

With Christmas Greetings

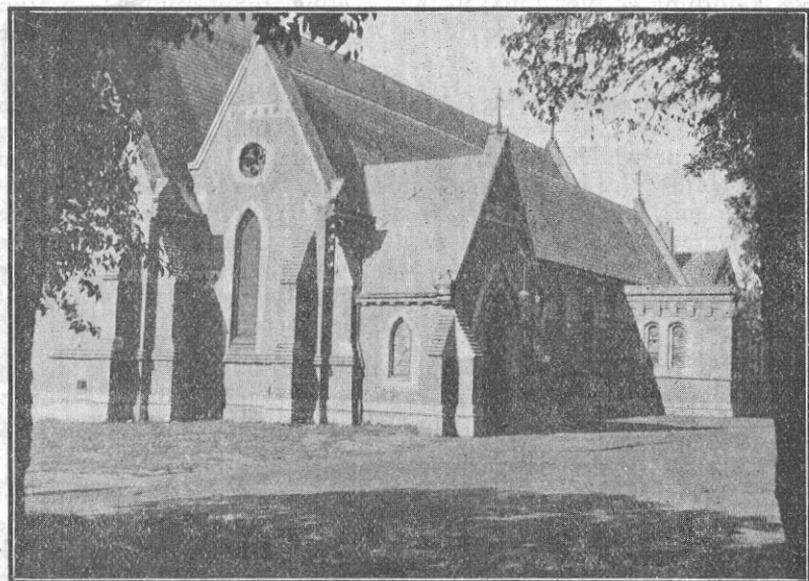
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All Saints' Church, Petersham.

Rector—Rev. P. J. Bazeley, Rectory, Stanmore Rd., Petersham. Tel.: Pet. 439.



Christmas Day, 1925



LIST OF SERVICES:

HOLY COMMUNION—6.30 a.m. (Choral)

7.45 a.m.

10.30 a.m. (with Morning

Prayer and Address)

SUNDAY, December 20th—

11 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.—CHRISTMAS HYMNS, CAROLS, etc.

Join with us in a happy celebration of Our Saviour's birth.

RECTOR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,—

**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS.**

For the second time it is my privilege to wish you the compliments of the Christmas season, and this I do with the heartiest goodwill and sincerity. I am aware that it is considered just the usual and customary thing to express such sentiments at this time of the year, but I assure you there is nothing conventional in the greeting, for it implies a prayer that the blessings of our Saviour's Advent to this world may be upon you.

The Christmas greeting is full of cheer because it relates us to a magnificent Gift—a gift which meant an impoverishment to the Giver, but which is fraught with remarkable consequences to the recipient. The blessings which attend the receipt of the great Christmas gift, are those of joy and peace; which can only be enjoyed where the law of just relations have been observed. The gift was and is a token of love and goodwill, and churlish is the person who refuses such abounding liberality and deprives himself and others of the benefits to be derived thereby.

I urge upon all the necessity for considering the origin of our giving presents at Christmas, so that we may pass from the purely social and domestic nature of Christmas to the more important and spiritual truths set forth therein.

The clearest and completest statement of the significance of the Incarnation of our Lord is made by St. Paul in his letter to the Phillipians, wherein he writes:—"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who being in the form of God, counted it not as a prize to be equal with God, but he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, and was made in the likeness of men. And being formed in the fashion as a man he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross." The passage is at once a declaration of purpose and life, and an exhortation to us to follow the example of our Saviour Christ.

**OUR
CHRISTMAS
DUTY.**

To rightly commemorate Christmas we are bound to engage in some special act of worship for such a glorious Gift to mankind. In addition to your own private worship, I trust you will take advantage of the public services to which you may have access—Christmas is one of the occasions set by the Church of England for all her sons and daughters to unite in the service of Holy Communion. As loyal members of the Church you will be expected to be present at one or other of the special Communion Services arranged for that day. I look forward to a great number attending

All Saints'. To any who feel hesitant about attending Communion, let me remind you that the main qualification is not so much goodness as it is spiritual desire. The 6.30 a.m. celebration on Christmas morning will be choral, thanks to the goodwill and help of our Choir.

