

The Chronicle

Of All Saints' Petersham

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From the Minister's Desk



Well 1995 is here and two months have gone already! The year has begun with a rush. The school holidays finish, the children are back to school and into the routines of life, and as usual there is too much to do and seemingly not enough time to do it all.

This is going to be an exciting year I believe. Our great God is moving among and within us by the Holy Spirit. Already we have seen a number of people accept Jesus as their saviour. There are always new people visiting our services - many of whom are seeking a closer relationship with God. We hope that we can help them find that.

It is wonderful how God has provided the people and means to begin some new ministries this year. You can read about these in more detail in this Chronicle, but here is a brief list of what's happening so far:- Two new TLC Groups (now we have 5), Youth Fellowship (Friday nights and Sunday morning), Evangelism and visitation ministry, growing monthly prayer gathering ("The Power Connection"), Cross-cultural sensitivity classes, and English Classes (to begin after Easter).

My prayer for our church is that we will grow to be like the church described in Acts 2: 42-47; devoted to the Apostolic teaching and to the fellowship, sharing, filled with awe at the power of God at work among us, eating together, praising God, and seeing the Lord add to our number daily those who are being saved.

May God bless you with all joy and peace in believing.

Paul Watson
Rector.

Financial Statement

January 1995. (Summary only)
Offeratories \$2890.24
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Reduction in reserves to meet shortfall \$140.25

Welcome

to this first edition of the new "Chronicle". "The Chronicle" is now a quarterly publication. If you wish to include articles or letters or news items, please send them to:- The Chronicle, All Saints' Anglican Church, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham 2049.



AHMS's Seventh Annual Cross Cultural Ministries Celebration.

Date: Saturday 25 March, 3-5pm

Venue: All Saints' Petersham
325 Stanmore Road, Petersham

Speaker: Minister of Persian Anglican Church, Alphington, Diocese of Melbourne, the Rev Khalil Razmara.

All are welcome to stay for an exotic international afternoon tea.

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The All Saints' Catechists

Scott Dunlop.



The move to Sydney was a big step for Joanne and I. We had to trust in the Lord even though we didn't know exactly where we were going. Part of not knowing where we were going was, what church do you want us to go to, Lord?

Looking back over the past year we are thankful of being able to fellowship with you at All Saints'. We are appreciative of the way our family has been welcomed and made feel at home. Keep up the good work of showing Christ's love to one another and making others feel welcome.

I look forward to the coming year and hope that both you and I might grow more like Jesus as we seek to love and serve him together. Joanne will be running the Playtime along with Rita and they would value your prayer in this ministry. My role as Catechist this year will entail, firstly, involvement in the services, preaching monthly and parish visiting. Secondly involvement in evangelism and training people in evangelism.

As we grow in maturity as a Christian, we will also become more outward focused and have a concern for other people to know Jesus too. We need to pray for our family, friends and others in the community that don't know Jesus and don't have eternal life asking for God's mercy on them and that he might provide us with opportunities to speak with them about him. What I would like to do is to help you in expressing to others in a non threatening way, what knowing Jesus, and being a Christian means to you. For thought - If every Christian sought to tell other people what knowing Jesus means to them and how they can know him to - in no time through God's grace the whole world would be Christian. If you are prepared to step out in faith and serve God, he will use you. I will be running a course on how to share your faith. If you are interested please speak to Paul or myself and we will answer any questions you might have.

Our family would greatly appreciate your prayer for God's strength and guidance in the tasks before us this year, as I will also seek to pray for you about any needs or concerns you share with me.

Len Tan.



Hi, my name is Len. I have to apologise for the picture - I got it last year for my Bus Pass, and it doesn't look very friendly. In a lot of ways I consider myself the Junior Catechist at All Saints', not only because I'm working with the kids, but also because I'm a lot younger than Scott Dunlop, and I'm new here and have got a lot to learn.

