

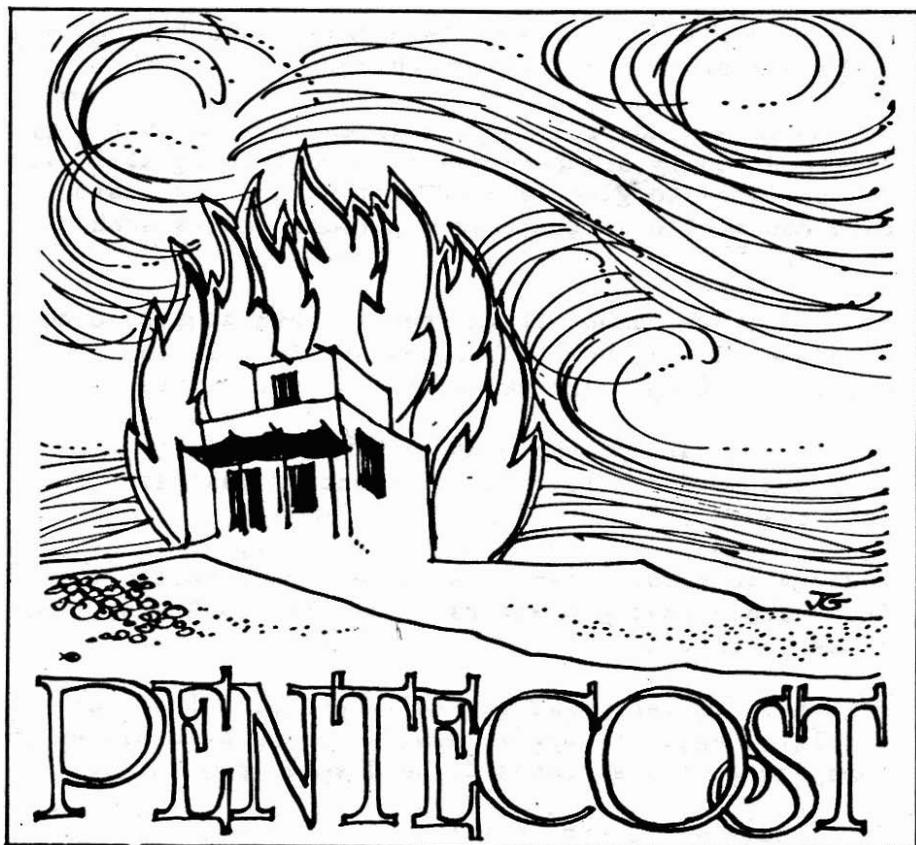
All Saints' Anglican Church, of Australia Petersham

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The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham, 2049.
21ST MAY, 1987.

Dear Friends,

To become a christian costs nothing, but to continue to be a christian costs everything.

We have a wonderful God who loves us so much that He gave His only Son to die for us on the cross. If you are prepared to give up your most valued possession then you must be a remarkable person. God is such a person.

Although we cannot claim that we have always loved or even obeyed God, He still loves us. This is the character of God, and we are the object of His love.

God loves us and wants us to be His children. Our response to God's love is to repent of past sins and failures.

Becoming a christian is a matter of accepting the free pardon that God offers to us through His only Son Jesus Christ.

Firstly we recognise our failures, our sins, our rebellion against God. We admit that we have sinned and come short of His standard. We deserve punishment.

Secondly we accept Christ's death for us on the cross. By taking human form Jesus was able to pay the price of our sin. He died instead of us. If we accept His death for us we can become God's children; we can be restored to fellowship with God.

Yes the becoming of a christian is the simple act of

accepting what God has done for us through Jesus death upon the cross.

Once we have become a christian we then seek to give our all to Him. We must totally surrender all we have. We must be prepared to obey Gods commands in all the parts of our life.

Doubtless, there are times when following God fails to be exciting or dramatic. Sometimes it is a case of merely continuing to do things that are mundane. Let us remember at those times that what God requires in His servant is not success but faithfulness. I believe we can continue if we know that we do everything both in the power that God gives not in our own strength. Rather dull work becomes fulfilling when we realise such things are done not in our strength but in God's.

Let us praise God not only because He gave us the free gift of salvation but also because He gave us the power day by day to live for Him.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School's second term for 1987 will finish with classes on Sunday 28th June. We will be in recess to coincide with day school holidays, on Sundays 5th, 12th and 19th July, 1987.

