

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

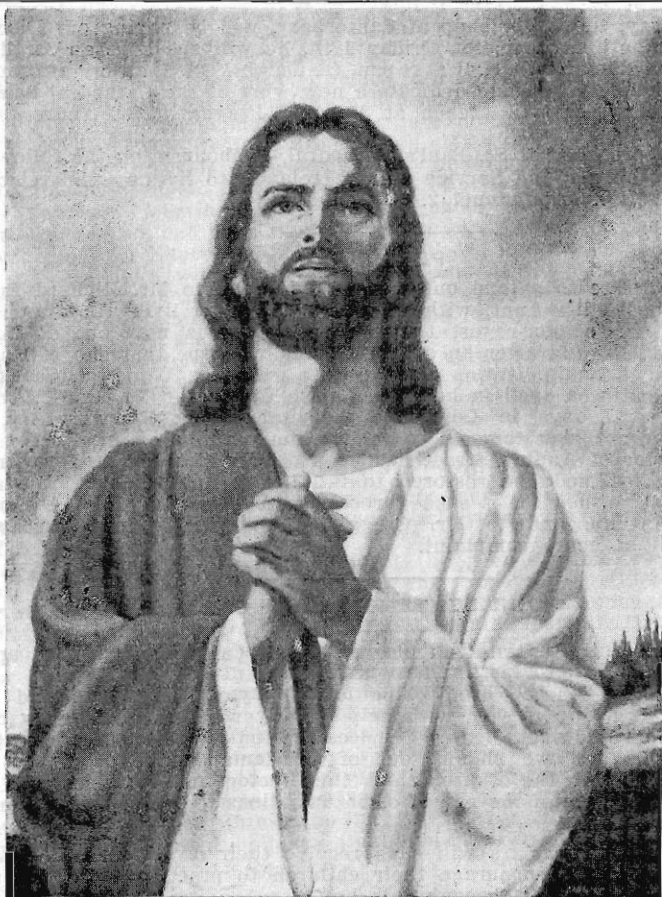
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MARCH, 1965



"THE LORD'S PRAYER—OUR LENTEN STUDY"

## LENTEN SERVICES

Special Services will be held each Wednesday this month, to mark the Lenten Season. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7 a.m., and the Rector will conduct a Devotional Service at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are asked to attend one or other of these Services each week.

At the night Service, Mr. Champion will conduct a series of studies based on "The Lord's Prayer". Early talks will include "Hallowed be Thy Name" on 10th March and "Thy Kingdom Come" on 17th March.

Wednesday is normally one of the biggest days in the week for meetings of parish organisations, and we hope that they will adjust their schedules to allow members to take part in these Services.

These mid-week services will finish on Wednesday, 14th April. Good Friday falls on 16th April, and Easter Day on 18th April — special Services for both days will be listed in the April "Chronicle".

## DR. RAMSAY HERE

Dr. Ramsay, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will be paying our Diocese a visit this month. Arriving on Friday 12th, he will speak at an Anglican Rally in the Sydney Town Hall at 8 p.m. that night. On Saturday afternoon, 13th March, he will open and dedicate a new wing of the Cathedral School, while on Sunday, he will preach at Morning Prayer in St. Andrew's at 11 a.m.

When he preaches at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on the following Sunday, 21st March, the Service will be relayed to Sydney and telecast live by the A.B.C. on Channel 2.

## PERSONAL

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Richard Boots in the passing of his Aunt, with whom he had been living in Stanmore.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. McCarty is now out of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital after an operation, and we hope that she will soon be 100 per cent. again. It was also good to see Miss Woodward back at Church again after a spell in hospital. Parish Councillor Mr. H. G. Brodie also had several days in Lewisham Hospital during February for an operation, and we look forward to seeing him with us again shortly.

Mrs. Taylor of Audley Street has been on the sick list, and we trust that she too will soon be restored to full health and strength. We also send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Gray of the Senior Parishioners' Club, and to Mr. Cragg Senior, who is in Marrickville Hospital with a heart complaint.

## OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

What are our Lenten Obligations? These can be briefly but aptly stated as: "To pray, to fast, and to give."

We commend these three obligations to you. The first and the second are largely up to you, with help in prayer being provided by both our Sunday and mid-week Lenten Services. As for the third, it is a custom of the Church that we should, out of self-denial, make a gift to the missionary work of the Church, and the Rector and Wardens will be pleased to advise you of the names of organisations to which you can make your Lenten offering.

Sunday School scholars will each receive their own Lenten Box, and parents are asked to encourage their children to practice self-denial and make a gift to Missions through this box.

## NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Harvest Festival:** We would like to thank the scholars and their parents for their support of our Harvest Festival. All the gifts were gratefully received by the Home of Peace.

**New Teacher:** The Sunday School welcomes Miss C. Buffett to the staff; Miss Buffett answered the urgent need for a teacher of a girls' class in the Sunday School.

