

The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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From your Minister's Desk



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Dear Readers,

In recent weeks Australian society has been shocked with the assassination of State Parliamentarian John Newman. This was a man greatly admired for his selfless and tireless dedication to the vision of seeing new settlers established and being able to live peacefully in a just and fair society. In effect he laid down his life for others.

More than a hundred years ago, a young man by the name of Edward W. Spencer was standing on the shore of one of the Great Lakes when he saw a crowded passenger steamer, the Lady Elgin, foundering. Far out in the breakers, he saw a woman clinging to a piece of wood. Throwing off his jacket, he plunged into the turbulent waves, swam to the struggling woman, and rescued her.

Sixteen times during that day, Spencer swam out through the rough waters and rescued seventeen people before he collapsed on the beach with exhaustion.

At the time, Spencer was in training to become a minister. Prior to this, as a university student, he had been a member of a volunteer student lifesaving crew, so was well prepared for this emergency. Apparently, however, he over extended himself rescuing those seventeen people and never fully recovered from the exertion. He was unable to enter his chosen profession and lived a quiet life, in poor health. He died at age eighty-one. In a notice of his death, one newspaper reported that not one of the seventeen people he rescued on that fateful day ever returned to thank him.

How sad it was that nobody returned to say thank you to Edward Spencer for his act of love, for as the Bible says, 'There is no greater love than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.'

And how much sadder it is when we fail to thank Jesus Christ for dying on the cross to pay the ransom price for our sins, and fail to ask for his forgiveness for all of our sins and receive his free pardon and the gift of eternal life.

Don't let another day pass without thanking Christ for dying on the cross for your sins and receiving his gift of eternal life. 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.'² 'If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'³

**Yours in Christ's Service
Paul Watson.**

¹ John 15: 13. ² Acts 16: 31(NIV). ³ Romans 10:9 (NIV).

FETE

**All Saints' Church
325 Stanmore Road
Petersham**

**SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1994
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Stalls
Works Stall
Pottery
Groceries & Jams
Cakes & Sweets
Books (Secondhand)
Christian Books (New)
White Elephant
Secondhand Clothing
Toys
Plants
Hot Dogs & Drinks
Refreshment Room

Portrait Sketching
Hoop-La
Other Family
Outdoor Activities

Parish Notes.

Thelma Kidd: The news of the sudden death of our sister in Christ, Thelma Kidd, on Sunday evening of 18 September was a great shock, and we mourn her passing deeply. Thelma had been progressing well following her illness in the past few months, and we were glad to have her back with us at church and in the Wednesday TLC group. She felt unwell and was disappointed to miss the Picnic on Sunday 18 September, and stayed home to rest. She died in her sleep in the afternoon. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of her family.

All Saints' Day Outreach Dinner: On Tuesday evening, 1st November, we are to hold a Dinner at the Petersham RSL dining room. Detective Sergeant Garry Raymond, from the NSW Police Force is our guest speaker. Garry is a great speaker, with captivating (no police pun intended) stories to tell of his experiences in the Rescue Squad, murder investigations, and street patrols. He also tells of the wonderful way God radically transformed his life. Not to be missed. Mr. Malcolm Baxter will sing a number of his own recent compositions during the evening. Tickets are available for the evening by phoning All Saints' on 569-4735. Cost is \$22 each which includes the smorgasbord and initial drinks. 6-30pm for 7pm is the time.

Some more upcoming events for your diary:

- Nov 1 All Saints Day - Outreach Dinner, (Guest speaker)
- Nov 5 Fete Meeting in Hall. 11am
- Nov 5 Diocesan Fun Day at Homebush Bay 12 - 5pm
- Nov 19 Fete.
- Dec 18 Carols in Petersham Park - (Combined Churches)

AND

Carols in the Park: The churches in the Petersham, Marrickville area are combining this year to promote the Carols in the Park (run by the Petersham Assemblies of God church). To be held on Sunday 18 December, commencing at 7-30pm, the event is a great celebration of Christmas. There will be a combined choir, band, and fireworks. Petersham Oval is the venue.

Annual Fete: Our Annual Fete is now only seven weeks away. Preparations are well in hand for the great day. This year activities are planned for children and teenagers in the church grounds. There will be all your favourite fete stalls in the Parish Hall. Help is still needed in an number of areas. If you can assist on the day please see Paul Watson or the Churchwardens.

