

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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Service Arrangements at All Saints



MORNING WORSHIP is at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

(Family Service is the 3rd Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

EVENING WORSHIP is at 5 p.m.

(This changes to 7 p.m. during summer months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with

From your Minister's Desk



My dear friends,

Not so long ago our daughter entered a poster competition through her school. You can imagine our happiness and satisfaction when we heard that she had won a second prize. My wife and I, though not interested in the particular competition as such, were very interested in attending the presentation of awards! That sort of thing is true of most, if not all, parents. In photos of school sports it is obvious that the ones we are shown are of that one special figure striving in the various events! Now if you think that is rather silly, you aren't a parent.

Anything our own children do or achieve has a hundred times more thrill than anything someone else's child has done. Thomas Campbell was a noted poet. His father was a simple man who seldom read a book in his life. His famous son used to send him copies of his published books. One day the old man was found standing with a volume of his son's work in his hands saying, "To think that our Tom made that!" It was Tom's book, and Tom's dad was thrilled.

Has it ever struck you that God is like that — about you? He is our Father. We are His children. All the time He looks down and watches what we do. It's not that He's watching like some ethereal policeman or stern schoolmaster or some snooper out to catch us out, ready to pounce on us. He watches as a parent watches his child. When we do well it makes Him glad — when we do badly it makes Him sad.

Surely the most tremendous responsibility of human life is that we, being such as we are, can bring joy or sorrow to God our Father!

Once as Robert L. Stevenson was leafing through some press clippings about his works a friend asked: "Well, is fame all that it's cracked up to be?" Stevenson's reply was serious and universally true — "YES, when I see my mother's face."

His mother's joy in his successes was dearer to him than all his famous reputation with others!

Long ago St. Augustine said "God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love." And that means that each one of us has it in himself or herself to bring pride or grief, joy or sorrow to the heart of God.

Now there, indeed, is something to live for, isn't there! What a colour and direction that will give to everything you ever do! What a difference it makes to the understanding of the guidelines we find written in the scriptures.

Yours in the love of God,

S. W. GISSING.

FROM RICHARD AND ANNETTE SMALL AT QUEZON

IN THE PHILIPPINES

Richard says "on our arrival the first thing to hit us was the heat. Being a tropical climate, the temperature averages 32°C and the humidity is high, high, high! The second thing was the traffic — seeing is believing!! There are very few (if any) road rules. The Philippines is made up of 7,107 islands, the largest being Luzon where Quezon City, our home, is. The total population is 45 million, Quezon City, Manila and the surrounding area accounting for 12 million. The countryside is tropical and characterised by rice paddies, palm, coconut and banana trees. Tagalog is one of the most commonly used dialects. There are 37 trainees from Bangladesh, Nepal, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines and Australia. It is very exciting and vision stretching spending time with these people. They are most about our age, and each concerned about reaching their homelands for the Lord.

We began last week with a retreat and introductory conference in the cool mountain city of Baguio. Some of this time was spent sharing our faith in the market areas and it was very encouraging to see 45 of the 75 people we shared with pray to receive Christ. Our schedule will be lectures and seminars in the morning and campus work in the afternoons on the University of the Philippines. This is one of the six universities we are all working on.

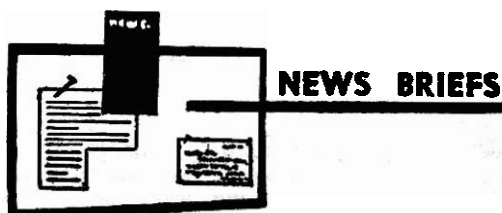
We are both looking to Go to teach, train and develop us in many areas, so that we will be well equipped as the Lord's soldiers on the Australian campus scene.

We are very happy with our accommodation, and the training centre is only 1½ blocks away where most of our meals are provided. We are living with a couple from Singapore and four girls from Nepal and the Philippines.

Please write to us, let us know how "good-old Australia" is going, and your personal prayer needs. Thanks for being you.
Love in Him,

ANNETTE AND RICH

Annette and Richard's address is: Mr. and Mrs. R. Small, Campus Crusade for Christ, Great Commission Training Center, A.C.P.O. Box 51, Quezon City, 3001, PHILIPPINES.



CONSECRATION FESTIVAL — SUNDAY, 19th AUGUST NEXT

Please make a note in your diary or on your calendar of this special occasion and the date. We plan to have a Guest Preacher at our 9.30 a.m. Service and special music, followed by a Barbecue Luncheon. We do hope you'll be able to come and share with us. More details will be given in the next issue of "The Chronicle". If you would like to have an invitation sent to someone as a "Welcome Back to All Saints'" on our special Day, please hand "name and address" to the Rector as soon as possible.

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NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

July collection will be on Saturday, 7th. A phone call to 569-5057 will bring a collector on that day — or you may be able to bring papers to our Hall on Saturday, 7th, in the morning. August's collection will be Saturday, 11th.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Do you want to spend a happy Thursday afternoon each week in the "All Saints" Hall, playing Housie or cards and chatting with other ladies and gents, over a lovely afternoon tea. If you do, just come along at 1 p.m. we are waiting to welcome you — 40 cents covers all. There are always several door prizes too.

