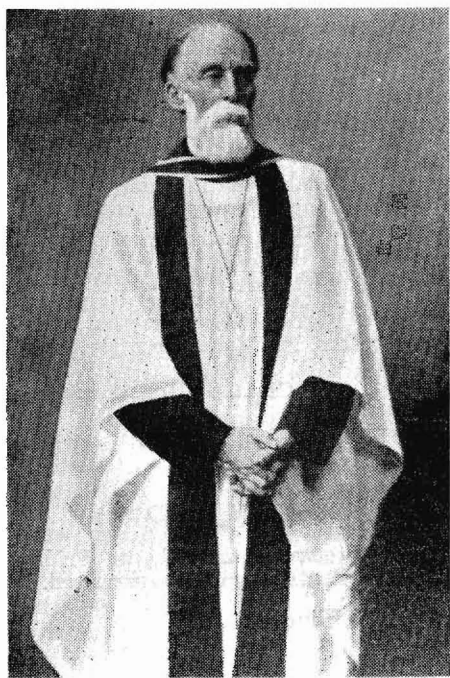


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THE "CHRONICLE" SPEAKS

We need informed people in the pews quite as much as in the pulpit. Regard the opportunity of buying your "Chronicle" as an opportunity to learn more about the Church and to find out what is going on in it, both in this parish and beyond it.

And when you have read it, please pass it on.

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FAITH AND LIFE ADVANCE

August Holiday at "Gilbulla"

This is a Conference designed for any parishioners who desire a time of spiritual strengthening and a good holiday and rest away from the "hum-drum" of life. The setting is a large church property at Menangle, past Camden, where excellent accommodation is provided.

The arrangements will be quite informal and guests may draw upon the ministry provided as they wish. Chaplains will be the Rev. J. Glen-non of St. Andrew's Cathedral and the Rev. S. Giltrap of the C.M.S.

It will be held from Monday, 15th August to Friday, 19th August, part time.

If you are interested, reservations and enquiries may be made at Church House, George Street, Sydney. Tel. 26-2371.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Attendances: During the past month, the class attendances have been dropping in the senior school, and we would like to see those scholars who have been missing Sunday School in the past few weeks.

Even with 100% attendances in each class, the number of scholars in our School is still low. If you know of any Church of England families newly arrived in the Parish, or of any other Anglican children who do not attend Sunday School, please invite them to join us. The Sunday School is held each Sunday from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. In the well-appointed Kindergarten, we cater for children from three years of age.

Family Service: On the third Sunday in each month, Family Service is held at 10 a.m. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the parents to attend this Service with their children.

Teacher Wanted: We urgently need a teacher for a class of boys aged eight. The present teacher of these boys, Mr. Robert Champion, leaves us to undergo two years' National Service Training early this month. We hope someone will come forward straightaway so that these boys will not be without a teacher. The Rector, Mr. Jones or myself will be glad to hear from anyone interested.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

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CLOTHING SALE

GOOD USED CLOTHES NOW REQUIRED

If you can make a donation towards the stocks of the sale on Friday 22nd July, please ring 56-4735, and collection will be arranged.

Proceeds to Church Funds

CHURCH NEWS

Bishop E. N. Wilton:

On 20th June, just two months after our historic Columbarium Service, the death occurred of the Right Reverend Edward N. Wilton, at the age of 97. All who were present at that Service will have vivid memories of the moving address preached at that Service by Bishop Wilton, whose powerful voice needed no assistance from our new amplifying system.

Bishop Wilton had a long ministry in the Dioceses of Sydney and Bathurst, and served as a military chaplain in both world wars. He was precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral from 1907 to 1916, and Canon and Sub-Dean of All Saints' Cathedral from 1916 to 1928. Illness forced him to retire early from his appointment as Assistant Bishop of Melanesia, but he remained active in parish work in Sydney until 1962.

As reported in the May "Chronicle" Bishop Wilton's association with All Saints' went back to the great choral festivals held at All Saints' in the first decade of Federation, when he used to bring the Cathedral Choir here.

