

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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ALL SAINTS' NEW MEMORIAL GATES

WANTED—PARISHIONERS WITH VOICES

The faithful few who occupy their places regularly every week in our Choir stalls have sadly become ever fewer in the last few months and the time has come for us to carry out a vigorous recruiting campaign to replace those who have moved, or who are otherwise lost, stolen, or strayed.

We are especially looking for reliable folk with mature voices, but not necessarily with any musical training or previous choral experience. Our need is only for men and women for all parts of the choir who can join with us in leading the singing at the services at All Saints'. We hope that we can get a number of new members to join us at the one time, and settle down together with us.

Practices are held on Sundays after Evensong, or on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.; if you could help, please let the Rector or myself (telephone UJ 6071) know, and we shall gladly give you any further information.

BETTY SAYERS, Hon. Secretary

SALE OF USED CLOTHING

A sale of clean used clothing, hats, shoes, curtains, blankets, table cloths, d'oyleys, etc., will be held in All Saints' Parish Hall on Friday, 10th April, between 10 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., and again on Saturday, 11th April, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Donations may be left at the Rectory, or if you have a large quantity ring Mrs. Clark at LM 6368 or LM 7735, and we will arrange to pick them up.

Proceeds from the Clothing Sale go to Church Funds, but we depend upon your support to stock our stalls. Please help.

PARISH MID-WEEK BUS TOUR

All ladies of the parish (and any gentlemen who are free on this day) are invited to join in the Guild's Bus Tour of Sydney on Wednesday, April 29th. The trip leaves the Church at 10 a.m. returning at 3 p.m., and includes inspections of the wonderful work being done by the Home Mission Society.

Places to be visited include the Chesalon Homes and the Mowll Memorial Village near Castle Hill. An enjoyable day's outing is assured, and the Guild would be glad to hear from folk willing to come. There'll be a basket lunch, and the approximate cost will be 7/6d. per person; the actual charge depends on the number who go, and could be less if we get a good crowd for the bus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Picnic: After two days of bright sunshine and hot weather, things unfortunately took a turn for the worst and an overcast and wet day was all we were given for the Picnic on Saturday, 14th March at Watson's Bay. However, despite the showers during the day and the bleak skies overhead, most of those who attended had an enjoyable day. I would particularly like to thank the Young Marrieds' Club for once again ordering the food and preparing the meals at the park. Conditions at Watson's Bay are not always ideal for cutting sandwiches and serving lunches, however the ladies who came out with us did a terrific job. I would also like to thank the many car drivers who generously provided transport there and back. One or two cars had only a few passengers, but this was largely due to the weather and a few children who didn't arrive at the Church in the morning. However I would like to thank the drivers, as many of them gave up their day to spend it with us and lend assistance. Finally I would like to thank Mr. Howarth of Stanmore Road for his donation of foodstuff towards the Picnic and Mr. Johnson of F. W. Johnson's for the donation of the bread required. Without these people the Picnic would not have been possible, so thanks once again.

Sunday School Pupils: We are always on the lookout for more scholars to swell the ranks, so if you know of any families recently moved into the district, or any Anglican children who do not attend Sunday School but may be interested in it, please let the Rector or the Superintendent know, or you may be able to help yourself by inviting them along. Sunday School is held in the Parish Hall at 9.45 a.m. each Sunday and Kindergarten in the Kindergarten Room at the same time.

JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

PARISH PARS

By popular demand, the last Y.C.I. Revue will be repeated in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. on Friday, 15th May. Presented by John Shaw and his company, the show will again feature the "Viennese Operetta" and tickets will be available through Y.C.I. members.

Proceeds will be used to buy a backdrop for the stage and to buy replacement chairs for the Hall. If you missed this show last time, be sure you're seat is booked for 15th May.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mr. Stewart L. Rankin, who passed away last month. Mr. Rankin's funeral service was held at All Saints', where he had been a Church Warden for many years until the second World War. Mr. Rankin lived at Burwood during the last few years.

We regret to record the passing at the Home of Peace on Easter Day, of our Rector's Mother, Mrs. Champion, just as she had attained the age of 90 years. The sincere sympathy of all parishioners is extended to the Rector, Mrs. Champion, Robert and Ruth, and to Mr. Champion's sisters and their families in their sad loss.