Well, I suppose you'd want to know what I do with the kids? My basic aim is to bring people closer to God, to have a more intimate relationship with him. With the High School guys and girls, I'll be doing a lot of teaching, both by Bible Studies and by example. Hopefully they'll enjoy themselves as well as drawing nearer our God. With everyone else, I'll be serving the congregation by occasionally contributing to the services and occasionally preaching. I'll also be serving by fellowship, so if you ever see me all alone, don't be afraid to talk to me.

A bit about my past. My eldest brother brought me to Jesus when I was quite young. I have since spent about half my life learning about God and serving in all sorts of Youth Ministry from leading Youth Groups to Sunday School to Beachmission and even being a camp parent for a houseparty. I've worked in a couple of Anglican Churches, but I grew up in West Sydney Chinese Christian Church (which is interdenominational). Last year I was the Catechist at St. Stephen's Anglican, Kellyville, where I did similar things to here but with slightly more of a family orientation. At the moment I'm studying Second Year at Moore College with Scott.

There are some things you could contribute with in my ministry. Firstly, I would appreciate prayer support, for me personally, and for the Youth Group (The Lost Pickles) and the Sunday School classes. This is a great and positive way to help the kids of the Parish. Secondly, it would be good to encourage local kids you know to join me on Friday Nights at 7-00pm for games, sports and teaching. Third, I need feedback as to how you think I'm doing, and how I can improve things. I'm here to learn as well as teach.

Thankyou for the opportunity to work here. I anticipate a big year ahead of us all.

Have you been Visited Yet?

As part of his role as Catechist, Scott Dunlop is seeking to visit everyone in our church. It is an opportunity to build relationships, to pray together for any special needs, and to talk about spiritual issues.

Building Update . . .

Stage two of our Conservation and Maintenance Plan is now underway. We are seeking quotes for the new lighting and electrical replacement, and the repainting of the interior of the church building. It is anticipated that the building will be out of action from the end of March until the end of July. Services will be held in the Hall.

Celebration 125.

In November this year we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of our church building. On Sunday 5th November at 10am a special service will be held. The Archbishop will be preaching and attending the luncheon afterwards.

We wish to have a display in the Hall of photos and memorabilia of the life of All Saint's over the history of the church. Can you help?

There will be other special events during November. See the calendar of events for more details. (See page 4)



The Church Library.

Debbie Harrop has offered to run a Church Library and has provided books, cassettes, videos (VHS), from her own collection. You will be able to borrow from the library in the next couple of weeks. This library will be placed at the rear of the church for your convenience.

All items on the shelves have their own catalogue numbers. To borrow items from the library all you're asked to do is to write your name, date the items was borrowed together with the details of the book, cassette or video in the note book provided. Books and poems may be borrowed for a period of three weeks. Cassettes and videos for a period of one week. On returning cross your name off the list.

If there are any problems please see Debbie Harrop for assistance.

Cross-Cultural Ministries.

The Great Commission of Matthew 28: 19 calls on the followers of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. We don't have to "go" very far because "all nations" are our neighbours and workmates and

friends. All Saints' is a church which wants to reach people from other cultures with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Kath White, a former missionary in Nepal, and a very gifted teacher and communicator, is currently conducting classes at All Saints' in Cross-Cultural Sensitivity. These classes are extremely valuable in helping us gain an appreciation of some of the difficulties faced by newcomers to the Australian culture, and in showing us how we can be more sensitive as we build relationships with them.

Then, in second term (after Easter), we will be commencing English classes for migrants (ESL). As well as helping to meet a pressing social need, these classes will be run with a view to building friendships within which opportunities can arise to share the good news of Christ.

Flower Roster

First Sunday
Mrs. Hearn & Michele Essam

Second Sunday
Ainslie Ivin-Smith

Third Sunday
Debbie Harrop

Fourth Sunday
Joy Harrop

Fifth Sunday
Mrs. Hearn & Michele Essam

The Parish Pulse

Sunday Services - 8-30am, 10am, 6-30pm
Sunday School & Teenagers 10am
Youth Fellowship Fridays 7pm - 9pm
"Playtime" for pre-schoolers Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
TLC Groups (small groups) Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday nights, Wednesday morning.