The Rector attended Bishop Wilton's funeral service, which was conducted in St. Andrew's Cathedral, in the presence of a large congregation.

Broadcast Service:

The Rector was pleased to have the support of a large choir and congregation for the service that was broadcast by 2CH on Sunday evening, 19th June. The hymns were well-chosen, bringing forth joyous singing from all present, and parishioners who could not attend expressed the opinion that it was a most enjoyable service from the listener's angle.

A couple of tape recordings were made of the service as broadcast, and perhaps the opportunity might be taken, e.g. during the night of the parish tea, to replay part for the information of those who were participants. The service was conducted by the Rector, who also preached, and the lessons were read by Mr. H. G. Brodie and our Catechist, Mr. Garry Priest.

Rector's Illness: We are pleased to see the Rector up and about after a fortnight in bed with severe influenza in June. We are grateful to the Revs. A. H. Gallop, John Green and John Brook (C.M.S.) as well as to our Catechist, Mr. Priest, and the Lay-readers, for taking the Services in the Rector's absence.

Election of Archbishop: The special synod of the Diocese of Sydney will open on Friday, 15th July for the task of electing an Archbishop of Sydney to succeed Dr. Hugh Gough, who resigned on 30th May. The main proceedings on the first day will be the receipt of nominations for the position; nominees must, of course, be ordained clergy, but not necessarily already in this Diocese.

After a week-end break, the Synod will meet again to discuss the merits of the nominees, and to carry out the election. This will all take place in closed session, but you will undoubtedly read lots of "authentic reports" of what transpired, in your daily newspapers at that time!

The great majority of the synod consists of the parish representatives—the Rector and two laymen from each parish. Our Synodsmen are Mr. W. Sopwith and Mr. J. Minter.

In all probability, the name of the next Archbishop of Sydney will be known before the next "Chronicle" goes to press.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

AMOS



Although placed in the centre of that section of the Old Testament which contains the prophetic books, Amos was the first of the spokesmen of God to have his words committed to writing, preceding Hosea and Isaiah whose spiritual forerunner he was.

All we know of Amos is found in his book itself. He did not regard himself, nor was he trained to be, a spiritual leader, "I am not a prophet, nor am I a prophet's son" (ch. 7 v. 14). He was a farmer but the call of God to declare His will to Israel came unannounced, "The Lord God has spoken, who can but prophesy?"

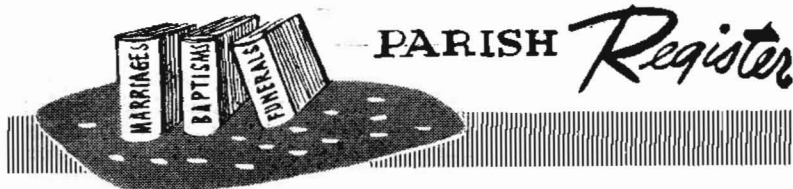
Amos lived in Judah in the mid eighth century B.C. when, despite ominous international movements which threatened the nation's continued existence, the land was enjoying a period of great prosperity and opulence. However, the material gain was in no way evenly distributed, and we see from the Book itself the existence of a small, but wealthy minority whose riches grew by corruption of justice, land exploitation and oppression of underprivileged social groups. Amidst luxury, dishonesty and the familiar hallmarks of a greedy, corrupt society there was a shallow regard for the great religious traditions of the nation and open disregard of the God-given Mosaic Law. As helpless as a tiny state like Luxembourg in the Europe of 1939, Israel went on a careless, corrupt way, eating and drinking, believing that every tomorrow would be as yesterday.

Into this situation came the Word of God through Amos. Upon the rich and idle he poured out his denunciations; the luxury of the summer residence and winter holiday resort, together with ornate furnishings and extravagant entertainments bought from the exploitation of the poor are condemned.

The indolent and luxury loving matrons of the city society will be dragged from their fallen city in shame as the judgment of God falls on unrepentant Israel (Ch. 3 v. 15 - Ch. 4 v. 3). Their church services, prayers and hymns are rejected and will avail them nothing until their worship is accompanied by repentance and amendment of life (Ch. 5 v. 21-25).