"I'll Sing, Not Cry" is the intriguing title of the film we've selected to show you at the April Social Hour, to follow Evensong on Sunday, 26th April. All parishioners are invited. Would the Fellowship kindly organise the supper for this night?

The Rector now wishes to receive names from both young and old who wish to be confirmed this year. Classes begin this month, and will be held in conjunction with the 11 a.m. Sunday Services. Our Confirmation Service on Wednesday, 28th October (at 8 p.m.) will be conducted by Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11, v. 1.

PARISH FETE—1964

It's high time to note that this year's Fete will take place on Saturday, 21st November—a date only seven months away.

Several stalls are already preparing among these being the Books, Toys, and Jewellery Stall organised by Mrs. Millarey. If you can help with gifts of any of the following, would you please ring Mrs. Millarey at LM 1643 and she will call and collect your donation from you:

BOOKS. Including antique and rare books.

JEWELLERY

FOREIGN STAMPS

TOYS

CHINA

Donations of your old Christmas Cards would also be very helpful, as they made attractive backings for jewellery.

CLOCKS AND WATCHES

Arthur Cook needs a lot of old watches and clocks to repair for resale at his stall at the Fete. Please dig out those "old-timers" from your cupboards and pass them to Mr. Cook or the Rector.

As we've tried to point out before in "The Chronicle" it does take time for Mr. Cook to get the replacement parts for many of these old timepieces, so that it is essential that they be given to him a few months before the Fete.

If you leave it till October or November to send your clock along, it won't give Mr. Cook the time to buy the parts and repair it in time for the Fete.

Mr. Cook is also seeking OLD GOLD which he can re-sell at TOP MARKET PRICES in aid of the Fete funds.

JOSHUA

Continuing the Series on the books of the Bible, written by the Rev. Donald Cameron of Moore College

Fired by the leadership of Moses, the children of Israel were brought to the eastern borders of Palestine. They had left Egypt a straggling band of demoralised refugees, but now stood assembled on the banks of the Jordan, a great striking force. However Moses, the man who had made this possible, was dead and lay in an unknown grave across the Jordan. Leadership has passed to his lieutenant, Joshua, upon whom fell the responsibility of bringing the Israelites into the land to possess it for their own. To sustain him, Joshua was given the promise, "As I was with Moses, so shall I be with you, I will not fail you or forsake you."

Joshua's strategy was clear cut. First a direct assault on the centre section of the land led to the capture of Jericho, which then gave entry to the whole country. A treaty with the neighbouring tribes consolidated Israel's hold on the centre of the land, and opened the way to further conquest. Joshua next struck southward, capturing and destroying five city states in the southern part of the country. Then turning north, a great victory was won at Hazor, a dominant city in northern Canaan. Thus, by a great three-pronged thrust, Joshua had established nominal supremacy over the whole land.

The recent work of archeologists has told us much about the land Israel conquered and the devastating nature of the assault. Canaan, prior to the invasion, was a series of loosely allied cities, recognising Egypt as overlord, and enjoying a highly developed culture. Their worship and religion were debased in the extreme, and their concept of God most foreign to modern understanding. Excavation of cities such as Hazor, Bethel and others reveal evidence of devastation in the early twelve hundreds B.C., followed by a complete break in culture as nomad Israel swept over the sedentary civilisation of the Canaanites.

The story of the conquest ends abruptly in Chapter 11, and most of the remainder of Joshua is devoted to a geographical distribution of the territory between the individual tribes, an event which never came to fruition. After the initial successes, Israel had apparently rested on her oars and failed to go on to occupy the whole country. Flushed by first victories, the Israelites were content to remain on the land they had, and to come to terms, both politically and spiritually, with the native Canaanites. With this seemingly innocent compromise a great decline in religion, morals, and national unity set in.

God had commanded them through Moses to go in and possess the land, and had forbidden association with the Canaanites for reasons that the following centuries made only too painfully clear. However, failure to take God at His word, and to render strict obedience, led to future troubles which are told in the next book of the Bible, Judges,

ANZAC SERVICES THIS MONTH

Special services to commemorate Anzac Day will be held on two separate Sundays this month.

