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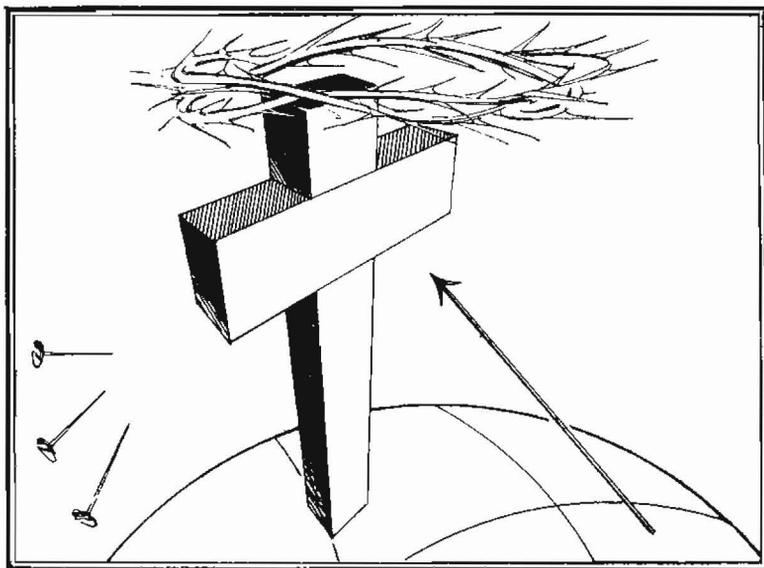
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APRIL, 1969



"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN"

PERSONAL

We deeply regret to record the passing of Mr. Ashley Sheridan Plowman, whose associations with All Saints' went back probably farther than those of any other parishioner. Parish papers recently handed in, give his name as a Sunday School prize winner at the turn of the century, after which he went on to become a teacher in our Sunday School. Mr. Plowman later became head of the School of Electrical Engineering at Sydney Technical College, and a Lecturer in Physics at Sydney University. He renewed his associations with us at All Saints' a few years ago when he married Miss Juleff, who passed away early last year. Even after moving to the North Shore, Mr. Plowman continued his deep interest in All Saints', attending except when his health made it impossible. To his family we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rhyder of Morgan Street in the sudden passing of her Husband, Mr. James August Rhyder, shortly after his admission to hospital.

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CHURCH FLOWERS

For many years now, we have ordered the sanctuary flowers from the Florist for the same amount every week, namely \$2.00, for each donation. However, we now find that the flowers are dearer, and that we get less for the fixed sum of \$2.00.

We are, therefore, asking those who donate money for flowers whether it would be possible for them to increase the donation to at least \$2.50 or \$3.00. Thank you,

—T. E. CHAMPION

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Picnic: Our picnic was held at Doll's Point on Saturday, 8th March. We had a very nice day for the picnic and everyone that attended had a wonderful time.

I would like to thank the following people for their help: the parishioners, parents and teachers who provided the transport; the members of the Y.M. and Friends' Club and the Sunday School Mothers' Club and the other ladies who did the catering; the parishioners who gave donations of cash and food; Mr. B. T. Sayers for bringing the tent, and Mr. L. Carroll for transporting the furniture in the trailer kindly lent by the Rector.

Congratulations: On behalf of the Sunday School and Staff, I would like to congratulate Miss Ruth Champion who has become engaged to Mr. R. Ellsmore, and Mr. Geoffrey Gorman, whose engagement to Miss Patricia Fisher has been announced. Both Ruth and Geoffrey have been members of our teaching staff for several years.

We also extend our best wishes for the future to Miss Judith Williams, longest-serving member of our Kindergarten staff, who will be married on Easter Eve. At the Family Service in March, the Rector presented Judith with a crystal vase from the children and staff of the Sunday School.

Forms in Schools: Last month, forms were distributed in the scripture classes at the schools in the Parish. From these forms, we hope to find out the names of the children who do not attend Sunday School. We shall then invite them to join us at the Sunday School. Sunday School is held at 9.45 a.m. and new boys and girls will be most welcome.

—NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

CHURCH NEWS

St. Luke's Passion:

We extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Choir for their special Holy Week performance of the "St. Luke's Passion" by J. S. Bach. Including choruses, chorales, and solo numbers, it took the place of the Rector's address on the final Wednesday evening in Lent. We are indebted to our Guest Organist, Mr. Kenneth Martin for his willing participation.

Easter Services:

The times of all Easter Services are given on the back page of this "Chronicle". Please note that there will be no evening service on Good Friday, and that there will be an extra service of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. on Easter Day. The 2 p.m. service on Good Friday will be of about one hour's duration.