**Attendance:** Although the attendances have returned to normal after the school holidays, we would like to see a lot more children attend Sunday School. If you know of any new Church of England children in the Parish, please invite them to attend the Sunday School at 9.45 a.m. any Sunday.

**Kindergarten Leader:** We are very sorry to say that no one has yet come forward in answer to our appeal in the December "Chronicle" for a lady to take charge of the kindergarten, in place of Mrs. Quelch, who is retiring after many years of devoted service in that position.

Mrs. Quelch is carrying on for the moment to help us over our difficulty, but as she wishes to cease duty for personal reasons as early as practicable, the need for a new Leader is one of great urgency. There is a good band of young ladies teaching in the Kindergarten, and the total enrolment is now only about 40 children; principal duties of the Leader are overall supervision, and the conducting of the opening and closing Service.

The Kindergarten is the nucleus of the Sunday School, just as the Sunday School in its turn provides the Church members of tomorrow. It is to be hoped that some lady will heed this appeal and come to our aid, as we would not, and must not, let the Kindergarten slip behind for want of a Leader. The Rector, Mrs. Quelch, Mr. Jones, or myself will gladly answer any inquiries from ladies who believe that they can help us in our time of need.

**Teachers' Meeting:** The Sunday School Secretary, Mr. John Nance, left us at the end of January to take up a country posting with the Department of Education. The meeting of 3rd February was held primarily to present John with a travelling rug, and at the same time to elect a new Secretary. Other matters discussed were the new Orders of Service in the Senior Sunday School, reprinting of report cards, and ways of attracting more scholars to the Sunday School. From the beginning of the present Church year, we have been using new Service Orders, which give the children a bigger part to play in the opening and closing Services.

As the new Secretary, I hope that I can carry out the duties of the position as efficiently as Mr. John Nance.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

## PARISH PARS

The Rector wishes to acknowledge and express his thanks for an anonymous donation which is made each year by a member of the staff of A.W.A. Limited.

A number of the young folk of the parish whom we mentioned in last month's "Chronicle" for gaining their Leaving Certificates, have now entered upon their careers in the world. Ruth Champion is training for nursing at the Concord Repatriation General Hospital, Hugh Quelch has joined the Public Trustee's staff, and John Reid, whom we also congratulate for gaining the Leaving Certificate, has entered the Insurance world.

One of our younger parish workers urgently needs two novels for his evening studies, but the booksellers say that they will be out of print for the year. If any parishioner has either, "Fire on the Snow" by Douglas Stewart, or "The Passage" by Vance Palmer, and would be willing to lend the books, could they please let the Rector or Mrs. Champion know.

Miss Barbara Dingle gains the distinction of being the first parishioner to sail on the new interstate liner, "Empress of Australia". Barbara is spending her annual holidays this month sightseeing around Tasmania.

## CLUB NEWS

**Physical Culture:**

After our Christmas and New Year recess, classes resumed on Monday, 8th February, when we were very glad to welcome our girls back to the Club.

This year, we are most fortunate in having as our Instructress Mrs. Ruth Dunn, who is a friend of the Rector and Mrs. Champion. Mrs. Collis has once more donated her services as Pianiste, for which we are most thankful.

Our classes commence at 6 p.m. each Monday for girls from the age of four years up to Senior standard, and we also have Ladies' classes. We shall be glad to welcome anyone who is desirous of joining.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary.

**Young Marrieds' & Friends':**

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will take place in the Y.C.I. Club Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 9th March, commencing at 8 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting, and we ask all members to make a special effort to attend.

We would welcome any ladies who would care to join us, or even to visit us and look the Club over.

We are again collecting clean Herald newspapers, and old rags. The first collection will take place during the first two weeks of March, and if you have any papers or rags for us, we would be glad if you could contact any Club member, or leave a message for us at the Rectory.

The Club is planning to hold three street stalls again this year. They will take place on Saturday mornings, 3rd April, 5th June and 4th September, in front of the Church in Stanmore Road. Donations of any kind will be gratefully received.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

**Baseball Club:**

The All Saints' Baseball Club will hold its Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday night, 11th March at 8 o'clock.

Would any boy interested in playing in the 1965 season please come along to this meeting.

— J. GORMAN.

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DURING MARCH

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Here are the major meetings of the month. Make sure you're at all of those that apply to you.

