

THE CHRONICLE

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

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JUNE, 1956



8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
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, F. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. E. WARR—LX.3285

A WHITSUNDAY MESSAGE

"The truth shall set you free." John 8-32

Truth is something for which all sincere people seek. There seems to be deep in the heart of man a longing for something which he cannot always describe, something which will give him satisfaction and peace. It is a kind of hunger just as now and again we may get a sudden longing for some kind of food or drink. In the same way I observe that men and women have this longing for truth. They may have been brought up in any one of the recognised Church and Sunday Schools, they may have received the best of Christian teaching in their homes and yet they are like blind people groping for a hand-rail upon which to lean. The natural thing is for such people to seek truth in some other Church or place, other than where they have been brought up. I have known cases where the Anglican has sought it at the Methodist or Baptist Church, the Methodist has sought it at the Anglican Church or the Presbyterian has sought it at the Independent Mission. When they find the truth "away from home" the natural tendency is for them to imagine that at last they have found a Church or a place which has a higher revelation than the one where they have been brought up. In most cases such is not the case at all, but their earnest seeking has been rewarded by God and the light of truth has dawned upon their soul "away from home". Truth is like a diamond with many facets. We may be shown two or three of these, but somehow it is a different presentation we are seeking—a different facet that will bring peace to our soul. Truth is something independent of rite or ritual, providing we belong to a Church which holds the bible to be the inspired Word of God, and Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of men. Deep down in the natural man's nature is the feeling he has lost something—he was made for better things. In reality "the fall of man" is something he is conscious of, without being able to described it. Now how can he regain that something he has lost? Where can he find it? That is his personal problem. He looks at the various Churches many of whom say they are the only ones with the truth. He drinks at their well and passes on unsatisfied. Like a butterfly he flits from flower to flower getting a little here, a little there, and then when his taste has been improved by his varied experiences and the contribution of each resting place, he suddenly finds a place which he imagines fulfills his soul's deepest desire. In each Church he met the same Jesus Christ, there was the same Holy Spirit, but the truth was presented in a different way. One finds his need met in one place, another finds his need met in another place, but what all fail to realise is, in reality it is not so much the place that matters, but just getting that glimpse of the Revealer of Truth that we are seeking, that brings satisfaction.

If the Anglican, the Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Congregationalist and the Baptist could only realise it is not a "thing" they seek but a "person", what a difference it would make. Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

This is the era of the Holy Spirit in which He works and pleads with wayward men to believe in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of men. His work is to introduce us to Jesus Christ or reveal Him unto us that He may meet our deepest need. Truth is ever before us, but unfortunately we have not the power of vision to discern it. The Ministers of God's Word may point out the direction, but we must journey

on with courage and fortitude until we see before us the door of hope and enter in. Jesus Christ is truly the "Bread of Life" and the "Water of Life" and he who comes to Him with his need must find that He can meet that need no matter how great it may be. Jesus said "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." We must do our own "seeking and knocking". No one else can do it for us. Jesus said "when the Comforter is come He will guide you into all truth." Again, remember it is the truth which sets us free.

VISITING PREACHERS

On Sunday evening of 29th April we were privileged to have as our preacher the Rev. Dr. Fox, of Melanesia. Dr. Fox, who is on his way to England to publish his history of the Diocese of Melanesia, is known as the veteran missionary of Melanesia. We greatly enjoyed his message and hope we have the privilege of having him again on his return.

On Sunday, 6th May, our special preacher was the Rev. B. L. Vaughan, who is to take charge of the new "Southern Cross" when it is finished in a few months time. Mr. Vaughan has had considerable experience with ships and will serve as captain and Padre of the new Melanesian Mission ship. Opportunity was taken by two of our Sunday School scholars to present Mr. Vaughan with £16 from the Sunday School Lenten offertories, towards the cost of the new ship. The balance of the Lenten Money will be given to C.M.S. funds. We are grateful to Mr. Vaughan for his very inspiring message on the text "And there was no more sea."

