

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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AUGUST, 1966

63rd Consecration Festival
SUNDAY, 21st AUGUST, 1966



Guest Preachers, 10 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
DO JOIN US

63rd CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 21st AUGUST

On 15th August, 1903, the fine Church building of All Saints' was consecrated by the Bishop of Newcastle. Although it was built in 1871, the Church had to wait these 32 years before its cost had been met and the debt repaid.

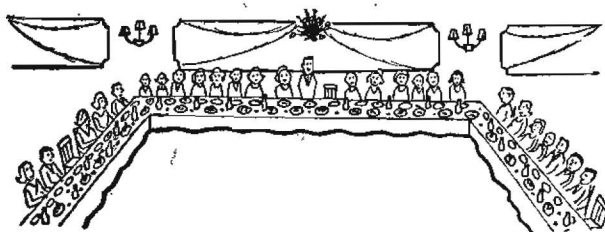
Just as in recent times paying off the Parish Hall debt removed a great financial burden from parish finances, so too did the removal of the Church debt in 1903.

Consecration is a major event in the life of every Church, and to commemorate the occasion, we at All Saints' hold a Consecration Festival each year. Festival services with guest preachers will be held on Sunday, 21st August, and the Parish Tea will follow on Friday, 2nd September.

The Rev. T. F. McKnight, M.A., B.Ec., Th.Schol., Rector of St. Augustine's, Neutral Bay, will be coming to us to speak at the 10 a.m. Family Service, while the Rev. E. J. Storey, Rector of St. Stephen's, Hurlstone Park, will be preacher at Evensong (6.30 p.m.).

BACK TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Our Consecration Festival is also known as "Back to All Saints' Sunday" and we extend a cordial invitation to all our past parishioners to join with us at one or more services on 21st August. The Rector also looks for the support of all present church members on this specially important occasion.



We hope you will also be able to join us for the Annual Tea on Friday, 2nd September. A hot tea will be served at 6.15 p.m. for only 40 cents per head, which ought to attract you for the sake of a bargain meal alone. In addition, however, we have another great attraction in the person of the Dean of Sydney, the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir. The Bishop will address the meeting in the hall at 8 p.m., and if you can't attend the tea, be sure not to miss his address.

The Bishop's last visit to us was when he inducted our previous Rector, the Rev. R. A. Johnson, in May, 1964, and we will be looking forward to seeing him back at All Saints' after his years in the Diocese of Nelson.

Between the Tea and the Bishop's talk, there will be an organ recital in the Church and a special musical programme in the Hall.

Tableholders' Meeting: The Rector has called a meeting for Tuesday, 16th August at 8 p.m. to make the final arrangements for the Parish Tea. The meeting will be held in the Rectory and Mr. Champion would like at least one lady from each table to be present.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Our special service to mark Education Sunday will be held on Sunday, 7th August, at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Leslie Snape, Headmaster of North Ryde Public School, but better known to us as Headmaster of Stanmore School until the end of last year.

All Sunday School children, their parents, teachers from local schools, teachers living in the parish, and indeed all parishioners, are cordially invited to join with us in this important service. A special order of worship will be used.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

All intending candidates for this year's Confirmation are asked to attend the weekly classes held by the Rector at 2 p.m. each Sunday. Regular attendance will be essential before candidates will be eligible to be confirmed.

Any boys or girls wishing to be confirmed but who have not yet enrolled, should see the Rector straightaway.

Confirmation will be administered on Tuesday, 4th October, at 8 p.m.

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PERSONAL

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. McLean and family, of Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill, in the passing of their husband and father, Mr. William Henry McLean. Mr. McLean was a regular member of All Saints' congregation for many years, until his illness prevented his attendance in recent years. We also express our deepest sympathy to our Sidesman, Mr. George Clarke, whose wife passed away in the Home of Peace on 21st July. Mrs. Clarke was a regular parishioner of All Saints', and was also a member of our Senior Parishioners' Club, from which she will be sadly missed.

The Sayers family suffered a sudden bereavement in the loss of their father and grandfather, Mr. Walter Sayers, who lived at Oatley. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Bernie Sayers, his mother and the members of the Sayers family in their sad loss.