The Diocesan Procession of Witness will be held once again this year as a protest against the continued opening of the Agricultural Show on the most sacred day of the year, a day marred by the pagan carnival atmosphere of this so-called Royal event.

Parishioners are invited to join the procession which begins in Hyde Park, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral at 4 p.m. The march ends at Hyde Park South, near Mark Foy's, where the Archbishop will address a Service of Witness at 5 p.m.

Hints for Communicants:

To achieve the appropriate standards of dignity and orderliness in the Services of Holy Communion, the Rector makes the following requests:

- Try and keep the number of people waiting in the centre aisle below 20 at any one time. Long queues to the back of the church detract from the dignity of the Service.
- Leave the Communion Rail when the third person after you is receiving the Communion Wine.

Broadcast This Month:

Because of tape problems with the recording made last year, the broadcast of Evensong scheduled for 24th March had to be deferred to Monday, 21st April, when it will be heard at 4.30 p.m. on 2FC. The programme will be re-recorded this month, and we hope parishioners will make the new time as widely known as possible.

Appeal for Scripture Teachers:

We are still desperately in need of more helpers to assist with the scripture classes in the schools. The Rector is responsible for six big schools, including Fort Street Boys' High and Petersham Girls' High, with thousands of Anglican children. Because of the many classes involved, it is just not possible to give weekly instruction to all these boys and girls, but each extra class that can be taken will be a worthwhile improvement on the present situation. If you could play a part in relieving this crisis, please contact the Rector urgently.

Easter Vestry Meeting:

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Sopwith is adding up his books following the end of our financial year on 31st March, and his Statement will be presented at the Annual Vestry Meeting in May. Watch for the date. This meeting gives parishioners the opportunity to raise parish business and to elect their Church Officers for the coming twelve months.

Lenten Boxes:

All Sunday School children, and a number of adults, have taken A.B.M. Boxes in which to place their cash savings during Lent. It would be appreciated if these boxes could be returned on Easter Day.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIANS

It was to the Church at Thessalonica that two of the shortest of Paul's letters in the New Testament were written. Both were sent during St. Paul's second missionary journey to the Christians at Thessalonica within a very short time of Paul having first proclaimed the Gospel in their city. Thessalonica was a great trading and maritime centre of the ancient world. It lay across the main Roman road which linked Europe with the East, and its harbour was thronged with ships.

In the 17th chapter of Acts we read of St. Paul's arrival at Thessalonica after he had left Philippi. Following his usual practice, he visited the synagogue and "for three weeks he argued with them from the Scriptures . . . that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead". His preaching led to both some Jews and Greeks being converted to Christ. This caused first a deep division in the synagogue, and then such an uproar throughout the city that both Paul and his companions had to leave hurriedly. This sudden departure from his new converts left Paul in an agony of doubt as to how they were growing in Christian life and understanding in his absence. So, on arrival at Athens, Paul sent his companion Timothy back to Thessalonica, to bring him news. On return Timothy brought good tidings. The Thessalonian Christians had remained steadfast in their faith. They had sought to communicate the Gospel to others. Their manner of life had already gained commendation from other churches.

However, certain developments in the life of the Church at Thessalonica gave Paul cause for much concern. A pre-occupation with the second coming of Jesus Christ had led to an abandonment of all present responsibility by some of the Thessalonian Christians. They had stopped working and were waiting, idle, for Christ's return in power. Again, there was the continual danger that there might be a relapse into pagan immorality from the new Christian standards accepted at their baptism. There also seemed to be a tendency to set aside any authority in their church life. Both these letters deal with these difficulties and in so doing leave instruction, guidance and warning for the Church in every generation.

Through these letters we see an infant Christian community deprived of leadership and teaching during the first weeks of its life, yet flourishing in the power of the Holy Spirit and growing on the initial impetus and leadership given by St. Paul.

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AROUND OUR ORGANISATIONS

Senior Parishioners' Club:

We are more than happy with the good attendances each Thursday at this popular Social Club. Nevertheless, an invitation is issued to the "not so young" to join us as a special guest or to become a permanent member. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome.

If any Club members would care to make weekly contributions (small or large) to help with the general upkeep of All Saints' Church, envelopes will be made available any Thursday upon request.

Our deepest sympathy goes to one of our regular members, Mrs. E. Rhyder of Morgan Street, Petersham on the loss of her husband.

On the sick list we have Mrs. Ford, Miss Slocombe, Miss Chippendall and Mrs. Perritt. We wish them all a speedy recovery and happy return to the Club.

—DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls Club:

A pleasing feature during Lent has been the good attendance of members at the mid-week Lenten Services. It shows that our members are interested in their Church.

The Club has started the 1969 season in the Churches' Men's Triples, with one win and one loss in the first two matches. Against St. James', South Canterbury, our team won well, but in the second match we were soundly defeated by Clemtown Park Methodist.

A handsome trophy for our Club has been donated by Mr. J. Alder. It is for our Men's Singles Championship, and will be competed for each year. Our grateful thanks go to our friend Jim Alder.

Men and women players have been kept busy with our doubles matches during the past few weeks. More members are still wanted. Please come along to the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. for a good night of bowling and friendship.

—J. E. GORMAN

Mothers' Union:

Once again, I appeal for new members for the Mothers' Union. Because of the lack of numbers, the meetings have not taken place in March and April, but we hope to resume on the first Wednesday in May, in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. To try and carry on with six members seems rather hopeless, so please help by becoming a member.

—E. CHAMPION

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of our Club will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th April at 8 p.m. As this will be our Annual Meeting, all members are requested to make a special effort to be present.

Ladies, please don't forget our Sasheen Demonstration on Saturday, 12th April, when we can all learn to make pretty bows and rosettes, and so make our gift parcels more attractive. The demonstration will commence at 1.30 p.m., the donation will be 30c., and afternoon tea will be served.

We are still collecting clean newspapers. Please save them for us and let any Club member or our Rector know if you want us to collect them from your home.

—IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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

58th Annual Meeting: At our 58th Annual Meeting on Friday, 21st February, reports covering the Institute's activities and finances were received from the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The office bearers for the coming twelve months were elected, and with one exception—the inclusion of Mr. J. Gorman as a Visiting Representative—they remained the same as last year's.

The proposed Syllabus, drafted a week before, was presented to the meeting. Changes for this year include substituting Impromptu Speeches for Lectures, and the inclusion of a record night, religious discussion night, and open movie film evening. To help meet rising costs, it was agreed that a levy of 10c. be placed on each member at nights when supper was served.

Indoor Bowls Night: The first meeting of the Y.C.I. year was an Indoor Bowls Night held on Friday, 7th March. An enjoyable evening was had by all who competed, and our thanks go to the members of the Indoor Bowls Club for the use of their equipment.

Bucks' Motor Picnic: The Bucks' Motor Picnic was held on Saturday, 23rd March, the venue being Kurnell Park. Fine weather prevailed throughout the afternoon, and the ten members who attended participated in a friendly game of cricket. Afterwards, they adjourned to the

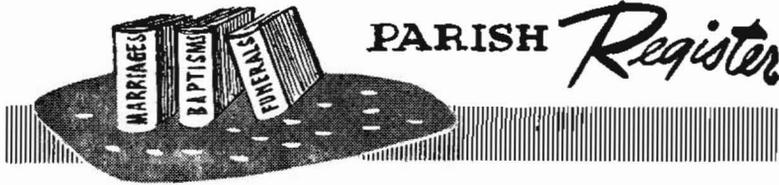
Pavilion for a well-deserved afternoon tea. From all reports, all who attended the outing thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

—GEOFFREY W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, 29th April at 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We look forward to having many of our All Saints' Parishioners with us that day. Our Guest Speaker will be Miss J. Richardson, who has travelled extensively as a Welfare Worker. The donation will be 50c.

Once again we seek your help. Would you please save for us any clean, saleable used clothing or household linen, for a sale we propose to conduct at the end of May or early in June. Watch the May "Chronicle" for the exact date please. —E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary



BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

March	2nd	David John Earle
"	9th	Debra Joy Heys
"	9th	Troy James Warner
"	9th	Heath Adam Watt
"	9th	Susan Jean Brown
"	23rd	Giselle Ann Pilgrim
"	23rd	Matthew John Robert Jones
"	23rd	Joanna Jane Freeman

MARRIAGES

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

March	1st	Phillip Keith Davis to Louise Mary Martin
"	8th	Norman Leslie Brown to Carole Sandra Owen
"	22nd	Ronald Claude Fletcher to Gwendoline Eunice York

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

February	19th	William Duncan Shaw
"	19th	James August Rhyder
"	20th	William Robert Harrod
March	5th	Alby William Jones
"	17th	Ashley Sheridan Plowman
"	18th	Mary Ann Tanner
"	18th	Rodney John Lumby
"	18th	Edward Joseph Ridge
"	19th	Charles Alfred Bailey

PREPARING FOR THE FETE

It's now only seven months to our annual fete in November, and a number of stalls are busy getting their stocks together. Mrs. Millarey is on the job repairing art jewellery, and would like you to look around for any beads, jewellery, filigree items, or old style watches (that don't go) which could be repaired and resold as attractive jewellery.

