

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

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AUGUST, 1983

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The Rectory,  
Petersham.

27th July, 1983.

Dear Friends,

I want to remind you of two events this coming month. Firstly, on Sunday, 14th August, we at All Saints, Petersham, will be keeping up the anniversary of the consecration of the church building. On that day Archdeacon Philip Oliver will preach at Holy Communion, beginning at 9.30 a.m. Following the service a barbecue will be held in the church hall. You are invited to both service and the meal afterward. Tickets are on sale now from the churchwardens for the barbecue.

Recently the radio news bulletins mentioned the conference held in Brisbane by the headmasters and headmistresses of Independent Schools. The news item related that one headmaster had suggested the Christian Life Style be taught in Australian schools as an alternative to the present modes of living. This may not be word for word correct, but I believe it was the gist of the reported comment.

It is a sad comment on present education if this is an indication of the absence of Christian teaching in schools, especially when many of those present were Church School heads. I think, however, that the ideas being presented were far more wide-ranging than that.

There is room in the community for Christian based groups and even individuals who are prepared to live a selfless life, such as our Lord led. Folk for whom the amassing of wealth, property or the like are not their sole ambition in life.

In any community there are many folk; the old, the handicapped, the sick, the young; all who need help — help just to give them a quality of life that makes being alive worth while. I myself could easily find regular work for a dozen or

more people in this parish alone. Some of it hard manual work, some just passive, like listening or reading to a person with failing eyesight.

The Christian ought to be the person who seeks to improve the life of others — not to win them as converts — but just to love them as Jesus does.

How wonderful it would be if young people could catch the concept of caring a little less for self and find satisfaction in serving others. Maybe we older ones need to lead the way.

Education needs to have quality as well as quantity, and this is unfortunately lacking today.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

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### ALL SAINTS ANNUAL FETE

Winter is drawing to its closure and soon we can look forward to spring. Now is the time to set out those cuttings and plant roots for sale at the fete so that they are well set and rooted by fete day.

Mrs. Hunt has indicated that she will not be having a jewellery stall this year, but will make a cash donation. We thank Mrs. Hunt for her support in previous years and regret that she will not be present this year. We now have the problem of finding a use for the stall she used. Volunteers and ideas will be most welcome.

Chairman, Fete Committee.

F. HEARN,

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Family Picnic:** The Sunday School Family Picnic is to be held on Saturday, 24th September, at Centennial Park. The picnic will be in the same area of the park as last year.

All parishioners are invited to attend the picnic. From Sunday, 14th August, a form will be placed in the Weekly Bulletin, please fill it in and return. This will help make arrangements for transport.

NOEL CRAGG,

Superintendent.

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

The August meeting on Tuesday, the 2nd, will be over by the time you read this, but the September meeting on Tuesday, 6th September, at 1 p.m., will be followed at 2 p.m. by a speaker from C.M.S. — a lady who has been a missionary in Africa. We hope you'll be able to come.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with our Second-hand Clothing and Jumble Stall on Friday, 29th July. We raised \$154. Thanks once again.

Hon. Secretary.

IDA BARRETT,

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**SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB**

The Senior Parishioners' Club still carries on every Thursday at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., although our numbers have fallen owing to illness and bad weather. We are looking forward to sunny days that will bring everybody out again.

We are always waiting to welcome new members, so what about coming along and joining in a very happy afternoon.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

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**FLOWER DONATIONS FOR AUGUST**

- August 7—By Mrs. M. Willis, in memory of Mrs. Shiels.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- August 14—Donation in memory of Marie Alice Hills, who passed away 50 years ago today. Always remembered by her brother and sisters.  
By Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary, in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.  
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- August 21—Donation by Clarence and Arthur Richardson, in memory of Marge Cole.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- August 28—Donation by Mr. Bill Williams.  
Donation by Mrs. E. Hillery, in memory of her husband, Bertram.  
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- July 31—Flowers on this day were donated by Mrs. Champion, in memory of her parents.