THE PARISH HALL. || At last a start has been made with the Parish Hall, and we are watching the progress of the work very closely. The contractor reckons on finishing the Hall by the middle, or end of April. The foundation stone will be placed by His Excellency, Sir Dudley De Chair, on Saturday, January 16th, at 3 p.m. This should be a great event, and we shall expect a great assembly of All Saints' folk for the function. We shall be careful to invite representatives of the other Churches, so that they may join with us in our rejoicing. The size of the Hall will be a surprise to people, and when finished we shall possess a really fine building, which will enhance, rather than detract, from the glory of our lovely Church.

FINANCING THE PARISH HALL FUND. || The copy of a letter which the Church Committee is circulating, is inserted elsewhere in this issue. By it our readers will see what is proposed for financing the erection of the new Hall. I very warmly commend the proposals, and urge upon all the duty of assisting. As well as contributions, loans of any amount up to £100 will be most acceptable.

COMMUNITY SERVICE. || It is a matter of great regret to me, that we do not possess, in Petersham, a community organization, which would bring together, in one body, our citizens, both men and women, having as their object, community service. I believe our suburb to be rich in the power of its manhood and womanhood, and it seems a pity to me that this power is not being devoted to general welfare work. Something like a glorified Progress Association is wanted, which would take cognizance of all local requirements, including educational, business and other communal requirements, and furnish opportunity for a fellowship of people to initiate movements for the public good. A few of us are discussing the question, and it is likely that in the New Year a public meeting will be called to further consider the idea.

OUR CHURCH WINDOWS. || Some time ago I referred to the windows of All Saints'. Enquiry discloses that it would cost from £50 to £70 for a memorial window—five of these would complete the number of such windows. If it is the intention of any of our folk to perpetuate the memory of dear ones in the Church in this way, it would greatly relieve the Church Wardens to know of that intention at an early date, even if immediate action is not contemplated, as two of the existing windows are falling to pieces and must be replaced.

**OUR
CRICKET
TEAMS.**

Our A. and C. teams are doing admirably in the Churches' Competition, and the prospects of further successes are good. Congratulations to the "boys" on their wins, and for their manner of playing the game.

**COMMUNITY
MISSION.**

The arrangements for a great Evangelistic Mission, to be conducted in 1926, are proceeding. The date has been fixed for May, and the Missioner the Rev. Hugh Paton, of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Sydney. It is proposed to conduct the services in a marquee, with seating accommodation for 1,000 people. Our own Church Mission will commence as soon as the united effort ceases. Our Missioner will be the Bishop of Bendigo.

**QUARTERLY
OFFERING.**

December 13th has been selected as the day for our special Quarterly Offering. May we all do our bit to secure the objective—£50. We have established a confidence in ourselves by our achievements, but we must not rest in past glories. The offertory comes at an inconvenient time, but this was unavoidable. Please help as you can.

MEMORIAL.

On All Saints' Day there was dedicated a very useful Hymn and Psalm Board, given by Mr. J. M. Boyle, of our Committee, in order to perpetuate the memory of his mother. The placing of memorials in the Church is an action one highly commends. I trust others will not hesitate to do likewise.

BEREAVEMENT.

Our deep sympathy with Mrs. Pile and Miss Thatcher, of Merton Street, Mr. Jennings and family, of Crystal Street, and Mrs. Wright and the Misses Leatham, of Sadlier's Crescent. Mrs. Leatham passed to the "land of rest and glory" on Sunday, November 29th. In their bereavements they are assured of our Father's compassion, and our prayers.

Again wishing you the happiest of Christmas greetings, with my affectionate regards.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. BAZELEY.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement in this issue of the Misses Brown, appearing for the first time.

