

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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"And they departed into Egypt"

THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

The New Year is here again! It seems to come around more quickly than ever. There's something very nice about the New Year. It always bears the atmosphere of fresh starts—and the encouragement that that means. No matter what a mess things have been getting into we can have a new hope for another try.

I guess that will be true for us all in more than a personal and private way this year. The country has been promised this very thing following the recent elections. Let's pray that it will work out for the improvement of conditions for all our citizens. We must ask God to prosper the councils of our national leaders so that they will be guided by wisdom from on high. Thus no mere sectional interest will be served, but the needs of our society as a whole.

It is at this time that our church also turns to the reviewing of the past twelve months with a view to setting the course for the coming year. So this is the time for "annual" meetings. In our various parish groups and organisations we "go to the people" again as it were. The members of the groups gather to hear a report from their office bearers on the activities and finances of the past year, and then appoint those who will fulfil the responsibilities of guiding the affairs of the group for the coming year. It is a very democratic procedure that governs our church life. We should appreciate it and make sure that it functions as it is intended. Else we have ourselves to blame!

With this in mind I remind the Chairmen and Secretaries and Treasurers to prepare their reports and get their auditors busy. The first or second meeting of their organisation in the new year should be the Annual Meeting. I'll be glad to hear from them and arrange to chair that meeting as President of all parish organisations. These reports will then be ready for submission to the Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parish which will come early in March.

With greetings and best wishes for the coming year,

Your friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST

No one Evangelist would have sufficed,
To tell us of the pains of Jesus Christ,
Nor does each tell it as the others do;
Nevertheless what each has said is true,
And all agreed as to their general sense
Through each with some degree of difference.

GEOFFREY CHAUCER; 1376

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School and kindergarten Christmas parties were held as planned and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Because of the school holiday break it has been arranged that films will be shown during January. An invitation is extended to parents and friends to attend.

Prize giving will take place during February but the date has not been finalised. Look for it in the Weekly News during January.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Women's Evening Groups:

The next meeting of the Women's Evening Group will be the Annual meeting on Tuesday, 10th February, in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m. This is a "MUST" for all members.

The first club effort for 1976 will be a second hand clothing and Jumble stall in the Parish Hall on Friday, 13th February, from 10 a.m. Donations of anything saleable will be gratefully recieved and could be left at the Rectory or my home, 59 John Street, Petersham.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioner's Club

The year 1975 closed in our club with a very well attended happy christmas party. Many thanks to Mr. Alf Debman and Mrs. Elsie Mil-lar, who gave up their day to entertain us. Thanks also to those members of our club who helped in any way, not only in the entertain-ment but also in donations of any kind, catering, preparation and clearing away. The kitchen is always a busy place after a function like this. Thanks to all.

We send a cheerio to Mrs. Ford who is in hospital and will be there for Christmas. We are sorry she couldn't be with us. Several of our members who have been on the sick list were able to be present and we were delighted to have them.

The next social afternoon of our club will be Thursday, 22nd January, 1976, when we hope to see as many members as we did at our lovely party.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Bowls Club:

The club has recently been blessed with the presence of four young lads, ranging from 10 to 16 who have shown great interest in the game and are learning rapidly under the guidance of Mrs. A. See, Mum and Dad have also been roped in by two of the boys. Members of the club are awaiting the New Year with great interest to see if the enthusiasm will persist and the club membership strengthened.

Boys Club:

No news available.

Youth Club:

No news available.

Women's Guild:

The members of All Saints' Women's Guild have enjoyed a very happy year together, culminating in our Pre-Christmas meeting in December.

Mrs. Major Stelstra was our Guest Speaker who held our interest by telling us of her experiences of celebrating Christmas in different European countries and challenged us to think of what Christmas means to us personally.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, 17th February, 1976, at 1 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and will also be an opportunity to plan our meetings for the forthcoming twelve months.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite any women of the Parish to share with us as a member of our Guild — we would be delighted to have you come and share your friendship and spiritual encouragement with us.

(Mrs.) BETTY GESSING, President.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

January 4th:	Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their daughters. Arranged by Mrs. Clark.
January 11th	Donated by Mrs D. Jones in memory of her sister, and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her son and daughter, Charles and Elsie. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.
January 18th	No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Clark.
January 25th:	Donated by Mrs. Willis. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.
February 1st	Donated by Mrs. Willis. Arranged by Miss Nisbet. Donated by Mrs. J. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman

January 18th Scott, and by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff. Arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge the flowers for Christmas Day, from Mrs. Cragg and Noel in memory of Mr. H. Cragg, from Mrs. Cheetham and family in memory of Mr. Chetham and from Ena, Stella and Barb in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Sally and Dorrie.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At its November meeting the Parish Council agreed to the construction of a sand pit by the Marrickville Council in the space between the Parish Hall and the Kindergarten Sunday School room adjacent to Frederick Street. The pit is primarily for the use of the Wednesday "Childrens Play Group" but will be available for Parish use.

The League of Health has relinquished its hiring of the Parish Hall but we are fortunate in being able to substitute a letting to the "Rainbow Club", who will hold a Saturday night dance and use the Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Financially we come out square.

Work has begun on the replacement of broken glass in the Stained glass windows.

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RETURN THANKS FOR FETE HELP

Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. M. Ruhle wish to thank all those people who contributed towards the success of the Fancy Work and Childrens wear stall.

Mrs. M. Essam is most grateful for the china and crockery donated to the Pottery stall and to Mr. Williams for gifts of pictures.

Mrs. M. Willis was delighted with the generous supply of plants and wishes to thank all the donors.

Mrs. Humphries thanks all those people who helped her to find a gold mine in the material on the White Elephant stall.

Mrs. See is most grateful to all those ladies who assisted in keeping the food and tea flowing and the washing up done.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Cake stall. From the Y.M. Club.