On Sunday, 19th April, the combined service arranged by the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association will be held in Petersham Town Hall at 3 p.m. The Rector will take part in the ceremony, and the special address will be given by the Rev B. C. Archbold, M.C., B.A., L.Th.

**THE RECTOR AS AN ARMY CHAPLAIN**

Our own commemoration of Anzac Day at All Saints' will take place on Sunday, 26th April, when special reference to the significance of this day will be made by the Rector at the various services.

CLUB NEWS**Ladies' Guild:**

It was a delight to see all tables filled with visitors at our Annual Luncheon on 10th March. The entertainment provided by the blind girls from the Helen Keller Hostel was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Proof of this was that many secretaries of other guilds which attended asked how they could contact the Hostel girls for future functions at their Churches. We say a sincere thank you to the Young Marrieds' Club members for their help.

Our street stall this month will be held on Friday, 17th April, and any donations of cakes, scones, and jams would be greatly appreciated, especially as several of our regular donors will be away.

Physical Culture:

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

We are very pleased to report that our Instructress, Mrs. Anderson, is safely over her operation and well on the way to recovery. Miss Joan McMillan has been instructing our girls during the last few weeks, and we are grateful for her tuition.

There have been quite a number of girls enrolling this year, but there are still vacancies for girls from four years up to senior standard, and also for the Ladies' Classes. The girls commence at 6 p.m. sharp, and the Ladies' Class at 7.15 p.m.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mrs. Collis who is once more officiating as our pianiste. F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

This popular Social Club is held every Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Come and join us; you will be most welcome.

Mothers Union:

We have now changed the hour of our meetings to 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, and are pleased to say that we enrolled two new members at the first meeting held at the new time.

Our next meetings will be held on Wednesdays, 1st April and 6th May, commencing at 10 a.m.

E. CHAMPION, Hon. Secretary

QUESTIONS FOR THE CLERGYMAN

1—Am I so activist in my ministry that I have no time to listen to the still small voice of conscience, truth, inspiration and love?

2—In my ministry of the Word, do I spend enough time waiting for a word from the Lord, and taking hours, if necessary, to put it into a form easily understood, by those who will listen to it?

3—Do I set aside regular times for reading and study, for digesting what I read, for applying it to myself, for seeing its relevance and usefulness in my ministry?

4—Do I bring every duty to God, so that He may give me a touch of insight and love for its performance?

5—Do I say the daily offices to fulfil my sense of dutiful observance, or hurriedly, broodingly, so that some verse may light up with new meaning?

6—When the mind is tired and the heart cold, do I tell God about it simply, and offer the Will?

7—When I am empty do I go to God to be re-filled?

8—Am I ready to drink the cup that is attached to my priesthood—the identification with people in their sins and needs, the responsibility for souls, the pain of personal inadequacy and failure.

9—Do I realise the miracle of Holy Communion, that Our Lord nourishes the souls of His and my people?

10—Do I love people enough to pray for them, in the faith that once I have brought them to God, God has begun to act?

11—Do I see the openness of people at a baptism, a funeral, a wedding, and recognise the opportunity for human warmth and an expression of God's love and care?

12—In my touch with people, do I give the impression that I am too busy for them to bother me with their troubles, or do they feel that I am at their service, so that they can open their hearts about their failings, their anxieties, their doubts and their longings?

13—Do I prepare for the Parish Council meeting, with prayer and faith, seeing it as the heart of the parish, the inner band of fellow-workers, the nerve centre for the Kingdom?

14—Am I quick on the trigger or can I take criticism, opposition and misunderstanding, without becoming hurt or resentful?

15—Am I willing to delegate everything possible to the laity, so that I may have more time to devote to my ministry?

16—Do I seek the fellowship of a neighbouring clergyman to whom I can open my heart, with whom I can discuss my difficulties, from whom I can take counsel, whose reproof I will accept, and to whom I can offer reciprocal service?

17—Is time for rest and family life entered firmly in my diary and treated as an important engagement?

18—How far do I include the world mission of the Church as part of the faith, prayer and worship of my people and myself?

19—In the past five years how many offers have come from my parish (a) to be trained for the ministry of the Church. (b) to serve overseas?

NEWS BRIEFS



Lenten Services: The Rector was satisfied with the response from parishioners to the additional Services held each Wednesday during Lent. Attendances were on a par with last year, although there were still a number of parishioners who might have been able to support these services.

