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NOVEMBER, 1981

THINK TWICE

It is said that Napoleon had the great ability of firing the common man to fevered patriotism, and in this connection the following story is told.

Once whilst visiting one of the provinces he came on an old soldier dressed in full uniform and wearing on his chest the coveted and honoured 'Legion of Honour'. The old man also had an arm missing, and when asked where he lost it replied, "At Austerlitz, sire!".

"For that you received the Legion of Honour?" asked Napoleon.

"Yes, sire," replied the veteran, "and it is a small thing to pay for the honour of service to you and our beloved France!"

"You must be the kind of man who regrets that he did not lose both of his arms for his country", rejoined the Emperor.

"What would have been the reward for that?" asked the man, to which Napoleon replied, "I would have given you a double Legion of Honour!".

With that the proud old warrior drew his sword and cut off his other arm!

This story circulated for years and many, many people accepted it without question — admiring the spirit of the old soldier. Then one day someone asked the question, "How?"

Aren't we all prone to accept without thinking or examination what people tell us? How often do we pause to think through what has been said by someone or about someone; about the Bible; the Church or Jesus Christ?

Don't we all need to be on guard to see that we come to right decisions and make just judgements.

Yours in Service,

R. N. LANGSHAW.

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FLOWER TRIBUTES

October 18th: By Mrs. D. Reid in memory of her parents.

18th: By Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stan Walters.

November 5th: By Mrs. Rhodes in Memory of her husband, Cecil, mother and father, sister Phyllis, and brothers Barney, Jackie and Dick.

29th: Mr. W. Williams and family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams.

WOMEN IN FRIENDSHIP

Our big Fete is coming closer, and the Sweets and Cake Stall is foremost in our minds. Please remember if you can help us in any way with cakes, biscuits, etc., or sweets, we will be very grateful. Mungo Scott donated a large bag of S.R. Flour which has already been distributed to our members, and will help in the making of pikelets at the stall on the Fete Day.

A Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Stall will be held in the Church Hall on Friday, 27th November. The Friday after the Fete.

Mrs. Langshaw is going to address us following our meeting on Tuesday, 3rd November, at 1.30 p.m. We would be pleased to see as many as possible there to hear her.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS

Our Club is plodding along quite nicely, only some of our members are unfortunately having health problems. Our prayers are with them all and we look forward to brighter days. Don't forget, 1 p.m. every Thursday in the Church Hall.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary

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THINGS WERE EVER THUS

All Saints has recently been plagued by a series of break-ins which have caused us to despair and complain about the present day lack of respect for the house of God.

However chronicles and histories throughout the world have from generation to generation complained about the behaviour and ungodliness of the rising generation, and we who have reached the age of wisdom, wear our halos and thank God that we were not like that when young.

Quote: "Way back in the time of Chaucer, children played in the street and a favourite playground was St. Paul's Cathedral, then and until the Fire of London, a magnificent Gothic Cathedral in the heart of London. As a church it was greatly unused and a letter survives written by Bishop Braybrook in 1385, complaining among many other things that a lot of good-for-nothing boys throw and shoot stones, arrows and other missiles at the birds nesting in the walls and porches of the Church. They also play ball inside and outside the church, breaking the stained glass windows and the painted stone images of the saints." Unquote.

We will of course keep watch and ward and yet perhaps we are not so hard done by.

Editor.

CHANNEL 23 PSALM

The TV is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want. It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programmes that I must see. It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world, it keepeth me from studying God's Word. It leadeth me into paths of failure to attend the worship services and doing in the kingdom of God. Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work. For my TV is my close companion, its sound and picture they comfort me. It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family . . . It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God. Surely no good thing will come of my life because my TV offers me no time to do the will of God and I will dwell in spiritual poverty forever.

**BEATITUDES FOR THE AGED**

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim and wits are slow,
Blessed are they who look away
When coffee was spilt on the table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say
"You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it known
I'm loved, respected, and not alone.
Blessed are they who ease the days
On my journey home in loving ways.

Anon

WORK ROSTERS

Our appeal last month for volunteers for the church rosters has not brought a great rush of new faces.

So far only Mrs. Pullen and Mrs. Hearn will be caring for the altar linen, and Mr. Hearn will be joining the Brass Cleaning Roster.

Mrs. Hearn will be taking over from Mrs. A. Stead on the Flower Roster for the fifth Sunday in the month. This means that Mrs. A. Stead arranges the flowers for two weeks and Miss Nisbet does the other two weeks.

What can you do for the Church?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

This year the Sunday School has not had a great response from the grocery companies. We are asking parishioners for donations of grocery items, to help stock the stall.

we would like to thank all who have contributed towards sugar, lucky-dips and bottles for the honey and jam.

We now have enough bottles for the honey and jam, and the appeal has now finished until July 1982.

NOEL CRAGG—Superintendent

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This was a fairly good month, but our expenses increase faster than we make money. So far October has been a difficult month due to lack of labour which emphasises the precariousness of our position. Our recent Saturday working bee dragged on to 4 p.m. before all the papers had been bundled and stacked and this is too long a day for people in the age group that is involved in the operation. We desperately need more workers. Anyone who can flatten a sheet of newspaper is most welcome and would lighten the load on the others.

