

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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Rector's Notes

My Dear Friends,

Last month I reported that the evening service was to be cancelled for the present. It was a decision I had not liked arriving at. But it was the feeling after discussion of problems affecting the service in the winter. Since then I'm glad that further discussion has taken place with a wider circle of parishioners. We now plan to continue the service, but at an earlier time. For the coldest months of July and August the service will start at 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

It is felt that it would be wise to plan to do this each year for the cold months. So next year we plan to move the evening service to 5 pm. during May, June, July and August. The service will follow a contemporary language pattern with an emphasis on being less formal in atmosphere. It is hoped that this simplicity will provide an opportunity for any who are less familiar with the traditional Anglican forms, to feel 'at home' in worshipping with us. I'm sure that this decision is the wiser one, and I pray that the Lord will bless our efforts to honour Him and extend His Kingdom.

I was invited to represent this congregation on Sunday, 26th June, at an Inaugural Service of Church Union, at the Ashfield Methodist Church. This was to mark the coming together of the Methodists and the majority sections of the Presbyterian and Congregationalists. It is an interesting and exciting development in the course of modern Christian History. The resulting body is to be known as the Uniting Church of Australia. We pray that our brethren will find much spiritual blessing in this very significant step in furthering Christian Fellowship in Union.

On Wednesday, 20th July, the Bush Church Aid Society will hold their Annual Fair in the Chapter House in the city (next to the Cathedral). This Society's mission is to serve Australians situated in "Out-Back" areas with the message of the Christian Gospel. They represent you and me in carrying out our Lord's commission to share the Good News with our fellow men. If you can help in stocking stalls your gifts may be sent in through us here at the Rectory. Of course the other practical way of helping is to patronise the Fair on the day. Make It a Date!

Another date to mark in your calendar is our Annual Consecration Dinner — Friday, the 12th of August — Make a Note Now! Further details will appear in our next issue. The last few years we've enjoyed a very happy evening together, and we look forward to a repeat this year.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus.

S. W. GISSING.

FLOWER ROSTER

- July, 3rd: Donated by Mrs. Willis, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- 10th: Donated by Mr. Williams and family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams and by Mrs. Ansell in memory of her husband, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- 17th: No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- 24th: Donated in memory of Mrs. Joan Nance from her family, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- 31st: Donated by Mrs. E. Miller and family, in memory of Mr. F. Miller, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- Aug. 7th: Donated by Mrs. R. Roberts and Gary, in memory of Mr. W. J. Roberts, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- 14th: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones and family, in memory of Mr. P. Jones and by Mrs. J. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- 21st: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of her husband Mr. Bertram Hillery and by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- 28th: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her husband, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion—Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.

Family Service—3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, N. Cragg.

Parish Council—The Church Wardens and Messrs. F. Evans, R. Swankie, H. Spill, Mesdames I Barrett, E. Sopwith and J. Livingston.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. J. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—I. Raht.

Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.

Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

LADIES GUILD

The July Meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th at 8 p.m. in the Guild room, and will be business only, being just over two weeks before the "Festival Dinner" on 12th August.

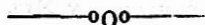
E. M. Bosward, Secretary.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB**

We are all sorry to know that our Club Leader Mrs. Alice Rhyder has had a very nasty fall and as a result has already been in Marrickville hospital over a month. We all wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to her position in the club.

Don't forget only 30c covers a happy afternoon of cards and housie any Thursday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Make your life happier, in the friendship of our club.

Ida Barrett, Hon. Secretary.

**WOMEN' EVENING GROUP**

Do you want to look more beautiful than you already do? Well come to our next meeting and learn how you can do just that. Mrs. Pat Yewhall will show you how to do your hair and use make up to its best advantage.. The meeting is in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th July, at 8 p.m.

The August Meeting will be in the form of a Tupper Ware Party, at which the demonstrator will also show us how to make something nice for the supper to follow.

The proceeds of the June clothing and jumble stall was \$68.00

Many thanks to all those who donated to this effort. The left over clothing is to be sent to the Archbishops Winter Appeal.

