

The Chronicle

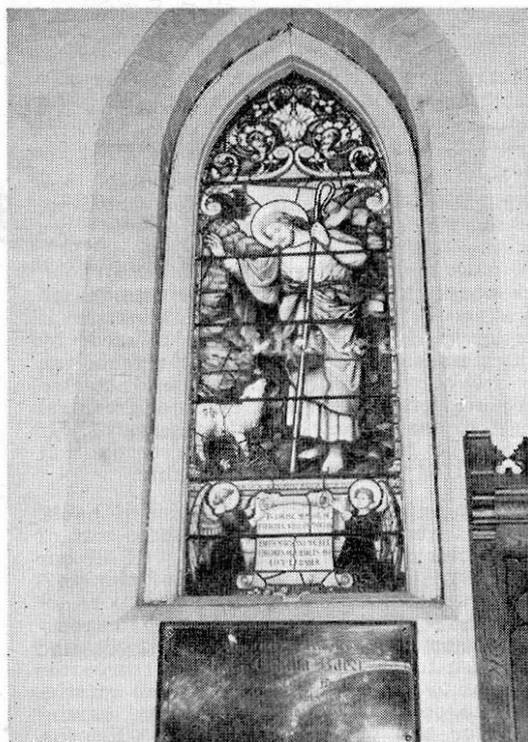
Of All Saints

Petersham

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"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way'".

—M. L. Haskins.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear People,

Advent, Christmas, the New Year, all speak of something new. Something new always speaks of hope! In the "new" we feel a kind of fresh breeze blowing, a refreshing new start, another chance, a new chapter before us. We have a chance to close the door on the past, whatever it was, and wholly grasp the new. Human nature longs to be free, and something new and unknown seems to promise this possibility. What a shame to be standing on the threshold of a new year but unable to step out into it, free of the trammels of the past, and enjoy the challenge of the future. How sad to be stuck in the mud of the past, unable to extract ourselves from its clinging, hindering claws. How wonderfully refreshing it would be if we really could make a complete break with our past and start again. How healthful it would be to be able to look back standing, as it were, detached from our bodies, and candidly review all our actions, and the motives for our actions, for motives are what God sees. We must look at not only what we did, but why? Then, from this artificially disinterested position, make as unbiased an estimation of our lives and selves as it is humanly possible to make. It will take both complete honesty and great courage to do this. If we have never learned to be completely honest with ourselves, or if we simply have not got the internal fortitude to muster the courage, then we shall never be able to see what needs changing in ourselves in order to make it possible to grasp the opportunity to really enjoy the freedom which a new year offers.

In short, in order to have a Happy New Year, we have to be able to identify all that is wrong, selfish, and unnecessary in our past, and then throw it out of our lives and thinking. This kind of personal house-cleaning will make room and release energy, otherwise imprisoned, for something really new in the new year.

What sort of new things might we be missing and for which we should be looking? Again, to answer even this primary question we need clear and unshackled thinking. We need to be truly "scientific". A scientist, in order to be such, must consider every possibility. Whole-hearted Christianity is one such possibility. If for some private reason of our own we will not even consider some of the possibilities; or if we allow ourselves to be completely consumed, and thus blinded, by some one goal or plan upon which we have been working for years, we are not scientists at all. We are allowing ourselves to be distracted by our pre-conceived ideas. We are letting our past enter and control our future, thus allowing the past to enslave us, instead of serve us. If we let this happen we shall never be free; we shall never enjoy that newness that life and the Grace of God offer us every morning.

Human nature, unfortunately in some cases, is the victim of habit. Long-standing habits are very hard to break. It may take some sort of explosive reaction to break loose their strangle hold on us. If in our New Year's self appraisal we perceive that we have habits of thinking, action or inaction, that are, in our own honest opinion bad, or not really good; ones which we would be ashamed to share with our Heavenly friend Jesus Christ, then there is something we must do. If we find those habits which we therefore wish to break and be free to serve the good to which we in heart give assent, then we have got to get out the axe and make a clean break. The only motive that will give us the power to do this is our fear of God and our love of Christ. Fearing

God and nothing else we have at least the beginning of wisdom. We will not even try to better ourselves unless we have that faith which acknowledges God and follows His Son.

We, however, being honest intellectuals, will be truly scientific. And considering every possibility we will consider what our God has done for us through His Son Jesus. We will look for the "light" that He has sent to guide our footsteps so that while looking ahead to the new year, we can see where we must go. This same light enlightens all the dark areas of our life so that we can see where the changes are needed.

Without regular renewal in our lives I do not see how we can maintain any joy in life. The heavy hand of time and circumstances can drain away all our happiness in life. So for our own sakes—our own sense of fulfilment in life, let us strive with Christ to make all things new, beginning with ourselves. Let Christ enter each one of us anew and fill every thought, word, and deed. Let Him regenerate our whole selves, so that we can bring to the new year a new person—Born Again!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your Rector,

C. A. CAMPBELL.

THE NEW YEAR

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown'. And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

These words are printed on the cover of this issue as a motto for the year and a reminder that a people which loses God out of its thought and lives as though God were not on the throne of the world, goes out to meet only trouble and disaster. Even though, we know how bad things are, there is no reason why we should lose heart about the world. Things may become worse and there will doubtless be much confusion and suffering; but God has not vacated the throne, all things are in His hands, and those hands remember, are kind.

