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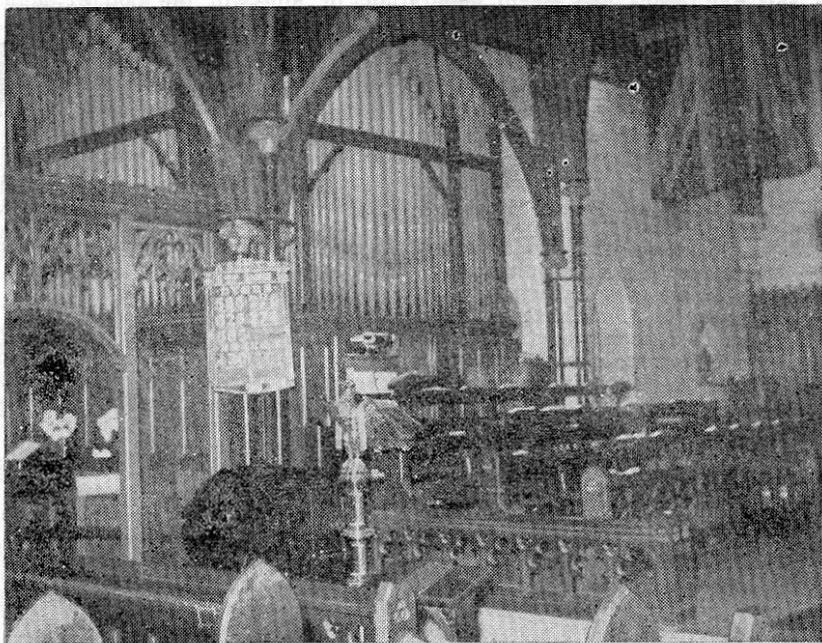
Of All Saints

Petersham

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The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham, 2049—56-4735

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SEPTEMBER, 1973



Help the Organ Repair Fund.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

One of the things over which the company of Heaven must deeply grieve is the fact that so many "Christians" are afraid to use the name of Jesus Christ. We would rather play it safe than take a chance on having to face the difficulties that would come from being a courageous witness of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the power of the very "name" of Jesus, used seriously, we are afraid to use it. If we spoke boldly about Jesus and whom He claims to be and what He required of us in our ordinary surroundings of business and social pastime, it might spoil our fun. Lots of people use the name of Jesus in swearing of course and society passes over it as a very ordinary and meaningless occurrence.

BUT, when someone brings the name of Jesus Christ into society's gay whirl in absolute seriousness, it stops the clock! The careless easy going complexion of society suddenly changes to a cool straight face. It is something that even in this faithless and fearless generation does not pass without meaningful notice. It is evident that behind the frivolous facade of our modern swinging society there is still a deep and un-spoken respect for that name. And so, many are afraid to use it. We do not want to be the one holding the floor when that awful silence comes. We say we are Christians, we sing that we are ready to die for the faith, but to face society and our friends with this Holy Name on our lips, no . . . we would rather not. We are ashamed to be caught telling the old old story of Jesus and His Love.

And yet Jesus says: "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed, when he comes in the Glory of His Father."

Why are so many afraid to use Jesus' name? Yes, they have reasons. To begin with such serious talk makes people have to think. It makes them ask and answer questions about themselves and make judgements about life. Serious talk makes people mature and therefore spoils the fun of going on acting childishly selfish. For everyone the name of Jesus is synonymous with moral responsibility, purity of thought, word and deed, and social decency. Therefore His Name is always a mirror in which we see ourselves as we really are. And who wants to do that, these days? Indeed, who can bear it? The plain fact is, the name of Jesus makes the sinner feel uncomfortable in his sin. That name strikes judgement into every heart. How can we sin in peace if we keep hearing that name? Perhaps this is why so few people come to Church these days.

Another reason we give for avoiding the serious use of the Name of Jesus is that we would have to be ready to answer a lot of questions about religion and spiritual matters. That would mean we would have to do some studying of the Scriptures and learn Jesus' teachings so we could attempt an answer for those questions. And wouldn't that take a lot of time and energy. Why, we would have to completely organise our thinking!

Further, if we were to carry the name of Jesus around with us in our routine daily living we would have to be good. We would have to at least attempt to be examples of the kind of life that Jesus requires or we would be in for some pretty sharp ridicule, wouldn't we? For the average "nominal" Christian these have been plenty of reasons not to be too closely associated with that name.

