

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM (Opposite Fire Station)

Rector:

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From your Minister's Desk



Dear Friends,

Recently I heard of a journalist who went to investigate how people looked at the job they were doing. At one stage he came to a sandstone quarry and talked to three men as they had their "tea-break". Two of the men agreed that they were there getting stone out of the quarry as a means of earning a livelihood, but the third fellow said, "The stone we are getting out is going into a Cathedral, so I look at my job as helping to build that great structure."

The point of the story is that a great deal depends on how you look at what you are doing. That surely is something which we need to do in this parish. We are occupied with having Church Services, Sunday Schools and other organisations, but what are we doing? Just parish work? Surely much more than that! We are part of the whole big work of God in the world. We are part of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney — part of the Anglican

Church of Australia — part of the whole Anglican Communion in the world — part of the whole Church of God in the world!

Ours is not just the little effort that we are making here in Petersham — ours is an effort which is part of the work of the Kingdom of God — we are part of the effort that is being made to bring that Kingdom on earth! To see things this way is to have the heart uplifted and the spirit encouraged!

Sometimes it is good to look at a map of the world and, as you note the various countries, to recall that, in this age in which we live, the work of God is going on in every one of them. The witness is there — maybe in very small ways in some areas — BUT THERE! We need always to remember that we are part of that big work and making a very necessary contribution to it.

However, let it also be remembered that, with the realisation and encouragement that comes there is also a responsibility. Responsibility to see that what we should do is the best, for only as each part is at its best can the whole be what it should be and as effective as it ought to be.

Each one of us is a part of that great whole work of God, so let your prayer be—

“Lord I thank you that I am part of your work in this parish and part of your work in the whole world. Help me to be what I ought to be — a workman acceptable in your sight and so a means of bringing your kingdom on earth. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.”

Yours in Service,

R. N. LANGSHAW.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of Women-in-Friendship will be held in the meeting room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 4th August, at 1 p.m. This will be a business meeting, and we look forward to a good attendance.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Although the weather has been cold, we have had good attendances each Thursday afternoon. If you want a happy afternoon playing Housie and chatting over a lovely afternoon tea, please join us., 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday. Only 50 cents covers all..

We are saddened by the loss of Mrs. Rene Gilbert, who passed away last month. The Club members send their sincere sympathy to Rene's family.

We are also sorry to hear that Margaret Gowan-Locke is in hospital and do hope she will be back with us very soon.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

**RICHARD AND ANNETTE SMALL**

2/3 Wreford Road,
Blackburn South, 3130,
Victoria.
June, 1981.

Dear Friends,

Over the past 14 months I have had the wonderful opportunity of watching two babies grow. As you are aware, Joel is one of them, and he continues to grow and get into things he shouldn't (a little like his father used to do, I'm told . . . hard to believe!) The other baby is David Jones; however, he is about eight stone heavier than Joel and is studying at Monash Uni. Dave was born again the day before Joel was born and is now 14 months old as a Christian. He has been a tremendous encouragement to me as he has really grown in his love for God and desire to serve Him. This month I have asked Dave to write a short letter to you about himself.

Hi, I'm Dave. I'm 20 years old (or 14 months depending on which way you look at it). I live in East Doncaster in Melbourne and am studying 2nd year Arts at Monish Uni., majoring in Philosophy (Honours hopefully).

Eighteen months ago I was a drunken-neo-facistical-common-nihilistic-transcendental-Buddhistic-anarchist. In other words, apart from drunk, I was never quite sure what I was until, out of His great love for me, God lifted me out of that darkness and established me in His light. I met Rick during April of last year,

at which time he shared the Gospel with me. After going through a Bible Study (The Uniqueness of Jesus) with him, and with a bit of help from my old hero, Bob Dylan, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

If you'd told me then that within two years I'd be leading the "Student Life" ministry at Monash I'd have laughed at you. I didn't know God so well then. But through three Student Life training conferences, a Bible Study Conference, a Beach Mission and a whole heap of faithful people (especially Rick and Richard Shawyer) God has worked some amazing changes. I'm the worst up-front person ever, but Jesus is the best. So with His help I'm looking forward to taking up the responsibility later this term. (See Phil. 1:6) I'm also leading a Discovery Group (soon to be an Action group with two guys—Dave Ware and Rod Stephenson), a promotion team for our "mission week" and am a member for our "Public Meeting Team".