Thousands of people today are taking everything and giving nothing in return. God says nothing. "He makes the sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust". Religion may slump, like everything else that is good, for a time; but it cannot be lost forever. The time will surely come when the hunger for God will re-assert itself, the cry for God will again be heard and men will turn to Him and live.

(Reprinted in part from the Chronicle—January, 1940)

PERSONAL

On behalf of all Parishioners I thank Mr. Alan Jones for the many years of devoted service in this Parish. During his term as Editor of the Chronicle he has maintained its extremely high standard thus providing a link between all parishioners. In many ways Alan has given guidance and encouragement to many and his assistance can always be relied upon on any occasion.

He takes with him the best wishes of all parishioners and we look forward to seeing him whenever circumstances permit.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- January 6: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of Rev. C. E. Adams; by Mrs. Kent in memory of her son and daughter Charles and Elsie and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their daughter; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 13: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her sister and in memory of Mr. F. Andrew from Mrs. W. Andrew, Mrs. L. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ward and his sisters-in-law; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 20: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 27: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 3: Donated by Mrs. I. R. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations for flowers for Christmas Day, but which were too late for inclusion in the December "Chronicle".

In memory of Judith Fay McPheel (nee Shaw) from her mother and sisters Olive and Heather.

From Mrs. Hoseason in memory of Miss Speight and Dick Hoseason.

From Mrs. Cragg and Noel in memory of Mr. N. Cragg.

From the Cheetham family in memory of Mr. Cheetham.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

The Parish Council has now decided that from the **First Sunday in January**, Morning Prayer will revert to 11 a.m. Family Service will once more be at 10 a.m. the **Third Sunday** of the month.

ORGAN REPAIRS

I am very pleased to announce that the restoration work of part of the organ has now been completed. A very important section of the work was entrusted to the old firm of George Fincham and Sons Pty. Ltd., in Melbourne. (This firm has been building, re-building, restoring and tuning organs in this country for over one hundred and twenty years.)

Early in October, Mr. David Fincham came to All Saints', with Mr. Welby (our organ tuner), to supervise the removal of the pipes. These pipes were crated and Mr. Fincham personally took them to Melbourne.

Mr. Welby returned the pipes to the organ early in December. Both Mr. Welby and myself are very pleased with the end result of the work.

On Friday, December 7th, a Study Group from the Organ Society of Sydney came to play the organ and inspect the new work. All were pleased with the organ as everyone had praised the organ as a whole.

I am grateful to the members of All Saints' for giving money

to help the restoration fund. Because of what has just been carried out on the organ, it is now tonally as it was when it left the builders' workshop in London eighty-eight years ago.

C. SILLINCE,
Organist and Choirmaster.

The Parish Council and Church Wardens gratefully acknowledge the anonymous donation of \$3 to the organ fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School and Kindergarten Christmas Parties:

On behalf of the girls and boys I would like to thank the mothers, and all the people who helped, for putting on an enjoyable party.

During January the Sunday School will be remaining open.

CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

Our first meeting for 1974 will be on Tuesday, 12th February, at 1.00 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

Our first meeting for the New Year will be on Tuesday, 12th February, 1974.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Many thanks to our kind friends who helped make our Christmas Party so successful. After a few weeks in recess, our Club resumes on Thursday, January 17th, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

A donation of 20 cents with afternoon tea provided and a variety of small gifts given away each week is all that a happy afternoon's entertainment will cost.

New members are most welcome and could ring me for further information regarding club activities.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary, 797-6967.

CHURCH NEWS

● Organ Repairs:

This work is just on completion and we look forward to hearing Mr. Sillince playing with the greater range of stops that will be available. The Organ Fund has not yet reached the amount needed to pay for this work, and the Wardens would be happy to receive further donations.

● Private Communion:

The Rector will again provide Holy Communion to those unable to come to Church at Christmas. So that mutually suitable times may be arranged, would the folk seeking Communion, or a member of their household, please contact the Rector as soon as possible in December.

● Christmas Cards:

It is not Christmas without Christ! Therefore, when selecting the Christmas cards you send, please choose only those that have a Christian message. Those featuring the Opera House, Jingle Bells or the Three Sisters are quite irrelevant to the message you ought to be sending.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. Bert Shaw greatly appreciated the assistance of Doug Anderson, Grant Elliott, George Clarke, Bill King and Ray Bloomfield, in decorating the Parish Hall for Christmas. We all appreciate their fine work.

● We welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Millarey after several months overseas where they visited many interesting countries.