### CONSECRATION FESTIVAL — 14/8/83

This Festival will be held on 14th August, at 9.30 a.m., and will be graced by the presence of our popular Archdeacon Philip Oliver, who will give the address. It is some time since we have had the pleasure of having the Archdeacon at All Saints, and he is assured of a joyous welcome.

Following the service the congregation are invited to adjourn to the Parish Hall and enjoy a barbecue and social hour. The Parish will provide the sausages, onions and other trimmings, but if your taste runs to steak you will have to bring your own. The charge will be:

Families .....	\$5.00
Adults .....	\$2.00
Children .....	\$1.00

Come along and help to keep the church alive.



### CHURCH REPAIR

The flashing in the roof over the side entrance of the church adjacent to the organ has been fixed and the drainage grating outside the church door has been mended. We are getting there by degrees.

We have not yet received the architect's report on under-floor ventilation, box guttering and repairs to internal woodwork.



### BE THANKFUL

Our amiable and popular warden and treasurer Bruce Livingstone, was involved in a motor collision on 25th July in Crystal Street. Extensive damage was done to the front of Bruce's car and to the brick entrance of a building fronting the road. Bruce and we of All Saints are fortunate that so much damage could be done and him get out unmarked or hurt.

We ought also to be thankful that Vic Barrett managed to fall off a ladder, over his neighbour's fence, and suffer only a broken rib. He is no longer counted among the walking wounded, and is fast returning to his normal routine.

## MAINLY FOR KIDS CHRISTIANITY IS CATCHING

By Joan Kirk

Megan didn't feel well. Her head hurt, her body ached and her nose was running. She thought she was catching a cold, but when she undressed for her bath she called to Mummy. She was covered in spots!

"I think you have the measles," said Mummy. "Come and get into bed and I'll call the doctor in the morning."

Next morning, when the doctor came, he looked at Megan's throat and felt her forehead. He looked at the spots on her tummy — there were too many to count!

"You have the measles, Megan," he said. "You'll have to stay home from school till the spots have gone. Make sure you have plenty to drink, but don't watch too much T.V. or your eyes will hurt."

Megan enjoyed being home from school at first. Mummy read her stories and Gran brought her some flowers. Aunty sent her a "Get Well" card and Daddy brought her some lollies! But after a few days, when she was feeling much better, she was bored.

"Why can't I go back to school, Mum?" she asked. There's nothing to do."

Other people can still catch measles from you if you go back too soon," said Mum. "I like having you home anyway. There's plenty to do, really. Come and help me do some baking."

You know that you can catch measles, or chickenpox, or even a cold from another person. But did you know that Christianity can be catching? I don't mean that people should want to avoid you so they don't catch it, but that it should rub off on them without them knowing it.

**CHRISTIANITY IS A CATCHING DISEASE — IT CATCHES PEOPLE!**

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## A CLOSING DOOR — THE CHANGING SCENE IN ADOPTIONS

Jenny and Bill were angry, sad and depressed. They had dearly wanted to have children of their own. Jenny's doctor, after confirming that she was very unlikely to be able to have children, suggested she apply for adoption. With spirits lifted and new hope, Jenny rang the Anglican Adoption Agency.. She was told

gently that there were many like herself, but not very many babies were now available for adoption. Because there was a long waiting list already, no more applications were being accepted until further notice.

The Agency, which is part of the HMS Care Force network, receives phone calls every day from folk like Jenny, who see adoption as their immediate solution. Workers in the Agency are concerned for these people and ask caring persons in the parishes to offer them understanding and support.

The number of healthy babies surrendered for adoption has slowly been dropping over the past six years. In 1977, 83 babies were adopted. In 1982, only 42 babies were surrendered. Sadly, the number of couples unable to have children has not dropped.

At the end of 1982, 240 couples had made application for adoption.