KING COMPETITION.

Amounts received since last issue have not affected the election of Mr. Jack Kinnings, as head of the Fete King Competition. Congratulations to him, and to Mesdames Gray and L. C. Calver for their labours to secure his election.

BAPTISMS.

"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Gordon Keith Cardwell, Peter Edward Griffiths, Stanton Richard Tapping, Norma Irene Lappin, June Irene Brown, Harold Charles Westall, Judith Margaret Bull.

MARRIAGES.

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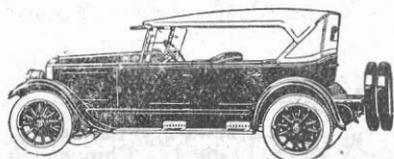
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Y.C.I.

When the syllabus item is a discussion on the "Sun" leader, some good arguments for and against the "Sun's" view can always be expected from the members. Such was the case on Friday, November 13th, when the leader was dealt with at length by our good orators. Following their usual custom, the "Sun" sent a reporter to the meeting, and a good "write up" on the proceedings duly appeared in the following day's issue. The subject for discussion was of a political nature, as it was the last day before the Federal Elections. The meeting became lively at times, when the members expressed their views on the election, but were all of the one opinion that the "Sun" leader was both fair and correct.

The Mock Trial set down for Friday, November 27th, attracted a good attendance of visitors. The cast was, as usual, selected by the Entertainment Committee, and the display given by the different characters reflected their good judgment. The case was a breach of promise, for which the plaintiff claimed £2,000 damages. The usual witnesses gave their story, and after the jury had retired to consider their verdict, which only meant a matter of minutes, the defendant was given the verdict, amid signs of general approval.

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A WOMAN'S MAN - A CHRISTMAS VISION.

(By BRUCE BARTON.)

Pausing for an instant on the day we call His, it is pleasant to remind ourselves in how fine and true a sense He was a "woman's man." Those who understood Him best, those who were truest in His hour of trial, those whose faithfulness was rewarded by the first vision of Him, risen, were all women.

'Twas a woman that washed His feet with tears, and a woman that anointed His body to the burial. They were women that wept when He was going to the cross, and that sat by His sepulchre when He was buried. They were women that were first with Him at His resurrection morn; and women that brought tidings first to His disciples that He was risen from the dead.

His debt to women, while He lived, was great; but in what royal fashion He has paid it! Even to glance at a woman on the street was to transgress the narrow code of the Pharisees. He swept aside their petty prejudice. To a woman member of an outcast race He spoke the finest message of His ministry; the mite of a widow woman was greater in His sight than the largess of the rich; and when, in the last days, anxiety and grief had laid their heavy shadow on Him, it was at the home of two women that He found quiet and new strength. All womanhood has stood, and stands, on a new plane of dignity and power because He, first among the teachers of the world, welcomed women among His own.

If women had written out the record of His life instead of men, some aspects of His character would not have been so long forgotten.

Women would have remembered, perhaps first of all, that He was strong. For thirty hidden years He used plane and saw in a carpenter shop, or swung His axe among the trees. Thirty years of sun tanned His brow; thirty years of toil hardened His muscles in order that a woman—His mother—and her children might be cared for. All His life was lived in the out-of-doors. He had no place to lay His head. He spent his days in walks from town to town. He loved to be awakened in the morning by the touch of sunshine on His brow. When He faced the crowd of rioters in the temple, not one dared to measure strength against Him. There was power behind His protest. He was strong; and women do not forget strength in a man.

Women would have remembered, too, His laugh, so joyous during the first years of His ministry. They would have told how men loved to have Him at their tables, how the record of His life is full of the phrase, "A certain man desired Him to have meat at his house." His first miracle He did, not to heal the sick or point a moral, but to save a hostess from embarrassment.

