

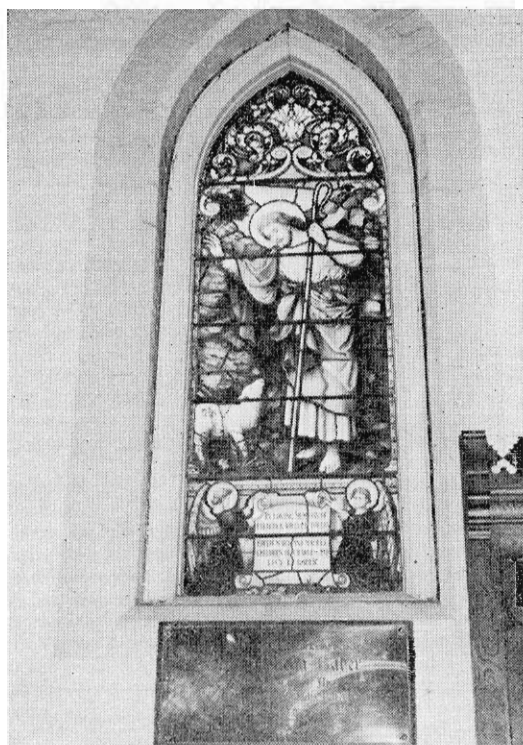
# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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THE REV. C. BABER MEMORIAL

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

Why must we come to Church? I might begin with an old saying I read somewhere which says: "If our Church is to be a 'Going Concern' our people must achieve church-going-concern." There is abroad these days apparently the popular idea that it doesn't really matter if you actually attend worship services or not.

People seem to be saying that we can be good members of Christ's congregation without attending worship. They feel that if they support the Fete, the Tea, the Drive, the mid-week group, or perhaps receive a Chronicle or send in the occasional donation that they have fulfilled their Christian duty. There are more and more people who seem to be willing enough to help keep the Petersham plant going, but not for them. They feel the Church must go on, but for somebody else.

**Why?** Isn't it good enough for them? Do they not need a time of self-examination? Do they not want to hear the Word of God any more? Have they nothing to confess? Are they so sufficient that they can go it alone without God's help, without his guiding hand, without his gentle admonition and loving forgiveness? Do they feel that they just do not need to worship? Can they find no more joy in the familiar hymns and chants? Do they not need the fellowship and friendship of fellow travellers on the road of life—who must of necessity travel the same road as they do? Do they know so much about life, philosophy, wisdom, and truth that the considered efforts of a careful preacher can no longer in any way be of assistance to them as they face life's struggle?

Or is there something about our traditional form of worship that is blocking the people's ability to find the fulfilment they desire and deserve? Is it perhaps that our services are held at the wrong hour; on the wrong day of the week? Is the Church too uncomfortable, the pews too hard. Why do so few want to come to Church?

Is it possible that many people have missed the point of even having a Church? It was natural that around the original centres of Christian worship a warm and active fellowship should have grown up. This busy happy throng of souls engaged in doing the thousand and one things that need to be done to support a temple of worship and its subsidiary buildings, was inevitable.

But can it be that the supporting machinery has forgotten what it is supporting? Does the machine go on running just to amuse itself, no longer empowered and directed by its original central purpose; the Worship and Service of God, and the broadcasting of His word and His love? Have we forgotten whom we are?

For it is because of whom we are that we must come to worship? We are the children of God and He is our Spiritual Father. Without Him we are orphans; knowing not where to go or what to do. We are ships without rudders floundering in a sea that is not always calm, and around which are the rocks of destruction, dissolution, and despair. Without the God of love at the centre of our lives weird and terrifying spectres step in and take over in His place, and under their command man enters the Hell which is their design, instead of the Heaven which is God's design. Without God man is lost! Without the uplifting of God's moral direction, man succumbs to the down-pull of the world. And once he is down man cannot pull himself up by his own boot straps.

We are weak—but the word of God strengthens us. We are blind—but the light of Christ guides us. We are selfish—but the love of God broadens us. We are dead—but the hand of God enlivens us. That is why we must come to worship, because of what we are. And

by our very presence there we encourage others to come and so give strength and light to them also. All people love to be where others are. And so we have a duty, not only to ourselves, but to other people. And that duty is to be present at the worship service of our Church.

