

**THE CHRONICLE OF**  
**All Saint's Church of England, Petersham**

**STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)**

**Two minutes from Petersham Railway Station**

**Rector Rev. S. W. Gissing, Th.L. — Phone: 569-4735**

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**OCTOBER, 1980**

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**Parish Picnic**

**SATURDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1980**

**PARISH PICNIC**

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

PHONE.....

**Place:** Centennial Park.

**Date:** Saturday, 18th October.

**Time:** Leave Church grounds 10.00 a.m.

**PICNIC LUNCH:** Families to provide their own Lunch. Don't forget to bring the cups.

The Gas Barbecue is hoped to be available at the park — restrictions permitting.

Parish will provide tea, coffee and cordial drinks.

**Please Supply the Following Information**

Number of people attending.....

I can provide transport for my family.....

I can provide transport for other parishioners.....

I will need transport for.....people.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ABOVE FORM and return to Stan Sheppard, Noel Cragg or the Church Officer on duty, by**

**SUNDAY, 12th OCTOBER, AT THE LATEST.**

## From your Minister's Desk



Dear friends,

On Tuesday, 7th October, the annual meeting of the Diocesan Synod (or Parliament) will commence. The meetings continue in the afternoons and evenings on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th, and then the following Monday and Tuesday. All sessions are open to the public, though seating for the public is somewhat limited, owing purely to the numerical size of Synod and the physical size of the Synod Hall (the Cathedral Chapter House).

Obviously there are periods when routine and procedural matters make the proceedings slow and far from exciting. However, there are always the more informative discussions, and even "lighter" moments, which make attending to observe the conduct of our church affairs, worthwhile.

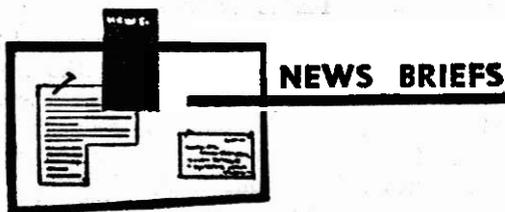
I would encourage our parishioners to take an active interest in Synod and its meetings by attending at least some of the sessions. It helps us understand how very democratic the government of our church affairs is. But even more so, I would encourage you to pray regularly for the guidance of God's Spirit to be with all the representatives in their deliberations and decisions. And particularly that He will enable those responsible for presenting the various resolutions and motions to be clear and logical in the information provided. His Grace the Archbishop also needs our special support, together with the Chairman of Committee, in the supervision of the debate and the ruling on points of procedure.

Make it an opportunity to share more intelligently in the life and work of your church.

The other matter I would draw to your mind is the Special Family Celebration of God's Love, on Sunday, 26th October. This will take place in Hyde Park, City, from 1.30 p.m. If you value the institution of the Family, and if you value God's Law of Love as enshrined in the Ten Commandments, be there!!

Your sincere friend in the service of Christ Jesus.

S. W. GISSING.



### **“THE FRIDAY CARE AND SHARE GROUP”**

“Many are asking today, ‘Where is Jesus Christ at work in our world? How does he touch the problems of society in this twentieth century?’ The answer is that he is at work exactly as he was at work in his lifetime on earth, doing precisely the same thing. In the days of his flesh he did his work through one solitary, earthly, physical body. He is doing the same work now through a corporate, complex body which exists around the world and permeates and penetrates every level of society. It is called the Church, the body of Christ, but its ministry is to the same race Jesus ministered to, under the same basic conditions, facing the same attitudes and problems.”

The above is a quote from Dr. Ray Stedman’s book called “Body Life” — the book the Care and Share Group is using as a basis for its discussion on a Friday morning. Over the past weeks and months those of us who come together in this group have found the discussions stimulating and challenging — and really enjoyable. We have enjoyed each other’s company as well — so much so that we’ve had to put a limit on the time we spend together on a Friday.

As the summer days draw near it’s been decided to meet together in the Meeting Room — in the back section of the Parish Hall — at 9 a.m., with the intention of sharing a cuppa at 10.15 and finishing our time together by 10.30 a.m. So we’ll not be out walking in the “mid-day sun”.

