

*The Chronicle
Of All Saints
Petersham*

The Friendly Church

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RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

The **Diocesan Synod** will meet in October. This "church parliament" starts on Tuesday, 8th and meets in the Chapter House at the Cathedral. It is the living proof of the "democratic" nature of the church's system of government. There is a public gallery and any one interested really to understand how the church works, may attend any of the sessions. Please pray for your representatives—Messrs. E. Quelch and A. Jones and myself.

Our next Family Service (10 a.m. on 20th October) will give an opportunity to meet **Miss Shirley Harris**. Miss Harris is a long-time friend of my wife and myself. She has served many years in Pakistan in the cause of Jesus Christ, and is soon to return for a further period. I hope you will come and hear and meet her so that we may intelligently uphold her during the new term of service.

It is with pleasure that I can announce that at the **Annual S.S. Teachers' Meeting** recently Mr. N. Cragg was appointed our new Superintendent, and Miss J. Evans the new Leader of the Kindergarten. I am grateful to these two for accepting these responsible positions. We wish them the satisfaction of knowing that they are serving our Saviour where He would have them.

When I came to the Parish it was indicated that the evening service on the first Sunday was a **Youth Service**. I don't think I'd be exaggerating if I said that I could count the number of young people who have supported this service on one hand. We use a special adaptation of the Prayer Book service to make it an occasion in which any young person might fully share. It seems a great shame that the members of our youth group do not accept this opportunity to honour their Saviour and Friend—and to learn more of Him and His love for them. I suppose it might have many explanations—complete break-down between the "Oldies" and "Youngies"; lack of proper encouragement; the influence of indifferent backgrounds; and so on. One wonders how confidence and contact can be built up. The alternative is to give in to pessimism and believe our youth is hopelessly pagan—and therefore abandon this effort to reach out a hand of fellowship to our young people.

I believe that would be wrong—and invite any young people to contact me with suggestions how the problem may be resolved.

Yours sincerely,

S. W. GISSING.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY BEHIND THIS FAMOUS PICTURE?



Many people think that it is one of the most beautiful pictures in the world: yet perhaps the most beautiful thing about it is the story that it tells.

It was painted by the great artist Durer, who lived more than 400 years ago in Germany. His family was very poor, and he had a hard struggle to become a painter. Then, at a time when everything seemed more hopeless than ever, a great painter came to live with him. Soon he saw that if Durer was to go on painting, he must work hard with his hands to earn a living for them both. He made Durer agree by saying he would take his turn at painting when his friend had won the fame he deserved.

The years passed. Success came slowly to the great painter—and the hands of his friend grew hard and stiff. One day, Durer noticed them—lifted in prayer. Suddenly he understood the depth—and the cost—of his friend's great love. He knew he could never repay the debt he owed him. With loving gratitude he painted his greatest picture of all, that as long as his work lived on, the hands of his friend might be remembered.

"The Praying Hands"—lifted to One who laid His glory aside, and came to earth, and worked at a carpenter's bench: Whose wonderful hands at the last were terribly scarred as He lifted them to bless His friends. No wonder they fell on their knees when they saw what His love had cost Him! No wonder their hands were His from that day forward!

Yes, their hands. We speak so much of giving our heart to the Lord Jesus, and that is right, because He cannot use our hands until our heart is safely in His keeping. But heart and hand go together when love is real—just as they did in our story.

And God needs our hands. Look in 2 Corinthians 6:1—"... workers together with Him..." Isn't that absolutely wonderful!

We can be His helpers if we love Him.

Do you love the Lord Jesus? Do you truly love Him?

HAVE YOU GIVEN HIM YOUR HANDS?

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CHILDREN'S SECTION

SWITCHED ON—by Paul White

(Reprinted from World Vision—Autumn, 1973)

It might work for a missionary, a bishop or Billy Graham, but it wouldn't happen to me. Have you ever thought like this? Well try this for size.

Roger was an African teenager whose life had been plagued by pain. In our C.M.S. Jungle Hospital we removed the cause of it and he was jubilant. Then he was determined to go with me on medical rounds to help in every way he knew how.

