

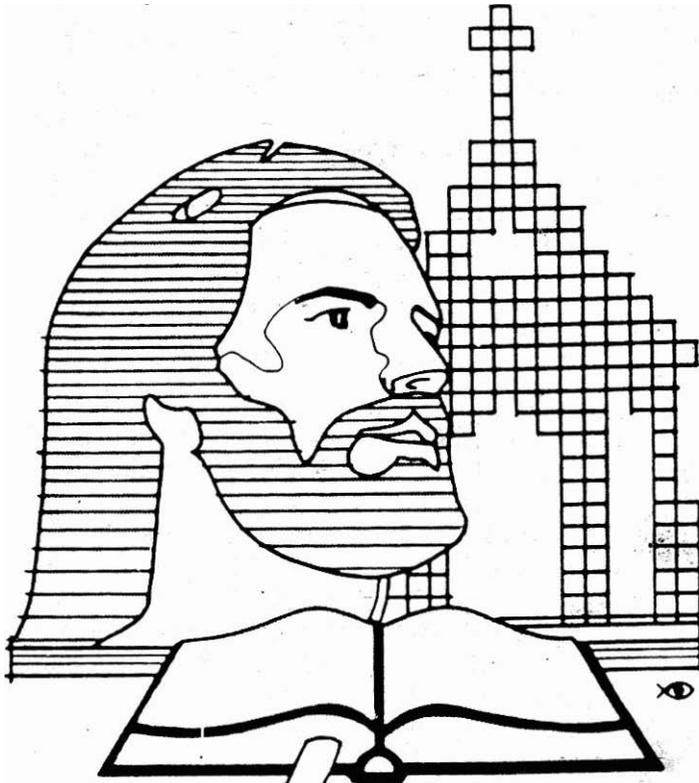
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CHRIST / HIS WORD
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OUR SURE FOUNDATION

The Rectory,
Petersham, 2049.
17th February, 1987.

Dear Friends,

We are coming to that period of the year when our church holds its annual meeting and elects officers and committees, and a council to carry on the work for the next twelve months.

This is an important time. Statements of money received and money spent must be given and audited. There needs to be a budget for the coming year. Church members need to be elected to supervise and make decisions on these matters.

This ought to be a time when we are much in prayer about the everyday running of our church; perhaps we might call it our house keeping. Because it is so important I ask you to join with us in praying for the good government of this church.

Several things of significance have taken place in the parish over the past year. We have celebrated the centenary of the installation of our organ. We have received from the Bi-centenary Authority a grant towards the restoration of one of our stained glass windows. Both these efforts help to ensure the building itself will be usable for years to come. Anglicans in Petersham shall have a meeting place. It is true that many other, some major repairs are still needed.

This year we are employing a student from our theological college to assist with youth work in the parish. We have a good group of teenagers who will respond to help and encouragement. This is an important work within the congregation and we trust it will move out into the community.

This year has seen an increase in my involvement with hospitals and nursing homes - more particularly those run by the Anglican Deaconess Institute. I have been chaplain to Braeside for some years and last year was asked to take over the chaplancy of Eversleigh too. This has widened the work of All Saints' Church and increased its ministry in the area.

We look forward to even more outreach in this coming year. Your prayers are needed for our ministry.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.

COME FOR COFFEE

Thank you to all those ladies who were able to come to the Rectory on Tuesday evening. I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. There were sixteen of us, and we got to know each other a little better. For those who were not able to come due to prior commitments, and for those who want to come again, we will have another "Come for Coffee" night on Tuesday March 17th at 7-30pm. Wear your best green ribbon. leave your shillelaghs at home, and we'll have a St. Patrick's Day Night. (If that's not Irish, I don't know what is!)

Helen Woolcott.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting of All Saints' Church will be held on Monday 9th March, 1987 commencing at 8-00pm in the Vestry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The 1986 Sunday School prize-giving will be held during the Family Service 9-30am on Sunday 15th March. All parents and friends are invited to this service.

The annual meeting of Sunday School teachers was held following the classes on Sunday 8th February. At this meeting we worked out the Sunday School holiday dates for 1987 to coincide with the new 4 term year.

The holiday dates are:-

First Term: 19th & 26th April.

Second Term: 5th, 12th & 19th July.

Third Term: 27th September, 4th & 11th October.

The end of year recess will commence following the Family Service on 13th December.

