

All Saint's Anglican Church, Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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The Rectory,
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PETERSHAM, 2049
22nd May, 1985.

Dear Friends,

At the end of June we shall be having a Confirmation at All Saints', Petersham. Five teenagers have been attending preparation classes over the past two months. Do pray for these young people and if possible come to the Confirmation Service on Sunday, 30th June at 7.00 p.m. The date is not hard to remember, it is the last day of the financial year.

Confirmation is an important step for young people. It is far more than just becoming a member of the church congregation or even of a denomination.

Confirmation and Baptism are linked. The promise made by parents and god-parents at an infant's baptism are the same promises which are required from the teenager or adult who presents him- or her- self for Confirmation. Often a candidate for Confirmation will say they are taking upon themselves the promises that were made for them when they were baptised as infants.

We might ask what are, or what were, those promises?

Simply these three:

1. To turn away from things that are wrong.
2. To believe that Jesus Christ is God and that He died to forgive every one of their sin and to restore us to fellowship with God.
3. To keep God's commandments and to do His will all our days.

They are simple promises, but not easy to keep. I would say they are impossible to keep without supernatural strength. That supernatural strength is available to all who honestly seek God's help.

How wonderful! God sets standards impossible for men to keep, yet at the same time is willing to give help to those who honestly try to attain them.

The promises made at Baptism by the parents, or at Confirmation by the candidates are simply the basic steps for anyone to become a Christian—nothing more, nothing less. The whole purpose of Confirmation is to afford members of the Church

the opportunity of making a public confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. It is a most important, and very serious step for anyone to take. Again please, please remember these young people in your prayers this month.

There is an added blessing in Confirmation. Many confirmees find that in joining a particular Church or congregation means that the other Christians in that Church or congregation help them. They share their experiences as Christians; they talk about what they read in the Bible—God's word of instruction—they discover how older Christians, faced with the same temptation overcome them; they find Sunday services strengthen their faith, teach them more about God; even the hymns are worth singing during the week when they need a bit of encouragement.

Pray for the congregation at All Saints, that we may be able and willing to share the things of God with those who make a profession of their love of Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Marrickville Municipal Council is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with the meals-on-wheels programme. This service provides meals to people temporarily or permanently who have difficulty in preparing their own meals and who have no other source of obtaining meals. This aid is delivered to the person's home by volunteers who spare a few hours per month or weekly to make a contribution to the welfare of their community.

Volunteers rostered as drivers generally provide their own 'wheels' and a petrol subsidy is available. Helpers who accompany drivers to deliver meals do not need their own car provided they can get to and from the meals-on-wheels centre by their own means, transport subsidies are also available.

Other helpers can offer to be on call as emergency drivers/helpers. Regulars can be rostered for duty on the same day every week. Delivery rounds only take about 1-1½ hours.

If you can spare a little time per week or once a month, contact Marrickville Council on 560-9333 extn. 283.

PARISH REGISTER**FUNERALS**

1984—December 24—Edith May RUHLE.

1985—April 17—David Alexander RODGERS .

April 22—Betty Mary DUGGAN.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The following young people are preparing for Confirmation by Bishop John Reid on Sunday, 30th June at 7 p.m. They are: Debbie Granger, Genevieve Truman, Stuart and Andrew Hitchcock and David Woolcott.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 11th June at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a Byron Parker Presentation. Goods on show are not for sale but there will be lots of free samples distributed. Please come and join us at 2 p.m. Afternoon tea will be served.

Our last meeting was followed by a very interesting talk by Deaconess Andrews who told us of her work and some of her experiences.

The Clothing Sale last month netted \$223.50. Thanks to all who donated goods or helped in any way. Two more dates have been set for future stalls: Friday, 19th July and Friday, 30th August. We still need help to make these successful, too.

Thanks once more in anticipation.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Our Club meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We look forward to welcoming anyone who wants to spend a happy afternoon playing Houssie for small, useful gifts, among a friendly chattering crowd. I'm sure you would enjoy it. Only 60c covers all game prizes, door prizes, and a lovely cup of tea.