Ida Barrett Hon. Sec.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

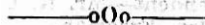
A Sunday School teachers meeting was held after the Family service on the 19th June. The meeting was held to discuss the shortage of teachers. We have had difficulty in finding teachers, so it was decided to re-organise the Sunday School.

From the beginning of July the Sunday School, (excluding the kindergarten), will be combined in one group for the lesson period and then split up into smaller groups for craft and activities. Each week one teacher will be responsible for the combined lesson. We will still be using the Trowel teaching material.

Family Service will be held as usual on the 3rd Sunday.

The Kindergarten will remain in its present form.

Noel Cragg, Superintendent.

**BOWLS CLUB**

The Bowls Club is going along steadily with the earlier starting time and we are pleased to have Alice Stead whenever she can come. Jenny Wilson has been missing recently and we may have to send out a search party.

THE CHURCH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

It appears that the local children must think the working men's club needs their assistance in finding work. Since the last issue they have broken two tiles on the Parish Hall roof with stones weighing half a kilogram, knocked out the glass panes from the Boyle Memorial lamp, ripped off five fence palings, burned a mattress and set fires against the Western wall of the church. As a trap for young players they took up the gratings over the drain in the parking area and filled it with bricks and mattress springs, leaving the drain open. As an encore performance they put a stone through one of the kindergarten windows.

All Saints volunteers have remedied the broken tiles and the glass in the "Boyle Memorial" and put six new palings onto the fence and cleaned out the drain.

Work has started on repairs and alterations to the windows in the Parish Hall. The windows on the church side can now be opened and closed easily and safely and more will be done before the August Chronicle is due. When the job is finalised we will see about repairing the kindergarten windows.

A working bee on Saturday, comprising the Rector, wardens and John Nance successfully used the bowls club trolley to move the piano from the kindergarten into the Church and then moved the piano from the Guild room into the kindergarten. The old organ now stands in the back porch. As a finale the excess kindergarten chairs were moved into the office adjoining the Y.C.I. room.

It is hoped that next month we can tell readers what has been done without a recital of vandalism. In the meantime,

Theirs' not to reason why
Their's but to do and cry.

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A PERSONAL VISIT MAKES PERMANENT LINK

Jane Talbot, a Sydney medical student reports after a visit to Chile for her elective term.

"Meeting the S.A.M.S. family in Chile was a joyous experience I made that meeting toward the end of 1976 when I arrived in Chile to spend three months working and sharing with S.A.M.S. as part of my free term that final year medical students have in the course.

Before I went to Chile I had little real concept of the scope and direction of S.A.M.S. work over there. In fact, my whole image of missionary work was hazy. What I saw certainly changed both my impressions and commitment to missionaries.

At first I was in Santiago, busily learning Spanish (I still cannot but be admiring of the effort missionaries put into learning both a new language and absorbing a new culture. Believe me, it is not as easy as it seems), meeting the S.A.M.S. family of the region, and studying at a University Hospital.

My real commitment began, however, when I travelled 870 km south of Santiago to Hospital Maquehue, a small cottage hospital 24 km outside of Temuco, and run by two S.A.M.S. midwives, supported by a S.A.M.S. doctor. Fortunately, because of my arrival, one of the midwives could go on a much deserved holiday.

What a place! The hospital serves the Araucanian Indians—simple folk but many very aware of the power that God has over and in their lives. On the medical level, I often found the work frustrating, both from language difficulties and because the total medical facilities in the South of Chile are less than adequate. However, our hospital played a vital role in basic health care, educating mothers about hygiene, checking up the children, and being involved in ante natal, post natal care and family planning. The hospital also has 22 TB patients, many of whom have been converted through their illness.

However, I found my commitment to the hospital was not just on the medical level. For the fellowship that everyone in the country community enters into, both missionaries and nationals, is both supportive and challenging. The church that I saw there was to me like an early Christian Church, aware, caring, loving and very alive. My, do you know how to praise God!

Then also their great faith forced me to examine the strength of my own. By now I was feeling uneasy—I realised that I was leaving far more enriched than when I arrived there. There, too, I witnessed the real power of prayer. There I was seeing prayers answered, not also as the person expected, but the very sincerity with which people entered into prayerful relationships with God because of their simple yet total commitment, taught me something great and humbled me completely.

