

The Festival Tea on 21st August was a very happy and successful function. Our ladies again played their part being responsible for five tables.

Will our ladies please note that the date of the Fete has been altered to 23rd November, owing to the October clashing with the Promotion activities.

Our Social Afternoon on Wednesday, 25th September will be an Apron Parade, all aprons to become the property of the work stall. All ladies will be welcome, a donation of 2/- includes afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER ROSTER

- Sept. 1st—Donated by Mrs. Furnell in memory of her husband. Arranged by Mrs. Furnell and Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 8th—Donated by the family of the late Mrs. E. Jones. Arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
 „ 15th—Donated by Mrs. Angus in memory of Mrs. C. J. Sharp. Arranged by Y.M.C.
 „ 22nd—Donated and arranged by Mrs. E. Quelch.
 „ 29th—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. Pullen in memory of Mrs. Pullen, snr. Arranged by Mrs. Pullen.
 Oct. 6th—Donated by Miss Speight. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 On 25th August—Flowers in the Church were donated by Mrs. Fogwell in memory of Mr. Fogwell. Arranged by Mrs. Fogwell and Mrs. Quelch.

YOUNG MARRIED'S CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room, on Tuesday, 10th September at 8 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend as it will be the last meeting before our Annual Luncheon.

We hope to run several cooking competitions in conjunction with our cake and sweet stall at the Fete so need the assistance of every member to make these functions a success.

Our Annual Luncheon is on Wednesday, 18th September, in the Parish Hall, at 12.30 p.m. Donation 3/6. Mr. Michael Sawtell of the Aboriginal Welfare Board is to be our Guest Speaker. Games and music will also help to make this function a happy one. We do ask the ladies of the Parish to help us make our Luncheon a success.

Many thanks to all who donated towards our Stove Fund last month, also the anonymous donation to one of our District Visitors. We are now nearing our goal, but still have a few more pounds to raise. If anyone can help us in this matter we will be very grateful.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

THE L. C. CALVER TESTIMONIAL DINNER

In the Parish Hall on Friday evening, August 30th, over ninety past and present members of the Young Churchmen's Institute, met at dinner to celebrate Mr. L. C. Calver's completion of forty years as its Hon. Secretary. They were drawn from every generation of the Institute from 1910 onwards, and it was the first time, many of them had come back to the Church since they left the district.

In acknowledging Mr. Calver's forty years service it was pointed out by the Rector, who presided, that as well Mr. Calver had served the Church as its Hon. Secretary since 1925 and had been a Warden since 1940.

A letter was read from His Grace, the Archbishop, expressing his appreciation of so outstanding a work by a layman, declaring it must be a record in the Diocese and wishing Mr. Calver sincere and prayerful blessing.

Prior to the Dinner a photo of Mr. Calver was unveiled in the Clubroom by Mr. T. H. H. Bosward, the foundation Hon. Secretary of the C.Y.I. and the speakers at the Dinner itself included the Rector, His Honour Judge Holden, Mr. J. M. Boyle, Mr. D. B. Hunter, M.L.A. and messages of good will from those unable to attend were read by Mr H. G. Brodie and Mr. Wm. Sopwith.

To mark so great an achievement Mr. Calver was presented with a cheque, a framed photograph of himself and a clock for his home and with the latter went the wish that it ticked happy memories for him, and many years still of service to the Institute and the Church.

In thanking the gathering Mr. Calver recalled some of the early days of the Y.C.I. and its tribulations in the first war when a great number of its members were overseas.

He stressed that the success of the organisation had been twofold: firstly, that it was always close to the Church and secondly, that the whole and continuous attitude to the Institute had been democratic and self-controlled. That had assured that it belonged to all members at all times.

In thanking the members for the gifts Mr. Calver added that he had always found great pleasure in his work and that his life had been enriched by the friends he had among the Y.C.I. members of all generations.

He also expressed his thanks that the Institute had invited his brothers and other close relatives to be guests at the function.

