

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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APRIL 1990

Easter Services



GOOD FRIDAY

9-30AM - HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER DAY

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7-00PM HOLY COMMUNION

The Rectorv.
All Saints' Church.
Petersham. N.S.W.

Dear Friends.

Walking through the supermarket at the beginning of February I was surprised to see display after display of Easter Eggs. Ash Wednesday was the last day of February and Easter Day the middle of April, yet the shops were full of Easter Eggs, weeks, no! months before Easter.

The Supermarkets were certainly getting ready for Easter well in advance. Its easy to say they are just commercializing another Christian Festival. Yes that is true but we might also consider that such preparation so far ahead might be a lesson to us.

How do we see Easter? What preparations do we make for the celebration of this important event in the Christian Year?

Easter is without a doubt the most important celebration for all christians. If Jesus Christ had not died and risen again there would be nothing for us either to believe or experience. Christianity would merely be another philosophy by which men and women try to live their lives. A set of rules and unattainable goals.

Good Friday and Easter Day changes all that. The Chirstian Faith is not a set of rules but a gift of power by which to live a life of joy and hope. By our Lord's death on the cross our sins are forgiven. By Christ's resurrection we can enjoy power over evil now and look forward to eternal life. These are not unattainable goals. These are the gifts of God to all who realise Jesus died for them and that in rising from the dead He shares with us power to defeat Evil and the Devil.

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Surely it is worthwhile preparing in order that we might fully understand what Jesus Christ has done for us.

How then are you getting ready for Easter?

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.
RECTOR.

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN
CHURCH
SECONDHAND CLOTHING
& JUMBLE SALE
AT
THE PARISH HALL
325 STANMORE RD.,
PETERSHAM.**

9-00AM TO 2-00PM

FRIDAY 4TH MAY, 1990

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

There lived a busy little man,
A thoughtful man was he;
"I wonder what life's all about...
I'd like to stop and work it out...
But there's no time!" quoth he.

"For I must rush ! I've seven days,
And that's my weekly ration.
There's work; the kids; a game of bowls;
T.V.; the garden; eighteen holes...
Top speed, that's my fashion!"

"And yet," he thought, "I'm quite confused
And my beliefs are hazy.
How should I act? Why should I pray?
God, give me, please, another day
Each week - lest I go crazy!

"For in your book, Oh God, I've read
Hints of the help I seek...
But where to start? And when to read?
No time to find the help I need!
- I'll leave it till next week!"

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Next week, next month, next year have gone.
The treasure undiscovered lies.
God never gave that extra day...
God's book still sadly shut away...
A little, old man sighs...

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall, on Tuesday 10th April 1-30 p.m.

By the time you read this Chronicle we will have held another Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Sale on Friday 23rd March in the Parish Hall. The one following that will be on Friday 4th May. Please keep your donations of goods coming in, your help has been wonderful.

We are all very sorry to learn that Doreen Jacobs has lost her husband since moving away from us. We extend our sympathy to Doreen and her family. We are also sorry to hear that Mrs. Gwen Quelch passed away. Gwen was the Treasurer of our club for about eight years. We extend our sympathy to Hugh and Clair and their families.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club is still meeting happily every Thursday. Next month on Thursday 5th April our club will be 32 years old, of which we are very proud.

We have been pleased to welcome four more new members Doris Dickson, Daphney Hawkrige, Denise Gregory and Rita Nicholes on top of Hilda and Mina last month. That's wonderful. We hope you all spend many happy afternoons with us.

Our thoughts are with Mary Pullen as she waits to go into hospital and pray that it won't be long before she is back with us, as good as gold.

The Senior Parishioners' Club will not be meeting on the Thursday in Holy Week the day before Good Friday.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

FLOWER DONATIONS

- APRIL 1ST - In memory of Mr. Beardow from
Mrs. Beardow and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.
- APRIL 8TH - In loving memory of Marj Cole and Clarrie
Richardson from Pat and Dawn O'Brien.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- APRIL 15th - In loving memory of Sarah and Sydney Hays
from their devoted daughter Vera and
Son-in-law Andy
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- APRIL 22ND - Michele in memory of Don
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- APRIL 29TH - In loving memory of Jack from Joyce
Mitchell and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

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EASTER DAY

Read Matthew 28: 1 - 10.

The first Christians did not believe in Jesus' resurrection because of the empty tomb, but because they personally encountered the risen Lord himself. The resurrection was not merely a doctrine for them, but a living experience. Is that the case for you today?

Even so, much ink has been wasted trying to account for the missing body of Christ in some other way than that provided by the Gospels...No plausible theory has emerged. None will, because the truth is its own defence. WHO MOVED THE STONE? by Frank Morison (Faber and Faber, London 1958) is a helpful book to read on the subject, if you're interested.

Reflecting on the resurrection some years later, the Apostle Paul wrote, 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins... If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men' (1 Corinthians 15:17, 19 NIV). He was quite correct, of course.

But to-day we don't celebrate a noble myth, but a living Lord. The world prefers Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs to that stupendous reality. Our response should be the same as that of the women described in verse 8: to hurry to tell others of what we have seen and heard of the risen Christ.

We can do that with the assurance of the words Jesus gave them (verses 5,7) 'Do not be afraid...Go quickly and tell...'

REMEMBERHe is risen indeed!

PRAISEFather, how glad I am that my faith is in a LIVING Lord. To-day, because of Jesus, I'm truly

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alive too. Let others also see that I have a living faith, and help me to show the One I live to serve.

This devotion comes from DAILY BREAD NOTES published by Scripture Union. Available every three months from the rector.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - FEBRUARY, 1990.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,408.04	Rector's Net Stipend	1,897.15
DONATIONS		Rector's Trav. Allowance	464.00
Anonymous	7.70	Organist	60.00
O.E.S. Members	8.00	Church Cleaning	100.00
Women-in-Friendship	350.00	Hall Cleaning	100.00
		Flowers	40.00
		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
		Telephone Account	66.58
		Five Bottles Toner	141.00
		Water Board	215.10
		Morning Tea Expenses	12.39
		Tfr Funds to Rest. Fund	390.50

	1,773.74		
Deficit for Month	1,801.81		
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	3,575.55	Surplus for Month	0.00

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