OBITUARY

Mr. George A. Durley, of 3 Miller Street, Petersham, father of Mrs. Millarey, passed away on the 18th April, 1956.

The late Mr. Durley left England and arrived in Sydney on 11th November, 1911. He had for many years frequently worked on board the Royal Yacht the "Victoria and Albert" and was known as "The Royal Apartment Joiner and Keeper of the Keys". When leaving England and the Portsmouth Dockyards, he was presented with a wallet which was made from a piece of leather from King Edwards couch, and lined with a piece of blue silk bearing the rose, thistle and shamrock, this silk was part of the draping of Queen Victoria's coffin.

Mrs. Durley, his widow, has also had a most interesting life, as she came out to Australia as a small child with her parents and lived on Garden Island. Her father, Mr. W. Foster, was the first man sent out by the British Navy to take charge of the Island and a nice brick home was built there for him. Mr. Foster was in charge of Garden Island for fifteen years and Mrs. Durley spent all her girlhood on the Island.

YOUNG MARRIEDS CLUB

We were pleased to welcome two new members at our last month's meeting. We would like to be able to welcome more at our next meeting which will be on 12th June at 8 p.m.

Our last House Party held at Mrs. Joyce's home was a very happy evening. Mrs. Norman, 48 North Street, Marrickville has offered her home for a House Party on Friday, 22nd June at 8 p.m. We hope to have a good attendance that evening. All welcome.

Advance notice is given for a Luncheon to be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 19th September at 12.30. Please watch the Chronicle for further details.

The "Mad Hatters Party" held last month was a social and financial success, we thank all those who came and helped in any way.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since the last issue of the Chronicle we have had a quiet and uneventful break. The only thing we have to report on is the Family Service at 9.45 on Mothers Day. We appealed to the children to bring their parents to this service, the response was such, that we can say this was the most successful parents and scholar service we have had.

We welcome Susan Pike back to our teaching ranks and hope that she will soon be 100 per cent in health.

We were all very sorry to learn that Mrs. Seaglove, the Mother of Helen and Vic, passed away on Sunday, 29th April, after a long illness. We extend our sincere sympathy to our friends in their sorrow.

THANK YOU

The Rector received, through the post the sum of £1 for Church Funds from an anonymous donor, for which we are grateful.

Y.C.I.

Lecturettes formed the "Subject of the Evening" at our meeting held on Friday, 4th May. Messrs R. A. Moore, K. Grant and R. F. Atkinson were the speakers, and they provided a very interesting evening, which was appreciated by all those present. On Friday, 18th May, we held our Annual "Quiz" Night, and it was the most outstanding success among meetings under this heading. We had a large attendance, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Messrs H. F. Jones and B. Pullen were the "Quiz" Masters, and they certainly kept things moving. There was interest and humour and Y.C.I. members are noted for their appreciation of both, and it would not be surprising if another 'Quiz' Night is 'sneaked' into the current syllabus.

The Y.C.I. has been happy to enrol some new members during the past two months but there is room for more men in our ranks. Full information regarding the Y.C.I. will be gladly supplied by the Rector, who is the President, or by any of the Church Officers. A copy of the syllabus of meetings will be gladly sent upon request, all men of the Parish are cordially invited to visit any of our meetings, meantime.

L.C.C.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

This important meeting of parishioners was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, 9th May. The Rector, Rev. T. E. Champion, presided, there was a larger attendance than usual. A motion expressing the Parish's welcome to our new Rector as well as to his wife and family was enthusiastically carried, and Mr. Champion was assured of loyal support in his important duties. The Rector, in his remarks, spoke appreciatively of the friendly atmosphere of the Parish and paid tribute to the work of individuals and organisations which made All Saint's Petersham, a live force in the community. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Sopwith, Jnr., presented statements of Receipts and Expenditure covering the various accounts of the Parish, and representatives of the Choir, the Sunday School and Kindergarten as well as the various Parochial organisations reported on the activities of these bodies during the past twelve months. The election of office bearers was then proceeded with. The Rector announced his re-appointment of Mr. L. C. Calver as Rector's Warden, and Messrs W. Sopwith and E. Quelch were re-elected unopposed, People's Wardens. It was decided that the powers of a Church Committee be vested in the Parish Council of nine elected members and three appointees of the Rector.

