

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

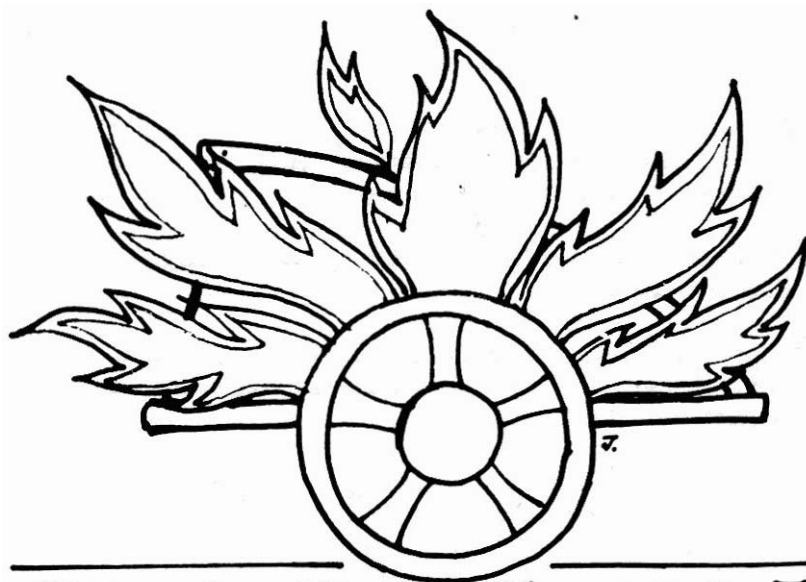
Petersham

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MAY 1991



ASCENSION

DAY

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
17th April, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

Reading through the Scripture Union Notes the other day I came across the following comment, 'If people are really wise they won't just claim to know the Lord - their actions will prove it'.

The writer was commenting on the conditions prevalent in the time of the prophet Jeremiah. He was a follower of God some six hundred years before Christ. A man who warned people that despite their claims to be God's people they were in fact behaving in a fashion that proved they were not. They were enemies of God.

The people of Jeremiah's day went through all the religious activities and had beautiful buildings where those activities took place but it was all outward show and no real sincerity.

Someone else once said, 'Your actions speak so loud that I cannot hear what you are saying'.

It is something that we need always to be alert about. It is easy to protest loudly our faith but find ourselves lacking in the way we live out the faith.

Have you noticed that it is unnecessary to ask some people if they are Christians. Their actions are so Christlike that it is impossible to believe otherwise.

We should all be striving to be Christlike in word and deed.

**Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.
RECTOR.**

ASCENSION DAY.

THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST.

It is because the apostolic church knew of the Ascension of Christ that it was able to declare so uncompromisingly the doctrine of the sovereignty of God over all His creation, as well as over His Church.

Hence its ability to face persecution, failure, and even the extinction of its witness in various places without loss of faith. It knew that such things happened, not despite of God's desperate efforts, or because of His lack of foresight in choosing to use weak human instruments. They happened because it was His will that they should happen. The early Church did not need to be reassured that "God is still on the throne", despite what happened. It knew that God was on the throne, and saw His sovereign hand in everything that took place.

The fact that Ascension Day is not a public holiday is not a excuse for relegating the doctrine of the kingship of Christ, based on as it is on the visible ascension of Christ, to the sphere of allegory and promise. God is not a God of attitudes only; He is also a God of acts. 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.' (Rev. 11:15)

"Jesus, the conqueror, reigns,
In glorious strength arrayed,
His kingdom over all maintains,
And bids the earth be glad".

"Ye sons of man, rejoice
In Jesu's mighty love,
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,
To Him who rules above".

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERY SUNDAY

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First and Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

MARKET DAY (CAR BOOT SALE).

The Parish Council have planned to hold another Market Day (Car Boot Sale) on Saturday 18th May. It is to be planned along the same lines as the one we held last year. The fee for a site will remain at \$15.00.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY ANNUAL SERVICE.

