

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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The House of God, the building erected for the worship of God, in which His Spirit is most frequently considered as Dwelling.

RECTOR'S LETTER for February, 1974

My Dear People;

You will probably all have heard by now of our impending departure from the Parish of All Saints', Petersham. We sail on the P. & O. liner ORIANA on the 26th of February, the Lord willing, for the West Coast of North America; first for a good long visit with family and loved ones, and then to return to our ministry where ever the Lord will lead. Our forwarding address there will be care of my parent's address: 12538 Kling Street, Studio City, California, U.S.A.

It is not easy to write a farewell letter. Taking our leave permanently from so many good friends here in Petersham, and all around Sydney, will be a heartrending thing to have to do. However, the longing we have been feeling to return to our families and more familiar territory is very deep. We did not think when we were leaving that we would miss our home so much. When we left for New Zealand in 1968, we thought we might very well find a new home Down Under and settle in this part of the world, and so brought everything we own in the world with us. It has been a great adventure and a great privilege trying life in these two great countries. We would not have missed it willingly. The fact that we are not settling down here only reflects our own attachment to things North American. The pines, waters and mountains of the Canadian Pacific Coast are part of us, as the gums, beaches, and rolling country-side of New South Wales are part of you. We shall never forget the wild and open beauty of Australia, and particularly the beauty of your great city of Sydney. And if circumstances and history permit it, perhaps when I retire, we will hope to re-visit some of our favourite places here. But most of all we shall miss the good friends we have made in Australia, and will hope to see those who can manage it up north some day. When the world has solved the energy crisis, international travel is bound to become easier. I earnestly believe that it is very good for the world when people of all races, colours, creeds, and backgrounds, can freely mingle the world over. It could put an end to war forever. We shall certainly take back to our friends overseas many complimentary tales of Australia and New Zealand, supported by many hundreds of beautiful slides of our travels here.

We will also always be grateful for the opportunity of having served here as your Rector and family. This was my first Parish as Rector, and it has been valuable experience which will help me for many years to come. We have had to learn many lessons, some of them hard ones. We have had both ups and downs and are especially thankful for all those people, young and old, who helped us along the way with their love, encouragement, and co-operation. We pray that our efforts in your midst will have been of some use to many people. We have done what we could with what we had to give. We hope that for some it will have been a blessing. Many have been kind enough to say so. We appreciate that some have been disappointed, and for this we are sorry. Perhaps your new Rector, when he comes, will be able to fill in the spaces. I plead with you to give him the best support of which you are capable. As God, who sees all things, is our judge, we must be honest in this. I can testify to you that there is nothing more discouraging to a minister than rows of empty pews, and nothing more encouraging to new parishioners than a full church. As I have written to you before, no amount of monetary gifts will ever substitute for your presence in the House of God at public worship. If there is something at All Saints' that you think needs changing or correcting, the thing to do is to come and help us correct it, not abandon us. We will never win the

battle if most of our soldiers desert. Under such circumstances evil has a free hand to work unopposed. But if all the children of the Lord in Petersham were to come and work together to establish a truly Christian fellowship based only on the loving precepts of Jesus, honesty, courage, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, forbearance, and generosity, then God would have the upper hand at All Saints', and His Kingdom, His true Kingdom, would be established here.

This will be our prayer for All Saints': that God will make His Son absolute Lord here. That the light of love that He brings will warm and lift and brighten every life which passes this way, until we meet again some day on that distant shore, when the battle of life is finally over and the victory over sin, sorrow, and suffering is won, and God is all in all. Till then, may the Lord be with you!

Yours affectionately,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

PRAYER BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Even though St. Francis' prayer was written 700 years ago it expresses, simply and beautifully, a way of life for our times, and for all times:

LORD make me an instrument of Thy Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

OUR BAPTISM

As a Sacrament, Baptism has two parts, an outward and an inward, a material and a spiritual. If it were only an outward act of washing with water the ceremony would have little meaning, but the outward act has an important spiritual significance. In Baptism The outward washing with water shows us vividly God's promises of cleansing from sin and the pouring out of His Holy Spirit. These promises of forgiveness and the gift of God's Spirit are clearly written in the Bible for all to read and receive. Baptism is as St. Augustine once called it, a "visible word".

