

# THE CHRONICLE

OF

## The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

Rector: Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

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APRIL, 1956

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### SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Teachers' Training Class, First Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

**Churchwardens:** Messrs. L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

**Parish Council:** THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs. A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, E. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. L. C. CALVER

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. W. SOPWITH

**Organist and Master of the Choristers:** Mr. E. WARR.

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IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT

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My Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that I write this my first letter to you after such a wonderful induction service in your lovely Church on Tuesday, 27th March. It was an inspiration to see so many parishioners and clergy present at such a busy time of the year. I was sorry to know Archdeacon Kerle was unable to conduct the institution as arranged but very grateful to Archdeacon Bidwell, who so readily offered to take the service. This was the second occasion that Archdeacon Bidwell inducted me to a parish, and he did it with his usual sincerity and dignity. Bishop Hilliard preached the sermon, having known me for many years. The Bishop ordained me in Nelson, New Zealand, in 1937, and performed my marriage in 1938. Again, I was his assistant at St. John's, Parramatta from 1952-53.

The music at the induction service was a credit to both the organist and the choir of All Saints', creating a wonderful atmosphere that I will never forget. The Church was beautifully decorated and I am grateful to the ladies for the part they played in that respect, and also for the yeomen service performed by many of them over many days in cleaning the Rectory.

The ladies again helped us by preparing a very nice lunch on the day we arrived with our furniture.

To the small band of men who painted out the bedrooms of the Rectory I cannot fully express my thanks. They did an excellent job and their choice of colours was admirable. From the bottom of my heart I say a sincere "thank you" to all who helped make the Rectory so attractive for us. I also wish to thank Mr. Eric Olofsson for his kindness in putting an extra power point in the laundry.

Easter has now come and gone and our services on Good Friday and Easter Day were very well attended. I regret having a cold in the head over this period, but am the more grateful to the Rev. A. E. C. Gardner for his assistance with the services.

My wife and I are looking forward to a lengthy stay in your midst and feel greatly encouraged already by the warmth of your welcome. We hope to come to know you all personally in time and share fully with you the work of the Master in this important parish.

Yours very sincerely,  
ERIC CHAMPION,  
Rector.

**Our New Rector.**—The Special Service for the Institution and Induction of the Reverend Thomas Eric Champion as Rector of All Saints', Petersham, was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday evening, the 27th March. Archdeacon Bidwell conducted the service and he was assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. J. R. Le Hurang, and the Acting Rector, Rev. S. V. Satchell. The reverence and sincerity of the service made a deep impression on the large congregation. The Rt. Rev. W. G. Hilliard, M.A., Coadjutor Bishop, was the preacher. The Bishop, in his address, referred to his close association with All Saints' Petersham, and expressed his great pleasure at the knowledge that many of those he had known in his early days at All Saints' are still actively working for the parish. Bishop Hilliard congratulated the Parish on its selection of the Rev. J. E. Champion as Rector. He felt that Mr. Champion's ability, experience and personality would be of great value to the Parish and that in his ministry he would be ably supported by his good wife. He expressed the hope that parishioners generally would support their new Rector in his arduous and important duties. The Bishop's address was greatly appreciated by all, and in particular by his many friends in the Parish of All Saints', Petersham.

L.C.C.

**Welcome to Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion.**—At the close of the Induction Service the congregation adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a welcome was accorded to our new Rector and his wife. Archdeacon Bidwell presided, and among those on the platform were Bishop Hilliard, the Mayor and Mayoress of Marrickville, and Alderman Heagney.

The Archdeacon, in opening the proceedings, spoke in the highest terms of the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion, and wished them every success in the Parish of All Saints, Petersham. Bishop Hilliard, in a brief but breezy speech, added his good wishes. At this stage of the proceedings a sheaf of flowers was presented to Mrs. Champion. The Rector's Warden, Mr. L. C. Calver, extended the Parish's welcome to our new Rector and his wife, and expressed the hope that their association, and that of their family, with the parishioners of All Saints', Petersham, would be a long and happy one. Finally, Mr. T. Brooker conveyed good wishes from our Rector's former Parish of St. Marys with Rooty Hill.

The Rev. T. E. Champion, in reply, thanked the various speakers for their remarks, and expressed appreciation of the hearty welcome and the beautiful service in the Church. He was appreciative, too, of the work carried out in the Rectory for the comfort of him, his wife and family, and looked forward to working with the parishioners of All Saints', Petersham. Supper was then served to the large gathering by members of the Women's Guild and the Young Marrieds Club. The Churchwardens desire to express their thanks to these ladies for their excellent work.

L.C.C.

**Choir.**—We of All Saints' are proud of our Church Choir, and their singing at the Induction Service earned the commendation of all who were present at the service. Congratulations to our Organist and Choir Master and members of the choir.

L.C.C.

**Y.C.I.**—The "Manuscript Journal" has for many years been a popular item in the syllabus of the Y.C.I. Meetings. It is issued quarterly, and the 178th issue will be released at the meeting set down for Friday the 20th April. Every member is requested to write at least one article for the issue. Meetings of the Y.C.I. are held in the Club Room, and all men of the Parish are invited to come along.

L.C.C.

**Physical Culture Club.**—We have much pleasure in reporting a steady increase in the number of girls attending classes. The Club meets on Mondays: Juniors at 6.15 p.m. and Seniors at 7.30 p.m. May we take this opportunity on behalf of the members of our Club, also their parents, in extending a sincere welcome to our new Rector and Mrs. Champion and Ruth and Robert.

