

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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FEBRUARY, 1957



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 T. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss K. O'NEILL, A.L.C.M.

LENTEN SERVICES

The Season of Lent calls for self denial and extra effort to develop one's spiritual life. Life to-day is growing more and more materialistic and the things of the spirit are being constantly thrust aside. Our Lord said "Man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God". Religion is not just something to help us in the hour of death, but to help us get the best of life. Truly God say "Those who seek Me early shall find Me". We cannot expect to keep God out of our lives and then five minutes before we die admit Him into our life in all His fulness and thoroughly comprehend the whole divine plan of Salvation, anymore than a boy at school can ignore his lessons all the year and hope to get sufficient knowledge in an hour or two out of his text books to pass the annual examination. "Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of Salvation."

Every day is a chance to begin anew and learn from past failures how to tread the path ahead. We are not called upon to walk, work or fight in our own strength, but in the strength which He supplies. God can only fill our lives with the power of His Spirit when we come to Him and acknowledge our sinfulness and weakness, and then confess our sins and ask Him to take charge of our lives. It is not merely a matter of copying a perfect pattern, but surrendering our lives to Him so that He can work in us and through us to His glory. We hear many people say, and I believe quite sincerely "I do my best." However our best is pretty poor in God's sight. God says "Come let us reason together, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as snow, though they be like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight, so if the best we can produce is so poor, our only hope is not to bargain with God but to believe on His Son, and accept Him as our own personal Saviour. Remember what we have sung from childhood—

"There was no other good enough,
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate,
Of Heaven and let us in."

Many people to-day join a funeral fund and pay sixpence or a shilling a week to make sure they get a decent funeral when they die, but never give any heed to the needs of their soul and where they are going to spend eternity!

Remember long after the body has gone to dust the soul will be in the presence of God. What preparation are you making for your entrance into the presence of the King of Kings?

Ash Wednesday is on 6th March and on that day and the succeeding Wednesdays of Lent there will be a 7 a.m. Holy Communion and a short service in the evening at 7.30 p.m., in All Saints' Church. Studies based on St. Johns' Epistles will be taken by the Rector at the evening service. Please make the effort and come. Religion that knows no personal sacrifice, does not know God.

 LADIES' GUILD

Ladies' Guild will resume on Tuesday, 12th February at 2 p.m. and we would be pleased to welcome new members. Next Street Stall will be on Friday, 15th February, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PETERSHAM SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Sunday School teachers are reminded of the Quarterly meetings for the ensuing year will be held as follows:—

12th March—St. Luke's, Concord.

11th June—St. Oswald's, Haberfield.

10th September—St. John's, Ashfield or St. Andrew's, Summer Hill.

10th December—St. James', Croydon.

These meetings are most helpful to those who are Sunday School teachers.

RICHARD MURDOCK, Hon. Sec.

48 Allan Avenue, Belmore

RAGS, RAGS, RAGS

For some time we have been appealing for old rags. Recently a pile of old rags were taken to a merchant and we received the sum of six pounds odd for Church funds. If you can help us in this way please ask Mr. Quelch for a special rag bag and we will welcome all the spare clean rags you can give us. Yes, we are prepared to call for the bag.

FLOWER ROSTER

Feb. 10th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Colburt.

„ 17th—Donated by Mrs. Weir in memory of her brother Bruce, arranged by Y.M.C.

„ 24th—Donated by Mrs. P. Jones in memory of Mr. James Goodway Buckinghamshire, England, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

Mch. 3rd—Donated and arranged by Miss Speight.

„ 10th—Donated by Fellowship, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.

WEEKLY FREWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Have you collected your for 1957? We have a number of spare sets to give out to parishioners who will make good use of them. This system is purely confidential but is a guide to systematic giving to God's work. Ask for a set to-day. There is no need to promise a set sum to the Treasurer. Tell God how much you will give in return for His mercies and let your conscience be your guide.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the school holidays we had very good attendances at Sunday School, although many were on holidays. Now that school has resumed we hope our attendances will soon be back to normal.

In the recent examinations results, we are pleased to note that Warwick Hamilton and Don O'Sullivan gained their Leaving Certificates and that Miss J. Jones and Mr. A. Jones were successful in their University exams., also Mr. K. Locke, who passed his final Technical examination. Our hearty congratulations to all,

We were very happy to welcome a number of our Senior Scholars to our Staff, Misses L. Forrest, J. Ferguson, C. Green, J. Joyce, L. Kidd, B. McLeod J. Napier J. Pullen and J. Taylor all of whom were members of Mrs. Locke's class last year. We also welcome Miss J. Sharpe, and two members of the Boys' Extension Group, Mr. J. Minitier and Mr. B. Taylor and also to Mr. Bruce Livingstone, who is well known for his achievements in grade cricket.

We were grateful to the Rev. J. Cross of Western Australia, who was our Acting Rector during January, for conducting the Children's Service.

Finally we wish a speedy recovery to Ruth Champion who had the misfortune to fracture her right arm on the last Saturday of the holidays.

KENNETH GRANT, Secretary

Y.C.I.