Over all this there hovers the threat of God's judgment in history. Contempt of God will mean withdrawal of His protecting hand. Israel or the people of God in any time, cannot live in disregard of His requirements and yet rely on Him in the day of calamity. Amos holds before the unrepentant nation the prospect of invasion and exile and the most terrible words in his book are found in Chapter 8 verse 7.

"The end has come upon my people Israel
I will not pass by them any more".



BAPTISMS

"Grafted into the body of Christ's Church"

April 14th:	Glencora Denning
May 29th:	David William Hird
" "	Vaughn James Castle
June 5th:	Christopher James Mander
" "	Anthony Michael Brown
" 12th:	Linda Margaret Johnson

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

May 23rd:	Arthur Frederick Cracknell
" 25th:	John Barrett
" 31st:	Iris May Pearson
June 6th:	Lois Helena Ada Rockwell

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BIG JEWELLERY STALL AT FETE

With your help, the Art Jewellery Stall will again be a success this year.

It will be conducted as usual by Mrs. Millarey, who is appealing to parishioners to keep their donations of jewellery etc. coming in for the stall. Your donations may be left at the Rectory, or if this is inconvenient, please ring Mrs. Millarey at 56-1643, and collection will be arranged.

Australian stamps are also being sought, especially those of larger denominations. The commonly used stamps, the former 5d, and the present 4c., unfortunately have no re-sale value, and are not being sought. Your gifts of stamps may also be left at the Rectory for Mrs. Millarey.

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CHURCH NEWS

Young Churchmen's Institute:

Tour of Inspection: A "Tour of Inspection" of the Garrison Church Miller's Point was held on Friday, 13th May. The evening was a most interesting one, with the catechist conducting the inspection, pointing out many interesting features of this fine church. The evening was not well attended by members, but still proved to be enjoyable to those who came along.

Screening of Member's Colour Slides: On Friday, 27th May, the subject of the evening was the screening of member's colour slides, and proved to be as usual a splendid evening for all attending. Members who showed slides were: Messrs. A. Boyle, A. Graham, A. Jones and J. Minter.

The first meeting next month will be held on 8th July, and will be an Open Debate. Join the fun, and come along, we begin at 8.00 p.m. and always welcome new members.

G. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

GOD ON THE PLAYING FIELDS

The unfortunate aftermath of Puritan sobriety is the idea that God is opposed to all pleasure. As a matter of fact, as C. S. Lewis made clear in his classic, "The Screwtape Letters", it is God who is the inventor of all real pleasures. All that the devil can do is to twist or contort them.

It follows that there is no reason why a Christian should not enjoy sport. Indeed, there are many reasons why he should. For one thing, if the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul tells us, that is all the more reason for keeping it in good condition.

For another thing, the Bible has many sporting terms which it borrows to describe the Christian way of life. Archaic language serves to hide them from us. But consider the following passage from I. Corinthians 9 in the New English Bible: "You know (do you not?) that at the sports all the runners run the race, though only one wins the prize. Like them, run to win! But every athlete goes into strict training. They do it to win a fading wreath; we, a wreath that never fades. For my part, I run with a clear goal before me; I am like a boxer who does not beat the air; I bruise my own body and make it know its master . . ."

On the playing fields, a Christian finds special opportunities for fulfilling his duty to his neighbour: "to do to all men as I would they should do unto me . . . to hurt nobody by word nor deed . . . to be true and just in all my dealing . . . to keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity . . . to do my duty . . ."

We can be thankful that so many folk from All Saints' down the years have been willing to spend so much of their time and energy in promoting the athletic prowess and good sportsmanship amongst the young. It is only to be regretted that at present we do not have the young people who want to respond to the opportunities that could be made available at All Saints'.

We know that God is there with all Christians in their games; He is present on the cricket fields and on the tennis courts, and in all the wholesome recreations in which His children engage. He is not remote from us, nor removed from every day life, but in our very midst, in play as well as at work. To be a good sport is not the whole Gospel, but it's part of the Gospel.

