

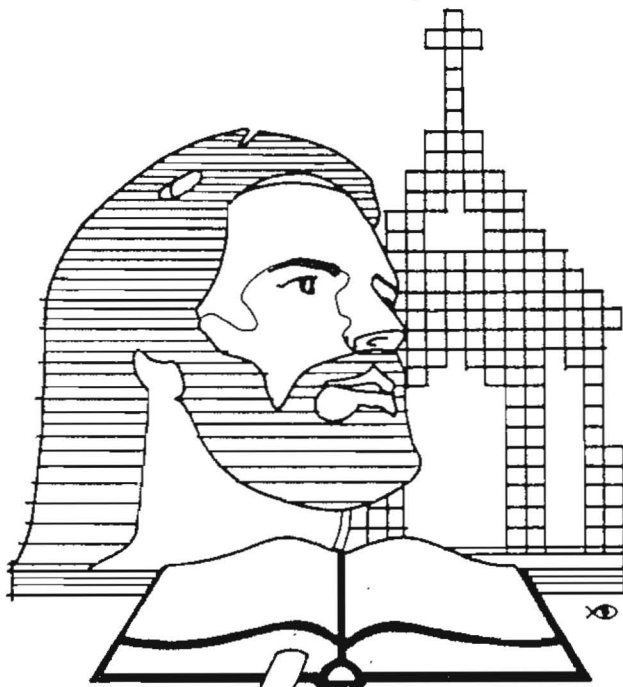
# The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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CHRIST / HIS WORD  
GOD'S WORD  
OUR SURE FOUNDATION

**All Saints' Church  
Petersham.  
May, 1994**

**Dear Readers,**

A group of Christian leaders in an American city had gathered together to make plans for a city-wide evangelistic campaign. One of the men suggested that the well-known evangelist D.L. Moody be considered as a possible speaker. The pastors discussed the suggestion and several spoke favourably about Moody. But one young preacher who wasn't in favour of inviting him stood up and said with a note of sarcasm, "From the way some of you talk, you'd think Mr. Moody has a monopoly on the Holy Spirit."

The room became quiet. Then another pastor said, "No, Mr. Moody doesn't have a monopoly on the Holy Spirit. But the Holy Spirit does have a monopoly on Mr. Moody!"

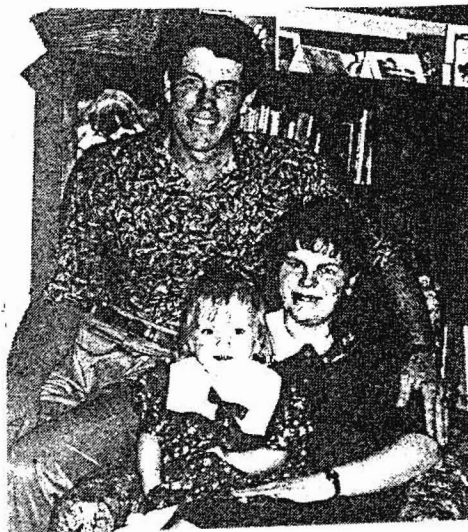
Ephesians 5: 18 says "... be filled with the Spirit." When a person accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, he or she receives the Holy Spirit who then lives within. His role is to work in the Christian to gradually make us more like the people God wants us to be:- to smooth the rough edges, to weed out the garden of our life, to clear the soil of boulders and rocks. In other words, God's Spirit is seeking to make us more like Jesus. He wants us to love like Jesus, serve like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, and to obey God like Jesus. I don't know about you, but in me he has a tough time. There is much to change. How does this change occur? Well, we must be filled with the Spirit. It means opening up our lives to the influence of God. It means allowing Him to be boss. It means saying to Him, "Lord, I give up trying to run my life my way, trying to make it work. I can't do it. I want you to take charge." If we ask him to, He will fill us, He will have a monopoly on us, and our lives will be transformed.

**May God Bless You,**

**Paul Watson.**

## Meet the People

This Month we begin to introduce members of our Church family to readers of the Chronicle



### The Dunlop Family

#### Scott, Joanne, Deanna and Jonathon

##### History -

Scott was brought up in Tamworth, then went to Ag College before going around Australia for a year and then settling down as a farmer for 6 years.

Jo also grew up in the Tamworth area but unfortunately we didn't come across each other until 1987 and were engaged and married in 89.

##### Interests -

Scott - sport, spear fishing, Jo - sewing, cooking, Deanna - swings, dolls, Jonathon - milk, sleeping

##### Favourite food -

Baked dinners, chocolate, bikkies, milk.

Jo and I have known the Lord Jesus for a bit over ten years and knowing the peace and meaning he has brought in our lives, we were keen to let other people know how they could know him too and be certain of eternal life. After a lot of praying and seeking God's guidance we decided to come to Moore College to get better equipped for full time ministry. We are not extremely talented or gifted but if we or anybody loves Jesus and seeks to serve him with our all, he will use us to the glory of his Kingdom. So here we are and that's how we came to be at All Saints'. We have greatly appreciated the way we have been warmly welcomed here and look forward to the rest of the year.

