

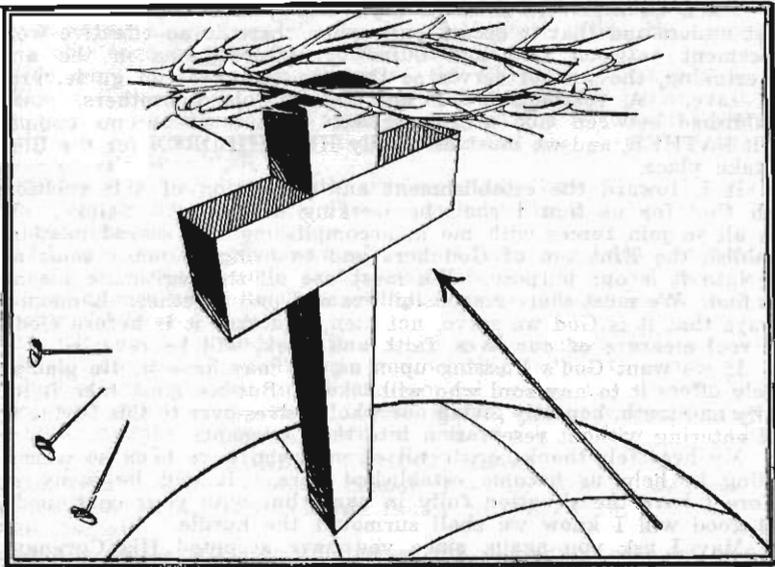
The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN"

RECTOR'S LETTER

March 24, 1971.

My Dear People,

What a great privilege it is to address you as "my people". This being my first letter to you as your rector, it is also the first letter I have written as a rector. It is hard to express what we feel. The Lord has been so gracious to call us to this work. Our prayer will always be that with His help, we shall be able to fulfill the various duties in such a way as all concerned will be enriched by God's Blessing. And so as your friend and Priest I say: May God's Blessing be upon you.

What is God's Blessing? The principle of the Blessing comes from an ancient practice which ceremoniously made two individual persons of differing backgrounds into blood brothers. Each cut a small wound on the inside of his wrist and the two wounds were pressed together so as to mingle their two bloods, and this for all purposes in ancient times made them members of one family, co-heirs, and sharing all privileges and responsibilities. Acknowledging the medical impracticability of the practice, we can, however, see its deep significance. The stronger agreed to take full care of the weaker, and the weaker one agreed to fully serve the stronger so that stronger could care for him. The practice was in fact the making of a permanent covenant between the two parties, which covenant, when fully effective, would be a great joy, service, and comfort to both parties. The two had joined forces in a working agreement which would help both. And this union was the "bledsoma" or Blessing.

When we therefore think of the Blessing of God being upon us, we must understand that it occurs only when there is an effective working agreement between God and ourselves; whereby, as in the ancient undertaking, the weaker serves so that the stronger can guide, protect, and save. A relationship of one family, blood brothers, must be established between God and ourselves. God must become completely OUR FATHER, and we must be wholly HIS CHILDREN for the Blessing to take place.

It is toward the establishment and perfection of this relationship with God for us that I shall be working here at All Saints'. I ask you all to join forces with me in accomplishing this sacred mission. To establish the Kingdom of God here and to bring as many souls as we can into it is our purpose. We must use all the legitimate means we can find. We must share responsibilities and pull together. Remembering always that it is God we serve, not men, and that it is before God that the real measure of our lives, faith and work, will be revealed.

If we want God's Blessing upon us, we may have it. He gladly and freely offers it to any soul who will take it. But we must take it in sincerity and truth, honestly giving our whole selves over to this Divine union and entering without reservation into the Covenant.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of you who have been so warm and willing to help us become established here. It will be many weeks before I have the situation fully in hand, but with your continued love and good will I know we shall surmount the hurdle.

May I ask you again, since you have accepted His Covenant, to become His servants and missionaries. Do not leave All Saint's Parish to swim or sink by chance. Each one of you must put forth your hand and share the job. Go out and bring in the people, from far and near, wherever you find a willing ear. Bring them to the Church, where they will hear God's word read, preached, and taught. Invite them to join our Choir, Sunday School, men's, women's and young people's groups.

Show them your love and concern for them and they will respond. You are the salt of the earth, Jesus says—do not lose your savour. You are the light of the world—do not let that light grow dim, nor be hidden beneath shyness or any fear. Take hold of Salvation both for yourself and for the world, and God's full Blessing will indeed be amongst us and remain with us always.

