

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

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OCTOBER, 1982

The Rectory,
Petersham, 2049.
21st September, 1982.

Dear Friends,

I would begin by expressing my deep appreciation to all who have supported myself and my family during our first few months in the parish. It has been a big change from a rural area to an inner city environment. My wife's illness and local peculiarities have made the change difficult, but the prayers of friends and parishioners has helped greatly, and we look forward to better times ahead.

During October several events of importance will take place in the life and work of our parish. Beginning on Tuesday, October 5th, the annual Diocesan Synod will be held. Three representatives from our parish, including the rector, will attend and vote on matters coming forward. Two matters which are due for discussion are the ordination of women, and the marriage of divorcees. Both are difficult matters and charged with emotion. My own opinion is that we shall neither see lady ministers nor shall there be much change in the attitude to the marriage of divorcees in the near future.

One thing should always govern our discussions in the Church, and in our own Christian life. That thing is — "What says the Bible about this matter?" Our decision should never be based on short term expediency but rather what is the revealed teaching of God in His Work. In short, what is the eternal truth, not the short term solution.

I would grant that it is very difficult to live with many long term or eternal standards or rules, but such has always been the nature of the true Church and often out of a mere handful of the faithful has come a tremendous blessing to many folk. Numbers do not necessarily mean the cause is right.

Do pray for those who gather at the Synod this year, and especially for our new archbishop as he presides over his first diocesan synod.

Later in the month we at All Saints' will be holding our Patronal Festival. I trust that you will make an effort to be present on Sunday, 31st October, at 9.30 a.m. Our special preacher will be our Rural Dean, the Reverend Ray Wheeler, Rector of Burwood East.

All Saints' Day falls on Monday, 1st November, and so we will be celebrating it the day before.

It is good to think about those who have taught us the faith and have lived it out before us. We thank God for them and pray that we might learn from them so that our children may see us as the saints of God who taught them the faith in their generation.

Yours sincerely,

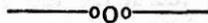
BRUCE WOOLCOTT,

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the above Club will be Tuesday, 5th October, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Following the meeting the Rev. Wakely Wade will speak to us about the Bush Church Aid Society. All are very welcome to come — 2 p.m., and stay and have afternoon tea with us.

We are still seeking donations towards our Cake and Sweets Stall at the fete. If you can spare the time to make us a cake we would be very grateful, or donate sugar towards the

sweet making, better still, make some sweets for us. The November meeting — 2nd November, just before the fete — will be business — mainly fete business. Please, all members make a special effort to attend.

We all send Mrs. Woolcott our love and prayers and hope she will be home again very soon after her accident.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.



SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Come and join a happy, friendly club where you don't have to worry about having to do anything but play a simple game of "Housie". Every Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You will find someone to talk and laugh with over afternoon tea, which is always nice, with home made cake, etc., all for 60 cents.

We are waiting to welcome you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER

- October 3: Miss Marjorie V. Glanville, in memory of her parents, William and Mary Glanville.
Mrs. A. Beatty, of Merimbula, in memory of her family.
Mrs. E. Bosward and family for the Stone of Remembrance.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Stead.
- 10: No Donation
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- 17: By Iris and Colin, in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stan Walters.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Stead.
- 24: By Mrs. D. Reid, in memory of her parents.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- 31: NO DONATION.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A Sunday School Fun Night will be held on Friday 15th October, commencing at 6.30 p.m. and finishing at 8 p.m. It is to be held in the Parish Hall. There will be games for all children.

The picnic was held on Saturday 25th September, after some uncertainty with petrol and then the weather. Although there was there was not a great number in attendance, those who were there had a good time.

Again this year the Sunday School is running the Grocery Stall. We are now seeking donations of groceries. If you can help please contact me on 560-9972 to arrange collection.

Noel Cragg, Superintendent.

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FUNERALS

26-8-82 Hinton C. Barnsley — died 21-8-82.

MARRIAGE

11-9-82 Lynn Erica Body to John Kenneth Bond
Deborah May Samms to Phillip John Muras

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CHURCH FINANCES — URGENT NOTE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

We wish to draw your attention to the acute financial position of the General Fund, which is at the lowest ebb in the history of All Saints' Church.

The funds have been augmented from fete proceeds and recycling, and all expenses have been met to date. The present credit balance is now as low as \$100, and the months of September and October will be critical if the sound financial position is to be maintained.

Expenses have escalated, but offertories have not been increased commensurately.

—Church Wardens.

Below are printed the returns for six months' recycling. This is the result of much effort by many people, but it is well worth the effort.

There was a time when the fete takings was a bonus and could be used for special projects; the church floor was renewed and the inside painted, and the churchyard sealed by fete money. Of recent years it has gone into General Revenue and has helped to keep All Saints' financial. For a short time the recycling was a bonus, but this has now been wiped out by steadily increasing running costs.

You can help by:

- (1) Increasing your giving to All Saints'.
- (2) Saving your newspapers for us.
- (3) By assisting with the work of bundling and tying the papers.

Recycling Returns (Six months):

	\$
Aluminium Cans	440
Bottles	510
Newspapers	1,208
	2,158



CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION—THE LEPROSY MISSION

Do you know that leprosy is common in some areas of Australia?

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Leprosy is more than a simple medical problem. Because of superstition and fear, leprosy sufferers are also affected socially, psychologically and spiritually. Just handing out tablets to sick people is not enough. As Christians, we must care for the whole person in every area of their need.

