

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

NOVEMBER, 1945.

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Churchwardens: Messrs. E. C. KING, L. C. CALVER, A. J. HARRIS.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs. J. M. BOYLE,
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Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

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Vergers: Mr. W. SOPWITH, 25 Croydon Street, Petersham.

All Saints' Rectory, 29th October, 1945.

Dear People of All Saints'—

Owing to the Archbishop's unexpected absence from the Diocese, our Confirmation Service was transferred from the morning to the evening of October 28th, when Bishop Pilcher kindly came to take the Archbishop's place. The thirty candidates who were then admitted to full membership of the Church of England (and, indeed, all who were present) will ever remember this impressive and beautiful service. The Bishop's address was based on portion of 2 Timothy I.12, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him . . ." The Confirmation Day happened to fall on the Festival of St. Simon and St. Jude, and there is a singularly appropriate link with the Bishop's text in the closing words of the Epistle of St. Jude: "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy . . ."

The testing-time for these young people commences now, but the real test will come, as I have told them, not so much now, when they are keen and enthusiastic, but in twelve months' time. When we look through those thirty names to see how many of the 1945 candidates are still regular Communicants, and have remained loyal to their Confirmation vows. To live the Christian life is the most difficult thing in the world. Many give up trying. But God does not expect us to do so in our own strength. Discipleship begins by trusting Christ for life and strength. At the Holy Communion Service, He not only provides an eternal reminder of the love which made Him die for us, but also gives a means of grace, a chain of friendship by which our souls can be linked up with, and strengthened and refreshed by Him. And in this service we do not only pledge our loyalty to the Best Friend of all mankind, but pledge our lives anew in His service, as well as remind ourselves of the love He expects us to radiate among our fellow-men.

We are rapidly approaching the end of another church year and the commencement of a new one on December 2nd—the first Sunday in Advent. On that Sunday evening we hope to offer our special gifts for Reconstruction and Advance in the Diocese of New Guinea. You will remember that in 1943 we set ourselves the task of finding an additional hundred pounds

for three years for this purpose. In that year we received £106; in 1944, £110/17/-; in 1945—What?

Your answer will be forthcoming after Sunday evening service on December 2nd, when the chairman of the Australian Board of Missions—the Right Reverend G. H. Cranswick—will be the special preacher.

The eve of St. Andrew's Day, November 29, will be a day of continuous prayer in our Parish for the Missionary work of the Church. Further particulars will be given you later, but meanwhile I should be glad to have offers from those who would be willing to help to maintain the continuity of intercession throughout the day.

If you should, within the next few weeks, be asked to interest yourself in any suggestions which may be made to try to retain "Braeside" as a hospital for this and adjacent parishes, I trust all our people will realise the importance of any such proposals and give them their earnest consideration and support. More than that I cannot say at the moment, owing to the limitations of this month's "Chronicle."

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. ADAMS.

HOLY COMMUNION AND THE RECENTLY CONFIRMED.

During the period of instruction, great stress was placed upon the importance of, and the necessity for REGULAR attendance at Holy Communion. In order to help each Confirnee to become a regular communicant, a certain specified Sunday has been allotted to each candidate.

This does NOT mean that you may come ONLY on the Sunday assigned you. You are welcome to come as often as you wish, and you should always be present at the Great Festivals of the Church. The special Sunday is suggested so that it may help young communicants to form the habit of regular attendance. YOU SHOULD NEVER ALLOW YOUR ATTENDANCE AT HOLY COMMUNION TO BECOME LESS FREQUENT THAN ONCE A MONTH.

The following candidates were confirmed by Bishop Pilcher at All Saints', Petersham, on Sunday evening, October 28—the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude:—

P. B. Kearns, R. A. Steele, A. F. Jones, J. H. Redfern, H. T. Sefton, R. A. Whittle, H. J. Fowler, S. E. Pollett, W. J. Walters, R. J. Sefton, J. F. Bicknell, J. L. Blackwood, N. J. Hilleard, D. J. Humphries, J. A. McKay, B. J. Bezett, L. E. Bryant, B. J. Elliott, B. Hilleard, A. S. Hauber, E. N. Jackson, P. R. Jackson, N. J. Lawrence, J. M. Meredith, J. L. Croker, S. C. Page, E. M. Guiver, S. M. Males, P. M. Jamieson, P. Ritchie.

MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL.

Parish Memorial.—Amongst the suggestions put forward at a meeting held on October 17, the two that gained most support were the extension of the Kindergarten Room and the completion of the Chapel. It would be fine to do both, but whilst we acknowledge the need for the former (for which there is over £50 in hand) it is felt that whatever we do in the way of a memorial outside the actual fabric of our church, there should be something INSIDE the church by which we may remember those whose sacrifice and service helped to make victory possible.

The choir has also in mind a plan for the improvement and beautification of the Chancel by the erection of a Chancel and Organ Screen (for which we have £20 in hand) and it would be possible to incorporate this plan with any that may be made to complete the Chapel. A committee to go into the matter of approximate costs was appointed, consisting of Messrs. T. H. Bosward, F. Ricketts, H. F. Jones, N. Scott, J. M. Boyle, A. E. Caruthers, W. and L. Webster, and Mr. A. J. Harris, has accepted the Rector's invitation to represent the churchwardens on that committee.

At the same meeting it was decided to arrange a Welcome Home to returning Servicemen and women on Thursday, December 13th, in the Parish Hall.

Special Appeal.—The Churchwardens acknowledge with thanks the following amounts received during October:—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (Brighton Street), 8/-; Box 95, Mrs. Morris, £1/5/-; Box 109, Mrs. Crook, 5/-. Previously acknowledged, £188/11/-. Total to date £190/9/1.

New Guinea Fund: Amount previously acknowledged, £54/8/-; Miss Peart, £1; Miss Holland, 5/-; Mrs. Taylor, 10/-; per Mrs. Brennan, 5/6; Mrs. Ayrton, £1; Mrs. Gannon, £1; Total, £58/8/6. Only this month to go to attain our object—£100 by Advent Sunday, December 2. Let's make this a great V-NG month, so that our offerings on December 2 may be the best yet. This is the final year for our Special Appeal. Each family was asked to raise £1 for this fund. Don't miss this opportunity to help our neighbours in New Guinea. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." E. V. Adams, Organiser.

Women's Guild and C.E.N.E.F.: These two societies held a combined meeting on October 11 to further arrangements for Market Day on Saturday, December 8, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Opening ceremony by Mrs. Maxwell Little. The afternoon bids fair to be better than ever. Work, Cake, Sweets, Packets and Refreshment Stalls, Parade of Dolls, Programme by the young people of the Parish. Admission, silver coin. Proceeds to be divided between the Women's Guild and the new C.E.N.E.F. Centre for returned servicemen and women. The date?—Saturday, December 8. The Rally on October 25 was well attended. Mrs. E. Cranswick gave a very helpful address, and at the close Mrs. Sinclair and her group dispensed afternoon tea. November 7, Business; November 22, Jam Evening.

V. LUCAS, Hon. Secretary.

Cricket and Softball Club: We are now well into our cricket season, and matches have been arranged up till next January. On the 27th October we played the Parramatta Rangers, but after they had got 8-68 rain caused play to end. At night we entertained the Rangers, and we would like to thank Miss Carolus, Miss Belfield, Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Jones for helping. The standard of play of our members is getting higher as the season progresses.—A. Jones (Hon. Sec.)

The Sunday School: The Children's Festival Service will be held on November 11th at 11 a.m. The occasional preacher will be Senior Chaplain F. O. Hulme-Moir. We expect every scholar in each department of our school to be present, and we hope many parents and friends will join them in this special service. On Saturday, November 17th, we hold our Sunday School Picnic at Watson's Bay. Each scholar is asked to bring 1 oz. of butter to enable us to provide the sandwiches. We hope we may have a good response from the collecting cards for the Picnic Fund.—D. E. Muldoon, Hon. Secretary.

L.H.M.U.: A meeting of L.H.M.U. was held on Tuesday, September 27th, Rector presiding. Deaconess Jackson gave a most vivid and interesting talk of her work at Erskineville among the young people.—D. P. Brown, Hon. Secretary.

Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill: The Headmaster sends particulars of examinations for scholarships for 1946. Lack of space precludes giving details, which the Rector will be happy to supply to interested parents. Candidates shall be less than 13 years of age on 31st December, 1945. Entries close on Saturday, 10th November.

The Choir: Members extend congratulations to Jean and Alan Dixon on the birth of a daughter. It was pleasing to note that Alan's leave coincided with the happy event.—D. Ritchie, Hon. Secretary.

Personal: We offer our sincerest sympathy to the following parishioners and friends in their recent bereavements:—Mr. and Mrs. Riley and their relatives, in the loss of Mr. Riley's mother, who was a most regular worshipper at All Saints'. For years the late Eva Riley had very poor health, but it never prevented her from attending her church, where she gained much strength and comfort; to Mr. E. J. Paton and family, and Miss Watts and her relatives, in the passing of Emilie Jane Paton. The late Mrs. Paton was a valued District Visitor and Guild Member for many years. It was a great hardship to her when failing health made attendance at church impossible, but she retained her affection for, and interest in, her parish church right through her sixty years of association with All Saints', Peter-sham; to Mr. L. V. Pidcock of Croydon Street, and the family of the late Mrs. Pidcock we also extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent, of Ducros Street, recently received the sad news that their eldest son, Charles, was killed in action on February 9, 1942. Charlie Kent was brought up in this parish, and was confirmed here in 1932. To his widow, his parents and brothers and sisters we offer our sincerest sympathy, as we do also to Mr. George Erskine, Mrs. L. Erskine and Kaye, and their relatives, in the loss of Cpl. Leonard Erskine, who died in Brisbane as the result of an accident, on October 25th. May all who have lost their loved ones know the comforting and consoling power of the Holy Spirit in their sorrow.

BAPTISMS

- Sept. 30—Keith Elson Acland.
Oct. 28—Janine Sheldon Johnson.
.. 28—Jon Lynton Spindler.

MARRIAGES

- Oct. 6—Verle Roderick McGregor
and Doris Ida Foster.
.. 6—Hubert Somerfield Buckley
and Anne Elizabeth Hirst.
.. 13—Andrew Armstrong and
Vera Hays.
.. 20—Cecll Harry Money and
Marian Janet McFarlane.
.. 27—Laurence Francis Rose and
Nancy Dixon.

DEATHS

- Oct. 4—Eva Elizabeth Riley.
.. 9—Laurel Rane Pidcock.
.. 17—Emilie Jane Paton.

ROLL OF HONOUR

- February 9, 1942: Pte. Charles Sydney
Kent.
October 25, 1945: Cpl. Leonard
Erskine.

District Visitors.—Owing to the continued industrial trouble in the printing trade, it is again impossible to publish the District Visitors' Lists. The following are the total amounts collected by each Visitor:

General Fund: Mrs. Marker £1/12/6, Miss Norman £1/5/6, Mrs. Whiting (for Mrs. Gilly) £1/2/-. The Rector (Mrs. Hacking's District) £2/4/-. Mrs. McLean £2/19/-. Mrs. Fourro £1/11/-. Mrs. Sinclair 11/6, Mrs. Handel £1/13/9, Mrs. Reilly £1/8/9, Mrs. Taylor 17/3, Mrs. Jones £1/6/6, Mrs. Binns £1/5/-. Mrs. Robertson £2/18/-. Mrs. Brennan £1/18/6, Mrs. Davison £1/4/3, Mrs. Grant 18/6, Mrs. Grant (for Miss Noerr) £1/2/-. Mrs. Timmins £1/12/6. Grand total for October £27/10/6.

Assistant Clergy Fund.—Miss Norman 2/-. Rector 3/-. Mrs. Sinclair 3/-. Mrs. Reilly 1/6, Mrs. Taylor 2/-. Mrs. Jones 5/-. Mrs. Binns 3/-. Mrs. Robertson 3/3, Mrs. Brennan 3/- Mrs. Grant 6/- Mrs. Timmins 3/6. Grand Total £2/0/3.