Women would have remembered these things more. They would have painted Him full-lunged, and strong, a Man who could laugh, a lover of life—not a martyred, suffering, unhappy Lord, who laid down His life gladly because He did not find it good.

Strong and lovable He was—a Man whom men would follow who had seen Him only once; so vibrant with health that the touch of His garment could heal; so athrill with living that one scored a social triumph who could gain Him as a guest. This is the picture of Him that women would give to the world.

And has the world outgrown the picture? Has the peace He offered, the message which He came to bring, proved valueless amid the stress of doubt and the awfulness of war? We do not think so. War upsets all precedents; disrupts all tendencies; sets civilization itself tottering. Yet war also calls back the hearts of men to solemn thoughts, such as years of peace and plenty never bring. From the field of pain and suffering where their kings have left them, men's eyes turn upward to the King of Kings.

And when at length the haze of battle shall have passed; when weary men turn back to home, where Peace and women wait, their cry will be to Him who promised Peace. And women, at whose knees men learned to pray, will teach them now to pray anew. They gave Him to the world; and they will help the world to find the way to Him again.

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RE NEW PARISH HALL.

Letter from All Saints' Church Committee.
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Dear Fellow Parishioners,—

In pursuance of the wish of the congregation of All Saints', we have been steadily progressing in our arrangements for the erection of the new Parish Hall. To meet the requirements of the many organizations of the Parish, the congregation consented to an expenditure of £4,500 on the new building, and we have accepted the tender of Mr. G. W. Pettigrew, of Haberfield, for this amount. Towards this cost, which we think very reasonable considering the size of the Hall, we have £1,750, which amount includes the nett proceeds of the Sale of the Crystal Street property, £50 each promised by the Women's Guild and the Y.C.I., and three contributions of £10/10/- each.

The balance required to meet our obligations we propose raising in the following manner:—

1. £100 from the Church Building Loan Fund, without interest;
2. £1,200 from the Bank of Australasia;
3. And approximately £1,300 by the assistance of our parishioners, which may be given in one or more of several ways, viz.:—
 - (a) Straight out contributions;
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 - (c) Loans for three years of large or small amounts, without interest;
 - (d) Purchase of £1 loan debentures, extending for three years, bearing 5% interest.

We are of the opinion that the foregoing represents a working scheme of finance, and we do not hesitate to place it before you for your consideration and co-operation. Will you therefore kindly indicate, by the attached slip, the amount you will contribute to the fund, established either by direct contribution or loan, or both.

The Committee reserves the right to repay loans prior to the lapse of three years, and undertakes to repay any particular loan, with interest, if any, provided that a month's notice be given by the parishioner desiring re payment, before the expiration of the period.

Signed—P. J. BAZELEY, Rector.

L. C. CALVER, Hon. Sec. Church Committee.

 Y.C.I. COMMEMORATION SERVICE.

The annual service of commemoration in connection with the Young Churchmen's Institute took place on Sunday, November 21st. Special sittings were reserved for the members of the Institute, and the hymns were specially selected. The Rector gave a very inspiring address to the members on the portals of life.

This annual service is held to commemorate the foundation of the Y.C.I., which has been a power of strength in the Parish since its commencement, and also to show the parishioners the good work the Institute is doing.

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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE.

A BEETLE WHICH PLAYS MANY PARTS.

(By HERBERT MACE.)

In almost any sandpit or sunny bank of earth, a very curious beetle may be found. It is metallic blue all over, nearly two inches long, and has stiff thorny legs. Its body is rather like a soft egg which has sunk down to one end, for it is laden with thousands of eggs, and its wing covers are absurdly short. If picked up, it exudes oil from all its joints—whence it is called the Oil Beetle.