On Thursday 23rd May the Bush Church Aid Society will hold their Annual Thanksgiving Service and Rally in St. Philip's Church York Street, Sydney. The gathering commences at 6-30pm and all are welcome.

Supper will be served after the service.

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

On Sunday 19th May in Roseby Memorial Church, Marrickville a service will be held to mark the commencement of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity. The Service will begin at 3-00pm and all are welcome.

There isn't a word a preacher can say,
No matter how lovely or true,
Nor is there a prayer that his eager lips pray
That can preach such a sermon as you.

You vowed to serve Christ, and men know that you did;
They're watching the things that you do,
There isn't an action of yours that is hid -
Men are watching and studying you.

You say you're no preacher; but you preach
A wonderful sermon each day.
The acts of your life are the things that you teach -
It isn't the things you say.

If Christians were Christians as they do profess,
Men would notice their glorified mein,
And say, "What a wonderful thing they possess
Who follow this meek Nazarene."

O Christian, remember you bear the dear Name,
Your lives are for others to view.
You are living examples, men praise or blame
And measure all Christians by you.

Florence B. Anderson.

BEGINNER TO BIBLE READING?

YOU NEED A BIBLE.

What, any old Bible? Well, any Bible is better than none, but since it is such an important book, you should try to get a good one. Decent sized type is important, and a strong binding, of course. It is worth spending money on. And don't forget that you will want to carry it with you on holidays and when you go to church, so it is as well to keep the size down within reason. In addition, get one of the Modern translations, which will help you to understand it better; they are quite cheap nowadays.

YOU NEED A PLAN.

It isn't much good starting off hopefully at Genesis and wading straight through. People have done that, but it is apt to be discouraging! What you need is some organised system which will take you through the Bible over a period of years, giving you a reasonable passage to read each day. There are several societies which provide this kind of thing, but one which sets out to give you a steady course of reading through the books of the Bible, arranged in an interesting way, is the SCRIPTURE UNION, which began in 1879 and now has a million readers all over the world.

YOU NEED A METHOD.

This means, first of all, a regular daily habit; a time and a place which you deliberately set apart for your Bible reading. If you try to fit in any old where, you will quickly discover that it has got in nowhere. Experience shows that the very best time of all is at the start of the day, before your mind gets taken up with the other things which occupy it. And when you have settled on the time and place, you need a proper method of Bible reading; otherwise it is easy to become casual and do it just as a matter of habit. The ideal method is the Scripture union one.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO THE RECTOR.

FLOWER DONATIONS.

MAY 5TH - From Mrs. Carr in memory of her mother.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

MAY 12TH - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

MAY 19TH - In loving memory of Bert Gamble from his
wife Kath.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

MAY 26TH - Frank, happy memories from Edith.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

**ALL SAINTS' PETERSHAM
325 STANMORE ROAD.**

MARKET DAY

AND CAR BOOT SALE.

**COME - BUY, SELL
SATURDAY 18TH MAY, 1991
8AM TO 4PM.**

FOR INFORMATION 569-4735

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - APRIL, 1991

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	1,360.30	Rector's Net Stipend	2,119.15
Anonymous donation	1,000.00	Rector's Trav. Allowance	578.97
Investment Interest		Catechist Stipend & Trav Allow	346.80
J.H. Douglass Endow	1,014.98	Organist	80.00
Transfer of Funds		Church Cleaning	200.00
From Capital Reserve	201.98	Hall Cleaning	200.00
District Visitor's Collection		Telephone Account	80.49
Mrs. Carr	47.00	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
		Flowers	74.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	8.81
		Cleaning Items	10.87
		Hall Electricity A/c	140.23
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	22.00
		Repairs to Fluorescent light	
		In Hall	55.00
		New Griller Rector's Stove	118.40
		Paper	187.76
		Toner	141.25
		Machine service	285.50
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Deficit for Month	1,051.84		
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BALANCE 1-4-91	3,172.53		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	1,051.84		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	0.00		
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BALANCE 30-4-91	2,120.69		

WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH PETERSHAM
RESTORATION FUND

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