

The Chronicle

Of All Saints Peterham

325 STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM 2049

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747-3292

DECEMBER 1992



*She brought forth her firstborn son;
and he called his name Jesus*

Matthew 1:25

My Dear Friends,

'Unto you...is born a Saviour.' - Luke Chapter 2, Verse 11.

The message of Christmas is most personal. Christ was born in Bethlehem for your sake. He was born to be yours, to be your Saviour and Lord, And God's great act of love in sending His Son is not complete until you own Jesus Christ to be the Saviour whom you need.

1. A Contorted Christmas

As I take up my pen to write these words, it is the beginning of November and Christmas is already upon us. By the way in which some of our large stores are arranging their dates for the Christmas Season, we will soon follow England in celebrating Christmas in mid-winter!

However, to write in a more serious vein - may it not be that the greed of gain, in the excessive commercialism of Christmas, is covering up the great truths of the Christmas message and is therefore doing positive harm to the community. Christmas is indeed the Festive Season, but if that means putting aside of the great truths and implicatings of the incarnation of Christ while we give ourselves to an orgy of spending and eating, then our observance of Christmas is not only unwise, but anti-Christian.

2. God has Acted for You...

'Unto you is born a Saviour'...God sent his Son because of the great and urgent need of each one of us. The very birth of Jesus Christ (his incarnation), His coming to earth in human form, means that Christ is deeply involved in every area of our lives and in every time of our need. Jesus Christ is God incarnate. the very name of Jesus Christ, "Saviour" indicates the supreme purpose of His coming: To save those who put their trust in Him, to give His life on the Cross that salvation would be freely available to all who repent of their sin and turn to Him.

3. Make This a Christian Christmas

Whatever has been your observance of Christmas in the past, make this a

CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS. Worship with your family, not only on Christmas Day, but on the Sundays leading up to Christmas. Put Christ at the centre of your Christmas festivities. Realise in your own experience the great joy of the message of the angel on that first Christmas Day, "*Unto you is born ... a Saviour*"

I wish you and yours a happy and Holy Christmas and God's richest blessing in the coming year.

Your friend and Minister - W. G. Coller.

From the Minister:-

My three favourite Christmas Hymns are!

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL - because it is enriched with the language of the creed in verse 2.

AWAY IN A MANGER - because it speaks of the lord' humble birth and the needs of the children of the world.

SILENT NIGHT - because it invokes a sense of awe at the birth of Jesus Christ.

What are your favourite Christmas Hymns?

Why are they your favourites? Listen to the words as you sing them.

Every blessing to those of you who are going to families this Christmas, and welcome to those who are visiting families and friends in this area!

"Eternal God and Father watching over all.
Grant that the friendship formed between us here on earth may never be broken, by either sin or worldly cares forgotten, but bound together across the world by the unseen chains of your love we may be drawn nearer to you and to each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Amen.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

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

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

4-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

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

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

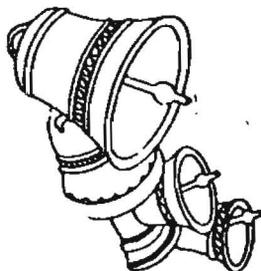
9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

Home Bible Studies now in recess.

COMING EVENTS.

CHRISTMAS.



Sunday 20th December 1992.

7pm Festival of Readings and Carols.

Friday 25th December 1992. Christmas Day.

8am Holy Communion.

Friday 1st January 1993. New Years Day.

8am Holy Communion.

KINDLY NOTE: There will be a number of parishioners too sick to attend Church Services during Christmas. In this case, please phone 747-3292 to arrange a mutually convenient time for the administration of Holy Communion in the home.



FLOWERS DONATIONS,

- NOV 15** - In loving memory of Dulcie from Ray and family
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- DEC 6** - To the memory of our mother and nanna from Ray Swankie
and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.
- DEC 13** - Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Smr.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- DEC 20** - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- DEC 25** - No Donation.
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- DEC 27** - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- JAN 12** - From Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

The Rev. Walter Coller, Churchwardens and Parish Council extend to all people of goodwill who read this magazine "Peace and Joy" at this Christmas time and a Prosperous New Year ahead.



The Parish Register

BAPTISM.



"We welcome into the family of Christ's Church"

15th November 1992 Jack Christopher Daly

FUNERALS

We extend sincere Christian sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved. To all who mourn, we commend the words of our Lord:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25.

5th November 1992 Gladys Mary Newton.
23rd November 1992 Olive Jean Newby.

WEDDING

"Those whom God has joined, let no man separate"

22nd November 1992 John Gary Dowsley and Lisa Michele Noonan

FETE 1992.

	This Year	Last Year
Books	114.70	201.05
Cakes	653.05	700.00
Groceries	380.50	369.80
(1992 Includes Jams)		
Jam		200.30
Hot Dogs	72.40	77.80
Plants	209.30	108.45
Pottery	669.25	683.56
Refreshments	253.20	256.70
Toys	260.85	222.22
Work Stall	737.40	1107.63
Hoop-La	46.00	0
White Elephant	282.35	0
Jewellery	0	144.00
Moulds	0	20.00
Sale of Pews	40.00	0
Donations	361.00	76.70
Total	4080.00	4168.21

The Minister and Parish Council are deeply grateful to all who have worked unselfishly to achieve this great result. Our thanks to those who made donations of goods or cash.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Day Friday 25 December

8-00am HOLY COMMUNION

"Come let us adore him Christ the Lord"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - OCTOBER 1992

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	2,305.34	Rector's Net Stipend	2,207.50
District Visitors'		Rector's Trav Allowance	540.00
All Saints' Endow Fund	11.33	Organist	60.00
J.H. Douglass Endow Fund	907.46	Church cleaning	250.00
Long Service Leave Contribution from Sydney Diocese	6,342.50	Hall Cleaning	250.00
		Telephone Account	82.25
		Cleaning Purchases	20.62
		Flowers	60.00
		Morning Teas Expenses	21.26
		Transfer funds to Restoration A/c	30.00
		Minor Shower Repairs Rectory	59.43
		Stipend for Revd. W. Coller	
		Adjustment October	25.28
		Month of September	26.59
		Church Electricity A/c	172.59
		Postage & Phone Calls	10.11
		Minor Repairs	205.00
		N.C.L.S. Survey Results	39.00
Deficit for month	0.00		
	<u>9,566.63</u>		
		Surplus for month	<u>4,059.63</u>
			<u>5,507.00</u>
			<u>9,566.63</u>
BALANCE 1-10-92	474.34		
Less deficit for month	0.00		
Plus surplus for month	<u>5,507.00</u>		
BALANCE 31-10-92	<u>5,981.34</u>		

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.