This insect has a career only paralleled by some of Grimm's tales of men transformed by the wizard's touch into a succession of grotesque shapes. The female beetle digs little holes in the ground, in which she buries her eggs in parcels. From these hatch tiny creatures a twentieth of an inch long, with bristly feelers, powerful jaws and six long legs, with which they are able to run at great speed. These climb up plants growing near the holes and station themselves on the flowers. When a bee comes for honey, they climb on to it and are carried to the nest the bee is making. These wild bees bore tunnels in the ground, in which they deposit a mass of honey and pollen. They lay one egg in each mass and then seal it up. Having been brought into the tunnel, the infant Oil Beetle drops off and is sealed up with the bee's egg and the food provided for its future. It immediately begins on the egg, which is as large as itself, and takes a week to consume. Now its jaws and head, though admirably adapted for opening and eating the "bee" egg, are not very suitable for consuming the pulpy food mass for which its victim has no further use, so it moults off the long legs and big jaws and, behold, it now has a stout body, with a small head and mouth, and very short legs. It consumes the pollen paste, growing rapidly, and moulting several times, without any marked changes, except that the legs get smaller each time, until they disappear completely.

When the food is all finished, it moults once more, this time resuming legs. Indeed, in some tropical species, this form is almost an exact reproduction, greatly enlarged, of the first spiderlike stage. It occupies only a brief interval before the great and final change to the perfect beetle. During its short lifetime this insect becomes, so far as appearance and habits are concerned, in succession, a spider, a maggot, a larger spider and finally a beetle. It is a varied and adventurous career.

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So live, that when thy summons comes to join
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust; approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

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LECTURE BY THE REV. S. J. KIRKBY.

The Rev. S. J. Kirkby, B.A., of the Bush Church Aid Society, will give an illustrated Lecture in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, December 15, at 8 p.m. Those who have seen Mr. Kirkby's views of "Back of the Sunset," will look forward to the gathering. Mr. Kirkby will preach in All Saints on the 13th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

At a meeting of the Sunday School teachers recently, the subject of a picnic for the scholars was thoroughly dealt with, and it was decided to hold this important function on the FIRST SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY. Providing the weather is good, this should prove a splendid outing for the children, and a happy day will be assured for all. As there will be no issue of the "Chronicle" in January, it is hoped that this notice will be kept in mind, so that the day will be set apart to join in the outing.

CHOIR NOTES.

The 54th Annual Service of the Dedication of the Church was held on All Saints' Day, November 1st. Special Choral Services were rendered by the Choir at 8 o'clock, 11 o'clock and 7.15 p.m. In the afternoon, at 3.30, a Choral Recital was held, at which special vocal and instrumental solos were rendered to a large and appreciative congregation. Our special thanks are due to Miss Jamieson and Mrs. Britton for their singing, and to Mr. F. Russell for his instrumental solos.

The choruses rendered by the Choir were well up to usual standard. The Bazaar proved a great success, the Choir netting about £50, thanks to the tireless efforts of Mesdames Browne, Stephenson, Davies, Foote and others.

The Annual Choir Launch Picnic will be held on Anniversary Day, January 26th, and we would advise all those desirous of attending to procure their tickets early. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the Choir.

CHRISTMAS.

Shine undimmed, O Star of Ages!
 Hover round us, Angel wings!
 Lowliest shepherds, wisest sages,
 Worship still the King of Kings!
 King of Kings on Throne Eternal!
 Babe, Whose Birth we sing to-night!
 Youngest! oldest, most supernal!
 Life of Life and Light of Light!

Year by year some links are broken,
 Mourned and missed by hearts that love;
 Yet we trust the Christmas token,
 Know them held by Thee above:
 Know that ancient splendid story
 Sung by seraphs in the night,
 Spoke of an unending glory,
 Life of Life and Light of Light!

Touch Thy stricken world with healing,
 Bid our wars and discords cease,
 Christmas Star! Thy rays revealing,
 Shed across our storms Thy Peace.
 Hush our tears and soothe our sadness,
 Babe, Whose Birth we sing to-night,
 Prince of Peace, Eternal Gladness.
 Life of Life and Light of Light!

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