- Tuesday 9th: Guild Annual Ladies' Luncheon, Parish Hall, 12.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 9th: Young Marrieds' Club, Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 10th: Lenten Services, 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
- Wednesday 10th: St. Luke's Centre, 2.30 p.m.
- Thursday 11th: Baseball Club Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Friday 12th: Rally for Archbishop of Canterbury, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday 17th: Lenten Services, 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
- Friday 19th: Guild Street Stall, commencing 9.30 a.m.
- Sunday 21st: Club Secretaries' articles for April "Chronicle" due.
- Wednesday 24th: Lenten Services, 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
- Sunday 28th: Youth Tea, 5 p.m.
- Sunday 28th: Social Hour and Film, "Till Death do ye Part" after Evensong.
- Wednesday 31st: Mid-week Services, 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

The remainder of our organisations will meet on their usual dates, except that the Boys' Club will this month not resume until Thursday, 18th March.

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### LADIES' LUNCHEON

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The Guild announces that its Annual Ladies' Luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 9th March, 1965, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

We have arranged to secure a most interesting speaker in the person of Deaconess Ailsa McCollm, who is a Church of England representative at the Children's Court. One or two parishioners have already heard Deaconess McCollm speak, and assure us that she will be very worthwhile coming to hear.

As well, of course, the Guild always provides a most appetising repast, and a happy time is always had by all who attend. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to come along, and to bring any friends or relatives who would be interested. There will be a nominal charge in aid of Guild funds.

Note the date now, and make sure you don't miss this attraction.

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL

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The Rector extends his sincere thanks to all who gave gifts of groceries, produce, etc., as thank offerings for our Harvest Festival on 28th February. The Sunday School and Kindergarten children are especially thanked for the significant part they played in our collection of goods. All the items that were donated were forwarded to the Home of Peace in Addison Road, where they will be put to good use.

Bishop Wilton, whose association with All Saints goes back over some 50 years, was the special preacher at the 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Services, and his messages for the Festival were greatly appreciated.

We are grateful to one of our former parishioners for donating the wheat used to give the Church its Harvest Festival setting, and to the Parishioners who arranged these decorations.

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### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

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March 7th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

March 14th: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

March 21st: Donated by Miss Marjorie McPherson in memory of her Grandmother, Mrs. Slocombe; arranged by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ingoldsbey-Brown.

March 28th: Donated by Mrs. Craigie in memory of her Husband; arranged by Miss Speight.

April 4th: Donated and arranged by Mrs. Taylor in memory of her Mother.

On Sunday, 14th February, the flowers in the Church were donated by Lyn Sanderson (Mrs. Alan Humphreys) in memory of her Mother and Aunt; on Sunday, 21st February, flowers were also donated by Dr. and Mrs. I. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. F. Everett in memory of Catherine Fay.



## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

## Esther

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Before anything else, the book of Esther sets out to tell a good story, full of drama, tragedy, and triumphs of the oppressed, containing themes worthy of Shakespeare, or a technicolour saga. While under most canons of judgements, Esther falls far short of the strongest literature of the Old Testament, Genesis, Samuel, Isaiah and others, its merits lie spiritually, in a reminder of the vindication of the people of God under oppression, and as literature in the vividness of its narrative and force of its story. Pre-eminently, it spoke to the Jews in those days before the coming of Jesus of Nazareth when they were dispersed and scattered among the nations of the world, the greatest of the nations at the time of the book being the Empire of Persia, extending from "India, even into Ethiopia".

Esther, the heroine, is a Hebrew girl living in the territories of the Persian Empire who, having been brought into the King's harem, finds favour in the King's sight and is made principal queen. Her nationality is now known, but she retains contact with her people outside the palace. At that time, certain sections of the Persian court, under an official called Haman, were planning an organised massacre of the Jewish communities in the Empire and the plundering of their wealth. Preliminary decrees for this atrocity were issued. The situation was a direct personal challenge to Esther, faced with silence and safety on the one hand, or intercession on behalf of her people and death, on the other. She chose the latter, concluding her decision with the words, "If I perish, I perish".

Esther's petition finally gains the Emperor's approval and further events lead to a full reversal of the policy of persecution and also the fall of the anti-Jewish party at court, Haman being hung from a great height, and gaining literary immortality in the proverb, "hung as high as Haman".

The vindication of the Jews was celebrated in a great national feast, that of Purim, which became an annual festival enduring until the present day. The streets in the cities of Israel are decorated with flags and bunting, gifts are given and received and the Book of Esther read ceremonially, both in synagogue services and over the radio.

The Book has always been of deep significance to the Jews in all their persecutions and afflictions in history, a testimony of God's faithfulness in deliverance and salvation, but for the Christian the story goes deeper still, demonstrating the sovereign power of God to save by what means He will, and like so much else in the Old Testament, foreshadowing the great salvation revealed in the New.

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GOOD FRIDAY ANGLICAN WITNESS

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Advance notice is given of the Annual Anglican Procession and Service of Witness to be held on Good Friday, 16th April.

The personal spiritual challenge that comes to us during Lent will well be expressed by open witness to Christ on Good Friday. It will form a fitting climax to your Lenten programme.