The opening and closing addresses at the Evening series were given by Mr. H. G. Brodie, while on the other nights, a study of "The Lord's Prayer" was lead by the Rector and Messrs A. Jones, J. Nance, K. Grant and N. Kennedy, in that order.

● Several of our parishioners are ill in hospital at the present time and we send them all our prayers for a speedy recovery. Amongst those we remember at this time are Mrs. Burkett (in Prince Alfred), Mrs. Cooke of Summer Hill (in Lewisham), and Mr. Arnold of York Crescent. We are happy to say that Mrs. Arkinstall is now home from hospital and also that our organist, Miss O'Neill is recovering rapidly from an accident in which she was struck by a car in Crystal Street.

● The Junior Choir now practices at 7 o'clock each Wednesday night. Mrs. Champion conducts these practices and wants to hear from more girls and boys willing to help to serve their Church in this way. There are plenty of vacancies at the moment, and all enquiries from parents or young folk will be very welcome.

● **Retirement of Canon Elder:** On 22nd March, we said farewell to Canon Eric Elder, who has retired from the Principalship of the House of Epiphany, and gone to live in Saratoga, near Newcastle. The Canon had helped the Rector in many ways during his period at the House of the Epiphany, which is the A.B.M.'s Training College for Missionaries, and had been with us at All Saints' each Sunday over the last few months. We are grateful to Canon Elder for his messages to us, and trust that both he and Mrs. Elder will have a restful and well earned retirement.

● **Easter Vestry Meeting:** This is the Annual Meeting of the Parish, and must be held within six weeks of Easter. The Rector presents his Annual Report to and on the Parish, all our societies should give reports of their year's work, and the Wardens and Council for the ensuing twelve months are elected. There's always something of interest or controversy at these gatherings, so watch your Weekly Notices and "The Guardian" for the exact time and date.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Apl. 5—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Taylor in memory of her Mother.
 „ 12—No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 „ 19—Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother, and by Mrs. Hayes and family and Mrs. Woodward in memory of Mr. Hayes; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown and Mrs. Clark.

- „ 26—Donated by Mrs. Boyle and Allen in memory of their Husband and Father, Mr. J. M. Boyle; by the Misses Street in memory of the Rev. C. E. Madgwick; and for our War Memorial by Mrs. Ayrton in memory of her Son.
- May 3—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

For Easter Day, we acknowledge donations from Mrs. Craigie in memory of her Husband, from Mrs. T. Harvey in memory of members of her Family, from Mrs. Butt in memory of Mr. John Winchester, from three friends in memory of Felicity Bell, and from Mrs. Mervyn, Miss Fry, and Mrs. Blackburn.

On Sunday, 23rd February, Church flowers were donated in memory of Catherine Fay from her Parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. Everett, and her Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Everett; on Sunday, 8th March by Miss Spiller in memory of her Mother, and on 15th March by the family of the late Mrs. Sanderson in her memory.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

“Born Again”

- Feb. 16—Ann Margaret Rowe.
 „ 22—Michelle Ann Wilkin.
 „ 23—Scott Andrew Chaney
 „ 23—Sandra Louise Wright.
 „ 23—Glen Martin Lawsen.
 „ 23—Louise Janelle Lawsen.
 Mch. 1—Leanne Trudgett.
 „ 8—Rozanne Claudette Donnelly.
 „ 21—Karen Denise Rothero.

MARRIAGES

“Those whom God hath joined”

- Feb. 21—Reginald Harrie Ball to Evelyn Mary Lilley.
 Mch. 7—Tony John Brown to Ann Maria Smith.
 „ 7—Peter Philip Krantz to Adrienne Ruth Beare.
 „ 18—Irvin Ralph Flack to Gaye Christine Graham.

FUNERALS

“In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord”.

- Feb. 6—Robert James Callaghan
 „ 13—William Alan Shelley Wildash.
 „ 25—Magdalene Fox Finch.
 „ 26—Leslie Webster Sherring.
 Mch. 3—Jessie Ada Matthews.
 „ 3—Gladys Robinson.
 „ 6—Stewart Leslie Rankin
 „ 9—Lillian James.
 „ 10—Harvey Frederick Smith.
 „ 18th—Matilda Jane Byrnes.

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