And yet, what is a Christian? What does it mean to be saved by Jesus Christ? Among all the joys of finding peace with God, ourselves, and our neighbours, it means we are messengers. It means that, second only to our own salvation, we are vessels to carry salvation to the world.

When Jesus comes into the heart of a person he doesn't bury himself there, but fills that heart with love to overflowing. And the soul of that person is energised and agitated until that love bursts out and spreads itself abroad, unchained by scruples and fears. If we really believe in Jesus Christ, we know that we have the most precious thing that life affords, and unlike earthly treasures, this one becomes bigger and brighter for us the more we give it away.

St. Paul put it this way, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believes."

And so I ask you, "Is there really such a thing as a Christian who is ashamed and afraid to use the name of Jesus Christ in serious communication with his friendr?" The Lord be with you.

C. A. CAMPBELL.

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. R.
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, H. J. Shaw, and W. Sopwith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (797-6967, and A. Jones (56-6218).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Sunday School staff and pupils, I would like to congratulate Colleen Hill and Alan Jones on their engagement and wish them all the best for the future.

Bottle and Sugar Appeal: Our Bottle and Sugar Appeal is already under way. If you have any bottles of size similar to or smaller than the 2 oz. coffee bottle, please send them along to the Sunday School, or leave them in the Guild Room for us.

Also we are asking for donations of sugar for use by the ladies who make the jam for us. Donations may be sent via any teacher or scholar.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation, 1973:

This year's Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday afternoon, 28th October, at 2.30 p.m. The Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme Moir, Assistant Bishop of Sydney.

The newly-confirmed will then make their first Communion on the following Sunday, 4th November, being the occasion of our Patronal Festival.

70th Consecration Festival:

The 70th anniversary of the consecration of our Church on 15th August, 1903, was marked by a highly successful parish tea on Friday, 17th August, and well-attended Services on the following Sunday, 19th August. We were especially pleased that a number of former choir members and other parishioners worshipped with us on what we like to call our annual "Back to All Saints' Sunday".

Our thanks to the Petersham R.S.L. for kindly donating the salads, to the various parish groups for the hot soup, teas, scones, etc., to Mr. Sillince for his organ recital and demonstration, to Mr. S. Cheese-wright for showing the films, to the small band who set up and put away the tables, and to all others who contributed to the success of the night.

Bible Study Group:

This month's meetings will be on Wednesdays 5th and 19th September, commencing at 7.30 p.m. The studies for these two nights will be Acts chapters 10 and 11 respectively.

Unless otherwise advised on the Weekly Notices, meetings will be held at the Rectory. The Group members do, however, meet at one another's homes from time to time, and had a most pleasant evening last month at the home of Mrs. J. Wilson, to whom they are deeply grateful.

Organ Renovation:

The major overhaul of our organ, including the complete renovation of the complete sets of pipes belonging to three important stops, is due to commence this month. The work is being undertaken by Mr. Anthony Welby, the Organ Builder, who now carries out regular maintenance work on the instrument.

It is great to report that there has been such a ready response to the Organ Repair Fund. However, the whole job will cost more than \$1,000, and the Wardens would be most pleased to receive further gifts towards this sum.

In a letter of thanks sent to donors to the fund, the Wardens state that our organ is recognized as one of the best of its type, and that at the present time, it would cost \$45,000 to replace.

These letters and official receipts are being forwarded wherever possible. However, we also wish to express our sincere thanks for the following anonymous donations, the source of which is not known to the Wardens: \$100, \$50, \$10, \$10.

CLUB NEWS**Youth Group:**

The Group is now growing at a steady rate and we hope it will soon develop into a body of young people willing to serve the Church whenever required. We have a varied and interesting programme for this month, which includes a trip to Manly, horse riding, games nights, and meetings with other Youth Groups.

Anyone interested in joining us in our activities should contact me on 56-2208; you will be very welcome.

With the Fete now coming up very soon, we are again asking for donations of books, paperbacks, magazines and toys (broken or unbroken). Toys will be repaired by the willing hands of our members and taken to a children's home at Christmas if not sold at the Fete.

PETER GRAY, Assistant Leader.

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):

The Fellowship Challenge Games evening held on Friday, 13th July, was again well attended by members of the Youth Group. Twenty-six of their members combined with ten folk representing the Y.C.I. to play such popular indoor games as darts, billiards, table tennis and draughts. Supper was kindly served in the Guild Room by Mrs. Ivy Clark at the conclusion of the programme.