We also wish to express our sympathy to the relatives of the late Private Gordon Knight, whose funeral service was held in All Saints' on Friday, 22nd July. He was the first National Serviceman from N.S.W. killed in the Vietnam war. Both the Church and funeral services were conducted by the Rector.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**Teacher Wanted:**

We urgently need a teacher for a class of boys aged eight. The present teacher of these boys, Mr. Robert Champion, is undergoing two years' National Service Training. We hope someone will come forward straight away so that these boys will not be without a teacher. The Rector, Mr. Jones, or myself will be glad to hear from anyone interested.

Family Service:

On the third Sunday in each month, Family Service is held at 10 a.m. I would like to take this opportunity to invite the parents to attend this service with their children. Last month the attendance by Sunday School pupils was very poor. We would like to see a larger attendance this month.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

MICAH

The Prophet Micah appears to have been a contemporary of Isaiah and gave his message to the people of God amid the same troubled world situation as did his great contemporary. The same themes that we find in Isaiah's book are there, the serene confidence of many that Israel would survive, though surrounded by great empires, the outward religion devoid of faith and obedience, a presumptuous confidence that, despite personal and social sins, God would still be the defender of Israel. As the nation's wealth increased, due to a fortuitous and temporary foreign trade situation, those classes whose personal power had increased used their ascendancy to oppress the poor and add independent small landholdings to their own estates. Israel was being divided into two nations and the rich were enslaving the poor.

Like Isaiah, Micah returns continually to the threat of God's judgement, the day will come when God will "hide his face from them" (Ch. 3 v 4), "Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins" (3 v 12). Such preaching was most unwelcome, "one should not preach such things" (2 v 6). A message of another kind was more acceptable "If a man should go about . . . saying 'I will preach to you of wine and strong drink' he would be the preacher for this people." (2 v 11).

The prophet, however, like so many of his fellow spokesmen of God, looks beyond the immediate situation of sin and the following judgement to the greater mercies of God in the future. He speaks of the coming of a ruler of Israel whose home shall be in Bethlehem, the city of David. This ruler shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord and they shall dwell securely (5 v 4) and a day shall come when the nations shall beat their spears into ploughshares (4 v 3).

For the Jew, Chapter 6 v 6-8 contains one of the supreme Old Testament summaries of true religion. For us all it is a reminder of the calling and requirements of God. No outward form of religion is of any value apart from a heart turned to God. No sacrifice of "thousands of rams and ten thousands of rivers of oil" can buy God's favour. No offering of man can put right sin; forgiveness must come from God. And then, as for ever, the heart of life lies in righteousness, a profound, abiding and sacrificial kindness and a deep transforming humility before God.

(Notes on Obadiah and Jonah will follow later).

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LATEST FETE NEWS

If you have something in PRINT, take the HINT

Did you know Operation B.O.O.K.S has commenced?

This is a "Search and Collect" mission for the following books, paper backs, educational, sport, pastime and hobby, romances, western fiction, mystery stories, and children's books, magazines and comics.

These books can be found on your shelves or in boxes, but they all have one dangerous characteristic—they are wasting space! Soon, a good part of your room will be full of unrequired books. On the other hand, these are valuable to our Book Stall, no matter what condition they are in.

Gifts of books may be left c/- the Rectory, or you may ring Mrs. D. Reid (56-2970) and we will arrange to collect them from you.

Please give generously—your donation will be greatly appreciated.

CLUB NEWS

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Sad to report, we have two members, Mrs. Callaghan and Miss Woodward, in hospital at present; we wish both of them a speedy recovery. We are very sorry to report that one of our members, Mrs. Clarke, passed away last month.

In June and July, our weekly attendances rated high. We have a cheerful, warm, Club Room, and invite anyone interested to come along to the Parish Hall any Thursday at 1.30 p.m. We cater especially for local Senior Citizens, and promise them a warm welcome and a happy afternoon's entertainment.

Games, prizes, and afternoon tea and a chance to meet other folk are offered to you. The Club Organisers, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Nance, and myself can keep you in close contact with all Church activities. Any Club member desiring weekly envelopes for Church Donations can have them on request.