The world is scattered with fossils, empty shells of life that once were. Is that us? Have we really lost our faith? Or are we just lazy? Or is it that we have become so selfish that we do not care anymore how life goes? Does it matter if the light of life goes out and the human race enters the joyless winter of despair? Do you care?

If there is anything you can do, or suggest that we all might do together, to make our worship here at All Saints' more attractive, more efficient, and more fulfilling for the souls of men, will you come forward? If there is something wrong, will you help us right it? If there is something missing, will you help us include it? If there is something missing, will you help us include it? If there is something lost, will you help us find it? Will you stay with the ship and keep fighting for her life, or will you abandon her to disappear, and man to sink into the final abyss, without God. God loves you. God wants you to love him. And man needs God, and therefore man needs you! That is why we must come to Church; because we need, and because we are needed!

God be with you,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

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### BIBLE TEACHING CONVENTION



The Churches of the Petersham Deanery are combining to hold four study nights, to be conducted by Archdeacon John Reid, at St. James' Parish Hall, Edwin Street, Croydon. The theme will be "The Work of the Holy Spirit".

They will be held on Wednesdays 15th, 22nd, and 29th September, and 6th October, commencing at 8 p.m. The evenings are open to all parishioners and we trust All Saints' will be well represented. If so, it will be a

time of real blessing for our congregation.

Supper will be served. We are to assist in providing the supper for 29th September, and the Rector would be glad to have offers of help for this night.

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### LATEST CHURCH NEWS

#### ● Evensong to Start Later:

From Sunday, 5th September, Evensong will revert to 7 p.m. We trust that parishioners found the earlier time of 6 p.m. more convenient during the winter months.

#### ● Confirmation:

Classes will resume on Wednesday, 15th September, following the school holiday break. Our Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 10th October at 7 p.m., when the Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Senior Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

#### ● Morning Service Change:

Because Family Service will be held at 10 a.m. on the second Sunday this month, we will not be having an 11 a.m. Service on that day. However, on September 19th, the third Sunday, the mid-morning Service will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

● **Parish Roll:**

We are in the process of compiling an up-to-date Parish Roll for All Saints'. The Rector would be very grateful if everyone who wishes to be on our roll would make their intentions known as soon as possible; the lists will be left in the Church porch for a few more weeks for those who still wish to sign.

● **"Chronicle" Advertisements:**

We invite enquiries from local business houses interested in advertising in the "Chronicle" on a regular or casual basis. This paper circulates in hundreds of homes in the Petersham district, and our rates are reasonable. Further details may be obtained from the Rector, Mr. E. Quelch (56-5538) or Mr. A. Jones (56-5218).

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### FETE NEWS

**Message from Fete Committee:**

A very successful meeting of Stallholders was held on Saturday, 14th August. All stallholders are well advanced with their organising of the stalls. The committee appealed to every member of the Church, whatever their age, to contribute to the fete.

Everybody can grow a couple of pot plants, others can make sweets or bake a cake or scones, sew, or make jam, every article that you can contribute can help some stall. Have a look in your bookcase for any books or magazines you no longer need, look in the shed for goods suitable for the "White Elephant" Stall.

Have you any jewellery you no longer require? You handymen, how about one or two toys or some plants? If you cannot bring these articles yourself, please ring—

Mr. Carroll—56-5125.

Mr. Hearn—56-1852.

Mr. Bretherton—56-6766.

Mr. Jones—56-5218.

Mr. Shaw—797-6967

All these men are available to collect any articles you can contribute. We need your help now! On behalf of the Parish Council Fete Committee.

H. SHAW, Chairman.

**Here are some specific ways you can help Stalls:**

**Pottery:** All types welcome, including antique items; please leave at the Rectory marked "Pottery Stall".

**Jewellery:** Brooches, beads, etc. of any description are sought, including broken items, also stamps of all countries. Please leave for Mrs. Millarey, c/o the Rectory.

**Books:** The Fellowship ask for books, magazines, including paper back romances, love yarns, mysteries, etc. The Fellowshipippers are also accepting toys, including those needing repair.

**Jam Bottles:** The Sunday School needs these, particularly the "coffee jar" size. Please send your gift along with any Sunday School child or teacher, or leave your bottles in the Guild Room.

**Gift Stall:** Mrs. Clark welcomes left-over material or wool, all of which can be turned into attractive items for the Gift Stall. Your donations may be left at the Rectory, marked "Mrs. Clark"!