Quite a lot of our members seem to be sick — we wish you all speedy recoveries from whatever ails you. An addition to those already in hospital is Dorris Taylor, a very old member of our club. She is in "Eversleigh". We all send you our love, Dorris, and want you to know we are thinking of you. I'm glad to report Glad Hunt is now home after 10 weeks in hospital. We all hope to see you soon Glad.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our June meeting was well attended, and a very happy gathering. The next meeting is Tuesday, 3rd July, at 1.15 p.m. On Tuesday, 17th July, we are holding a Luncheon in All Sains' Hall at 12 noon — donation \$1.00. A Group known as "The Philippians" is to provide our programme. We hope the ladies of our parish and their friends will keep this date and come and join us, and help to make this a happy successful function.

Our Women in Friendship is always waiting to welcome new members. At our August meeting on 14th, Mrs. Lyn Perrini will speak to us and show slides of her life in East Africa while living there as the wife of a school teacher serving with the Church Missionary Society.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. May Ruhle is in Prince Alfred Hospital. She is in our prayers and we look forward to hearing good news in the near future.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

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SOME THINGS I KNOW

I know that without Christ, I am absolutely helpless to do what I know I ought to do. But I also know that He can change me. We long to be a little kinder to people. We know that we should be more tolerant, more understanding, more interested in other people and their problems. Only Christ can give us these qualities.

I know that He is far more willing to do things for us than we are to ask Him. And that is the great mystery: why, knowing about God's power and His willingness to help, why we keep struggling ourselves, trying to work things out our own way, when He could save us all the anxiety, and do it all better.

I know that our pathetic, pretended self-sufficiency saddens God. He longs to help us, but we won't ask Him.

I know that when I take time to talk to God and obey His Spirit, I feel alive. I know that when I neglect these things, I become miserable, frustrated, and work becomes a complicated burden instead of a joy.

I know that the promises of God are true, for they have been fulfilled in my own life time and time again.

PETER MARSHALL.

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Flowers in Church



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

- July 1 — Stella and Barbara in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, sister Ena, friends Sally and Dorrie.
Iris and Colin in memory of their grandmother, Susan Field
- 8 — Misses Nisbet in memory of their parents.
Mr. W. Williams and family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams.
- 22 — John and Lindsay in memory of their mother, Mary, Joan Nance.
- 29 — Mrs. Mary Rowan in memory of her husband, Les Rowan, Senr.
- August 5 — Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of the late Mr. P. Jones.
- 12 — Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.
Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.

Those who would like to remember their loved ones by contributing to the flowers in Church are asked to contact Rector about six (6) weeks prior to the desired date.



“RADDA FAMILYNE”

Mrs. Joan Shilton, wife of the Dean of Sydney, wrote recently of her experiences with the “Save the Family” Movement in Sweden.

“You’ve been to Sweden, have you?” said the Finnish girl in London with a smile. She had been a youth-worker in Scandinavia.

“Radda Familjen . . .” said a Swedish man in a lift in Bremen, thinking I was Swedish, and looking very queerly at me.

“Do you know what that means?” asked our Danish guide, with a searching look.

“Radda Familjen . . .” said the hotel attendant in a lift in Aalborg, Denmark, laughing to his friend.

These questions were in response to a little red badge I was wearing on my lapel with the words “Radda Familjen” written on it. This is Swedish for “Save the Family”. The badge was given to me in Stockholm by a Lutheran Pastor who is the leader of the “Save the Family” movement, which aims to do just what its name implies — save the family — because the family is in danger of becoming extinct. The badge was designed to publicise the message of the movement and give opportunities to talk about it. I found it certainly was achieving its object in a variety of places to a variety of people with a variety of responses.

The following, I believe, are some of the reasons why the family is in danger in many parts of the world today:

Firstly, the over-emphasis on the right of a woman to an identity of her own and to a career, if she wants it, seems to be leading to an under-emphasis on the importance of the home and family and the training of children for maturity which, I believe, can best be done by parents in a family situation. In Sweden, the family where a mother does not work is taxed more highly than one where she does work. Women are often made to feel lazy if they do not have a job outside the home.

Secondly, sex education in schools very often teaches the opposite to chastity before marriage and fidelity afterwards. The prevailing attitude to sex is becoming a do-as-you-please attitude which does not encourage family life.

Thirdly, there is a rejection of God, and so of His law that marriage is a life-time commitment. Church attendance is less than 3% in Sweden, which is less than in Russia and much less than in England or Australia.

But there are many encouraging signs. Movements such as “Save the Family” are springing up in many countries. Mary Whitehouse’s petition for common decency, signed by 1,350,000 people, was presented to Parliament while we were in Britain.

In many places we visited in the United States, England and Scandinavia, the Jesus Movement is bringing new life and seems to be a part of a wider movement of youth towards spiritual reality.

The human family is a reflection of the spiritual family of God to which we, as Christians, all belong. It is the way God ordained that we should grow to maturity as Christian people. Let us oppose the forces in Australia which would destroy our family life, and let us be loud in proclaiming the true way of faith in Jesus Christ and the positive message of human love that God planned.

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PARENTS CREED!

- If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship
- He learns to find love in the world.

DOROTHY LAW NOLTE.

WALTERS & SON

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