On investigation, the proposed visit and inspection of "Australia Square" would have proved too expensive. To replace this evening, Friday, 10th August, the Rector, the Rev. Colin Campbell and Mr. Alan Jones screened a selection of colour slides on Canada and Tasmania respectively. The night was attended by ten people, but according to all reports I received, an enjoyable evening was had by all. A supper was kindly prepared and served by Mrs. Clark.

Theatre Party: 13th September:

We have arranged a Theatre Party to the "Poseidon Adventure", winner of two Academy Awards, on Thursday evening, 13th September at the Plaza Theatre, George Street, Sydney. There are 30 tickets available at \$1.70 each, and all wishing to come are asked to contact Geoff Gorman on 639-2067 as soon as possible.

Car Drive—Warragamba Dam:

This year's Parish Car Drive will be to Warragamba Dam on Saturday, 27th October. It's a most interesting round trip, travelling through Mulgoa and Wallacia, and taking in the new Western Freeway between Prospect and Penrith. Car drivers willing to provide transport are asked to ring either Alan Jones (56-5218) or myself (639-2067) as soon as possible, as we cannot sell tickets to other passengers until we have a guarantee of seats available.

At Warragamba, there are pleasant gardens, shelter sheds, and ample hot water, with which we'll be supplying the cups of tea.

GEOFF. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

Our Club is progressing, and new players will be welcomed any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They will be given tuition if desired. You can also get to know our other members from around the supper table.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

Our next street stall will be held on Saturday morning 29th September, at the corner of New Canterbury Road and Gordon Street, Petersham. Donations of items for sale would be greatly appreciated. This will be the last of our stalls for 1973, and we would like to make it a special effort.

We hope all parishioners will come along and buy something from our range of goods.

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th September, at 8 p.m.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- September 2: Donated by the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 9: Donated by Mrs. Humphreys in memory of Mr. Jack Humphreys; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 16: Donated by Mrs. Ditchburn in memory of Mr. J. Ditchburn, and by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of their Mother and Grandmother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

- September 23: Donated by Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents, and by Mrs. Sumner and family in memory of Mr. Sumner and Joan; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 30: Donated by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- October 7: Donated by Mrs. Beatty (Melbourne) in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and her Brother, Colin, late of Chester Street, by Mrs. A. Cook in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Furnell, and by Mrs. Bosward and family in memory of Mr. Tom Bosward; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also wish to acknowledge the donation of flowers for Sunday, 19th August from Mrs. I. Clark, Audrey and Marge in memory of Mrs. Levvell.

YOUTH'S SUB-CULTURE

A new Anglican Church leaflet calls on adults to recognise that teenagers live in a whole sub-culture of their own, which is a completely new phenomenon.

The leaflet, on Youth and Morals, in the Issues & Answers series, has been published by the Church of England Diocese of Sydney.

Drawing on research conducted by a Commission on Evangelism into the thinking of teenagers today, the leaflet states: "There are in fact no grounds for believing that today's generation is worse than the last.

"Research has shown, however, that many of today's young people are anti-authority and anti-establishment, and reject the authority of God, the Bible, the Pope, the clergyman in the pulpit and the policeman in the streets".

The leaflet urges adults to recognise the teenage sub-culture and to distinguish between long hair and permissive morals.

It urges "a forceful educational campaign in sex facts in the context of sexual morality" in schools, starting from primary level.

It calls for a new emphasis on family life, "where all members of the family take part in decisions and in a stable, accepting community at home".

The leaflet can be used in Anglican parishes and study groups, to provoke Christian opinion and help adults to appreciate the opportunities provided by youth work in churches.

LATEST FETE REPORT

September through to November is a mere two months. We appeal to all readers of the "Chronicle" to do all they can in this time to meet the following appeals for stocks for the big day, Saturday, 17th November:

Gift Stall: Mrs. Ivy Clark is looking for all those left over pieces of wool and material that she can use in making small items for the Gift Stall. Donations may be made direct to Mrs. Clark, or left at the Rectory in a parcel marked with her name.

White Elephant Stall: Mrs. Humphreys is seeking all those useable items for which you have no further need around your home. Goods may be left at Mrs. Humphrey's home, corner Chester and Shaw Streets or ring 560-8756 for collection. Thanks to you all, the "White Elephant" has been a tremendous success every year, so let's help it again this time. There's no limit to what you can donate, provided that broken items are not beyond the possibility of repair.