Everything was new to him. In the distant village where he lived all his life things were the same as they had been for hundreds of years.

His eyes goggled when we drove into a medium sized East African town. The railway, people from many parts of the world—all day long he gazed and talked about these "things of wonder".

At sunset we went to the house where we were to spend the night. I started writing. Suddenly there was a loud bang, a crash and a shout. I dashed into the dining room. Roger lay in a corner with his arms around his head. Shattered glass and spilt matches covered the table. The boy groaned. "It is a lamp of danger. I couldn't find the wick so I struck a match and held it underneath that round glass thing and BOONG". He shuddered.

I stood him on his feet, found a new electric light bulb, fitted it and said, "Roger, this isn't like a lamp that uses oil and a wick. Look". I moved over to the switch on the wall. "If I push this small thing towards the floor a strong clear light better than five hurricane lanterns will light the room." He interrupted. "Do not laugh at me. It's true that I am one from deep in the thornbush, that I know little, that I have seen little, but even I know that's impossible. A bottle hangs from the roof by a string, there is an ornament on the wall. You say, push this, and the bottle fills with light. I can't believe that. They aren't near each other." He sat down on the floor. "It is not a way of kindness to make a fool of me."

"Roger, I'm not doing anything of the sort. If you press that thing, light will come. This is true. I know it's true. Because you don't understand how it works that won't stop it from bringing you light. Try it and see." He shook his head. "No. It might do this thing for you but it wouldn't for me." "Try it," I urged. He shook his head but after a while, with a scared look on his face, he came nearer to the switch, peered at it, stretched his hand out and then hesitated. "Go on, Roger, push it down gently." He did so. The room was full of light. He staggered back, his mouth wide open, gasping. "It is a thing of wonder, a thing of wonder." He spent the next ten minutes switching that light on and off, on and off, muttering, "It works for me".

You smile. He was a young African tasting a new and exciting experience.

If you are a member of God's family have you "switched on" lately? To reach out for that switch is an act of faith. The promise is—you'll get light! So if you're doing things God's way, why shouldn't your prayers be answered? Why shouldn't He give you the things He says He will. Is there any reason why God's promises shouldn't work for you? Reach out.



SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

October 6: Donated by Mrs. Beattie in memory of her Parents Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Brother and Sister, and by Mrs. A. Cook in memory of her Parents Mr. and Mrs. Farnell; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

- October 13: Donated by Mrs. Bosward and family; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 October 20: Donated by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 October 27: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 November 3: Donated by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son and Daughter Charles and Elsie; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

This will be our Patronal Festival and extra flowers or money to purchase flowers would be greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mulberry "Jam Bees": Our Jam Bees commenced on Saturday, 28th September. Jam Bees are planned for each Saturday in October but this will depend on the state of the mulberries. So keep an eye on the Weekly Notices, for further information. If you can spare an hour or two on any of these days, to remove stalks from the mulberries, your help will be appreciated.

Grocery Stall Appeal: We are appealing for groceries, either tinned or packet goods, for the stall. This year from the letters we have sent to the grocery firms we have received only three replies. So we are depending more this year on your help. The Sunday School would like to thank all who have already made donations of groceries, sugar or cash towards our fete effort.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting: The annual general meeting was held on the 19th September. At the meeting the Rector announced that Miss Judy Evans had been appointed Leader of the Kindergarten. We also decided to buy an overhead projector for the use at the opening and closing services, also for the use as a visual aid in the class. The Sunday School and Kindergarten Christmas parties will be held on the 14th December. The meeting agreed that the prize-giving would be held on the 16th February, which will also be Harvest Festival.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.



CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th October, in the Guild room at 1.30 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held on 8th October in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

Many thanks to all those who made donations of any kind to our Jumble Sale last month.

Our club will again be responsible for the cake and sweet stall at the annual fete on Saturday, 16th November. Donations of any cakes or sweets would be appreciated. We would be pleased to reimburse anyone willing to make any quantity of either for the cost of ingredients used.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Wouldn't you like to join a happy social afternoon of "cards" or "Housie" for just 20c, afternoon tea included?