The Sacrament of Baptism proclaims the mercy of God and invites us to receive God's promises for ourselves by grasping their outward sign and guarantee.

To be baptised is to receive the promises of God for yourself. But we must remember that without faith in the promises which Baptism signifies nothing has been received at all except the external sign. Baptism is not a magical act that saves us quite apart from our attitude of heart. It is our faith in the promises of God that is important. Baptism focuses our faith on these promises.

The time when God commences to work within the life of a person cannot be determined by us. It is sufficient to know that He promises to hear our believing prayers. He alone determines when and how He will answer them. But we are encouraged to believe that those infants whom we faithfully baptise and regularly pray for will ultimately give evidence of God's work in their lives by putting their trust in Him and becoming disciples of Christ.

BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH

The Right Rev. Howell Witt, Bishop of North West Australia.

While I was in the East I was asked on a radio show how I spent my time. My questioner was a priest who rarely saw his own bishop because of the many meetings the poor man had to attend each day. What did a bush bishop do with his time? What indeed?

In the last 18 months I've dipped sheep (or vice versa), helped in a shearing shed, done a windmill run, been to 51 stations, in 10 days, opened 142 gates (all in the Murchison); seen the gold at Mt. Magnet; the iron at Mt. Goldsworthy, Tom Price, Koolan and Cockatoo; cray fished at Kalbarri; eaten egg sandwiches at Cue; moved furniture into two new rectories; taught in 90 per cent of the schools in the diocese; confirmed in cathedral, parish church, and lounge room; been to gaol four times; attended civic receptions, taken missions and bible studies; played golf at Kununurra; coached rugby at Bluff Point; looked for noxious weed at Dongara (and didn't find it), and an anchor from a pearling lugger in Broome (and did).

I have seen cotton growing in the north and oil drilling in the south; been mystified by the technological intricacies of Carnarvon and Exmouth; and the growth of new towns. I've spent one Christmas in Broome, another in Murchison and not one at home. Despite this I've tried to be what the Apostle Paul says a bishop must be—the husband of one wife and a father to my five children, as well as “given to hospitality”.

Of course there have been meetings, but the time spent on these is nothing compared with the time spent with people in their homes, on their jobs, in their recreation.

I've appeared at a homestead for lunch covered in mud from head to toe, having pushed my driver out of a bog.

In other words I could have answered that question in one short sentence. How do I spend my time? By having the time of my life.

(Acknowledgement to “The Real Australian”)

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

This is a question we often hear and indeed it is frequently asked with regard to the revenues of the Glebe Board of The Church of England. Of the sum of \$300,000 which the Board is making available for Diocesan purposes during the nine months period ended 31st December, 1973, \$50,000 is being used to reduce the amount that parishes, provisional parishes and provisional districts would otherwise pay to meet the estimated expenditure of the Diocese for general purposes.

Of the balance, \$250,000 is set aside for special purposes—the largest single grant of \$50,000 goes to the Board of Education. A contribution of \$25,000 is made to the general funds of Moore College whilst \$28,000 is used to assist theological students. Small grants are made to Anglican Information Centre and for the Inservice training of our clergy. A sum of almost \$50,000 provides additional benefits for the clergy—Superannuation, long service, sickness and accident benefits and some help for clergy widows and children.