I hope in your prayers for Rick, Annette and Joel you will find time to mention me.

Thanks for your faithfulness in prayer,
Love in Christ,

DAVE

I agree with Dave, thank you for praying. Dave and others are God's answers to our prayer. Alister (from last letter) continues to grow in His faith and we thank you too for giving toward or praying for our newly acquired Holden Station Wagon.

Thanks for being behind us. Love.

ANNETTE, RICHARD and JOEL.

DO IT, NOW!

As a follow-up to the article on the fete in last month's Chronicle, attention is again drawn to the need for each of us to make a start, particularly where other people are depending on our efforts.

The Plant Stall will be in need of well rooted and advanced plants.

The Pottery Stall is in need of unwanted china and glassware or other items in good condition.

The White Elephant is in need of reusable and saleable goods that are no longer wanted, while the Book Stall needs your unwanted books.

There is a tendency for us all to say, "yes, I will help", and then to postpone the actual giving until the week before the fete. This places a heavy load on the stallholder, who has to sort and clean goods before offering them for sale.

Come on; **DO IT NOW!**

THE RE-CYCLING GROUP

The June receipts from re-cycling were:

	\$
Aluminium cans	58
Beer bottles	23
Newspaper and magazines	243
Total	324

This is a figure we can all be proud of and reflects the efforts of many people working individually and as a group.

The group meets as required, generally on the second Saturday morning each month and sometimes midweek, depending on the amount of newspaper to be bundled. In practice it is an unorganised social club. There is plenty of chatter and laughter, and nobody cracks the whip. Everyone works at their own pace and rests when they feel like it. What method of raising money could be more satisfying and effective. You come when you can and leave when you wish. You work one hour, two hours, nobody worries, it is a free and easy group. The old saying: many hands make light work, was never more true. No invitation is required; just come along and join in for as long as you want.

Many householders have difficulty disposing of beer bottles, aluminium cans and newspaper. This difficulty can be overcome by ringing Bruce Livingston on 569-5057, or Noel Cragg on 560-9972. Arrangements will be made to relieve you of this worry and the service is reliable.



THE FORTY-HOUR FAST

The Forty-Hour Fast was held on 19th and 21st June, and \$131 was forwarded to World Vision from those parishioners who took part.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

- Aug. 2: By Mrs. M. Willis, in memory of Mrs. Schiels.
- Aug. 9: By Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary, in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.
- Aug. 16: No Donation.
- Aug. 23: No Donation.
- Aug. 30: By Mrs. E. Hillery, in memory of her husband, Bertram.

Anyone wishing to sponsor the flowers for church decoration, whether as a Memorial or as a Thanksgiving, can do so by contacting Mrs. E. Hearn by phone on 569-1852.

THE PATTERN

by Rene Wilkey

I had had a terrible day trying to make a dress. Seams had been sewn and then unpicked; adjustments here, alterations there — I was beginning to despair of ever being able to wear it.

It was 4 p.m. when I heard the side gate click. My daughter was home from school.

"Mum, I'm home," called a cheerful voice. "I'm in here sewing," I answered. My despair must have shown on my face, because a sympathetic daughter said, "What pattern are you using Mum?"

"Well, I'm using this skirt pattern and from this pattern I've cut out the top, and I want this kind of sleeve," I said, showing her a third pattern. She looked at me in dismay. "Oh Mum, I'm sure you'd have much less bother if you followed only one pattern and did it slowly, step by step." Wise words!