Stallholders are seeking donations to stock the stalls. Some of the stall requiring donations are -

- Cakes and Sweets (Ida Barrett)
- Pottery and China (Michele Essam)
- White Elephant Stall (Michele Essam)
- Grocery & Jams Stall (Noel Cragg)
- Secondhand Books (Stan Sheppard)
- Refreshments (Ann Lennox)

What's on This Month of Sundays.

- Oct. 2 "Though One Man" Guest Preacher Mr. Scott Dunlop.
- 9 "Secure" (Morning Services); "Acts" Series in Evenings
- 16 "Getting There" - Guest Preacher Rev Jim Thomson
(Chaplain: Parramatta Gaol)
- 23 New Series in the morning services:
"Beginnings" Genesis 1 - 11
- 30 "Rebellion"

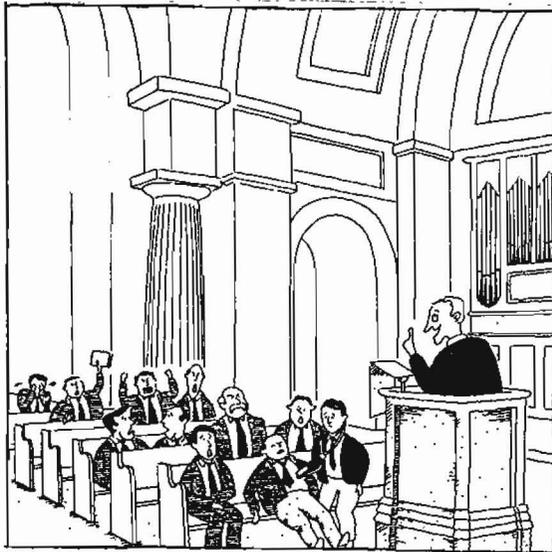




**FLOWER
MEMORIALS**



September 2 - For Frank with love:
September 9 - In memory of the Jones Family
September 16 - In memory of Mr. Hitchins
September 23 - In memory of the Jones Family



News that the word 'tithe' meant 'one-quarter' rather than 'one-tenth' was not warmly received.

ON LYING AROUND

After a rather gruesome few weeks I had resolved to spend Labour Day holiday doing a few things which had been neglected. . . cleaning house, pruning bushes, you know the sort of thing. Instead I spent most of the day in bed. I wasn't sick or physically tired. There was no very good reason for me not to get out of bed and get going. In fact, there were several excellent arguments for getting up. Yes, I did feel slightly guilty at taking so much pleasure in immobility, but the guilt was quickly banished, never again to resurface. And so I read a while, dozed a while, thought of amusing and devastating replies to various repair people who had been rude to me in months past. All in all the day was spent most agreeably.

Why then did I feel ashamed to admit my day in bed when asked Tuesday morning, "How did you spend your October long weekend?" Why is it that getting up early is considered more moral than staying up late: After all, Hitler was notorious early riser and always in bed by ten. Why is it that ceaseless activity is regarded as praiseworthy? Some of the more notable nasty people of our time seem to have worked awfully hard.

The English writer G. K. Chesterton remarked that one of the marks of a decadent culture is the exaltation of very small and secondary matters of conduct at the expense of very great and primary ones. So that adultery and greed are considered interesting and in some cases laudable, while sleeping late and daydreaming are frowned on.

Now, you may be asking yourself why this subject is considered suitable for a parish newsletter? Aren't we supposed to be pushing religion? Well, perhaps we need to examine our definition of religion. Because if rest, a sense of moral balance, and an enjoyment of life are not religious issues, what are?

So the next time someone asks me, "How did you spend you holiday?" I will look them in the eye and proudly say, "I spent the day very profitably in bed," and I double-dare them to sneer and snigger.

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PUZZLE PAGE

Print answers here that you find in the Bible.

	Job 8:5b	
	Jeremiah 51:40	
	Numbers 27:17	
	Matthew 25:33b	
	John 12:14	
	Psalms 102:6	
	Revelation 4:7	
	Isaiah 58:11	
	Matthew 19:24	
	Amos 2:15	
	2 Chronicles 9:21	
	2 Samuel 13:29	MULE
	Psalms 39:11	
	1 Samuel 6:4	
	Ecclesiastes 9:4	

All of these creatures God has created. Do you know what they are? You can find them in the Bible in these verses. Can you find them in the word find?



A	Y	P	K	Y	O	L	X	N	W
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K	H	O	R	S	E	L	E	P	
Q	C	O	D	L	H	A	R	P	F
C	I	N	U	I	R	E	E	R	W
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→ ANSWERS →