—COLIN A. CAMPBELL, Rector

INDUCTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR

A large congregation packed the parish church on Friday, 5th March to witness the institution and induction by the Right Rev. A. J. Dain of the eighth Rector of All Saints', the Rev. Colin Alexander Campbell, Bachelor of Science, Master of Divinity.

Present were many present and former parishioners of All Saints', numerous clergy of the area, and a large party from Mr Campbell's former parish of Hunter's Hill, including some 50 members of that parish's Fellowship.

The most inspiring service was followed by a happy welcome in the parish hall to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and their family. Under the chairmanship of the Rural Dean of Petersham, the Rev. R. F. Gray, B.A. (Rector of Five Dock), brief addresses of welcome were made by Mr. and Mrs. W. Sopwith, the Revs. E. T. Montgomery and R. F. Gray, and Mr D. B. Hunter, M.L.A.

Mrs. Campbell responded to Mrs. Sopwith's welcome on behalf of the ladies of the parish, expressing her thanks for all the warmth and friendliness that had been extended in their first few days in Petersham.

The incoming Rector expressed his sincere thanks to Bishop Dain for conducting the Service, to the various speakers, and to all who came, including those from Woolwich and Hunter's Hill. He concluded with a challenge to the people of Petersham:

"To me," he said, "the centre of the Christian community is the worship of God. All of the attending activities of the parish hall, the groups for young and old, are there to support the one central activity, the worship of Almighty God—the reading and the preaching and the hearing of His Word".

"There are early and late services each Sunday, so there's no reason why you shouldn't be able to make it to All Saints' at least once each Sunday."

"I beg of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to come and make worship on Sundays the big thing of your week. If you'll support us, then we're going to pour all our heart and soul into what we have to give."

Mr. Campbell concluded with a word to the ladies: "I'll come along and drink your tea if you'll come and worship in my Church".

Thanks are extended to all who worked behind the scenes for this Service and welcome, especially to the ladies who provided and served the supper to the capacity crowd in the parish hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On behalf of the Sunday School, I would like to welcome The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Campbell and family to the Parish.

Lenten Boxes:

Lenten Boxes were distributed at the beginning of Lent and we hope the boys and girls will save some of their pocket money for the boxes. The money raised from the lenten boxes will be sent to the Australian Board of Missions for their work in this country and overseas.

The Lenten Boxes should be returned on Easter Day, 11th April.
NOEL CRAIG, Hon. Secretary.

CHURCH NEWS

Easter Services:

The times of our Easter Services are listed on the back page of this "Chronicle". Please note that there will not be an evening service on Good Friday, and that on Easter Day, there will be an extra Celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. The 2 p.m. service on Good Friday will be of an hour's duration.

The Diocesan Service of Witness will again be held on Good Friday, 9th April in Hyde Park, opposite Mark Foys, commencing at 3.45 p.m. On the platform with the Archbishop will be three members of the Billy Graham Musical Team, Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea and Tedd Smith. An unusual feature of the service will be an interview with a prisoner on parole who has made a Christian commitment, and interviews with three other people who have found the Christian faith relevant in time of stress and difficulty.

Family Service:

The attendance at the March Service was good, especially on the part of the boys and girls and parents. We hope that even more parents and other adult members of the congregation will join us at this month's bright Family Service, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 18th April.

Confirmation:

Arrangements have been made for our 1971 Confirmation Service, which will be conducted by Bishop Hulme-Moir, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, 10th October. The Rector would be glad if all intending candidates for confirmation would contact him as quickly as possible this month, so that arrangements can be made to commence classes.

Lenten Appeal:

We are grateful to the many parishioners who took A.B.M. envelopes this Lent. It would be appreciated if these envelopes, as well as the boxes being used by the children, could be returned on Easter Day.

Anzac Services:

The Petersham District Anzac Service will be held in the Town Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 18th April, 1971, when the Rector will be the Guest Speaker, Mr. Campbell will also conduct a 6 a.m. service at the Petersham R.S.L. Club on Anzac Day.

Centenary Service for Community Organisations:

This is All Saints' Centenary year and May, 1971 is the 50th Anniversary of Rotary. So, on Sunday, 2nd May, we shall be holding a special Centenary Service at All Saints' for Rotary, as well as Apex and similar community organisations. We are looking forward to a large attendance from the members of these bodies, and hope that all parishioners will join in to make it another memorable Service in our 100th year. Watch for details.