Now I'm back in Australia and where has this experience, so real and precious, put me? Through having been involved with missionaries and shared their lives for a brief interval, I can recognise that hardship and often real deprivation they can live with — uncomplainingly. I can also see the part that we in the Society can take.

S.A.M.S. is growing, the needs are beyond measure, the results—dynamic growth of churches—real. There is the support of missionaries—important by keeping in contact with them, writing to them, sharing with them, supporting them prayerfully and financially, utilising our resources in fellowship. S.A.M.S. can only grow and develop overseas if there is paralleled support and commitment here, and that lies with you and me by encouraging others and actively making the Society Known."

June, 1977. S.A.M.S. Australia News. Page 9.

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SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING.

The Special Vestry Meeting called for 9 a.m. Sunday, 6/6/77 accepted the Treasurers explanations concerning the points raised in the Auditors Report of the 1976 audit.

PARISH HALL AND CHURCH CLEANER

Our cleaner, Mrs. J. Griffin has decided that she cannot continue with this work and we are now seeking a replacement. This is a paid position and the Rector and Church Wardens will be happy to hear from anyone interested.

In addition Mrs. Ivy Clark has found that arranging the flowers and doing the many other things she normally does around All Saints is becoming too much for her. Do we have any volunteers for a flower roster.

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MEMORIALS

It is not often that Memorials are raised before people are dead. Those people who have been up to Kosiosko will have seen the Memorial dedicated to the men who worked on the Snowy Scheme.

The verse is attributed to Merle Harvey whom I suspect is related to Banjo Patterson. Does anyone know?

No man really dies who leaves behind something of good that other men may share.

If aught he's done shall benefit mankind
Some part of him shall live for-ever there.

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I came across this Jewish proverb recently;
Every man wants to pray the day before he dies;

As he does not know when his time has come he must pray every day in order to be safe.

Among the bits and pieces I have collected in recent years is data from Gartrell White on the manufacture of Lamington Bars as a money raising effort. Is anyone interested?

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PRAYER BOOKS

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The NEW PRAYER BOOK will be available early in 1978. We would invite Parishioners to donate a Prayer Book to the Church. The cost of each book will be \$5. Order forms are available in the Church.

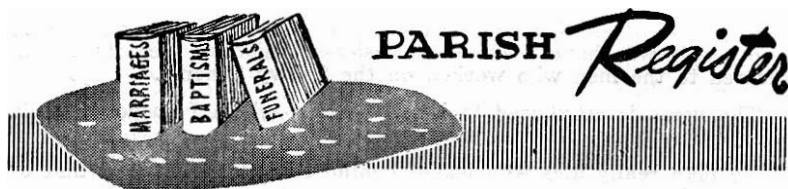
JOKE SECTION

Three little boys were discussing their father's work. Said one, "My Daddy just writes something on paper, sends it away and gets \$5 for it. Said the second, "My Daddy just draws pictures, sends it away and gets \$10 for it.

That's nothing said the third boy, "My Daddy just stands up in the church once a week, talks for ten minutes, and it takes four men to carry in the money.

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THANKS RAY

The Church is indebted to that well known identity, Ray Bloomfield for the gift of slates for use on the church building.



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

- May 8th—Simon Charles Ball of St. Ives. (Rev. T. E. Champion).
 May 15th—Matthew Colin Wales of Padstow (Rev. T. E. Champion).
 June 5th—Ryan Lucas James Paine, of Park Road, Marrickville.
 June 5th—Mark Fitzgerald, of 41 Shaw Street, Petersham.
 June 19th—Cameron Robert Scott, of 16 Starkey St., Hurlstone Park.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

- April 30th—James William Ashley (Canterbury) and Diane Elizabeth Taylor (Lewisham).
 May 14th—John Arthur Barefoot (Punchbowl and Kim Louisa Adamson (Allawah).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die even so in Christ all be made alive".

- June 2nd—Sylvia Carmen Grant of 24 Fisher Street, Petersham.
 June 15th—Cara Calpurnia Green, of 48 Thomas Street, Lewisham.
 June 17th—(Miss) Hannah May Evans, of 1 Bradley Avenue, Blackheath.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.
 People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.