The first meeting in January was devoted to Impromptu Speeches. The subjects were many and of a varied nature. Practically all those present contributed to the speech-making which proved of great interest. At the meeting held on Friday the 18th January, 181st issue of the Y.C.I. "Manuscript Journal" was released. It was a great success there being seventeen articles in the night's issue. Since the inception of the Y.C.I. the "Manuscript Journal" has been one of the most popular items in the Syllabus, and the standard has been well maintained throughout the years. Humour predominated in the articles in the 181st issue, and there was a welcome revival of poetry, which was well received by the meeting. The "Manuscript Journal" is issued quarterly, and it is anticipated that support of contributors is assured to justify the maintenance of this arrangement in the new syllabus.

Y.C.I. Annual Meeting

The Y.C.I., which is the Men's Club of our Parish, will hold its 46th Annual Meeting in the Club Room on Friday the 15th February. The Y.C.I., which was formed on 21st November, 1910, still includes in its membership three of the men who assisted in the founding of the organisation, which caters for men of all ages. Its main objects are "For the promotion of the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of men". All men of the Parish are cordially invited to attend the Y.C.I. Meetings, and the Y.C.I. will gladly consider applications for membership. The Rector or the Church Officers will be pleased to furnish further details of the Y.C.I.

L.C.C.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Thanks to the voluntary work of some of our menfolk the Church Grounds are tidier than they have been for some years. There is still a good deal more to be done, and any male parishioners who are agreeable to assist in this work are requested to notify the Rector. There are several voluntary jobs available in the maintenance and repairs to Parish property. When finance permit the necessary material will be purchased for numerous alterations and repairs.

CRICKET CLUB

The last few matches have proved very successful for All Saint's. We have continued on our winning way and are now in 2nd place despite the loss of Les Watkins to National Service.

Les, in one of his last matches scored a century and was also our chief wicket taker at that stage. However, the team has risen to the occasion with Don O'Sullivan knocking up a century and Graeme Howlett getting amongst the wickets.

Unfortunately the team is still without a regular scorer—if anyone could help us fill this important position, would they please notify a member of the team.

(T.M.)

BASEBALL

The Baseball season will soon commence once again. Intending players should give their name either to Mr. Boyle, Mr. Jones or myself.

We hope to field one "A" grade and one "B" grade team in this year's competition.

We also welcome the younger boys who wish to play with our juniors on Saturday mornings.

The Baseball Union will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday night, 18th February at 8 p.m. in the Y.C.I. Room, I hope that all who can attend will do so. The All Saint's Petersham Baseball Club will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, 25th February at 8 p.m. in the Y.C.I. Room. All intending players and persons interested are requested to be in attendance.

K. LOCKS, Acting Secretary

PERSONAL

We are sorry to state that several of our Parishioners have been in hospital in recent weeks, but are now home and on the mend. Mrs. Holland underwent an operation, Mrs. Sayers, a member of the Choir and President of the Young Married's Club, underwent an operation and Mrs. Ditchburn, Secretary and Treasurer of the Physical Cultural Club had the misfortune to slip on the railway steps at Petersham and hurt her back. Mrs. Eppingstal of Searl Street is also home after a lengthy period in Hospital. We trust that all our friends will soon be well again.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship has resumed and meeting nights are 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays in the month. We held our Annual Meeting on 5th February when the following were elected:—Leader: Ken Locke; Secretary: Gwenda Smith; Treasurer: Bruce Harrison; Auditor: Terry Morris. Social Committee: Bruce Harrison, Don O'Sullivan, Lynette Sanderson and Margaret Bedford.

GWENDA SMITH, Secretary

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. Suitable gifts for decorations are asked for. Please Come!

BAPTISMS

Karen Gloria Egan; Paul John Gulliksen; Mark James Edmonds; Pamela Jane Robinson; Alan Christian; Anne Johnson; Giselle Debra Mangan; Graeme Frederick Tye; Suzanne Gai Stevenson; Gai Ann Bennett; Michele Hughes; Karen Louise Hardy; Stephen William John Newcombe; Gail Valda Jones; Stephen Roy Cary Sandra Margaret Ford; Kim Butler; Clair Eileen De Coque; David John Ashley Rollings; Robyn Gay Cunningham.

MARRIAGES

Kenneth Leopold Finlay to Dorothy Mae Byrne; Gordon Walker to Betty Marie Deacon; John William Dwyer to Patricia Beverley Louis; John Alan Mercer to Merle Eva Mustow; Edward Charles Coleman to Janise Elaine Isemonger; Ronald John Wright to Nerida Valerie Wilson; Donald James Amos to Barbara Therese Donoghue; Nigel Stokes Wilson to Maureen Joyce James; Robert Bruce Macleay Dun to Phillis Ruth Anthony; Barry Colin Ackerley to Clara Margaret Speight; Austin John Wotherspoon to Winifred Joyce Bulmer; John Charles Rowland to Yvonne Muriel Mary Howe; David Llewellyn James Williams to Pamela Helen Causer.

FUNERALS

John Clementson Leahy; Albert Edward Jones; Lila Buckley; Edward Hoad Gain; Ida Maud Bailey; Helen Worthy Susan (Ruby) Emery.