God told Noah to make an ark of gopher wood. He gave him all the details and the necessary measurements. Noah didn't try to alter God's pattern. The Bible records, "Noah did . . . all that God commanded him." because Noah was obedient and followed God's pattern faithfully, he and his family were saved, just as God had planned. God has plans for us too, but in spite of knowing from experience that we can trust Him we persistently try to alter His plans to suit ourselves.

The Israelites, after long years of slavery in Egypt, were led to Mount Sinai. High in the mountain, in the awe-inspiring presence of God, Moses their leader was given commandments for the people to live by, and heard this wonderful announcement. "Let the people make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst; according to all that I show you concerning the pattern of the Tabernacle and all its furniture, so you shall make it." Then God gave the directions to Moses, even as to the decoration and colour of the embroidery on the linen of the priest's clothing. Every detail has its special significance.

God never intended people to live haphazard lives. A well known Bible scholar recently wrote that few people find it easy to keep up the daily discipline of the Christian life. It's harder than ever today when the ideal is to do one's own thing, to live

by impulse and not by any orderly plan. Our times of prayer and devotion must be regular and orderly if we are to grow spiritually.

The most common pattern non-Christians follow to earn favour with God is that of 'good deeds', but the Bible makes it clear that this is not the way of salvation. God's pattern for our salvation is faith in His Son, who came to die for our sins, "the righteous for the unrighteous that He might bring us to God."

The ten commandments were a pattern for Godly living given to the undisciplined slaves from Egypt to shape them into the righteous nation God required. Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, and in His parables, set the pattern of life for those who belong to the kingdom of God. Paul in his letters unfolds the pattern of true Christian love which enables us to live in harmony with others.

God wants us to follow His patterns, obeying the instructions carefully step by step. Old ways have to be discarded, like unsuitable clothing. And the best pattern of all is Jesus Himself, for "He has given us an example, that we should follow in His steps".



SPECIAL SERVICES

Funerals:

- June 1, 1981: Fanny Elizabeth Elsie Jarratt, of 31 North St., Marrickville.
June 22, 1981: Emily Lavina Robertson, of Trafalgar Street, Petersham.
June 29, 1981: Rose Solawder Mott, of 8 Bruce Street, Stanmore.

Baptisims:

- Feb. 22, 1981: Murray John Nance.
March 1, 1981: Scott Fitzgerald.
March 1, 1981: Vance Joseph Weldon.
April 5, 1981: Shaun Anthony Allan Joyce.
April 5, 1981: Rahniah Penelope Howard.

Marriages:

- Jan. 30, 1981: Deborah Anne Millar to Lyl Francis Johnstone.
Feb. 6, 1981: Asta Jutta Oun to Graham Charles Greenfield.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR JUNE, 1981

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offeratories	535.17	Trav. Allow.	77.65
Recycling:		Rector's Super. Con-	
Alum. Cans 58.05		tribution	52.80
Bottles .. 22.94		Parish Super Contribu-	
Papers .. 242.87		tion	79.20
	323.86	Relieving Ministers	142.55
Donations	47.00	Church Flowers ..	40.00
Deposit Interest	199.34	Chronicles	65.20
Church Flowers	10.00	Church Cleaning ..	125.00
	\$1,115.37	Telephone Account ..	136.78
Deficit for Month	74.91	Flick Annual Maint.	96.00
	\$1,190.28	Repairs to Rectory	
		Windows	100.00
		Trinity Sunday offer-	
		tories to H.M.S.	86.68
		Six Blinds for Rectory	188.42
			\$1,190.28

PARISH INFORMATION

Churchwardens: Mr. B. Livingston (Rector's), Mr. N. Cragg, Mr. S. Yewdall (People's Warden).

Parish Council: The Churchwardens and Mesdames I. Barrett, C. Hitchcock, J. Livingston, D. Reid, A. Steed and P. Yewdall; Messrs. V. Barrett, F. Hearn, W. Ritchie, S. Sheppard, R. Swankie.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Livingston (569-5057).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. B. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader: Mrs. M. Essam.

Organist: Mr. R. Bembrick.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

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