Choir Grows:

It is most heartening to see new members joining the choir each week, and we soon hope to have a large body of singers on both sides of the chancel for our Services. The Rector or our Choirmaster, Mr. Keith Allen will be glad to answer any inquiries from prospective members. Practices are at 4 p.m. on Thursdays for the boys and girls, and at 7.30 p.m. that night for Seniors.

Easter Vestry Meeting:

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr W. Sopwith is adding up his books following the end of our financial year on 31st March, and his Statement will be presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting in May. Watch for the date. This meeting gives parishioners the opportunity to raise parish business and to elect their Church Officers for the coming twelve months.

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AROUND THE ORGANISATIONS**Latest Club News****Y.M. and Friends' Club:**

The next meeting of our Club will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 13th April, at 8 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and all members are requested to make a special effort to attend.

Our Re-union last month was a very happy and successful function. We were thrilled to see so many of our old members able to attend. Perhaps some of them who still live within reasonable travelling distance of our hall may be able to re-join the Club. We would be delighted to have the pleasure of welcoming any of them back.

Also, to those ladies in the parish who could spare the second Tuesday night of each month, we extend a warm welcome to come and join us.

Many thanks to all those who helped stock our street stall last month. Our next stall will be held on Saturday, 5th June. Thanks also to those who are saving clean newspapers for us.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies' Guild:

Our Annual Luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 4th May, at 12.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Wong from the Mission to Seamen.

Friday, 4th June, is the date of our Clothing Sale; donations of clean used clothing or household linen, etc., will be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th April, at 2 p.m. in the Guild Room.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Young Churchmen's Institute:

60th Annual Meeting: This was held on Thursday, 18th February, with 20 members. Reports were received from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and were adopted.

Election of Office Bearers: All office-bearers remained the same as in the previous year, with the exception of the election of Mr. Paul Levy as a Visiting Representative, in place of the late Mr. Jack Gorman.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a supper was kindly served in the Guild Room by Mrs. Ivy Clark.

New President: On Friday, 5th March, the Rev. C. A. Campbell, B.Sc., M.Div., was inducted as Rector of All Saints', and this automatically gave him the office of President of the Y.C.I.

A fortnight later, Friday, 19th March, the Y.C.I. held a welcome night for Mr. Campbell, with 18 members attending. The evening proved to be a most enjoyable one, mainly due to Mr Campbell's most interesting outline of his life and ministry.

At the conclusion of the evening, an excellent supper was served by Mrs. Ivy Clark.

All members of the Y.C.I. look forward to a long and happy association with Mr Campbell both as Rector of All Saints' and as President of the Y.C.I.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

My sincere thanks to Mr. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Callaghan, Mrs. Humphreys and all the other good ladies who looked after the interests of the Club during my holidays.

On the sick list, we have Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Vale, and Mrs. Herron. We wish them all a speedy recovery and trust they will all soon be back with us at the Club again. Another old member, Mrs. Graham, who returned from America late last year, is also indisposed and is missed on Thursdays by her many friends.

Our attendances are up in the higher bracket at the present time—we hope we shall continue this way during 1971. New members are always welcome at the Senior Parishioners' Club. We invite Ladies and Gentlemen of all denominations to join us on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Donation is 20 cents, which includes afternoon tea and prizes. We especially invite anyone who lives alone or who is lonely to join us for a happy social afternoon.

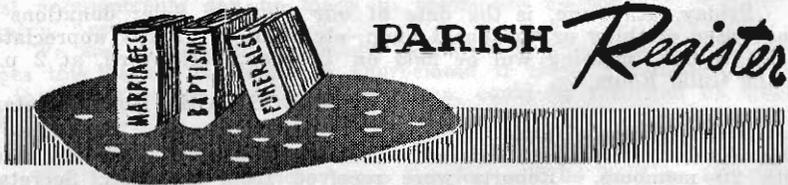
There will not be a meeting of the Club on 8th April, being the Thursday of Holy Week.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Sunday School Mothers' Club:

As a means of securing more members, the Club has altered its meeting time to 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Some new members have been gained as a result of our recent appeals, but we would still like more ladies to give just one hour of their time each month and come to our meetings. This will enable us to continue our work for the Plant Stall at the Fete, and to provide finance and other aid for the Sunday School.

Our next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 6th May.