Arrangements are being made to hold a Family Picnic at Centennial park on Saturday 21st March.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is now in full swing again. It's good to be able to welcome back our members one after another. But we have room for more. If you are lonely or just want to fill in Thursday afternoons please come and join us. Age or creed does not matter. You'll be very welcome from 1pm to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Free "Housie" and afternoon tea, all for 80 cents.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

DONATION TO CHRONICLE

We thank Mrs. N. Horton for a donation of \$10 towards printing the Chronicle.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our next meeting on Tuesday 10th March will be our Annual Meeting at 1pm, followed at 2pm by a Happy Home Party presented by Mrs. Molly Sainsbury. We do hope ladies of our Parish will join us for this "Party". It is very disappointing to bring a Demonstrator to our meetings if we don't have enough ladies to demonstrate to.

The second hand clothing stall on Friday 6th February was a great success. Our takings were \$330. Thanks to all concerned, in any way, donating the goods, printing and distributing the dodgers, setting up the racks and trestles, putting all the goods out on display, selling of goods and putting unsold clothing away, taking down signs and taking left over goods to the mission. A wonderful band of helpers, Thanks! Thanks! The next stall is on Friday 20th March.

Ida Barrett - Hon Secretary.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

The count down for this operation has now begun in earnest, and the willing workers, who have now lost some of their willingness, count the months go by and look forward with relief to the arrival of June. In February we loaded 5 - 6 tons which is not a bad effort for 4 men. It is the result of many Monday mornings straightening and tying by the survivors of what was once a fairly numerous team, plus the special 2nd Saturday team.

Our thanks go especially to those people, not directly connected with All Saints' who have collected their neighbours' and friends' papers and cans. For the benefit of all concerned this is a reminder that our final collection will be made on Saturday June 13th.

FLOWER DONATIONS

- MARCH 1ST. - No Donations.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MARCH 8TH. - For the Stone of Remembrance an anonymous donation.
In memory of "Mate" from Julie and Alison
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- MARCH 15TH. - Donation by Miss Leslie in loving memory of her family.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- MARCH 22ND. - Donation by Mrs. P. Heap in memory of her husband.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- MARCH 29th. - No Donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.



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We have received this article of ancient history (dated 8-8-1911) which will interest parishioners.

DEATH OF A NORTH SYDNEY CLERGYMAN

The Rev. Charles Baber died yesterday at his residence No.11 Ridge Street, North Sydney and the Church of England has lost one of the oldest clergy it has ever had in its ranks as well as being one of the best known. By nature he was more of a "father" than a "priest" to his parishioners, who one and all worshipped the venerable old man.

The first minister of Petersham, which was combined with Canterbury, was the Rev. H. A. Palmer, appointed in 1869, but a division of the two centres soon took place. He was ordained in 1851 by Bishop Broughton, and served for some time in the Turon district, dying on May 4, 1879. The second minister was the Rev. Charles Baber, who remained in charge until 1895. He was (in England) ordained in 1856. No man was more beloved by his parishioners or still so well remembered. It was a sad day in Petersham when owing to ill-health, he resigned, and for a time left Australia.

From the parish of Petersham, six others have sprung - Marrickville; Summer Hill (part), Leichhardt, Enmore (part), Annandale, and Dulwich Hill.

Mrs. Baber predeceased her husband some six years ago her end being somewhat unexpected. His two sons and three daughters survive him.

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PRAYER

"Of course I pray", don't you? But when I pray, well that's a different matter. In Church; in trouble; when I'm scared - I always pray in a panic. I guess I'm really a child of God and haven't quite grown up. As a child I yelled for Mum or Dad when I had some problem - I ran to them for help, and comfort. I accepted without question my food, clothes, shelter and their love. How often I had to be reminded to say "Thank you" "Please" or "I'm sorry". But I learned, the hard way sometimes. Now I notice when young people fail, the way I failed my parents, and now I am teaching my own children the same lessons that I learned.

How often I have to remind myself to treat my heavenly Father as I wish my children to treat me. I forget to say "Thank you", for each new day, for His care, for life and health. I forget to say "Please" when assuming I will be provided for - I even try to bargain sometimes, "Oh God, if you do this or that, then I'll be good, go to church, pray every day, etc. etc." I forget so often to say "I'm sorry, Lord" when I ignore Him.

I guess I am still a very dependent child of God.

"Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18)

Contributed.

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