The Bible says, "Let us not love merely in theory or in speech; but let us really show our love by our actions." (I John 3:18).

Certainly medicines are needed, but so is surgery . . . and counselling . . . and touching . . . and caring . . . and teaching . . . and loving.

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People to go, and work where the action is.

People to give, supporting those who have gone.

People to pray, with those who are giving and going.

The Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission was founded in 1874 when an Irish Presbyterian schoolmaster saw the tremendous untouched need of leprosy sufferers in India.

Today it is an international and interdenominational missionary society working in over 30 countries where leprosy is a problem.

Because of the specialist nature of its work, The Leprosy Mission co-operates with many other churches and missionary societies around the world.

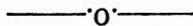
We are obeying Christ's command when He sent His disciples "To preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick".

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF CHESALON —THE NURSING DIVISION"

Chesalon Nursing Homes are projects run by H.M.S. and partly funded by donations to H.M.S. The following paragraphs illustrate the scope of its activities and the sensitive approach used in carrying them out.

"Quoting" from the Anglican Home Mission Society Annual Report as follows:

There is an increasing emphasis in Chesalon work on helping families to care for frail aged relatives at home. Chesalon

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has always been linked with community needs, beginning 1943 with the appointment by HMS of a domiciliary nurse, the late Mildred Symons. The first Chesalon Nursnig Home was opened nine years later in 1952.

The domiciliary nursing service, known as the **Parish Nursing Service**, now operates from four of the **10 Chesalon Nursing Homes**. Nine Chesalons have short-term vacancies where frail aged persons can be admitted for up to four weeks to enable families to have a holiday. In seven Chesalons, day care also is available. The following examples show how these services provide practical help for the aged and those who care for them.

A Woman in her 50's, physically and mentally handicapped since birth, is cared for by her only sibling, an unmarried younger sister. Since their mother's death a year previously, the younger woman had taken her handicapped sister to work with her each day, because she could not be left alone. There she had to sit silently in a corner of her sister's office all day — a situation which was becoming intolerable for them both. The alternatives were even less acceptable; namely, that the hanidcapped woman be admitted to a nursing home or her sister leave work.

Then the younger sister heard about the Chesalon day care programme. She now brings her disabled sister to the local Chesalon Nursing Home at 8 a.m. each working day and calls for her on her way home from work. This arrangement has provided the ideal solution for their problem and has improved the quality of life for both women.

A 90-year-old woman who lives alone, who has no close relatives and whose health is failing, is maintained at home where she dearly wishes to remain for as long as possible.

Her wish can be granted because of the kindly oversight of some Christian women from the local parish, the delivery of meals-on-wheels, a thrice weekly visit from the Chesalon district sister and a twice weekly attendance at the nearby Chesalon Home for day care. Whilst at Chesalon, she is stimulated by the company of others, enjoys joining in the recreational activities programme and in the brief devotional time conducted by the matron. Sometimes she is there for church service taken by the chaplain or the Chesalon deaconess. She brings her soiled bed linen and other heavy laundry with her to Chesalon. This is dealt with in the nursing home laundry and is fresh and clean, ready to go home with her, at the end of the day.

Her name is on the waiting list. She will be admitted should the time come when the present arrangements are no longer adequate for her proper care.

A man of 85 years, severely paralysed following two strokes and able to do very little for himself, is cared for by a devoted 60-year-old widowed daughter. Although his name has been on a

Chesalon waiting list for some time and he has high priority for admission, his daughter wants to look after him herself for as long as possible. She admits that she would have had to relinquish her task long ago had it not been for the way Chesalon has given her regular relief.

Three times a week, the patient is taken by ambulance to the Chesalon Home for day care. While there, he is showered and given any other necessary nursing attention. His daughter thus has three days each week when she can go out or just have a rest. Once a year he is admitted to Chesalon for a month and she goes away for a well-earned holiday.

These stories are typical. They show how needs are met, burdens are shared and the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His love is made real to hundreds of people each year.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR
AUGUST, 1982**

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	965.17	Rector's Net Stipend	1,072.00
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	237.88
Cans	47.10	Organist	75.00
Bottles	113.22	Chronicles, Aug. and	
Papers	213.13	Sept.	130.40
	373.45	Church cleaning, July	
Church Flowers	60.00	and Aug.	225.00
Rector's Tele. Cont.,		Church Flowers	71.50
7/82	6.26	HALL EXPENSES:	
B.B.Q. Profit	43.80	Min. Gas A/c.	16.00
DONATIONS:		Electricity A/c.	133.10
Fete, C/with Bank-		Elect. Maintenance	13.00
ing Corpn.	75.00	Telephone A/c.	83.53
Women-in-Friend-		Elect. Maint. in Rec-	
ship	100.00	tory	13.00
District Visitors	29.40	Cleaning Materials	4.98
Deposit Interest	30.17	Church Elect. A/c.	43.08
	1,683.25	Gen. Assessment	522.25
Deficit for monthth ...	1,466.72	Special Assessment ..	153.75
		Spec. Assess. Arrears	37.50
		Parish Supn. Contrib	159.00
		Rector's Supn. Con-	
		tribution	159.00
	<u>\$3,149.97</u>		<u>\$3,149.97</u>
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Balance, 1/8/82			\$1,952.96
Less Deficit for August			1,466.72
Balance, 31/8/82			<u>486.24</u>