Because of this situation, the Anglican Adoption Agency has decided to accept no further applications from prospective adopting parents until further notice.

As this trend has been developing over the past six years, the Agency is currently reviewing its programme.

The focus of adoption has always been the baby's need for a home, but now the Agency is considering whether it can extend its service to children other than new-born babies.

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### WORLD'S BIGGEST AIRLIFT OF BIBLES

Two plane-loads of Bibles were sent to Uganda before Christmas in an effort to relieve the desperate shortage of Scriptures there.

Under the co-ordination of the United Bible Societies, the first plane-load of 50,000 Bibles arrived at Entebbe Airport on December 14 while the second plane-load, also containing 50,000 Bibles arrived on December 17. The exercise was the

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largest ever airlift of Bibles attempted anywhere in the world.

The consignment, which weighed 69 tonnes and filled two Boeing 707s, had a roundabout trip before landing in Uganda. The Bibles were printed in England; loaded in containers and trucked to Sheerness in Kent; ferried to the Dutch port of Vlissingen; lorried to Frankfurt Airport, West Germany, before being loaded on to the cargo planes that flew via Cairo and Nairobi to Entebbe.

The decision to use this means of delivery was taken because the Bible Society in Uganda had virtually no Bibles in stock after the middle of 1982. Surface deliveries of Bibles had been taking up to a year to arrive at their destination after experiencing lengthy hold-ups at the port of Mombasa in Kenya.

Half the Bibles were printed in English, with the balance in Luganda, which is commonly understood in most parts of Uganda. The English Good News Bibles are mainly used by school children who are required to provide themselves with a Bible for study, as part of the curriculum.

THE SOWER



### MORE THAN BABY SITTING

Most parents with young children are excited by the prospect of dropping the littlies off at Nan's for a few hours, perhaps overnight. It is good for them. Usually they need the break. And it is good for the children. New routines, different things to do.

For the parents of handicapped children the opportunity to have such a break is often quite critical. They are under all sorts of added pressures, pressures which make it much harder for them to care for their child with consistent and patient love.

Linda Henderson co-ordinates the Church of England Homes' "Westlink" project; a project which links families with handicapped children to other families who are keen to offer respite and care.

"I can think of one family", says Linda, "where the two boys are both handicapped. One is totally deaf and has a muscular disease. Like normal kids they squabble and fight. But their inability to communicate with each other and their mother means that it is very much more difficult to settle the quarrels and keep the peace. We have been able to find a family who will take each boy separately on alternate weekends. It means that mum

can spend a weekend with each boy, so that when they are together she has more resilience to sort things out."

Currently there are 115 children linked up with families throughout Sydney's north western suburbs. Like the other Church of England Homes' projects Westlink provides that kind of support that helps to keep families together.

### SOUTHERN CROSS

#### ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, JUNE, 1983

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$ c.		\$ c.
Offertories .....	801.37	Rector's net Stipend .	1,126.25
<b>RECYCLING:</b>		Rector's Trav. Allow.	259.75
Cans .....	67.80	Church Flowers .....	63.00
Papers .....	354.75	Organ Tuning & Rep.	105.00
	422.55		1,554.00
Church Flowers .....	43.00		
<b>DONATIONS:</b>		Surplus for Month ....	161.69
Women-in-Friendship	200.00		
O.E.S.:			
Heaters ..	2.00		
Floodlight	2.00		
Chronicles	1.00		
	5.00		
Deposit Interest .....	233.77		
Rector's Telephone			
Contrib., 5/83 .....	10.00		
	\$1,715.69		\$1,715.69

Balance, 1/6/83 .....	\$2,589.99
Plus surplus for Month .....	161.69
Balance, 30/6/83 .....	\$2,751.68

#### ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT. JUNE. 1983:

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd.: May Flowers in Church .....	\$63.00
J. W. Walker & Son (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.: Organ Tuning and Repairs (60.00, 45.00) .....	\$105.00

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