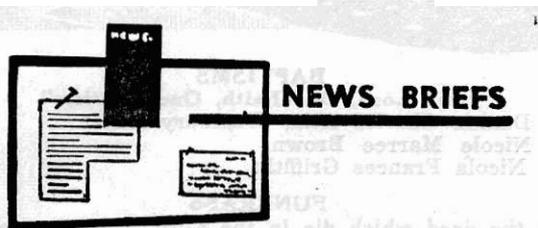
Pottery and China: Can you help this stall with a gift of china,

pottery, or similar items? Anything in a satisfactory re-saleable condition will be most welcome: just 'phone Mrs. F. Hearn, 56-1852 and collection will be arranged.

Sewing help wanted: If there is anyone who can help with sewing for the Fete, there are still materials available at the Rectory, and Mrs. Campbell will be very glad if you call and see her for some.

Doll Stall: This will be a new stall this year, conducted by Mrs. D. Reid. Any donations of dolls, or parts of dolls will be appreciated. Please ring her on 56-2970 if you can assist with such items.

Fete Signs: Mr. Bert Shaw is once again painting signs to help stalls advertise their goods. If any stallholders haven't yet told Mr. Shaw what they would like, they should do so immediately, otherwise he just won't have enough time to paint all the signs needed.



● **Medals for Choristers:** Six members of our Choir have been presented with medals from the Royal School of Church Music. The medals were dedicated by the Rector at Family Service on our recent Consecration Festival Sunday, and were presented by our Organist, Mr. Chris. Sillince. Recipients were Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mrs. C. A. Campbell, Sharene, Tammy and Richard McMinn, and Mr. Bernard Sayers.

● **Parish Christmas Party:** Because of the heavy timetables of parish activities last year, we did not hold our annual Parish Christmas Party. While there is still ample time left to do the necessary organizing, we would like all parish clubs and societies to consider whether they would like a combined party to be resumed this year, so that the Parish Council may be guided by the wishes of the members of the groups.

● **Mulberry Jam Bees:** The Sunday School will again be taking advantage of the free supply of fruit from the Mulberry tree in the Rectory back garden, and will be holding jam making bees as the fruit ripens at the end of this month.

Many hands make light work, and all parishioners young and old wanting a little bit of fun, are invited along to the Guild Room any Saturday morning from 29th September to 13th October, to do an hour's "stalking". There are tens of thousands of mulberries to be stalked if we are to have a good stock of fruity jam, and all help will be most appreciated by the Sunday School.

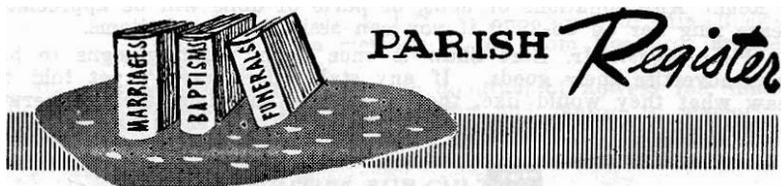
● **Parish History:** No home in the Parish should be without a copy of the History of All Saints—a professional book which tells in a fascinating way how the Church in Petersham has grown since the bushranging days of Stanmore Road. Copies may be obtained from Church Officers or the Rectory at one dollar each.

● **October "Chronicle":** Items for the next "Chronicle" will be due not later than Sunday, 23rd September.

● **Replacing Chairs:** Members of all groups using the various halls at All Saints' will greatly assist by replacing all chairs against the walls

after their meetings, and also returning tables to the spots they found them. As the premises are cleaned only once a week, the co-operation of all users will be greatly appreciated.

● **"Chronicle" Subscriptions:** You may have the "Chronicle" posted each month for \$1.00 a year to cover postable, etc., and making a donation of your choice towards our printing costs. Contact Mr. F. Evans, 1 York Crescent, Petersham, 2049.



BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

July 29: Damon Charles Atha Westbury Miller.
 July 29: Nicole Marree Brown.
 August 12: Nicola Frances Griffiths.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours"

August 16: David Kenneth Rawnsley Stenner.
 August 21: William Stanley Goldsworthy.
 August 21: Phyllis Tarbert.
 August 21: Gordon Miller Stokes.

DISTRICT VISITORS COLLECTIONS

(Since last report)

Mrs. Hearn \$15.50, Mrs. Humphreys \$24.00, Miss Nisbet \$10.00,
 Mrs. Willis \$6.00.

CHURCH FINANCES

Period 1st - 31st July, 1973

Offertories and other receipts	\$619.20
Expenditure	\$669.53
Deficit on month	50.33
Accumulated deficit since 1st January	\$1220.92

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.....Mrs. K. Dingle \$2.00.....

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 People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.