Good Friday 9-30am Special Service

Easter Day 8-30am Holy Communion
10-00am Easter Worship/Lord's Supper
6-30pm Evening Worship/Lord's Supper

Ivette & Paul Moutzouris

Ivette and Paul Moutzouris became Christians in January 1992 after leaving a cult church named The Sydney Church of Christ. They had been introduced to this group in August of the previous year and through it had become interested in the Bible and Christianity. Through reading the Bible they realised that they wanted to commit their lives to Jesus. However after their baptism in this church they discovered that the Sydney Church of Christ was not the Christian church they claimed to be. Paul describes his experience "At first we thought the church was good but the more we got involved the more we realised that things were not what they seemed. The Sydney Church of Christ believed that they are the only right church and placed tremendous pressure on us to conform to their teaching and to be involved in their activities. There was no room for disagreement, the church was always right and we were often abused into submission. The church emphasised the role of works, and idolised those members who converted a large number of people each day. Church attendance was almost compulsory and it was not unusual for members to break off ties with non church members and move out of home into church accommodation." Paul and Ivette realised the church didn't have the character of Jesus described in the Bible and broke off their involvement.

Immediately after this Paul and Ivette were introduced to Pastor Peter Rahme, the pastor of Inner-West Baptist Church. Pastor Rahme helped Paul and Ivette by reaffirming the truths of the gospel and helping them overcome the emotional and mental effects of their involvement in their previous church. Paul comments "It was such a change meeting Pastor Rahme, he was so loving and kind. The whole church had a great love and humility that we hadn't found before. It was with Pastor Rahme that we really began to understand who Jesus really was



and what it meant to be a Christian. He helped us to understand more completely that when Jesus died on the cross He suffered and was separated from God in our place taking the punishment that we deserved for our disobedience. He showed us that we were saved through accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, through faith and apart from works." Paul and Ivette continued in Inner-West Baptist Church for the following year where they matured in their faith and their commitment to Jesus.

They moved on from Inner-West Baptist Church in 1993 and began attending the Greek Bible Fellowship, a church branch of Campus

Bible Studies at the University of NSW. They became involved with various church activities including Bible studies and university outreach. Paul and Ivette met with Reverend Paul Watson in December 1993 as they were looking for a suitable church building to be married. Through meeting with Paul they became interested in the ministry he was seeking to establish

in the following year at All Saints' Petersham. Paul and Ivette began to attend All Saints' in January 1994 and were married in February of that year. They have continued to be active members of All Saints' until the present day. Paul helps lead the singing whilst Ivette is involved in teaching Sunday School. They also run a weekly Bible study at their home in Canterbury. Ivette comments. "I thank God for richly blessing this church, I pray that God will make us into a light that shines in to the darkness of this world. I pray that the Lord will bless each of us and that he may deepen our love for Him and each other, Amen."

Calendar of Events

- Mar 9 Parish Council Meeting (Thurs 7-45pm)
- Mar 11 Fun & Games Night in Hall. (Sat. 7pm)
- Mar 16 "Power Connection" Prayer gathering 7-30pm. . . and
- Mar 16, 17, 18 Billy Graham Telecast, Petersham Town Hall 7-30pm
- Mar 25 Diocesan Cross Cultural Ministries Service (Sat 3pm)
- Mar 26 Cricket Challenge vs Epping Presb. Church. (Sun 12pm) and picnic Steel Park, Marrickville 12noon
- May 6 Bush Dance - in the Hall 7pm
- Sep 24 Confirmation Service 6-30pm
- Sep 30 Community BBQ in Maundrell Park
- Nov 1 Outreach Dinner - Petersham RSL Club
- Nov 5 Celebration 125 - Service & Luncheon
- Nov 10 Youth Rally
- Nov 18 Fete

What's on this Month of Sundays.

Morning Services

What does it mean to be God's People? We will discover the answer in the book of Deuteronomy.

Evening Services.

We will be looking at the first six chapters of the Gospel of John.