The balance is made available for other Diocesan activities such list being topped by the \$30,000 granted towards the stipends of chaplains engaged by the Home Mission Society. Some \$26,000 is channelled to the Committee which cares for the new housing areas whilst the Youth Department and Television Society each receive \$24,000 to help finance their activities. The Immigration Department grant is \$17,000 whilst \$11,000 is made available to the work of evangelism undertaken by the Diocesan Board of Missions. Other bodies to receive assistance

are Marriage Guidance Centre, the Inner City Areas Committee, the Cathedral Chapter, Gilbulla and University Chaplaincies. It will be seen therefore that such surpluses as the Glebe Board is able to earn are certainly used to assist in a wide spectrum of the Church's witness. Most if not all of these bodies make great use of the additional funds available so that the Board is most conscious of the very pressing need to be constant in its labours to increase the surplus for Diocesan needs and perhaps some day, we hope for other purposes. This would relieve part of the burden of each parish.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following are some of the matters dealt with at the two Parish Council meetings held since the January edition of the "Chronicle" went to print.

In January, Council received the resignation of the Rector, who has decided to return to Canada. Members of the Council passed a motion of appreciation to the Rector and Mrs. Campbell for their work at All Saints' over the past three years and wished them well as they go back to Mr. Campbell's first Diocese. Council also accepted the resignations of Mr. D. B. Hunter as one of our representatives on the Presentation Board, and of Mr. A. Jones as Publicity Officer.

A satisfactory report was received on the recent major organ repairs; only some final tuning and adjustments are now to be done. However, there has been a recent failure in the pedal section of the organ, and it is likely that further major repairs will be necessary. It has also been decided to seek quotations for repairs to the exterior frames of the Church windows.

The Council agreed to increase the annual stipend of the Rector in accordance with the revised scale proposed by the Diocese.

A. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- February 3: Donated by Mrs. I. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott; by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff and by Mrs. Kerry in memory of her husband; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 10: Donated by Mrs. Judith Symons and John Williams in memory of their Grandfather; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 17: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 24: Donated by Mrs. E. Robertson in memory of loved ones; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 31: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 7: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge Flowers on Christmas Day from Mrs. Wallis in memory of Mr. Tom Smith and Mr. Tom Wallis, and on January 20th from Miss Grace Norman in memory of her Parents, Sister and Brothers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Now that the school holidays are over we are looking forward to full attendance at Sunday School, and we ask the parents to see that their children attend regularly.

On Sunday, 24th February, Harvest Festival will be held and we ask the children to bring along to the Church donations of fruit, vegetables or groceries. The gifts which decorate the Church during the day will be given to the Home of Peace Hospital in Addison Road after the Festival.

Teachers Required. Two teachers are urgently needed to teach two mixed classes in the Senior Sunday School. Lesson books are provided. If you are interested in teaching in the Sunday School please contact Mr. A. Jones (56-5218), myself (560-9972), or leave a message at the Rectory.

N. CRAGG

CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

Our first meeting for 1974 will be on Tuesday, 12th February, at 1 p.m. We have arranged a "Focus on Food" demonstration on Tuesday, 12th March, at 10.30 a.m. and extend an invitation to all Ladies to join with us on that morning. A donation of 30c will include morning tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends Club:

Our first meeting for 1974 will be on Tuesday, 12th February, at 8 p.m.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

We would be delighted to welcome new members to our Happy Social Club held in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Our members play cards and other games and small gifts are given as prizes. Afternoon tea is served at 3 p.m. All this for 20c donation—and you only pay the days you can come.

We invite Ladies and Gentlemen of all denominations, and if you are shy at making new friends this is just the Club for you to join.

Sorry to hear Mrs. E. Curry was taken to hospital during December. Latest reports say she is making good progress and will be back again in a few weeks time.

Would the Parishioners of "All Saints'" please save all postage stamps (including the 7c one which I'm sure you all receive frequently)? We do have to save a large quantity for a small amount of money but it all helps our Church Funds.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary—797-6967

Youth Group:

Well, we're off on another year's activities, but, unfortunately we're beginning on a very sad note. The parish has suffered, what I and many other Parishioners consider, is a very great loss. The Rector and his family are returning to Canada and while it is Canada's gain it is All Saints' loss. I'm sure I speak on behalf of nearly all Parishioners when I say we are losing a man who has done a great deal for his church in Petersham and has won the hearts and admiration of many people, both parishioners and non-parishioners.

