

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

Rector: BRUCE WOOLCOTT

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DECEMBER, 1984

Christmas Day Services

7.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to join in the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

Further details:-

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November 19, 1984

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed the new postal address? There it is, right above, at the top right corner of this page. It became necessary for us to obtain a post office box after the disappearance of two letter boxes in ten days.

You can still address letters to the Rectory but **now** care of P.O. Box 241.

Another matter of interest—more than interest—was our Church Fete this year. The financial result was excellent. It exceeded last year's result. The day itself was magnificent. After nearly ten days of heavy rain, to have such a beautiful day, was incredulous.

Knowing our Fete was on the next Saturday, I challenged the congregation to pray for fine weather. On that Sunday the church roof was leaking and that evening while the service was in progress a flash of lightning hit the flagpole on Petersham Town Hall. Only prayer would bring a fine day. Fine it was; God answers prayer.

We praise God for the wonderful day, for the way in which young and old worked together in harmony and also for the excellent financial result. God is good to those who depend upon Him; and thank you to all who helped.

At last Parish Council meeting we had a good discussion about the paper collection, or to be technical, our Recycling Program. As a parish we are very grateful to those who give us their unwanted newspapers. They bring around \$5,000 a year into Church funds. Of course, turning newspapers into money requires a lot of hard work by a few people—collecting, stacking, folding, bundling and then loading a truck. Help in this area is always appreciated.

Parish Council decided that on Sunday, 16th December, at 3 p.m. we will hold a special Christmas Carol Festival followed by afternoon tea as a way of saying thank you to all who help by making contributions of newspapers month by month.

I'm inviting you to come on that Sunday afternoon. The Carol Festival will begin at 3 p.m. and will be followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall at 4 p.m. Keep the date free.

I must also remind you of the Christmas and New Year services at All Saints, Petersham.

Services on Christmas Day will be at 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., both will be services of Holy Communion.

On New Year's Eve there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30 p.m.—a Watchnight Service.

On behalf of my wife, Helen, and our sons Stephen and David, and of course myself, may I take this opportunity of wishing you, each one, a Happy and Holy Christmas.

To many people the joy of Christmas is over after the food is eaten and the gifts worn out, but the true and lasting joy is linked with the names given to the Babe of Bethlehem: JESUS which means Saviour; and EMMANUEL, which means God with us.

To know God is our Saviour and Friend is to receive a gift that never wears out, and is a joy that never passes away. The wonder of it all is that it is free to all, just for the asking.

May you have a joyful Christmas.

Yours sincerely BRUCE WOOLCOTT

P.S. Thanks to Ray Swankie a new letter box has been bricked in to the wall where the others have been. It is there for any hand-delivered correspondence, while the P.O. Box is for posted mail.

YOUR INVITATION

The Rector and Parish Councillors of All Saints, Petersham extend an invitation to all those who take part in our recycling programme. Those people who give us their newspapers month by month.

We are holding a special Christmas Carol Festival on Sunday, 16th December and would like you to be our guest. The festival will begin in the Church at 3 p.m. and afternoon tea will follow at 4 p.m.

We would love to have your company.

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM —

Sunday, October 28: Glenn Edward Paul, Greenacre.

HOLY MATRIMONY —

Friday, November 5: Scott Richard Crighton Aitken to
Julie Anne Baxter.

Saturday, November 17: Dennis Michael Crighton to
Jane Leslie Taylor.

Saturday, November 24: Robert Geoffrey Horton to
Paula Yvonne Poletto.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

GROCERY STALL, 1984:

This year the Grocery stall has had their best result so far \$560.69 was raised.

I would like to thank all who helped on the stall at the Fete. Also all who donated money, sugar, groceries, home made goodies, lucky dips and drinks, or who helped in any way. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

The Sunday School will conclude the lessons for 1984 at the Family Service in December and will be in recess until, Sunday, 3rd February, 1985. Reminder of the announcement date will be given in the January, 1985 Weekly Bulletin.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Sunday School and Kindergarten Christmas Party is to be held on Friday, 14th December, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Parents are asked to bring or send along a plate of food to help with the catering.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The Women-in-Friendship go into recess until Tuesday, 12th February, 1985. Please note that our meetings will be the second Tuesday each month, instead of the first Tuesday each month starting from February, 1985. The March meeting on Tuesday, 12th March will commence at 1 p.m. and will be followed at 2 p.m. by a Happy Home Demonstration.

We wind this year up with our usual Christmas Party at which Mrs. Beverly Champion and Mr. Ken Rowlands will arrange a musical entertainment for us. We invite you all to attend this Party and do hope you can come.

Our Cake and Sweets Stall at the Fete was very rewarding. The proceeds being \$427.00. We sincerely thank all who helped us attain this figure.