DOT SHAW

Young Marrieds' and Friends'

The members of our Club are very grateful to all the parishioners who have been saving their old newspapers for our drive. A very substantial amount was raised from last month's collection, thanks to you. We're still collecting, and would like you to continue saving your clean papers for us. Drop your donations along to the Parish Hall, or phone a Club member and collection can be arranged.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th August, in the Guild Room at 8 p.m., when we will be discussing our arrangements for the Parish Tea on 2nd September. New members will be very welcome to attend this meeting.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

The newly formed **Sunday School Mothers' Club** invites all mothers interested to come along to our meetings, which are held in the Parish Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The meetings are held from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., and pre-school children are minded for you in the Kindergarten Room. We are also conducting the monthly Street Stall on the third Friday of each month, and look forward to your support.



We will be holding a Flower Beauty demonstration in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 24th August, at 12.30 p.m., and we extend a cordial invitation to all ladies interested, even if they cannot attend our normal meetings.

Indoor Bowls Club:

Membership of the Mens' Indoor Bowls Club is still open. Come along and join us any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.; a good welcome is assured, and we invite you to stay and have supper with us. Enquiries from prospective members will be welcomed.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies' Guild:

Our clothing sale on 22nd July was a very satisfactory effort and we say thank you very sincerely to all who donated material for the sale, and to all who helped on the day. On Wednesday, 31st August, we are arranging a Pattern Cutting Demonstration—learn to cut your own pattern in one lesson. The demonstration will start at 10.30 a.m. and all ladies will be welcome. A donation of 30 cents will include morning tea.

Our Fete time is gradually drawing closer, and because of our shortage of members, we would be pleased to hear from any lady who would be willing to take charge of the Refreshments Room; we have the list of quantities for ordering.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- August 7th: Donated by the Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Champion in memory of Mrs. Champion's parents, by Mr. Sanderson, Joy, and Lynette in memory of Miss Spiller, by Miss Quin in memory of her father, and by Mr. and Mrs. Everett and family, Mrs. G. E. Sharp, and Mrs. Suel in memory of Mrs. V. E. Pryor; arranged by Mrs. Champion.
- August 14th: Donated by Miss Dobson in memory of her sister, by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her husband, and by Mr. and Miss Butt in memory of their sister; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 21st: Donated by Miss Slocombe in memory of the Slocombe family, by Mrs. I. Clark in memory of her husband, by Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale in memory of Mr. Nightingale Senior, and by Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams in memory of their parents; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 28th: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of her husband, by Mrs. Dickson in memory of her husband, by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield, and by Mrs. Dickson in memory of her husband; arranged by Miss Speight.
- September 4th: Donated by Miss Pearce in memory of Miss Darke, and by the family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- On 17th July, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Dunn, and on 31st July, by Mr. Hird and family in memory of Mrs. Hird.

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DEDICATION OF NEW MEMORIAL

The Rector has dedicated the recently installed speaker system in the Church to the memory of one of our former parishioners, Mr. Bertram Henry Hillery. The Service of Dedication took place at Morning Prayer on Sunday, 26th June.

Although the first four columns of speakers were available for use from Easter of this year, the system was not finally dedicated until a fifth cabinet was installed to fill in a "sound gap" in the Chancel area. A brass tablet marking the dedication has been placed on the screen near the pulpit.

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CAR DRIVE NEXT MONTH

The Y.C.I.'s Committee is hard at work arranging the annual car drive for parishioners. It will be held on Saturday, 17th September, and offers of cars from parishioners willing to take part would be welcome. The route will be announced in the next "Chronicle" and tickets will be available as soon as we have a sufficient number of seats available.

Committee members Messrs. G. Gorman, J. Gorman, R. Minitier, C. Whiting and A. Jones would like to hear from prospective drivers,



NEWS IN BRIEF

● **OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP:** Bishop M. L. Loane, at present a Coadjutor Bishop of the Sydney Diocese, has been elected as successor to the Right Reverend H. R. Gough. The parishioners of All Saints' extend their congratulations to Bishop Loane, who will become the first Australian Archbishop of the Church of England.