I am sure you would. Well just come to our Church Hall next Thursday, or any Thursday, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Bring a friend if you wish. We will be pleased to see you.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Boys' Club and Youth Group:

Mr. John Arrowsmith would welcome new members to both these Groups. The Boys' Club meets on Monday evenings at 6.15 p.m. Boys between the ages of 8 and 14 are encouraged to bring their friends.

The Youth Group is again appealing for books and toys. The books will be used to equip their stall at the fete. The toys will be repaired if necessary and given to one of the Children's Homes for Christmas.

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ST. CLEMENT DANES

A church dedicated to Saint Clement has stood outside the old wall of the city of London since the ninth century. The name "Danes" has also been associated from the beginning with churches that have stood on this site. It is said that when King Alfred the Great expelled the Danes from the City of London, he allowed those who had married English wives to settle just outside the walls. This settlement was connected with the building of the original church and it became known as St. Clement Danes.

Three churches have been built on the site, the third under the direction of Christopher Wren. Though it escaped the fire of 1666 it was reduced to a smoking ruin on the night of the 10th May, 1941. The great bells which had long rung out their familiar rhyme of "Oranges and Lemons" were damaged beyond repair. The church remained in this condition for fourteen years until the Royal Air Force were allowed to restore it. In 1955 the work was set in hand and on 19th October, 1958 the church was re-consecrated.

The pavement of the church contains over 700 reproductions of the badges of the squadrons and units of the R.A.F. and Commonwealth Air Forces. These form a memorial and were quarried from Welsh Slate.

The old church contained much stained glass. The new church contains only three windows in colour, and the remainder are of plain glass. At the base of each window are the Books of Remembrance.

In March, 1959 the Annual "Oranges and Lemons" Service for children was revived. After the service each child is given an orange and a lemon.

This ancient church offers gifts to those who enter for not only is it a memorial to the men and women of the Air Force, but also

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stands pre-eminently as a memorial to the love and power of God. Those who enter cannot leave the church without giving thanks to God for His goodness to men; without remembering those who sacrificed their today for our tomorrow, and above all without remembering the lesson that behind all things temporal are the things eternal, which no human power can ever destroy.

This extract from the official Air Ministry record shows part of the history of this ancient church which even today holds a message for us all.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m. 3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, Mrs. Gorman, Mr. P. Gray, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, B. Sayers, D. Sayers, C. Sillince, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

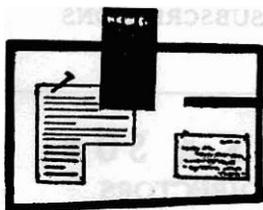
KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

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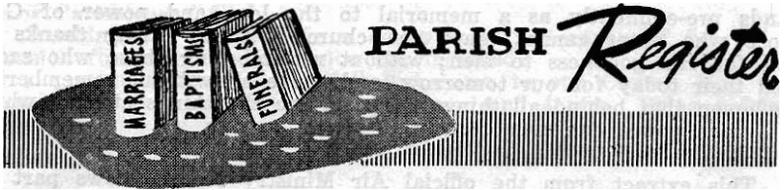
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mrs. Jones wishes to thank the ladies who gave her donations which helped with the jam making for the Sunday School fete stall.

The Fete is once more drawing near and the various stall holders are all seeking assistance. If anyone can in any way it would be greatly appreciated.



HOLY BAPTISM

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

September 22—Amanda Jayne Gray of Prospect.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

August 24—Robert Lyle King (Marrickville) and Sheila Margaret Sackett (Hurlstone Park).

September 6—Mark Fitzpatrick (Campsie) and Kaye Olive Rayner (Marrickville).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

August 19—William Crown of 21 Walsh Street, Glebe.

August 22—Hilda Lillian Nail of 9 Griffith Street, Hurlstone Park.

August 27—Valerie Ann Holt of 1/8 Allman Avenue, Summer Hill.

September 11—Edith May Figg of 8 Church Street, Petersham.

September 15—Robert John Hoskins of 115 Grant Street, Port Macquarie.

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