Messrs T. H. Bosward, H. J. Shaw, K. Grant, E. B. Olofssen, J. Humphries, H. Y. Brodie, H. F. Jones, B. Pullen and D. B. Hunter, M.L.A. were elected by the meeting and Messrs J. N. Boyle, A. H. Thomas and J. Carroll were appointed by the Rector. An important decision was made by a unanimous vote, in reverting to the office of sidesmen, Messrs J. Ditchburn, B. Livingstone, R. F. Atkinson, A. Jones, G. R. Minter, V. C. Barrett and Colonel C. H. Granville were elected. Messrs S. L. Derrett and E. W. Brooks, who audited the statements presented to the meeting were thanked for their honorary services and were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months. Messrs L. C. Calver, T. H. Bosward, R. F. Atkinson, J. N. Boyle and D. B. Hunter, M.L.A. were re-elected Parochial Nominators. After discussing general business the meeting was closed but not before appreciation was expressed to Mr. J. Carroll who recorded the proceedings of the meeting, which were provisionally confirmed. The gathering then partook of supper in the happy atmosphere which was in evidence throughout the meeting.

L.C.C.

 SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- 20th May—Donated and arranged. Mrs. Colburt.
 27th May—Donated by Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 3rd June—Donated by Mrs. King and family in memory of Mr. E. C. King, arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 10th June—Donated by Mrs. Martin, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
 17th June—Donated by Master Terry McIlraith in memory of his Grandma, arranged by "Young Married's Club".
 24th June—Donated by Mrs. J. Thomas in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Kinnings, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 1st July—Donated by Mrs. Hawkins in memory of her Mother and Father, arranged by Miss Speight.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CENTRE

At the meeting of the Petersham and District Centre of St. Luke's Hospital, the President announced that the Rev. T. E. Champion had kindly consented to become Patron of the Centre. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Champion as a member of the Committee.

The next meeting will be held on 6th June at All Saint's Church Hall, Petersham at 2.30 p.m. and new members will be most welcome.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOMES

The Annual Meeting of the Church of England Homes will be held on 27th June, 2 p.m. at C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Centre (Auditorium) 201 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. His Grace the Archbishop will preside.

The Dedication and Official opening of the "Edith Cranswick Wing" at the Rosebank-Waratah Eventide Home, 35 Marlborough Street, Drummoyne, will be held on Saturday, 30th June at 2 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S WINTER APPEAL

For many years now an appeal for the needs of the aged and the infirm has been made at this time of the year. Because of the generosity of the response in this appeal, thousands of unusual and genuine demands have been met in the past. As there does not appear to be any prospect of a decrease in the number of demands, His Grace again commends the Winter Appeal to our people. Donations to this fund may be handed to the Rector or any Church Officer.

SUGGESTED VOCAL COMPOSITIONS FOR WEDDINGS

Many people are not conversant with suitable solos which may be sung at Weddings, here is a list of suitable solos.

"I Waited for the Lord."

"If With all your Hearts."

"But the Lord is Mindful."

"I will Sing of Thy Great Mercies."

"Be Thou Faithful unto Death."

"Rejoice Greatly." (Messiah).

"The Praise of God", Beethoven's Creation Hymn.

"My Hearth ever Faithful."

"Praise Ye the Lord."

"Worship."

"Come Holy Ghost." Attwood.

"Lord's Prayer."

"How Lovely are Thy Dwellings."

"O Perfect Love."

"Give to us Thy Peace Enduring".

Give Thanks and Sing."

Song of Thanksgiving."

"The Lord is my Light."

"Consecration Hymn." Havergal.

"All Joy be Thine."

"Just for To-day." (Use 3rd Person).