Many old associations were revived by past members. Many of them took the opportunity, at the Rector's invitation, of visiting the Church, and the present (Younger) members were at one in recognising the prestige and heritage that had been handed down by the **loyalty** and friendships of the past.

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PROMOTION — WHY?

A big number of our men and women are at present visiting door to door to find out who belong to the Church of England, and to bring our Parish Roll up-to-date. On the whole our canvassers are getting a good reception even from those not of our denomination. It is commendable that frequently members of the **Roman Faith** are most help-

ful in telling who belong to our Church in their midst. On the other hand an occasional Anglican will say "I am not interested", and desire to hide their identity until they die and need the services of the Church they have never supported. They forget that "only animals have no need to worship God because they have no soul to save". The tragedy of it is that very few of these "not interested" Anglicans have the decency to put it in their Will that because they have never supported the Church they desire to be buried without a Church ceremony. No, in most cases they expect the best after having given their worst. However, thank God most people have a sense of responsibility and it is to these that we appeal under the Promotion Scheme to come in and help us. The others would be no asset anyway and in every walk of life it is usual to have to "carry" a certain percentage.

What do we first of all mean by Promotion? In plain language we are to Promote a cause—the cause of Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ is man's only Saviour and to not be a believer in Him is to go to a Christless grave. Promotion rightly emphasises three things, GOD—THE CHURCH—AND YOU. "Only the fool says in his heart there is not God". Ps. 14-1. Millions are very lax spiritually, but very few have no belief in God.. It is this laxity amongst professing Christians that causes our biggest problems in the Church. A friend of mine said to me over thirty years ago, "if the Church was not divine it would be bankrupt in a month." The miracle of the survival of the Church is one of the wonders of the age, because it is supported by so few Christians. Truly Christ's promise has been kept—"the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Actually the Church is maintained by about one quarter (or less) of those who claim to belong to it. The rest, unblushingly and without any sense of shame, demand equal attention in the hour of need. Our greatest problem to-day comes through financial inflation. Fifteen years ago £1 was worth nearly that amount in this country. To-day it is worth about 5/-. Many of our people are earning about four times the amount they received fifteen years ago but still give no more (and often less) to the Church. It is any wonder that most Churches are working on an overdraft—as we are! Most of our Sunday School children still bring a penny for the offertory as their grandparents did seventy years ago!

The Church's problem would soon cease if her members had a sense of spiritual responsibility and came to Church and gave in proportion to their means. (Some folk say the Church is always begging for money. They remind me of the man who was very mean to his wife. He was talking to his mate at the hotel and saying "My wife is always asking for money." His mate replied "What does she do with it?" He said "I do not know, because I never give her any.")

If circumstances do not permit you to regularly attend Church, surely you can have some part in the life of the Church. Better to be a "livewire" Christian rather than just a "wireless" Christian. Be a "Transmitter" and not just a "receiver".

In October invitations will be issued to you all to come to a free Loyalty Dinner in the Parish Hall. Come and hear our story and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Anglicans.

PROMOTION PROCEEDS

While Parishioners helping the programme always felt it was an important work, they are realising more and more now, how very urgent it is for All Saints.

We would like you to know the complement of the General Committee which held its first meeting recently.

With the support of the Rector and Parish Councillors, you have Mr. David Petherbridge as General Chairman, Mr. David Hunter, M.L.A. as Proposal Chairman, Mr. Ben Pullen, Resources Chairman; Mr. Bruce Tant is Census Chairman with Mr. Tom Bosward, Organisation Chairman; L. C. Calver, assisted by A. C. Harris and W. Sopwith in charge of Publicity and Secretaries of proceeding; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Quelch are jointly acting as Chairman of Arrangements (Loyalty Dinner), Mrs. Champion is Chairman of Hostesses with Mrs. T. Bosward for Hostesses at our Dinner and Mrs. J. Humphreys for Junior Hostesses. Mrs. J. Humphreys for Junior Hostesses.