Please take this as a personal invitation to join with us — mostly women, so far — but men would be most welcome to join us — you’ll be glad you came!!!

BETTY GISSING.

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS**

The Prospectus concerning the coming Vacation Camps are now to hand. Families interested are invited to contact the Rector for copies. It is recommended that early application be made as our Youth Department Camps are very popular and “fill up” quickly.

**FETE NEWS**

**For Sale:** B & W TV, perfect condition. 560-8756.

Mrs. Humphreys is looking for items for the White Elephant Stall at our coming Parish Fete (15th November next). A phone call will enable arrangements for pick-up or delivery to be made.

Mrs. Ruhle is seeking Lavender to make Lavender Bags. If you have, or know of someone with, a lavender bush, please contact Mrs. Ruhle (569-4324).

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard are seeking donations of suitable items for the HOOP-LA stall, as well as books, comics and magazine for the BOOK stall. Phone 569-7307.

Mrs. Essam would like to hear from folk who have suitable china or pottery items for the POTTERY stall. Phone 569-1852 to arrange collection.

Mrs. Willis is seeking donations of plants for the PLANTS stall. If you have any to donate please phone 560-2436.

The Sunday School is seeking donations of suitable glass jars for the Honey and Home Made Jam, as well as sugar to make the jam. Phone 560-9972 to arrange collection.

**CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING BEE**

All willing helpers are sought to put in an afternoon on clearing up our church grounds — Saturday, 11th October from 2 p.m. Please bring suitable tools to help.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

Once again the Sunday School will be running the Grocery, Honey and Home Made Jam Stall. Also we will have a 10 cent Lucky Dip.

During the remaining Saturdays in October we will be picking mulberries for the jam. At this time we would appreciate donations of sugar to help offset the cost of making the jam.

NOEL CRAGG,  
Superintendent.

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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.

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### SINGING RECITAL IN ALL SAINTS'

Miss I. Dupre (our organist) will present a Singing Recital on Friday, 24th October, at 7.45 p.m. The recital will be held in our church. Miss Dupre will be singing Folk Songs, and songs from popular Operetta and Musical Comedy. An associate artiste will provide instrumental items.

Admission will be by donation — proceeds are to augment our Bus Appeal. Supper in the Hall will conclude the evening.

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### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Club continues to meet on Thursdays at 1 p.m. each week.

Owing to bad weather and much illness amongst our members our numbers have been small, averaging about 24 or 25. We hope now the weather should be improving to see more members well enough to come along. Mary Pullen has now joined the hospital visitors with a bad toe. She doesn't expect to be in hospital long, and we hope she is right and that she will be back soon with not even a walking stick.

Marge Garth, Norma Mathews, Kath Croft, Flo Stevenson and Irene Condon are still all very ill. We look forward to having them back with us very soon. Also those who are ill at home— we are waiting to welcome you back.

Kath Kennedy had a spell in hospital, too, with eye trouble. Glad you are back, Kath, I didn't know until you were home again.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

### 1980 FAMILY CELEBRATION OF GOD'S LOVE

"God is Love" — "Love the Lord Your God" —  
"Love Your Neighbour"

**Sunday, 1.30 p.m., 26th October, 1980**

- At Hyde Park, near War Memorial
  - Outstanding Speakers
  - Musical Artists and Bands
  - ★ Come with your family
  - ★ Come with your Church Fellowship
  - ★ Come with your Club
  - SHOW YOUR POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FAMILY.
  - WITNESS TO AUSTRALIA THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS — GOD'S LAW OF LOVE
- "For the best results follow the Maker's Instructions."

### WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Meeting Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 28th October, at 12.30 p.m. — all welcome. Mrs. Gwen Williams will be demonstrating ideas for Christmas decorations.

Our Annual Fete is almost here again. This year the Cake and Sweets Stall, which some of our members run, hopes to concentrate more on home-made goods. Two of our ladies, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Kidd, have offered to make pikelets on the Fete day in the hall, so we are asking for donations of any of the ingredients for this effort, as well as sugar, cocoanut, etc., for sweet making. Please leave donations at the Rectory, or phone 569-2291, 59 John Street, Petersham. Thanking you in anticipation.