Classes for the third term 1987 will commence on Sunday 26th July at 9-30am in the Kindergarten hall and the Guild Room of the Parish Hall.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

YOUTH GROUP

All Saints' Petersham has an active group for young people. Gordon Cain, a student from Moore Theological College, leads this group.

Young people are welcome to join.

The programme for the next six weeks will be as follows.

Sundays there is Bible Study at 9-30 a.m. (except on the third Sunday when Family Service involves everyone).

On Saturday nights there is a varied programme.

JUNE 13th - An "At Home" Evening.

20th - Favourites Night.

27th - Games Evening.

On Monday 8th June a Bush Walk is being planned. This Monday is a Public Holiday.

Do remember this group regularly in your prayers and encourage young people to join our group.

Bruce Woolcott - Rector.

INVITATIONS

TO ANYONE: who wants to join our Bible study discussion group at Mrs. Hilda Young's 2a Terminus Street, Petersham - 7-30pm every Tuesday except 3rd Tuesday.

TO LADIES: you are invited to our EARLY PETERSHAM NIGHT, June 16th at 7-30pm bring any old items, pictures, press cuttings etc., of early days in Sydney. A warm friendly and informal evening.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a Byron-Parker demonstration by Betty Byron at 2p.m. Please come and help to swell the numbers, so that Betty has a people to talk to. It won't cost you anything. You can't even buy anything. Apart from learning about new products on the market and receiving free samples, we have a heater to warm the room and afternoon tea will be supplied, so we are sure you will spend a pleasant afternoon.

The last secondhand clothing and jumble stall on 15th May netted \$270. Thanks all who helped in anyway. The next stall will be on Friday 26th June.

Bear in mind Tuesday 13th October at 2 p.m. for Tasty Tips by New Idea Public Relations.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is still a happy afternoon of games. Our Mothers Day was celebrated by extra prizes in everything and Alice Steed gave us each a beautifully made white carnation to wear, and Ken Rowland played Mothers Day songs for us.

This year we are going to do the same as last year and meet only once a fortnight during July and August. The first day off will be Thursday 2nd July. then no meetings on 16th and 30th July and 13th and 27th August.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.



FLOWER DONATIONS

- JUNE 7TH - From Miss Leslie in memory of her Family.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- JUNE 14TH - An anonymous donation for the Stone of
Remembrance.
Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam.
- JUNE 21ST - No donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- JUNE 28TH - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Baxter and sisters
Ena & Stella , by Barbara.
Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam.

There are at this time, no donations for July 5th and 19th.

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RECYCLING

With this issue we say farewell to our newspaper recycling operation and remind readers that they have a cordial invitation to join us at All Saints' on Sunday, 14th for a Thanksgiving Service. Many people have been involved, and on some Saturday collection days we have had as many as 22 souls sitting down to a well earned morning tea. We have all got older in the service and of recent months have realised that for many the end of our effort was in sight. Our decision to shut down just preceded a drop in the price for newsprint which has made the operation almost profitless bearing in mind the wear and tear on cars and the cost of petrol. At its best it was an operation that could not survive without volunteer workers.

We will of course be short of about \$4000 in balancing our budget and will have to find new sources of income.

In the meantime please give us your support at our Thanksgiving on June 14th at 9-30 a.m.

Editor.

YOUR CHURCH IS YOU

You are a walking advertisement of your church and the Christ whom it proclaims.

You take the church out of its four walls, and make it live in the everyday affairs of life.

In fact when people think of your church, they think of you.

Some have the idea that the minister is the church.

It is true that the minister often speaks for the church, declares what it stands for, and invites people into its fellowship.

It is his job to know the church's business and to act on its behalf. He is your representative, but he

certainly is not your substitute.

The preaching in the pulpit is fruitless unless it is reflected in the lives of members of the congregation. Classroom teaching is ineffective unless it comes to life in the attitudes and behaviour of people.

Your church is measured not so much by what its leaders say as by what you do.

It is easy to make speeches and claims, but claims must be validated by the product.

You are your church's product and the validation of its claims.

You are the means by which the good life advocated by the church is communicated to people.

Your church professes a concern for people; you express that concern in the way you act towards others. Your church tries to build up a Christian world; you validate these attempts by your conduct on the job or in your community.

Your church claims to have a gospel that will make people new, opening to them a more satisfying life; you are the demonstration of the claim.

Your daily acts as a Christian preach more sermons, teach more people, and save more lives than the words that are spoken inside the four walls of your church building.

You are a cell of the living church. Without you, the church has no life.

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.