F. DITCHEBURN, Hon. Sec.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

April 7th—Donated by Guild members (Memory, Miss Allen), arranged by Mrs. Morris.

April 14th—Donated by Mrs. Kent, arranged by Mrs. Grant.

April 21st—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.

April 28th—Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD

It has been pleasing to note that our meetings for this period have maintained a good average attendance, and we say thank you to Mrs. Cook for good work while we have not had a President. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Champion to that position at our annual meeting on April 10th, at 2 p.m.

In spite of adverse weather our street stall on March 16th was very successful.

We look forward to our annual luncheon on April 5th, which will serve as a welcome to the Rector and Mrs. Champion, and trust we shall have the support of a large number of our parishioners.

The Sanctuary flowers on April 8th, will be a tribute from our Guild members to the memory of our late member Miss Allen.

The Induction was a most inspiring service, and we say thank you to our members and the Young Marrieds for efforts in the refreshment field.

Our member Mrs. Binns, who has been very ill, is at present in the country. We trust she will return much improved. Also Mrs. Sharp, we have missed from a number of meetings. We look forward to seeing her in the near future.

#### CRICKET CLUB

On 24th March, the 1955-56 season concluded for your "C" and "D" Grade Cricket Teams. Although neither team was able to bring any premier-ship home to Petersham, both sides acquitted themselves well and many notable performances were recorded. Unfortunately, games towards the end of the season were marred by forfeits received from opponents, byes, and wet Saturdays.

The thanks of the Club, and especially of the "D" Grade players are given to Mr. G. R. Minter, who gave up each of his Saturday mornings to guide the under 15 years team.

The "C" Grade team, which finished fifth in the "C" Grade competition, suffered from shortage of players and lack of match practice in the latter part of the season, but generally did not live up to its reputation of the previous year, when it gained second place.

In concluding, I would like to express our grateful appreciation to the car owners who transported players and spectators each Saturday afternoon, to Mr. Olofsson, Senr., for donation of stumps, to Messrs. J. M. Boyle and R. Atkinson for their interest and assistance throughout the year, and to all members and friends of our Club for their support in the work which we have endeavoured to do.

A. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

### YOUNG MARRIEDS CLUB

The next meeting of the Y.M. Club will be held on Tuesday, 10th April, in Y.C.I. Clubroom, at 8 p.m. We would be pleased to welcome new members.

Our Club had an accident with our crockery and we are now thirty cream saucers short. If anyone has one or two odd cream saucers at home we would appreciate very much gifts of same.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

### THE LAYMAN'S JOB

Leave it to the Parson, and soon the Church will die;  
 Leave it to the women folk—the young will pass it by.  
 For the Church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,  
 And the Church that is to prosper needs a layman on the job.  
 For a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,  
 But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;  
 And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no Churches here  
 And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere?  
 It's the Church's special function to uphold the finer things,  
 To teach the way of living from which all that's noble springs;  
 But the Parson cannot do it, single-handed and alone,  
 For the laymen of the country are the Church's corner-stone.  
 When you see a Church that's empty, tho' the doors are open wide,  
 It's not the Church that's dying it's the laymen who have died;  
 For it's not by song or sermon that the Church's work is done,  
 It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

### DISTRICT VISITORS

	General Fund	Asst. Clergy	Total
	£ s. d.	Fund	£ s. d.
		s. d.	
<b>January, 1956—</b>			
Mrs. Olofsson .. .. .	12 0		12 0
Mrs. Milleray .. .. .	2 9 0		2 9 0
	<u>£3 1 0</u>		<u>£3 1 0</u>
<b>February, 1956—</b>			
Mrs. Furnell .. .. .	2 18 0		2 18 0
Miss Bayley .. .. .	2 2 0		2 2 0
Mrs. K. Grant .. .. .	1 0 0		1 0 0
Mrs. Oldfield .. .. .	1 10 0		1 10 0
Mrs. Robertson .. .. .	5 0 6	6 6	5 7 0
Mrs. Cook .. .. .	2 1 6		2 1 6
Mrs. Taylor .. .. .	2 14 6		2 14 6
Mrs. Ditchburn .. .. .	4 9 6		4 9 6
Mrs. Humphreys .. .. .	11 6 6		11 6 6
<b>Donations—</b>			
Miss Speight .. .. .	2 0	1 0	3 0
Mrs. Hoason .. .. .	2 0		2 0
Mrs. R. Holt .. .. .	10 0	5 0	15 0
Miss Hobbs .. .. .	6 0		6 0
Miss Norman .. .. .	1 4 0		1 4 0
Miss Atkinson .. .. .	12 0		12 0
	<u>£35 18 6</u>	<u>12 6</u>	<u>£36 11 0</u>
<b>March 1956—</b>			
Mrs. Furnell .. .. .	3 4 0		3 4 0
Miss Bayley .. .. .	2 10 0		2 10 0
Mrs. Milleray .. .. .	1 14 0		1 14 0
Mrs. K. Grant .. .. .	13 6	3 0	16 6
Mrs. Cook .. .. .	2 10 0		2 10 0
Mrs. Humphreys .. .. .	10 15 6	6 0	11 1 6
Mrs. Oldfield .. .. .	1 9 6		1 9 6
Mrs. Ditchburn .. .. .	4 3 0		4 3 0
Mrs. Miller .. .. .	3 1 0		3 1 0
	<u>£30 0 6</u>	<u>9 0</u>	<u>£30 9 6</u>
Mrs. Taylor .. .. .	2 17 6		