Go through those drawers! You're sure to have items that you never use, but which could be sold at the Fete. All donations will be

gratefully accepted, and may be left at the Rectory for Mrs. Millarey.

Stamps are another line that bring in good profits: old £. s. d. stamps, Papua/New Guinea Stamps, and current Australian Stamps will all be welcome, but in the latter category, we only seek those with a value over 5c.

Remember the date: Saturday, 15th November, 1969.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **District Visitors:** Our District Visitors are a small but faithful band who represent the Rector and the Church in their regular visits to the parishioners in their areas. At the same time, they distribute copies of "The Chronicle" and collect a small but regular portion of our parish income.

If you are receiving calls from one of our Visitors, but do not make a contribution to Church funds, may we suggest that you make a small donation towards the cost of printing "The Chronicle". Your gift will be gladly accepted by the Visitor, and make the lady's visit all the more satisfying.

For regular church attendants, there is a special box in the front porch for donations towards the printing of this paper. All gifts will be most gratefully received.

● **News from Goroka** is that our good friend, Mr. Bruce Livingston, is extending his stay in New Guinea for a further period until February of next year. Bruce is an officer of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation.

● **Best Wishes:** Parishioners extend their best wishes to Judith Williams and John Symons, who will marry in the parish church on Easter Eve, Saturday, 5th April. Judith is the only daughter of Warden and Mrs. W. Williams, and has been associated with All Saints' virtually all her life. They hope to set up their new home at Castle Hill shortly.

● **Theatre Party:** The Y.C.I. plans a Theatre Party for Friday, 16th May. Two films so far suggested are "Shoes of the Fisherman" (based on Morris West's book with a religious theme) and "Oliver" the musical adapted from "Oliver Twist" by Charles Dickens. If you would like to go to the theatre party, please let members of the Y.C.I. know whether you would be interested in going to these or some other film.

● **Successful Picnic:** Last month's Sunday School Picnic was a very happy event at Doll's Point, and it was good to see so many parishioners lending a hand in one way or another. It takes a lot of work to make social occasions such as these go off without any hitches, and we are indeed grateful that we have at All Saints' so many willing, cheerful workers.

● **Christmas Parties:** Each mid-December, we seem to have at least one Christmas Party a day as the various parish clubs wind up their activities for the year. The efforts put into these have been drawing interest away from the "Parish Christmas Party" in recent times, and the Parish Council has appointed a committee to revamp this year's Parish Party. Suggestions being considered include a programme to cater for both young, old, and the in-betweens, and the holding of the party as the first one of the "season" at All Saints'. Watch for further news.

● **Would someone have a small lowboy that could be used in the Church for storage purposes? Please advise the Rector if you can help.**

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- April 6th **Easter Day.** Arranged by Mrs. Malone and helpers. A full list of donors will appear in the May "Chronicle".
- „ 13th Donated by Mrs. E. Palmer in memory of Mr. F. Palmer; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- „ 20th Donated by Mrs. E. V. Fellows in memory of Mr. Albert Clark, and by Mrs. Hayes and family in memory of Mr. Hayes; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- „ 27th **Anzac Sunday:** Donated by Mrs. Ayrton and Ron in memory of Ted, by Mrs. Hansson and family in memory of Mr Hansson, and by the Petersham R.S.S.A.I.L.A.; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 4th Donated by Mrs. Boyle and Allen in memory of Mr. J. M. Boyle and by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

On Sunday, 23rd March, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Carroll in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Rankine, and on Sunday, 30th March by Mr. W. Yarrington and family in memory of Ella Minnie Yarrington.

● **Annual Tea:** The Annual Diocesan Festival Tea conducted by the Home Mission Society will be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Friday, 2nd May, at 6 p.m. Please let the Rector know if you would like to join in this great diocesan-wide occasion. It will be followed by a public meeting also in the Town Hall.

Good Friday at  and Easter Day All Saints'

Good Friday, April 4th:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.00 a.m. Family Service
 Sunday School Children and their
 Parents invited to this Service.
 2.00 p.m. One-hour Devotional
 Service
 4.00 p.m. Procession of Witness
 5.00 p.m. Service of Witness,
 Hyde Park.

Easter Day, April 6th:

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.45 a.m. Sunday School
 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

"AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one."—Book of Common Prayer.

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