## Parish News

### Church Property Report.

The firm which we commissioned to undertake an evaluation of the condition of our property has submitted its preliminary report. The report is comprehensive and very helpful in setting before us what needs to be done so as to maintain our buildings. The total estimated cost to carry out all that needs to be done is \$260,000. We don't have this amount of money. However we can begin immediately to carry out essential work. This includes fixing the roof to stop water entering the church building, repairing brick and stonework, internal timber repairs, and upgrading the electrical system. This would cost around \$90,000. Later, we will need to repaint the interior, costing \$25,000. If we receive the Heritage Grant of \$30,000 the cost to us would then be around \$85,000.

The question that has been asked, and quite validly bearing in mind our Vision Statement, is this:- At what point is it prudent to stop pouring limited financial resources into a decaying building when it probably can be used far more effectively to have an impact for the Kingdom in other ways?

This question must be addressed, and we need God's wisdom in doing so. Please pray for our Parish Council as we meet and discuss these important issues.

### How do you know when you are growing old? (part 2)

- The gleam in your eyes is the sun glinting on your bifocals
- You turn out the light for economy instead of romance
- You sit in a rocking chair but can't make it go
- You look forward to a dull evening.

## God's Love

Perhaps you did not know it,  
but you are a very special  
person  
in the sight of God.  
God fully understands  
the trials in you life.  
He knows full well  
the hurts that you have had.  
Your life is very precious to him,  
and every hurt of yours  
is of concern to him.

God's love and care for you  
are so real and strong  
That he sent his only Son  
into this broken world  
To share your deepest hurts  
and to die  
for all your sins.

What more could  
he have done  
To show how much  
he cares?

Perhaps he has permitted  
some of the hurts  
to enter your life  
So that you will  
turn to him  
And learn just how much  
he loves you.

Is your life open to his love?

"This is how we know  
what love is:  
Jesus Christ laid down  
his life for us."  
1 John 3: 16a

"Greater love has no man  
than this,  
That one lay down his life  
for his friends."  
John 15: 13

"God demonstrates his own love  
for us in this:  
While we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us."  
Romans 5: 8

"For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son  
That whoever believes in him  
shall not perish  
but have eternal life."  
John 3: 16

"How great is the love  
the Father has lavished on us,  
That we should be called  
children of God!  
And that is what we are!"  
1 John 3: 1



**FLOWER  
MEMORIALS**



**June 12 - In memory of Ruby Kathleen McPherson  
The Stone of Remembrance**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

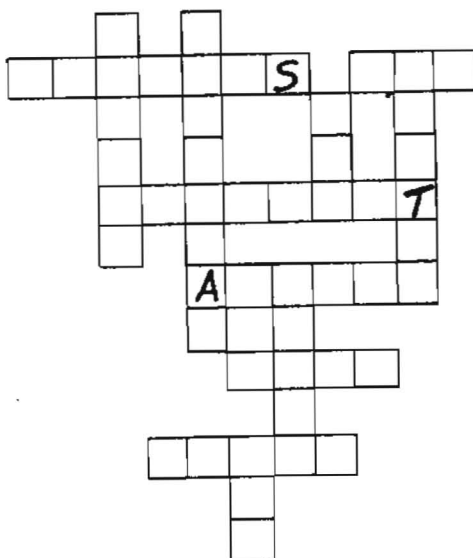
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**Summary Only:**

<b>Offertories</b>	<b>\$2110.37</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>\$4435.46</b>
<b>Short-fall</b>	<b>\$2325.09</b>

Genesis 1:9-10 And God said,  
 “Let the waters under the heavens  
be gathered together into one place,  
and let the dry land appear.” And it was  
 so. God called the dry land earth.

*The underlined words in this Bible verse  
 can be filled into the spaces below. Can  
 you get the right combination to fill in all  
 the squares? Words are up, down, forward  
 and backward.*



## What's On This Month of Sundays?

June 5	8-30am	Morning Prayer
	10-00am	Holy Communion
	Sermon:	Series on 1 Peter - Introduction
	6-30pm	Evening Worship
	Sermon:	Series "Loving Lessons" Tender Love
June 12	8-30am	Holy Communion
	10-00am	Morning Worship
	Sermon:	Series on 1 Peter - Who are We?
	6-30pm	Evening Worship
	Sermon:	Series "Loving Lessons" Tough Love
June 19	8-30am	Morning Prayer
	10-00am	Morning Worship
	Sermon:	Series on 1 Peter - What is our Destiny?
	6-30pm	Holy Communion
	Sermon:	Series "Loving Lessons" Sacrificial Love
June 26	8-30am	Holy Communion
	10-00am	Morning Worship
	Sermon:	Series on 1 Peter - What is Happening to us?
	6-30pm	Evening Worship
	Sermon:	Series "Loving Lessons" Radical Love

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### BASICALLY BIBLICAL