The members of the Women-in-Friendship take this opportunity to wish all a Happy, Healthy and Holy Christmas.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Our members wish you the Blessings of a truly Happy Christmas. The Club will now be in recess until Thursday, 31st January, 1985 when we hope to see all our members back with smiling, happy faces, looking forward to another year of fun and fellowship.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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FETE NEWS

The result of the Fete is given below and our profit is about \$150 better than last year. The detailed results are as follows:

FETE 1984

Stalls	This Year	Last Year
White Elephant	1182.00	1129.00
Mrs. Ruhle's Work Stall	1140.20	2152.93
Cakes and Sweets	429.00	392.33
Combined Sewing Stalls	1946.17	765.45
Books	183.00	270.03
Hoop-La	87.50	57.10
Groceries	560.69	483.06
Jewellery (Miss Hunt Donation)	50.00	74.40
Plants	209.88	205.79
Pottery	270.00	379.45
Toys	44.00	
Refreshments	400.58	228.36
Donations	407.80	271.00
Sale of Church Histories	10.50	
TOTAL	6922.06	6506.25
Less Expenses	272.64	118.24
NETT RESULT	\$6649.42	\$6388.01

The Rector and Parish Council are deeply grateful to all who have worked so unselfishly throughout the year to achieve this result and at the hectic three day climax on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Our thanks also to those who made donations of goods or cash.

We would like especially to congratulate our young people who ran the Hoopla Stall and the Toy Stall, and assisted in erecting and dismantling the stalls and tents.

FETE DOOR PRIZES: Miss White, Dulwich Hill; Mrs. Dalziel, Ashfield.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER

DEC. 2—By Mr. and Mrs. R. Swankie and Grandson in memory of our Mother and Nanna.

In memory of Aileen from Bill Williams and family.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

- DEC. 9—By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis ,Senr.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- DEC. 16—Donation by Miss Perry.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- DEC. 25—Donations by the Carr family in memory of Aunt
Doris Watman.
By Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs.
Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sallie.
Donation by Miss Pullen in memory of her parents
and brothers.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- DEC. 30—Donation in memory of David Perrin.
Donation by Mrs. Rhodes in memory of friend Vera
Dearing and son Peter Brian Moran.
Arrangement by Michele.

ABSENT FRIENDS

Mrs. Dingle (now resident of Coffs Harbour) has been in hospital but is recovering. We wish her a speedy full recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Dingle are on our Chronicle posting list and we thank them for their \$5.00 contribution. ,

FRIENDS AT HOME

At the request of Mrs. Joan Livingston, we print the following:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their kindnesses shown to me during my recent stay in hospital. It is a comforting thought to know that you are in people's prayers especially in times of illness. .

I am pleased to say that I am now feeling much better.
Sincere thanks to all. God bless you."

Joan

RECYCLING

Our recycling operation continues to be very healthy, financially. We have two sources of income—recycling aluminium cans and recycling newspaper, magazines and telephone books. Newspaper recycling produces by far a bigger income but it is also the biggest drain on our physical resources. We are fortunate in that our regular monthly service is supported by more than 200 householders, many of whom also collect from friends and neighbours. We have been greatly assisted by the

increasing quantity of paper which arrives laid nicely flat and square—thus reducing the work we have to do before tying it into bundles.

Collecting, bundling and tying is done on the second Saturday each month whilst we are still collecting from the various runs and is followed when necessary by bundling on Tuesday evenings. Anyone wishing to assist in the Saturday tie-up is invited to come along after 7 a.m. on the second Saturday in the knowledge that there is no restriction on time of start or finish. You may come and go when you wish. The little bit you may do could save the camel a broken back.

— From "Southern Cross"

THE BIBLE ON POVERTY

There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-hearted towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in your land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

The poor you will always have with you. (Mark 14:7)

Blessed is he who is kind to the needy. (Proverbs 14:21)

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him what he has done. (Proverbs 19:17)

The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern. (Proverbs 29:7)

Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)

Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom. She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. (Ezekiel 16:49)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:35-36)

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty give him something to drink. (Romans 12:20)

If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them "Go in peace, be warmed and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? (James 2:15-16)

But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? (1 John 3:17)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, OCTOBER, 1984

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Offeratories	1138.23	Rector's' Net Stipend	1240.00
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	281.25
Papers	502.79	Organist	22.50
Cans	81.00	Church Flowers	72.50
	— 583.79	Chronicles	75.20
Church Flowers	75.00	Church Cleaning	150.00
District Visitors	2.00	Annual Hall Licence	25.00
1984 Fete—		Organ Tuning & Maint.	75.00
White Elephant Stall	100.00	Organ Repairs	229.50
Donations—			
Mr. W. Aziz	10.00		
Women-in-Friendship	300.00		
Rector's Telephone			2170.95
Contribution 9/84	7.20	Surplus for Month ..	45.25
	2216.20		2216.20

Balance 1/10/84 \$1599.93

Plus Surplus for Month \$ 45.25

Balance 31/10/84 \$1645.18

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT OCTOBER, 1984

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd.—September Flowers	72.50
James & James—October Chronicles	75.20
Local Government Office—Annual Hall Licence Fee	25.00
J. W. Walker (Alia) Pty. Ltd.—Organ Tuning and Maint.	75.00
J. W. Walker (Alia) Pty. Ltd.—Organ Repairs	229.50

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