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AN AFTERNOON'S ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Clark's Social

All parishioners and their friends are cordially invited to a Social Afternoon to be conducted by Mrs. I. Clark in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 19th July, starting at 1 o'clock.

There will be cards and games, prizes and afternoon tea. An enjoyable time for all is assured. Card players will be especially welcomed—bring three friends and make up a foursome.

The charge for the whole afternoon is only 30 cents, and all proceeds will go to Church funds. In addition, there will be a stall with lots of wonderful gifts on sale. We hope to see you there!

CLUB NOTES

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Our Senior Parishioners' Club meets each Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at the rear of the Church. We have vacancies available at the card tables and for further information, please ring 71-6967. Whether or not you attend All Saints' Church, we invite you to join us in a happy Social Afternoon's entertainment.

Afternoon Tea and a free door prize are provided each week. Your donation is voluntary. There are no membership fees, and if you can't attend regularly, just pop in occasionally.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Gill, one of our very regular members, for her donations of home-made jams, the proceeds of which are put aside for our Christmas Party.

Be our guest any Thursday afternoon at All Saints' popular "Senior's Club". In spite of wet weather during June, our weekly attendances reached fifty. Come along and increase that number.

—DOT SHAW

Ladies' Guild:

The clothing sale mentioned in the June "Chronicle" will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 22nd July, from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Donations of clean, used clothing would be greatly appreciated and may be left at the Rectory.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th July at 2 p.m. We will be most pleased to welcome any ladies who are interested in the activities of our Church.

—E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

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VISIT THE ROCKS

The State Secretary of the Missions to Seamen in N.S.W., (Colin Craven-Sands), suggests that visitors from suburbs might like to combine support for the Mission's Annual Fete, with a visit to the fascinating and historical Rocks area.

The Fete is on Saturday, 6th August from 12.00 noon. There will be an attractive variety of stalls and entertainments. As no specific local-

ity has any particular responsibility for the Mission, support has to be solicited from people of goodwill in every suburb.

Please make up a little party, and come to the Mission, to whose premises an average of over 300 seamen, from all over the world, are attracted daily.

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WANTED: MORE CHILDREN

Children of all ages are sought to build up our Sunday School

KINDERGARTEN: Children three years and over enrolled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Caters for those from eight years to Confirmation.

EXTENSION GROUP: For Teenagers after Confirmation.

Sunday School scholars are needed today to produce the parishioners of tomorrow

Bring your children along for enrolment next Sunday at 9.45 a.m.



SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- July 3rd: Donated by Mr. Richard Boots in memory of his Grandmother, Mrs. Fowler; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- July 10th: Donated by Mrs. and the Misses Nisbet in memory of Mr. Nisbet, by Mrs. Ayrton and Ron in memory of Mr. Ayrton, and by Mrs. G. E. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. P. Everett and Family in memory of Mr. H. E. Pryor; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- July 17th: Donated by the residents of Chester Street, in memory of their neighbour, Mr. Cracknell; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 24th: Donated by Michele and Mrs. F. O'Sullivan in memory of Don; by Mrs. Knight, her daughter and son-in-law in memory of Mr. Harry Knight, and in memory of Guy Shoram by his Parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shoram and his Grandmother; arranged by Miss Speight.
- July 31st: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- Aug. 7th: Donated by the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion in memory of Mrs. Champion's Parents, and by Mr. Sanderson, Joy, and Lynette in memory of Miss Spiller; arranged by Mrs. Champion.

On Sunday, 12th June, flowers were donated by Mrs. Beardow in memory of Mr. Beardow, and by Miss Marjorie McPherson in memory of her brother, John.

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EVENSONG—NEW TIME
6.30 P.M. SUNDAYS
JULY AND AUGUST

Please note the earlier time for Evensong in winter months
Sunday evening Services will revert to 7 p.m. on 4th September

JOIN US AT FAMILY SERVICE
10 A.M.
Third Sunday of Every Month

- Special, simplified Order of Service
- Bright Hymns for all ages
- Youth participating in Service

Parents especially invited to come and sit with their children
N.B. There is no 11 a.m. Service on the third Sunday of the month

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