The recent second-hand clothing stall was very successful, \$73 being banked on the day. Some clothing is being kept for the Fete and next stall, and the rest has been sent to the Home Mission Society. Thank you all who helped or donated in any way. The next stall will be held after the fete on Friday, 21st November.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

### FLORAL TRIBUTES

We are most grateful to all who help beautify our church on Sundays by contributing towards flowers as a way of remembering loved ones.

- October 5: Mrs. E. Beatty, in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, and brother, Colin (Chester Street), and sister, Sylvia.  
 Mrs. E. Bosward and family at the Stone of Memory.
- 19: Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stanley Walters.  
 Mrs. D. Reid in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brigg.
- 26: Mrs. E. Wiley in memory of her mother, Mrs. George Bearpark.
- November 9: Mrs. E. Rhodes in memory of her husband (Cecil), mother (Mrs. L. Adams), and sister (Phyllis Allwood).

Friends who would appreciate the opportunity of making remembrance of folk by placing floral decorations in All Saints' are asked to contact the Rector as early as possible—say by six weeks prior to the selected date. This will help in organising the details and recording the Memorial in the Chronicle.

**WE ARE SO THANKFUL!**

2/3 Wreford Road,  
Blackburn South,  
3180, VICTORIA.  
September, 1980

Our Wonderful friend,

Have you read Psalm 145 recently? It talks about the greatness of God and how worthy of praise he is. We would like to share with you some of the ways we have evidenced God's greatness lately.

For my 21st birthday one of my friends made me a wall hanging with a verse from Corinthians on it which says: "We seem to have nothing, yet we really possess everything". (2 Corin. 6:10). In our flat in Sydney it seemed so appropriate. Our place then was very small and we possessed little in the way of furniture. I value the hanging so it still hangs in our unit today, but I sometimes think how funny it seems as we now seem to possess so much! God has provided for all our needs; each piece of furniture is from his hand and we were given everything we needed for Joel (all I bought was a nappy bucket and a plastic rattle!) Some things have been provided for us in astonishing ways . . . but, God is astonishing, isn't he?

[Annette then gives details of how God has provided in a wonderful way several things for them including:

1. A clothes dryer, much valued in Melbourne's weather.
2. An automatic washing machine, much appreciated in handling all the extra washing a new baby brings.
3. A meal in a bag on the doorstep on their return from an interstate trip.]

**SEMINAR ON COMMUNISM**

Saturday, 11th October, 1980

**ARGYLE THEATRE**

Cnr. ARGYLE STREET AND BLAXLAND ROAD, RYDE

10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**OBJECTIVES:—**

To discuss the problem of Communism as it applies to Australia.

To seek understanding and support for dissidents in Communist Countries.

There is a panel of International Speakers — there'll be opportunity for questions from those attending.

These are just some of the happenings in the Small household for which we are thankful. We are also thankful for what is happening on the campuses. Rich will share with you about the recent Spring conference we held. . . .

Richard continues:—

Last month we told you about the "Spring Special" Leadership training conference I was responsible for organising and asked you to pray for a number of items concerning it.

How encouraging it was to see 110 delegates register on August 25th. The mood of the week was probably best summed up by one of our visiting Sydney speakers, Steve Sandroig . . . "I have been very encouraged by the high level of enthusiasm and anticipation that existed right from the beginning."

Here are a few student evaluations. . . .

"God has challenged me to give my life wholly to Him and let Him do as He has planned for me. I will be taking up this challenge right now."—Pasi Ching (Monash Uni.).

"The whole program challenged me in an almost unbelievable way"—Caroline Allichin (Melb. State College).

"From this conference, I have a much deeper commitment, to discipleship, and burden to spread the Gospel . . . straight away!"—Phillip Coghill (Swinburne Institute).

**GOD HAS ANSWERED** — thank you for praying.

We continue to covet your prayers very highly. This month please join us in thanking Him for the privilege you and I have in knowing, serving and receiving from, God.

We love you,

ANNETTE, RICH & JOEL.

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## WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS



**MORNINGS at 9.30 a.m.:**—

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Family Service is the 3rd Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9.30 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

**EVENINGS at 5 p.m.:**—

(This changes to 7 p.m. during summer months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

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