I'm glad to report that Dorrie Chapman, although still in Impact, is improving and we hope to soon have her back at the Club. Ellice Rhyder is also O.K. again after her fall.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Earlier this year the Bible Society sent project material for use in the Sunday School. The subject of the project is "Bibles for India." In the letter that accompanied the material the Bible Society said:

"Through this project your children will learn to help girls and boys in India know of Jesus and His love for them. They will also gain an increased missionary vision as they become part of what God is doing around the world through His wonderful Word."

This project will be the subject of our lesson on Sunday, 23rd June.

We intend to hold another Family Activity Night as a part of the Indian project, on Friday, 28th June, commencing at 5.30 p.m. As suggested by the Bible Society we will have some Indian games and also show some slides. At supper there will be Indian food, but we also ask parents to bring along some sandwiches and cakes.

We would also like the pupils to come in Indian dress. Further details will be handed out in the Sunday School prior to the Family Night.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

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FLOWER DONATIONS

- JUNE 2 — By Miss Esther Humphries in memory of her father.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed
- JUNE 9 — Donation by Miss Perry..
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- JUNE 16 — Anonymous Donation for Stone of Remembrance.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed
- JUNE 23 — Donation by Miss Leslie in memory of her parents.
Arrangementt by Miss Nisbet.

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JUNE 30 — Donation by Mrs. Lawson and Noel Cragg in memory of Hector and Gladys Cragg.
 Donation in memory of our Aunt Doris Whatman by the Carr family.
 In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sally by Barbara and Stella.
 Arrangement by Mrs. M. Essam.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

CAR PARKING IN THE GROUNDS: Matters arising from the Sub Committee Meeting have been communicated to the Marrickville Council.

RECTORY REPAIRS:

Mr. Swankie said he would inspect the Rectory for signs of dampness and for roof leakage during heavy rain. He also submitted a quotation of \$800 to replace a window with a door.

RECTOR'S STIPEND:

The Council approved the Wardens action in accepting an increase of \$26 per month to the Rector's stipend.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Fire extinguishers in the Parish Hall (3 units) have been re-charged.



A.I.D.S.

Because of the recent flood of reports on A.I.D.S., the following article will be of interest to Parishioners:

COMMON CUP CLEARED

Findings of Melbourne study group

No special measures need be taken against the possibility of cross infection by use of the common cup.

That is one of the major findings of a working group established by Archbishop Penman, the details of which were outlined fully by the Archbishop in his charge to Melbourne synod on March 21.

"With the spread in our community of the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, concern has been expressed over the use of the 'common cup' in our churches. For this and other reasons, in late January, 1985, I established a special working group on 'the Church, Homosexuality and the AIDS crisis,'" said the Archbishop.

Working closely with the Melbourne Social Questions Committee, that working group sought advice from experts qualified to speak on the medical and scientific aspects of the risks attached to the sharing of the common chalice in the service of Holy Communion where there is a possibility of the congregation including people who are suffering from AIDS. It reported:

"The advice which the group has received from those qualified to know is that there has been no reported instance in which the virus which causes AIDS has been passed from one person to another by the use of a drinking vessel.

"The assurances which have been received indicate that it would be quite sensible to take no special measures against the possibility of cross infection by use of the common cup, but as it is also said that there is no absolute certainty in the scientific world, the working group accepts the advice that it would be good practice to use a purificator after each communicant has drunk from the cup. The cloth should be, when first used at the service, clean, recently laundered and ironed; it should be used to wipe the lip of the cup, inside and out, firmly and not with a gentle dab, but the same cloth could be effectively used up to a hundred times. For similar reasons it is preferred that the cup be made of an impervious metal rather than earthenware china or wood, and fortified wine used, with only a small amount of water add."

Extracted from "The Australian Church Record"



RELIEF COMES BY "OTTER"

The MAF — unsung heroes

Every day there are men who fly life-and-death missions across the famine-ravaged interior of Ethiopia. The lives they save are not their own—thousands of people depend on these men for their daily existence.

They are the pilots of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, a vital link between the warehouses of food in Addis Ababa and the distribution centres in other parts of the stricken country. These pilots guide two World Vision Twin Otter aircraft to the dusty landing strips at Alamata, Lalibella and other feeding centres. They often make three return flights a day. Without the lifeline, death could come quickly to many of the thousands of starving Ethiopian people who have no source of food other than the health and nutrition centres.