Election by the Diocesan Synod took place after several nights of discussion, debate, and voting, and the result of the final ballot was not announced until 12.20 a.m. on the morning of 21st July. The Synod, a body containing more representatives than can be accommodated in the British House of Commons, consists of the Rector and two laymen from each parish, as well as other clergy from Diocesan organisations etc. No doubt you followed the story of the election with interest as it was reported in the daily press at the time of the Synod Session.

● **Successful Social:** Mrs. Clark reports that another successful Social Afternoon was held last month. Quite a few attended, even though the weather was not the kindest. Thanks are extended by Mrs. Clark to all who came, to all who helped her, and to those who gave donations. All proceeds from the afternoon went to Church funds.

The next such Afternoon to be held on Saturday, 1st October, will be in aid of Fete funds, and will include Christmas gifts for sale.

● **Carpets:** Carpets in assorted sizes, colours, and patterns are being sold by Mrs. Humphreys in aid of Fete funds. They will make ideal door-mats, or would be equally suitable to scatter around various rooms of your home. Ask Mrs. Humphreys to show you the range that is available.

● **Scrap Metal Drive Open:** The Y.C.I. has opened its 1966 drive for scrap metal, to be collected from parishioners and re-sold in aid of Fete funds. Lead, copper and brass are wanted, so please see if you have any around your home. Y.C.I. members will arrange collection from your home. Unfortunately there is no market for old iron, and this is not being collected.

● **LATER EVENSONG:** Don't forget that the "summer" time for Evensong Services at All Saints' will be re-introduced from the first Sunday in September. From 4th September, we will start at 7 p.m. Throughout August, however, Evensong will commence at 6.30 p.m.

● **Fun and Games at Braeside:** On the last Tuesday afternoon of each month, a Games and Social Afternoon is held at the Braeside Church of England Hospital, Stanmore, to raise funds for the hospital. Ladies from All Saints', being the Parish Church, have been especially invited to attend, and we hope that a number of you will accept this as an invitation. The social is held in the Nurses' Home, 66 Cambridge Street.

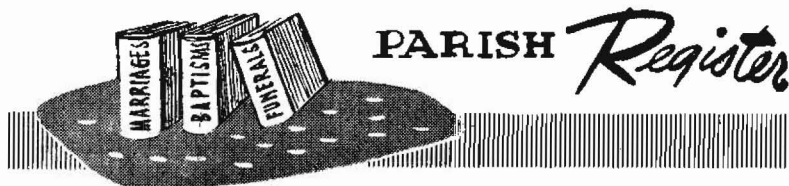
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CHURCH ADOPTIONS ARRANGED

A new Act of Parliament will come into effect shortly to control the adoption of children in New South Wales. When the Act becomes law, it will only be possible to arrange adoptions through the Child Welfare Department or an approved private adoption agency. No individual or hospital will be able, in future, to arrange adoptions privately.

The Church of England Adoptions Agency is a sub-committee of the Home Mission Society, and has applied for approval as a private adoption agency.

Enquiries regarding adoptions, and the work of this organisation may be directed to the Principal Officer, Church of England Adoptions Agency, c/- Home Mission Society, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.



BAPTISMS



- July 3rd: Brett Dennis Cashman.
 .. 10th: Samantha Helen Allen.
 .. 10th: Kim Leanne Griffiths.
 .. 17th: Judith Winifred Hancock.
 .. 17th: Janette Edith May Hancock.
 .. 17th: Glenn Leslie William Hartley.
 .. 17th: Robert Thomas Gurr.

MARRIAGES

- "Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"
 July 1st: James Eugeny Reeves to Joan Slack-Smith.
 .. 2nd: Graham John Kirk to Valda Irene Baruts.
 .. 15th: Richard Francis Alder to Lynette Ellen Knight.

FUNERALS

- "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; even so, saith the Spirit,
 for they rest from their labours"
 June 20th: Walter Stanley Lawless.
 July 4th: Mary Scott.
 .. 15th: Evelyn Maude Brown.
 .. 15th: Norbert Robert Scanlon.
 .. 15th: William Henry McLean.
 .. 18th: James Robert Miller.
 .. 22nd: Gordon Knight.
 .. 26th: Pearl Clarke.

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