True, he has his faults, which he will readily admit himself, but they were greatly outnumbered by his better qualities which some people just couldn't accept. Anyway, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Gavin and Vicki, may the Blessing of God go with you for a safe trip home and best wishes for the future.

As this goes to print, our club will have had their first meeting, and all indications so far show an increase in membership is imminent. Apart from a series of new and interesting activities planned for this year, we are planning to show a series of films which have a Christian message not only aimed at the young people but to people of all ages. Keep an eye on the "Chronicle" and the weekly Newsletter for further information.

May I close by wishing all the clubs in the parish best wishes for success in 1974.

PETER W. GRAY.

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Indoor Bowls Club:

Play has resumed after the Christmas break, we are happy to report, with two new members. A team has been entered in the church competition, so here's hoping!

Our President, Mr. Frank Hearn would be very pleased to welcome anybody interested in joining with us. If you have not played before, no worry, you will be tutored any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

B. SEE, Hon. Secretary.

PERSONAL

During December this Parish suffered a loss with the death of two faithful supporters, Mr Keiley of Shaw Street and Judge T. S. Holden. Both men have been associated with this Parish for many years and by their example in word and deed have given encouragement to many.

Judge Holden was actively involved in the Y.C.I. and even after moving to Strathfield retained his association with us.

We extend to their families our sincere sympathy.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Christmas Appeal 1973:** On Saturday afternoon, 21st December, gifts were delivered to various hospitals by the rectory family on behalf of the Parish. Most patients were very happy to be remembered in this way.

We thank those who gave money for this project, those who brought goods, and the many anonymous donors whose assistance was greatly appreciated.

● **Welcome Home:** We were delighted to welcome home Jan and Jim Sommerville and family after three years residence in Greece.

● **Congratulations** to those who passed examinations. Judy Evans will now proceed to the second year of her studies. Peter Gray will take up a teaching position at Cabramatta.

● **Articles for the March "Chronicle"** are due no later than **Sunday, 17th February.**

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn. W. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, A. Graham, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minter, and H. J. Shaw.

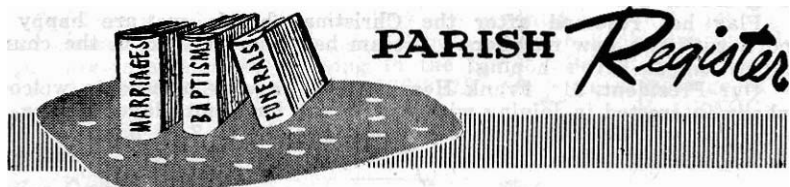
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss K. Williams.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

**BAPTISMS**

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

January 13: Bronwyn Merida Bannon.

January 20: James Robert Turner.

WEDDINGS

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

January 19: Stephen Ralph Smith and Ann Elizabeth Townsend.

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ."

December 13: Ida May Hodson.

December 15: Sydney James Gavin.

December 19: Colin Ramsay Brown.

December 19: Albert Nash Hazell.

December 22: Margaret Ann Berry.

December 27: Kate Harrison.

January 1: Florence Maude Sullival.

January 2: Josephine Matilda Ritchie.

January 2: Robert Ritchie.

January 3: Irene Elizabeth O'Donnell.

January 3: Harriette Davies.

January 7: George James Thomas Day.

January 7: Frederick Sydney Mervine Arrichi.

January 9: Elizabeth Hodgkiss.

January 9: Geoffrey Newman Higgins.

January 14: Margaret Peel Ashdown.

January 16: Charles Gordon Macgregor Watt.

January 16: Neil Realm Chevalley.

January 18: William Francis Hanshaw.

January 18: Verdi Paris Neawhouse.

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Mrs. Jordan, \$2.

Mrs. E. Bosward, \$2.

Mrs. Scott, \$2.

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