**BAPTISMS**

"One Lord, One Faith, One Birth"

- March 14th: Kellie Maree Webster
 March 14th: Katherine Anne Webster
 March 14th: Debbie Budd
 March 28th: Rodney Adam Doig
 March 28th: Garry Kousley

MARRIAGES

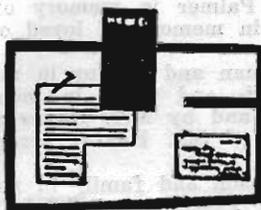
"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

- March 20th: Maxwell Thomas Elliot to Barbara Eleanor Austin
 March 26th: Richard Daniel Henry to Bette May Gardiner

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

- March 1st: Mary Ann McWilliam
 March 11th: Arthur Gould Townsend
 March 22nd: Ray Rendall



NEWS BRIEFS

● **Fete Meeting:** The Fete Committee is busy making bookings for this year's big day, Saturday, 20th November. Further plans will be discussed at a meeting in the Guild Room at 8 p.m. on Thursday, 15th April. All organisations and other parishioners conducting stalls are invited to be present.

● **"Southern Cross":** During March, cards were distributed in Church offering three months' free subscription to parishioners signing up to buy "Southern Cross" for one year. This is the monthly magazine of the Sydney Diocese, and well worth reading for its news of the Church in the wider sphere of the Diocese. If you've not posted your card, do so now—and be sure of your free copies.

● **Wanted—a Record Player:** The Rector is anxious to know of a parishioner who could lend us an electric record player from time to time. It is not necessary that it have its own amplifier or loud-speaker, as we have these. Please let Mr. Campbell know if you could help.

● **Wanted: Girl Guides:** Our Guides' Patrol meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7 p.m. Girls who are 11 and over are invited to enrol.

● **May "Chronicle":** Items for next issue will be due by Sunday, 18th April.

● **Subscribe to the "Chronicle".** If you live away from the parish and would like to keep in touch with all we're doing, we invite you to become one of our subscribers. All we ask is at least 72c to cover the year's postage. Mr. F. Evans (2 York Crescent, Petersham), will be glad to make the arrangements for you.

● **Y.C.I. Slide Night:** On Friday, 16th April, the Y.C.I. will be having an open night, when Mr. Alan Jones will be showing slides and movies of his recent travel around America and the Pacific. All parishioners are invited. Places to be visited this month include Fiji, Tahiti, Washington, Chicago, San Francisco, and some of the historical areas of central U.S.A.

● **Theatre Party:** Advance notice is given that the Y.C.I. will be having a theatre party at one of the city cinemas on Friday, 21st May. Watch for details of the selected programme.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boots** are now settling into their new home at South Wentworthville, and we extend to them our best wishes for the future. Special thanks to Richard for the duplicating work he has done for various parish organisations, and also for producing our Weekly Notices for six months of last year.

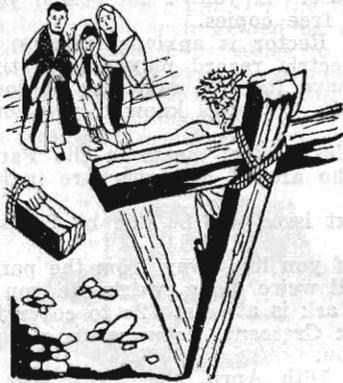
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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

April 4th: Donated by Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow and by the Hird family in memory of their Mother and Father; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

- April 11th: Donated by Mrs. E. Palmer in memory of Mr. Palmer and by Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- April 18th: Donated by Mrs. Gorman and Arthur in memory of Mr. J. E. Gorman, by Iris and Colin in memory of their Mother, Mrs. Walter, and by Mrs. Hayes and family of Revesby, in memory of Mr. Hayes; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- April 25th: Donated by Mrs. Hannson and family in memory of Mr. Hannson and by the Petersham R.S.S.A.I.L.A. for the Stone of Remembrance; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 2nd: Donated by Mr. Allen Boyle in memory of his Father, Mr. J. M. Boyle; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY

4th April

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
Sunday School	9.45 a.m.
Matins	11.00 a.m.
Evensong	7.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

7th April

Holy Communion	7.00 a.m.
Bible Study	7.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

9th April

Holy Communion	8.00 a.m.
Family Service	10.00 a.m.
Devotional Service	2.00 p.m.
Open Air Service	3.45 p.m.

EASTER DAY

11th April

Holy Communion	7.00 a.m.
Choral Communion	8.15 a.m.
Sunday School	9.45 a.m.
Holy Communion	11.00 a.m.
Evensong	7.00 p.m.

"AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one"—Book of Common Prayer.

WALTERS & SON

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