The work of life-saving is not always one-way. Occasionally the plane is needed to rush a critically ill child back to the capital for emergency treatment. The MAF pilots take upon

themselves substantial responsibilities for these lives under difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions, but instead of being daunted by the enormity of the task before them, these quietly-spoken and unassuming men see a challenge in their work. They seek no other reward besides the knowledge that they are helping to save lives—helping alleviate the suffering of the Ethiopian people is enough for them.

Besides their love of flying, the thing which bonds these men is their personal faith in Jesus Christ. Each believes he is in Ethiopia to serve God by serving the people who need them.

Canadian Jim McAlpine, 28, said: "I never thought of myself as a preacher or teacher, but to take a skill and to be able to use it for the Lord is very rewarding."

The MAF consortium has been flying the African continent for 35 years. It is now an international organisation — the largest private, non-profit air service in the world. The idea was born during World War II when several Christian military airmen saw the plane as a tool to extend help to remote places. Small aircraft were soon warmly welcomed as they pioneered supply lines in the skies, saving days, weeks, even months by flying over inhospitable terrain.

Said MAF president Charles Bennett: "The hard truth is that all the food in the world will not help the people who are starving if it does not get delivered."

The men of the MAF have certainly won the admiration and respect of all who work in Ethiopian relief efforts. Appreciative accolades come from the World Vision staff who fly with the pilots almost daily, from many other agencies, and from the many journalists and others who have visited the camps. But the greatest love comes from the Ethiopian people themselves, as they stand in repeated awe and amazement as the Twin Otter touches down with yet another load of life-giving supplies. It is no wonder that the Ethiopian people have dubbed the Twin Otter "The white bird which brings gifts from the sky."

— From "Australian Church Record"

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Parish is in receipt of \$50.00 from Mr. N. N. Stephenson of Kenilworth Gardens, Bowral, being a donation to General Funds, in appreciation for forwarding the Chronicle over many years.

Mr. Stephenson is leaving Australia and may not return.

We wish him safe travelling and future happiness in God's care.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, APRIL, 1985**

RECEIPTS		\$	PAYMENTS		\$
Offeratories		1,104.15	Rector's net stipend		1,331.30
RECYCLING:			Rector's Trav. Allow.		439.08
Cans	114.55		Organist		67.50
Papers	443.86		Church Flowers		50.00
		558.41	Chronicles		75.20
Church Flowers	70.00		Church Cleaning		120.00
Rector's 'phone contri- bution 2 & 3/85		27.48	Recharging Fire Ex- tinguishers		54.70
			Rubbish clearance		30.00
		1,760.04	Stationery		64.80
Deficit for month	471.54				
		<u>2,231.58</u>			<u>2,231.58</u>

Balance 1/4/85 \$4,562.57
 LESS Deficit for month \$ 471.54

BALANCE 30/4/85 \$4,091.03

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, APRIL, 1985

JAMES & JAMES—April Chronicles	\$75.20
MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL—Clearance of rubbish	30.00
WORMALD INTERNATIONAL (AUST.) PTY. LTD.— Recharging of Fire Extinguishers	54.70
TOWER BUSINESS EQUIPMENT—10 Reams F/c Paper	64.80
FRESH FLOWERS PTY. LTD.—March Flowers	50.00

BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS AT APRIL, 1985

	Last Month	This Month
GENERAL A/C	4,562.57	4091.03
CAPITAL RESERVE	3,151.49	3,335.49
ENDOWMENT A/C No. 1	3,948.83	3,948.83
ENDOWMENT A/C No. 2	28,771.42	29,043.74
YOUTH WORKER A/C	4,520.04	4,544.67
GENERAL MISSIONS	120.66	177.86
COLUBARIUM TRUST	2,464.02	2,475.96
RESTORATION FUND	2,855.17	3,018.21
SPECIAL PURPOSE A/C	1.57	169.01
(Organ Restoration)		
ORGAN FUND	1,447.49	1,447.49
SUNDAY SCHOOL A/C	857.17	702.86
BUILD. MAINT'CE A/C	1,000.30	1,000.30
	<u>53,700.67</u>	<u>53,955.45</u>

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