The raising of money becomes more difficult with every month that goes by. It is reported by our Treasurer that Synod has approved a stipend increase of \$2,000 per annum: this is equivalent to six months income from recycling. It is I hope obvious that if All Saints is to survive we need more people in church and more people willing to lend a hand.

EDITOR

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN

The men of the parish are very shy and retiring. I remember that when I was a boy we caught snails and spat on their bases so that they would stick on a wall. We then used to sing:

“Snail, snail, come out of your hole,
Or else I'll beat you black and blue.”

I do not recollect ever having tried to beat snail, so they must have understood the spoken word.

Grown men do not need such persuasion and are invited to assist with the stall erection on Thursday evening, 19th November, at 7.30 sharp, and with the dismantling of stalls, tents and cleaning up of empty boxes and rubbish starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 21st November.

On Friday, 20th, we have to erect two 15 x 15 tents and transport Mrs. Humphrey's White Elephant stock. We will welcome anyone who can do two or three hours work on this day. Starting time 10.00 a.m.



NO FLOWERS — BY REQUEST

As a Christian — what do you feel about the large sums of money which are spent every year on flowers for funerals? Beautiful flowers that cost the earth — and will be withered in twenty-four hours.

Why do we do it? Why subscribe to a custom which on the face of it seems meaningless? In defence we answer that we give flowers as a token of love, of respect. But are we sure that the one we love or respect wouldn't really prefer that we spend the money differently . . . say in feeding the hungry, cancer research, or helping little children?

Is there a case for flowers? Yes, I think so, for flowers can show a depth of love which finds expression in a very special way, as far as the giver is concerned.

In the Gospels there is a story of a woman whose heart was brimming over with love and gratitude to Jesus. She pours over his feet expensive perfume. It is such a costly gift that it draws criticism from those present.

But Jesus commends her and connects the gift with his coming death. Why? Because Jesus sees the heart. He knows that her devotion for him must find expression in this kind of giving.

When we love like that — we must give like that. But one would think that such giving would apply to few people at any funeral — only the closest relatives, the dearest friends.

Let me share with you a funeral that will forever remain in my memory. It was that of a fine musician who had died at

42 years. Many people came to his funeral, but there were no flowers — with one exception. On the shining wood of his coffin was a single spray of red roses, from his wife.

This gesture was more moving than the giving of a million flowers. To me it was infinitely more Christian, more in keeping with the measure of the man.

That simple token of love and immortality, like the music of the Bach chorale soaring gloriously to the vaulted roof. The money which would have been spent on flowers was used for research and later more money came to found a music scholarship for young people.

As Christians we believe that death is only a gateway to a new and more wonderful life. Sometimes we farewell friends who are going overseas on the trip of a lifetime. They are joyous and expectant, and we rejoice with them. Do we bring them armfuls of flowers which are left to wither on the quayside?

Flowers — or no flowers? What do you think?



FETE NOTES

We are now entering the last lap in the Fete race and all Stallholders are looking for assistance with goods to sell or labour. Dealing with the functions separately we have:

Refreshment Room: Refreshments will be available in the Guild Room on lines similar to previous years. The organising is in the capable hands of Mrs. Barbara Pickup, and she will welcome donations of eatables. She can be contacted on 569-5216.

Sunday School Stall: The Sunday School is seeking donations of grocery items for their stall. This year the response from grocery firms has not been as successful as in previous years. Collection can be arranged by telephoning 560-9972.

The **Women-in-Friendship** are seeking donations of sugar or ingredients for home made cakes and sweets. The ladies would also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to make cakes just prior to the fete. If you can help in any of the above ways please contact Mrs. Barrett, 569-2291.

Plant Stall: This year Mrs. Sylvia Keely is running the Plant Stall, and your gifts of plants and rooted cuttings will be greatly appreciated.

Pottery and China: It is not too late to donate your unwanted glassware, pottery or china, in good condition, to this stall. Please do not delay because it has to be washed and polished before Fete Day. You can ring Mrs. Essem on 569-1852.

Statement of Receipts & Payments — September, 1981

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	504-59	Rev. R. N. Langshaw	440-57
RECYCLING:		Organist	80-00
Aluminium Cans ..	56-25	Cleaning	100-00
Bottles	98-96	Rectory Electricity	30-62
Papers	196-46	Rectory Gas	8-71
	346-67	Chronicles	65-20
Church Flowers	50-00	Telephone	55-41
Donation —		Church Flowers	32-50
Women in Friendship ..	100-00	M.W.S. & D. B.	208.80
Sale — Kerosene Lamp ..	1-00	Electrical Maintenance YCI	
District Visitors	29-20	Room	28-00
	1031-46		1049-81
Deficit for the month	18-85		
	1049-81		

WORSHIP TIMES

9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

9.55 a.m. KINDERGARTEN.

7.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 1st and 3rd Sundays.)

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