Early donations to the above appeals will be very helpful, especially where we have to do repairs.

**CENTENARY YEAR FAMILY SERVICE****Sunday, 12th September****10 a.m.****Guest Preacher: Mr. Bruce Menzies of TCN Channel 9**

All Welcome. A special invitation is extended to all former scholars of All Saints' Sunday School.

**Popular Hymns — Shortened Morning Prayer**

**MARRIAGE REDEDICATION SERVICE****Sunday, 24th October, 3.00 p.m.**

A special Centenary Year Service for all married at All Saints' Church.

**Preacher: The Rector**

Parishioners are invited to submit the names and addresses of relatives and friends married in All Saints', so that we may issue invitations to as many folk as possible. Particulars to Mr. E. Quelch or Mr. A. Jones.

**Watch the October "Chronicle" for further details.**

**SUPPORTING THE "CHRONICLE"**

Each copy of the "Chronicle" costs several cents to print, and there are various ways you may help us to meet our printing costs.

- (1) Donations may be placed in the box specially provided in the front porch of the Church.
- (2) You may subscribe to have this paper mailed to you each month. Subscriptions should be forwarded to Mr. F. Evans, 2 York Crescent, Petersham, 2049, and we ask that the amount forwarded cover the cost of postage plus a contribution to the printing.
- (3) If you receive the "Chronicle" from a District Visitor, give her a little bit extra; the basic amount you contribute at present to your Visitor when she makes her monthly call goes to Church funds to support the work of the parish generally.

Your support in the appropriate way will be greatly appreciated, and thereby enable us to maintain the paper at its present size.

**CLUB NEWS****Ladies' Guild:**

Will our members please note that the meeting on Tuesday, 12th September will be at 10.30 a.m., when we shall be holding a "Bamboo Demonstration". We extend an invitation to all ladies to come and see this very interesting display. A donation of 30 cents will include

morning tea.

A short business meeting will follow the demonstration.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

#### **Young Churchmen's Institute: (Y.C.I.):**

**Hobbies Night:** Hobbies Night held on Friday, 6th August proved to be a most interesting and informative meeting. The hobbies discussed ranged in interest from stamp and coin collections to the building of a shortwave radio receiver.

**Parish Tea:** The Y.C.I. wishes to thank Mrs. I. Clark for looking after the Institute's needs at this year's Parish Tea. It was a most enjoyable function and the new format proved to be very successful.

**New Door:** It is pleasing to report that the new Club Room door has now been built and installed, and now awaits only polishing for its completion.

GEOFFREY W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

#### **Y.M. and Friends' Club:**

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held on Tuesday, 14th September in the Y.C.I. Club Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m.

New members are urgently needed. Please come along and join our Club. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

Thanks to all those who attended our Hobbytex Party, making it an interesting and profitable afternoon.

The Annual Fete is not far off now. Our Club as usual is running the Cake and Sweets Stall. Donations of homemade cakes or sweets would be greatly appreciated.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

#### **Senior Parishioners' Club:**

With the cold winter months over, our attendances have increased considerably—so gratifying to see so many folk having a happy social afternoon from 1 o'clock onwards each Thursday, all for the same price of 20 cents. There is no membership fee for joining.

All Saints' Church of England at Petersham is probably the only one which caters for such a Club as this. All Senior Citizens within or beyond our Parish, regardless of your religion, are eligible to join. Come along any Thursday and make new friends.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary, 'phone 797-6967.

#### **St. Luke's Centre:**

Please accept our invitation to St. Luke's Centre Annual Card Party, to be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 21st September, commencing at 1 p.m. Everyone will be welcome and a most enjoyable afternoon is assured. The regular donation of 30 cents will still apply. Proceeds to St. Luke's Church of England Hospital.

### **MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL**

#### ● **Parish Tea Success:**

The new-style Parish Tea was a "smashing success"; this was one parishioner's comment following the highly successful evening on Friday, 20th August. Many others who attended this year's Centenary Year tea expressed similar comments. Special features were the selection of hot and cold foods available as part of the "Smorgasbord" meal, the coloured lighting, candlelit atmosphere, and the layout of tables on a square pattern. The talk by Commander Ian Griffith, M.L.A., "Adventure, Intrigue, and Murder on H.M.A.S. Gascoyne" was also greatly enjoyed.