A Marriage Hymn (Tune "O Perfect Love")

Joined in Thy Name, Thy servants seek Thy blessing,
On their new venture down earth's sunlit ways,
Peace may they find and joy, Thy name confessing
Lifting their hearts to Thee in prayer and praise.

Be Thou their Guide in every brave endeavour,
Keep Thou their lives, from sin and evil free,
Give them the love which nought on earth can sever,
Kindling their hearts anew with love for Thee.

Make Thou their home a place of benediction,
Where every guest Thy peace and love may find,
Grant that their children, free from fear and friction
May learn, by loving Thee, to serve mankind.

True to the end, in mutual love abiding,
Facing life's tasks with calm and fearless eyes,
From Thy loved servants, taught by Thy sure guiding,
Shall learn that every need Thy grace supplies. —Amen

Rev. H. F. Ault, M.A., B.D.

Nelson, N.Z.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our Cake and Apron Afternoon on May 8th was a very happy and successful function and the (Pretty and Antique) cup and saucer proved quite an attraction. At the meeting we were very pleased to welcome two new members and hope this will be just a beginning of many of our ladies joining our ranks. In future the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. we will arrange a social afternoon and all ladies of the Parish will be welcome, a donation of 2/- will be charged, which will include afternoon tea. Tuesday, 12th June, will be a Games Afternoon. The fourth Tuesday of each month will be our business meeting. We were very happy to have Mrs. Sharp well enough to be back with us at our last meeting.

Our Street Stall on 18th May was again very worthwhile, these efforts have become very popular and will be held the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to about 1 p.m. Gifts of cake, jams, pickles, fruit or vegetables will always be most gratefully accepted and may be left at the Rectory. We were delighted to have Mrs. Binns well enough to be brought across to have a little chat with us at the Street Stall and trust and pray her health will continue to improve. Monday, 11th June, will be our next sewing day at the Home of Peace, any assistance in this way is a tremendous help to the Home, where such splendid work is being done.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

PARISH ROLL

Baptisms.—Adele Imelda Bull; Kerry Anne O'Dowd; Trevor David Aunt; Kenneth John Bowen; Elizabeth Ann Holland; Suzanne Gal Demerell; Glenr Douglas Smith; Deborah Joan Boyd; Stephen John Snars; Mark Anthony Watkins; Gregory Bruce Ellis; Judith Jean Jones.

Marriages.—John Hardy to Shirley Alice Simpson; Mourice Leonard Lindsay to Marie Spicer; Gordon Alexander Gardner to Thelma Merle Roffey; Brian Thomas Cotter to June Mary Maybury.

Burials.—Elsie Flora Ashton; George Albert Durley; Albert Ernest Collins; Helen Rose Seaglove (cremated).

£20,000 NEEDED THIS MONTH

The Church Missionary Society of Australia needs more than £20,000 in order to balance its budget by June 30.

C.M.S. budgeted to spend £120,000 during the current financial year. Each year the Society seeks to discover the work it believes God has committed to it and proceeds to do that work, trusting God for the financial provision.

Thus, during this current year it has committed itself to work in 13 different countries, with 150 full-time missionaries in the field.

C.M.S. is essentially a family, a group of people committed to a specific job. It depends upon all its supporters to carry on the work. In the long run you—the supporter at home—are as important as the missionary in the field.

Will you, by your prayers and your gifts, this month help to make sure that the work proceeds unheeded.

NEW CATHEDRAL FOR BORNEO

The new Cathedral for the Diocese of Borneo will be opened at Kuching on June 9.

The new building will replace the old Cathedral which was damaged beyond full repair during the Japanese occupation. The Australian Church will be represented at the consecration service by the Archbishop of Brisbane. Australia is now playing a significant part in the missionary work in the Church in Borneo.

At Tawau, the C.M.S. Centre in North Borneo, a recent new innovation has been the introduction of services held in Malay. A number of Malay speaking people have been contacted and attendances at the services have been very encouraging.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH FETE

25th OCTOBER, 1956

Please keep this date in mind and give us your wholehearted Support!

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