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Someone has said, "There is little difference between a rut and a grave." Are we going to go on misinterpreting the response, "As it was in the beginning . . ." so that it is applicable to our inertia.

What of 1974? One of the evidences of the living Church of our Lord Jesus is the experience of the Holy Spirit's leading the Children of God into significant ventures of faith. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done . . ." we must remember that we have our part to play in the answers to this prayer. The Kingdom of God exists wherever people gather together owning Christ as their Lord and King. This al-

legiance is founded on the fact as our Saviour, our Lord has paid the price of our redemption with His own precious blood shed freely for the whole world upon the Cross.

We may begin with a very small group, but we must begin to pray earnestly that God the Holy Spirit may guide us to find the ways and means to do what He wants us to do in Petersham.

We are in the 'rut' if we have no interest in helping others into the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus and if this is typical of our Church it has not the life of God in it.

Your prayers are asked for the Confirmation Classes to commence 22nd February. It is very important that these candidates not only receive the necessary instruction but also come to decision concerning commitment to Christ.

We are short of Teachers both for Sunday School and the classes in the Public School. In the latter it would help if we had one or two to stand in in emergencies.

Remember that OUR GOD "IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US."

Ephesians 3 : 20.



INTERCESSION

"Pray one for another" James 5 :16

—Dr. ANDREW MURRAY

There is much value in intercession and it is an indispensable part of prayer. It strengthens our love and faith in what God can do, and is a means of bringing blessing and salvation to others. Let us learn the lesson thoroughly. Prayer should not be for ourselves alone, but chiefly for others. Let us begin by praying for those who are near and dear to us, those with whom we live, that we may be of help to them and not a hindrance. Pray for divine wisdom, for thoughtfulness for others, for kindness, for self-sacrifice on their behalf.

Pray for all your friends and all with whom you come into contact. Pray that you may watch in prayer for their souls. Pray for all Christians, especially for ministers and those in responsible positions.

Pray for those who do not yet know the Lord as their Saviour. Make a list of the names of those whom God has laid upon your heart, and pray for their conversion. You belong to Christ; He needs you to bring to Him in prayer the souls of those around you. The Holy Spirit will strengthen you to an active love in watching for souls. Pray, too, for all poor and neglected ones.

Pray for all the heathen, and for all mission work. Use a mission calendar, with daily subjects of prayer, and bear on your heart before God the missionarits, evangelists, teachers and believers among the heathen.

Do you think this will take too much time? Just think what an inconceivable blessing it is to help souls through your prayers; and look to the Holy Spirit for further guidance. If it takes too much time in the morning, then take some time later in the day. Cultivate the feeling: "I am saved to serve." You will taste the great joy of knowing that you are living even as Jesus Christ lived on earth — to make God's love known to others.

(Contributed by Miss G. N. LEE).

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays at 7 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten
on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR.**

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.
Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. Arrowsmith, J. H.
Bretherton, N. Cragg, B. Dryden, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston,
H. E. Quelch, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie, J. Williams.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

ORGANIST: Mr. J. Birkett.

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. F. G. Hearn.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism.

He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility.

He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule.

He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame.

He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance.

He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement.

He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise.

He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness.

He learns justice.

If a child lives with security.

He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval.

He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship.

He learns to find love in the world.

ANNUAL FETE

The annual fete was once again a great success. The continual work throughout the year by the ladies, which enables such a result to be achieved, is appreciated.

Essential overhead expenses incurred in conducting this event have to be set off against the gross receipts of \$4,919 detailed below.

Where names are given they are those taking responsibility for the stall concerned.

Stall	Conducted by	\$	\$
Fancy work, Childrens' wear and Gifts	Mrs. D. Jones	1,053	
	Mrs. I. Clark	614	
	Mrs. Ruhle	482	2,149
White Elephant	Mrs. Humphreys		631
Jewellery & Christmas Tree	Miss Hunt		488
Groceries	Sunday School		308
Cakes	Y. M. Club		300
Plants	Mrs. Willis		222
Refreshments	Mrs. See		160
Floral Arrangements	Mrs. Sopwith	104	

Jewellery (Rev. A. Gardner) ..	" "	31	153
Pottery ..	Mrs. Essam ..		148
Books & Hoople ..	Boys Club ..		110
Train rides ..	Messers Bretherton and Barrett ..		84
Hot Dogs ..	Mr Miniter ..		64
Girl Guides ..	Girl Guides ..		45
Donations ..			75
			\$ 4,919

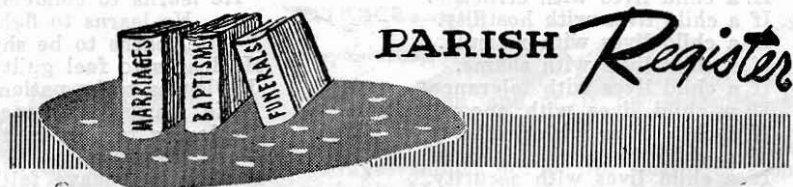
The Parish Council wishes to record its appreciation of all the effort that was required to achieve this result and to thank Mr. W. Williams for taking on the job of fete committee chairman.

Parish Finances — General Fund

November 1975

Cash Receipts ..	661
Cash Payments ..	816
Deficiency November ..	\$ 155

Deficiency for period 1st January 1975 — 30th November 1975,
\$4,785



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

October 26th — Alistar James Hastings Dick of "Bimbimbi", Dayboro Road, Petrie, Qld.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

October 31st — Douglas Arthur James McPherson of 1/52 New Canterbury Road, Petersham.

November 24th — Albert Henry Sanderson of 111 Tower Street Panania.

December 17th — Martin John Bedkoher of 170 New Canterbury Road Petersham

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