● All articles for the February "Chronicle" should reach Mr. Hugh Quelch the new editor, no later than Sunday, 20th January, 1974.

● "Keep Off The Grass": To avoid damage to the grass at the western end of the Church, we have asked all outside bodies hiring our hall to ensure that their cars are parked on the bitumen, and not on the lawns. We also seek the co-operation of parishioners in this matter. To ensure maximum space for all cars in the area opposite the front porch of the Church, please park at right angles to the kerb.

Our thanks to Marrickville Council for erecting a number of direction signs that we had made, pointing the way to All Saints'. It is hoped that these signs may help show the way to our Parish Church to both newcomers and visitors to the district.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—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. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, A. Graham, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R. Minter, and H. J. Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss K. Williams.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

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

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Silince.

LEARN FROM AHMED

While the great powers of earth are seeking prestige in the space race, Ahmed is winning the world on foot. He is part of the Muslim infantry.

Perhaps you have seen pictures of him in his robes and turban, with his prayer beads and charms. He lives and moves in a pagan town; sitting in the coffee shop; journeying up and down the roads; visiting, buying and selling in the market-place.

He may be rich, but he will live in the slums. He will deny himself, he will do favours. He will demonstrate his faith.

He accepts sickness, trial, and death as "written" for him by God; and continues proclaiming Allah as Great, Merciful, Kind, All-Powerful—ninety-nine names and attributes.

Ahmed has never founded an institution, opened a clinic or started a school. He may not even read. But he gets around, he finds people, he wins them at an estimated rate of 15 million in four years in Africa alone.

Does he hold conferences, erusades, campaigns? No. He shakes hands, he serves coffee, he makes friends. He gossips Islam. He displays his religion, he opens his house to neighbours, he welcomes visitors, he spends time. He occupies territory as the ground troops of Islam march along.

Ahmed is a man of purpose, sold out to Islam. He sees people as potential Muslims. The Muslim brotherhood is his family. The mosque is his community centre. The five tenets of Islam are his rule of life.

But Ahmed's converts are still slaves of sin. No supernatural change has taken place. The 15 million he has won still remain to be lovingly conquered in the power of the Lord by ground troops led by the Captain of Our Salvation. The claims of Christ can still reach them. The love of God still seeks them.

And we can learn from Ahmed. Propagating his faith is not an exalted occupation with him. It is ordinary procedure. Even so, the sandals of the Church must be well worn, the members of the Church well distributed and personal prestige forgotten. Ahmed must meet the infantry of God's army in every market, coffee shop, village and oasis until he himself is won.

With acknowledgment to "The Sudan Witness".

YOUR WHOLE LIFE IS MADE OF GIFTS FROM GOD

ABILITIES
TIME AND
POSSESSIONS

He gives them all to you

Your ABILITIES may include some special skill or talent or something for which you have been specially trained.

Your TIME is divided between work and leisure.

Your POSSESSIONS divide into the money you make and the property you hold.

How to manage this TOTAL life—well or poorly, gratefully or selfishly, responsibly or foolishly is your STEWARDSHIP, for remember they all belong to God and you are taking care of them for Him as His Steward.

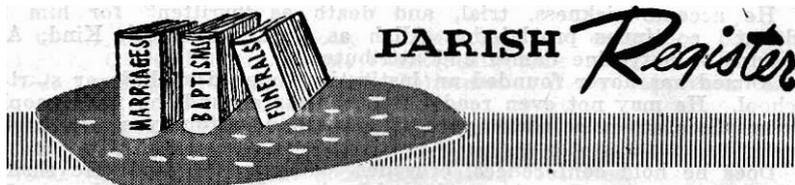
To be a good Steward is to use your gifts constructively. AT HOME, by providing the material necessities and the qualities of relationship that make God's love a reality in family life.

In the COMMUNITY by participating with your time and abilities in community causes and charities.

Devoting a responsible and creative share of all three—ABILITIES, TIME and POSSESSIONS—to God's special purpose through His Church as an act of worship.

To be able to come to His Church each week and offer there a week of abilities well used, time well spent and possessions well distributed. THIS is the task, the goal and the joy of STEWARDSHIP.

You may help this Church by participating regularly in our Services and by being a faithful STEWARD.



BAPTISMS

"Grafted into the body of Christ's Church"

- November 25: Cameron Mitchell Allen.
 November 25: Matthew John McKeahan.
 December 2: Stuart James Colquhoun-Thompson.
 December 9: Melanie Joan Cornish.
 December 9: Karen Louise Draper.
 December 9: Glenn Raymond Rayner.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined . . ."

- November 23: Christopher William Smith and Helen Margaret Bain.
 December 1: John Stafford Horder and Suzan Maria Bartlett.

FUNERALS

"I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ."

- November 22: Christopher Edward Michael Lloyd.
 November 22: Charles Edward Walsh.
 November 25: Thomas John Savage.
 December 4: Hilda Doris Ponton.

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- Mrs. Cheser \$1.00.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson \$10.00.

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