The Rector and Council extend their grateful thanks to all who attended, made donations, and especially to all who worked to prepare the food, decorations, washing-up, etc., and also to those who gave the musical recitals in the Church.

● **October Car Drive:**

The Y.C.I. is arranging a Car Drive to Cataract Dam, via Campbelltown in mid-October, and members of the Institute will be happy to hear from parishioners with cars who would be willing to transport some passengers.

A cup of tea will be served at a most attractive picnic spot overlooking the dam, and the return trip will be via the Prince's Highway. We will leave at 1 p.m. and return soon after 5 p.m.

Tickets, priced 80 cents each (40c for children) will be on sale as soon as we have offers of seats, and as soon as we know the most suitable Saturday for all our drivers.

● **Weekly Envelopes:**

If you are not a member of our weekly envelope system, we invite you to ask the Church officers for a set. These envelopes assist you in making regularly, contributions to parish funds and also to the missionary work of the Church further afield.

● **Parish Christmas Party:**

The Parish Council has appointed Mr. Frank Hearn as chairman of this year's committee to organise the Parish Christmas Party. Last year's was a marked success and we hope all organisations will co-operate with Mr. Hearn in making contributions to this year's party, to be held early in December.

● **Centenary Fund:**

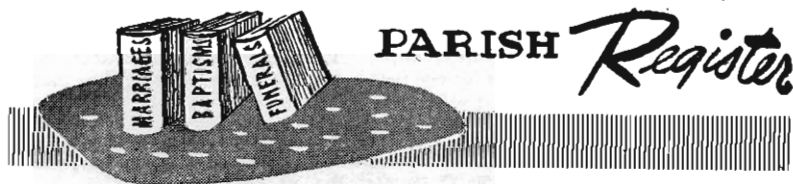
With our Centenary Year coming rapidly to its close, may we invite those who have not yet subscribed to consider a donation to the All Saints' Centenary Fund. All gifts will be most gratefully accepted by the Wardens. The monies received will be invested to provide interest to help the parish carry on in times of financial difficulty.

● **Aircraft Noise:**

We are grateful to those parishioners who have filled in complaint forms, all of which have been forwarded to the Department of Civil Aviation. We must now wait and see if our protests bear fruit.

● **October "Chronicle":**

Items for the October issue are due by Sunday, 19th September.



**BAPTISMS**

**"Suffer the Little Children to come unto Me"**

August 22: Dominic André Wibrow.

August 22: Josephine Frances Wibrow.

August 22: Sonja Marijka Jane Ermel.

**MARRIAGES**

**"Those Whom God hath joined"**

August 21: William Raymond Woodburgess to Kathleen Patricia Lucas.

August 21: Colin John Coskerie to Jillian Anne Henville.

### DISTRICT VISITORS

(Received since last report)

Mrs. Carr \$4.90; Mrs. Robertson \$10.00; Miss Speight \$4.00.

### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- September 5: Donated by the family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory, and by the families of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rankine in their memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 12: Donated by Mr. W. Williams in memory of his Parents and by Mrs. Ditchburn in memory of Mr. Ditchburn; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 19: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of their Mother and Grandmother, and by Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 26: Donated by Mrs. Sumner and family in memory of Mr. Sumner and Joan, by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff, by Mrs. Chapman and Miss Roberts in memory of Mr. Bill Chapman, and by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- October 3: Donated by Mrs. Beatty of Melbourne in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and her Brother, Colin (Chester Street); arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We regret the omission of the following from the August "Chronicle":

August 8, donation of Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis, senior, and of Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Sharp in memory of their Mother, Mrs. Pryor. Also, for August 15, we acknowledge an additional donation from Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Mangan.

In view of the increasing cost of flowers, we regret that it may become necessary to confine the church flowers to the Holy Table only except at Easter and Christmas; sometimes, payment is not made by those whose names are printed in the "Chronicle", based on our annual list of donors, and the Guild at present has to make up the difference.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Grocery and Jam Stall:

The Sunday School requires bottles for home made jam. If you have any small bottles, we would appreciate it if you could send them to the Sunday School. We are also asking for donations of sugar that we can use in jam making.

#### Sunday School Centenary Service:

On Sunday, 12th September, the Sunday School Centenary Service will be held at 10 a.m. The guest preacher will be Mr Bruce Menzies of Channel 9. A cordial invitation is extended to all parishioners, and especially to all past scholars of the Sunday School.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

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