There were several funerals conducted during January in the absence of the Rector, of which he unfortunately has no record.

NOTES FOR CONFIRMEES

Words and Their Meaning in the Catechism

God Parents—Spiritual parents.

Member of Christ—Part of Christ.

Inheritor—One who inherits something through the death of another.

Vow—Promise.

Renounce—Nothing to do with.

Pomps and vanity—Vain show and display.

Sinful lusts—Sinful desires.

Articles of the Christian faith—Chief parts of the Christian faith.

Verily—Truly.

Heartily—With all my heart.

State of salvation—Condition of safety.

Almighty—All powerful.

Descended—To go down.

Hell (in Creed)—Not a place of torment but simply the spirit world.

Ascended—To go up.

Quick—Living.

Holy Catholic Church—Not the Roman Church, but the true Church which is made up of all true Christians.

Communion of Saints—Gathering together of believers. All Christians are Saints. The word "Saint" does not mean a perfect person, but one who is holy in his relationship to Christ.

Resurrection of the Body—Not this body but one like it. On the Resurrection Day we believe that our Spirit will be clothed in another body like this one.

Life Everlasting—Life of the ages, having no end.

Articles—Chief parts.

Redeemed—Bought back.

Sanctifieth—Makes me Holy.

Elect—Chosen.

Graven image—Carved image.

Jealous God—A loving God.

Vain—To use God's name lightly.

Hallowed—To make Holy.

Adultery—Impurity.

False witness—To tell lies.

Covet—A longing desire to possess something which is not ours.

Succour—Help.

Betters—Those in authority.

Malice—Grudge.

Slandering—To take away a persons good name.

Chastity—Purity.

Grace—Unmerited favour.

Diligent prayer—Earnest prayer.

Ghostly enemy—Spiritual enemy.

Generally necessary—Not absolutely necessary.

New birth—A new beginning with God's help.

Born in sin—To be born with sinful desires in us.

Children of wrath—Outside of God's promise and blessings.

Stedfastly—Sincerely.

Sureties—Surety for another, someone who guarantees.

Lively faith—Living faith.

Outline of Public Baptism of Infants

In the rubrics at the beginning of the service we are reminded that baptisms should be carried out when the most people can gather together. Baptism is a public witness and is not a service that should be carried out as though we were ashamed of it. Every male child is supposed to have two Godfathers and one Godmother, and every female should have two Godmothers and one Godfather. The vows are taken by both the parents and the Godparents, although the prayer book mentions only the Godparents, it naturally takes it for granted that the parents will take the vows too.

At the commencement of the service we have these words—Dearly beloved, forasmuch as all men are conceived and born in sin". This does not mean that it is sin to be born but that from birth we have a tendency to do wrong—there is in our nature from birth and that we all

need a Saviour. We are told that none can enter into God's Kingdom unless he be regenerate (have a new beginning) and be born again of water and the Holy Spirit. The minister prays that the child to be baptised, will be given a new nature through the Holy Spirit and that he will become a living member of Christ's Holy Church.

The next prayer is a reminder of God's mercy to Noah and his family and to the Children of Israel and that He will be merciful to us and forgive us our sins and make us Holy. The next prayer again remind us that we all have spiritual needs and that God alone can meet them. If we seek God sincerely He will be found of us. Then we have a quotation from the New Testament in Mark 13, where we are reminded that parents brought young children to Christ that He might bless them. The Disciples tried to drive them away but Christ said, "Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter therein". And He took them up in his arms and blessed them. Then follows an exhortation in which the minister tells the people not to doubt that Jesus will still welcome little children to Him and give them every blessing. Then follows a prayer of thanksgiving that God will give to the child to be baptised, knowledge and faith, and that he will be made an heir of everlasting salvation. The minister asks the parents and Godparents whether they believe the Christian faith and if so whether they are prepared to renounce the devil and all his works, and they reply "I renounce them all". The Apostles' Creed is then said as a statement of faith in Christ. Then the parents are asked if they will be baptised in this faith, to which they reply "That is my desire". Again the minister asks if they will obediently keep God's Holy Will and Commandments and walk in the same all the days of their life. The people then reply "I will". Prayers then follow for the child and the water is dedicated. Then the child is baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The Church of England does not practise sprinkling, but what is called "affusion" i.e. "pouring". Then the minister says, "We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock and do sign him with the sign of the cross in token that hereafter he will not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified unto his life's end."

NEW VILLAGE CONFIRMATION

Fourteen Chinese people from the C.M.S. New Villages in Malaya were confirmed recently at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, by the Bishop of Singapore.

Many people crowded into the church, which stands in beautiful surroundings in the middle of the city, for the Confirmation service. One old man of 80 was too sick to attend the service so the Bishop went to his house in Salak South New Village the following day to confirm him.

A successful evangelistic mission was held recently at Kampong Tawas New Village near Ipoh, North Malaya.

Much preparation had been put into the mission, despite considerable opposition from some local non-Christian sources. The Rev. Lau Teik Oon, of Singapore, was the chief missionary, and through his ministry a number of people have been brought into the fellowship of the Christian Church.