Features of this year's Good Friday witness will include seating for elderly people, the erection of a replica of an historic open air pulpit, and the shortening of the procession by marching eight instead of six abreast. Full details will be available in the next "Chronicle".

## SOCIAL FOR FETE FUNDS

Mrs. I. Clark has announced that there will be a Social and Games Afternoon on Wednesday, 19th May at 1 p.m. Prizes and Afternoon Tea will be provided. There will be an admission charge of 3/-. and proceeds will go to our Annual Parish Fete funds.

Make a note of this function now in your diary.

## NEWS BRIEFS

● Mrs. McCarty has asked us to thank all the parishioners who sent her cards and gifts of flowers following her recent operation.

● **Children's Service:** Messrs. Robert Champion and Geoffrey Gorman have taken over the conduct of the monthly Children's Service, which was previously the function of Mr. John Nance. Both Robert and Geoffrey have also been assisting the Rector in other Church Services, and we wish them well in their new undertaking. Sad to relate, Robert was ill on the first Service after Mr. Nance's departure, but Geoffrey Gorman took the whole Service at short notice and without a hitch.

● **Fun for the Boys:** Parents of boys in the parish are reminded that we have two organisations to cater for the lads. The first of these is the Baseball Club, which plays in a Saturday morning competition from April to August each year. Boys wishing to play, as well as their parents, are invited to the meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 11th March at 8 p.m.; Mr. Reg Minter and Mrs. J. Gorman look after this Club.

Then, we have a new Boys' Club which meets in the Hall each Thursday night at 7 p.m. under the control of Messrs. Alan Bell and Geoffrey Gorman. The membership of this group is steadily increasing, and we hope that more lads of the Sunday School will come along and join with their fellow Church members in the various social, spiritual and physical activities. Please note, however, that the Boys' Club will not meet on 4th or 11th March; it will be held every week from 18th March onwards.

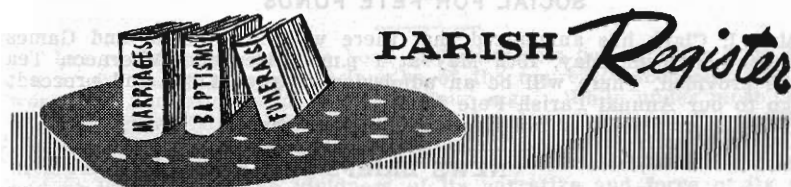
● **Archdeacon Cobbett back:** Archdeacon David Cobbett, who assisted the Rector for a few months while he was staying at the House of the Epiphany in 1961, has returned home after over three years' hard work in the devastated parish of Pusan, in war-torn Korea. We were very pleased to have the Archdeacon as our special preacher on Sunday, 21st February.

● **Braeside re-opened:** Braeside Hospital was re-opened on Sunday, 14th February as a hospital for elderly and chronically ill patients; like the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road, it is run by the Church of England Deaconess Institute, and will fill a pressing need that exists in this field. The dedication ceremony was conducted by His Grace, the Archbishop of Sydney.

● **New Coadjutor Arrives:** The Right Reverend F. O. Hulme-Moir was installed as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese and Dean of Sydney in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday night, 23rd February. Coming from our own Rector's former Diocese of Nelson, New Zealand, the Bishop is not unknown to us at All Saints, as he was Rector of the adjoining parish of Summer Hill for several years, and as Archdeacon of Cumberland, inducted our previous Rector, the Rev. R. A. Johnson in May, 1954.

● The Rector has announced that this year's Gala Parish Fete will take place on Saturday, 20th November. Will your organisation be prepared? It's only eight months away!

● **Social Hour and Film:** All parishioners are welcome to attend the free supper and film screening after Evensong on Sunday, 28th March. The movie we've chosen this month is titled "Till Death Do Ye Part". It would be appreciated if the Guild could kindly organise the supper for this occasion.



### BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

January 31st: Kim Sharon Dunscombe.

February 7th: Terry Rogers.

February 12th: Valma Robyn Driscoll.

February 14th: Donna Janette Barton.

February 14th: Rodney John McCann.

February 14th: Patricia Elizabeth O'Connor.

February 17th: Robert Leslie Dyer.

February 17th: Denise Ellen Settree.

### MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

February 6th: Lindsay Norman Barnes to Yvonne Agnes Adams.

February 6th: Arthur William Favell to Jeanette Marjorie Hawkrigde.

February 6th: Colin Oliver Brown to Sandra Irene Nash.

February 13th: Alan Gordon Humphreys to Lynette Lois Sanderson.

### FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

February 3rd:—William Herbert James Tingle.

February 4th:—Adelaide Maude Gohert.

February 8th:—Alice May Hurley.

February 12th:—Fred Farman.

February 12th:—Peter George Edward Anderson.

February 15th:—Daphne Jean Warton.

February 17th:—Jane Anne McDonald.

February 18th:—Clarence Milton Alder.

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