Many kindly people are doing as much besides and it is their faith in Church of England teachings which bring them together. It is this same faith that prompts us to ask other Parishioners, as a matter of urgency, to come forward and offer some little of their time during the next two months to make our work the success it surely deserves.

HOW TO BACK HORSES

This may seem a very strange subject for a Church paper, but during the last war when the Rector was a Chaplain with the soldiers in the Middle East, his Colonel appealed to him to preach a sermon on the ills of backing horses, because so many were gambling heavily at the Heliopolis races. The Sunday Sermon at a Church Parade was always short, but it had to be very much to the point. The following is briefly what was said on the subject of "BACKING HORSES". "My text this morning is taken from Matthew 21-7. 'And they brought the ass and the colt and put on them their clothes and they sat the Master thereon.'"

You are all familiar with the saying about "Putting one's shirt on a race-horse". Well here is a company of men who put their coats on a donkey. Without doubt gambling is economically unsound; many know that to their sorrow, but any thinking man can see that the spirit of a gambler is required at times to face great crises and cannot be branded as unchristian. Though you may like what is called a "flutter" at the races, may I ask you in all sincerity what odds you are prepared to lay on the "Race of Life". There are many campeters in the race and bidding is keen. One horse is called "Self-confidence" which, though it starts well is noted for breaking down half way. Do not back that one, you will lose if you do. This horse has plenty of show at the starting point and always looks most promising but is a failure. Another horse is called "Ignorance". This horse

is by "Self-will" out of "Stupidity" and often takes the bit between its teeth and throws it's jockey. Do not back this horse, he has cost a lot of money to many a good man. "Selfishness" is the name of another horse and most met have backed him at one time or another and lost heavily. The most experienced punters say "Keep off him". It is a fine looking beast but has an awful pedigree. He is by "Stand-alone" out of "Misery". Another horse is called "Intemperance" it is a fine looking animal by "Poverty" out of "Unrestraint" and is a half brother to that pacer "Poorhouse". These are all familiar names to the patrons of the turf I am sure. Believe me, "Intemperance" has cost backers more money than many wars. Keep off him. However, there is a horse called "Nobility" which is very good and another called "Uprightness"; but one called "Christian Principles" is worth all your attention and worth backing to the last coin. This horse is by "Victory" out of "Faith" and has never been known to lose a race, has always enriched those who followed him and has never been known to ruin home life or cause wives and children to go ill-clad or hungry. I have noticed that those who have systematically followed this one are well clothed, are bright and cheery, and can look the butcher and the baker in the face without blushing. Again, I feel that those who back this one will be most comfortable when they stand in the presence of their Master.

When the men put their coats on the donkey they were really preparing a throne for the King of Kings. It was an unselfish act; a noble act. They paid homage to the greatest person that ever trod this earth. Their thought was "What can I give"? rather than "What can I get"? A good foundation for any man or nation. May I say they were prepared to gamble with their very lives that day in the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. They backed Christ and His Kingdom, let us be wise and do the same!

FRESH AUSTRALIAN LINK WITH HONG KONG

C.M.S. will this month send to Hong Kong as missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Butterley. Mr. Butterley will become Chaplain at St. Stephen's College, Stanley, Hong Kong.

Mr. Butterley, who has been General Secretary of the Tasmanian Branch of C.M.S. since 1954, was formerly in charge of the Parish of Mascot, N.S.W.

The beautiful colony of Hong Kong has become the scene of a tragic problem—the refugee problem, and of all the problems that face the Church and Government there, this is the greatest and, as it seems, the most insoluble. And yet it must be faced; it is impossible to ignore it.

When Communism came into power in China in 1949, the influx of one and half million refugees to Hong Kong resulted in desperate overcrowding and unemployment. To-day, a population of nearly three million is concentrated in the cities of Hong Kong and Kowloon, more than twice the population of ten years ago.

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