

# All Saint's Anglican Church, of Australia Petersham

325 STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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DECEMBER, 1985

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## Christmas Day Services

7.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION



## New Year's Eve

11.30 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

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You are invited to join in the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

Further details:-

REV. BRUCE WOOLCOTT  
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P.O. Box 241,  
PETERSHAM 2049  
18th November, 1985

Dear Friends,

Christmas is coming. Advent has already arrived. We rejoice that God so loved us that He sent His only son into the world to be our Saviour. At Christmas we celebrate that coming. Jesus, born of Mary—God taking upon Himself human flesh in order to suffer the cruelty of men, then to die for us on the Cross and to rise victorious over death and sin.

No doubt we know the Christmas story well, but we must beware that the joy of Christmas does not blind us to the need for God sending His son into the world. Our Christmas joy would be very artificial if we can not link it to the Cross and the Resurrection. of the Lord.

May I wish you a happy Christmas—a time when God's saving power is again enjoyed and wondered at. Why should God love me and send Jesus to be my Saviour and Lord

But Advent has a twofold purpose—it reminds us that we look forward to Jesus' return as well as to the celebration of His first coming.

One promise of Jesus is yet unfulfilled. All other promises have been kept to the very letter — His miracles, His death, even His rising on the third day, His ascent into the heavens; but, as yet, His return has not been fulfilled. We believe that He will be coming back to this earth. All His other promises have been fulfilled, so we can expect one day Jesus will return.

We prepare not only for a time of gifts and parties but for a time of great rejoicing — know God's love and looking forward to the day when we will see Jesus face to face in all His glory.

On behalf of my wife, myself and our family I wish you a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely, BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector

### PLANS FOR 1986

I have been asked by the editor of The Chronicle to write a few lines about a new development at All Saints', Petersham which we are planning towards.

We are fortunate in this parish to have a ministry to young people. Many parishes have no Sunday School nor do they have any teenagers. Our numbers of teenagers are not big BUT they are sufficient and able to benefit from a ministry directed towards them and their needs.

Plans are under way to employ a student from the Church

Army Training College on a part time basis in 1986. Fortunately, funds are available for this work, probably for two years.

We recognise the young people are our future church and so we are prepared to spend money on this venture.

The student worker will assist on Sundays, and also on Friday afternoon or evening. The actual things he will do cannot be defined until I, as Rector, and he, as worker, can look at our needs, his experience and the opportunities around.

Several areas are possibilities. The need of a teenage fellowship on Sunday mornings for those approaching middle teen (some already confirmed — some soon to be). A visitation program, with members of the congregation taking part, like L.I.F.E. could be put into effect. We need help in our After School Club. We need follow-up from Sunday School—parent visitation and involvement.

You can see we cannot do all these things and in fact we may not attempt any—other things may become more pressing BUT one thing must be kept in mind: evangelism will be the first and prime emphasis. We want to win young people and their parents to Christ Jesus as their Saviour.

The church that makes converts lives and grows, but the church that does not make converts dies no matter what other fine things it does or possesses.

BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector

### PARISH COUNCIL

At its last meeting (November 11) a report from Mr. P. Jewkes on the condition of our organ was received. Mr. Jewkes stated that there is no immediate need to be concerned about repairs to the bellows and that it was in reasonable condition if maintenance was kept up.

### COLUMBARIUM:

Alterations to the Columbarium are in hand and should be completed by the time this Chronicle goes to print.

### NOTICE BOARD:

The notice board is to be updated with new lettering.

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### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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### CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Christmas Services will begin with the Family Service on Sunday, 15th December. The Sunday School are already preparing a special item for this service, and parents and friends are especially welcome.

On the evening of Sunday, 15th December, the combined churches of Marrickville and Petersham will have a Carol Service in All Saints' Church. We will be hosts to the other congregations in the area. This is always well attended. The service begins at 7.00 p.m.

On Christmas Day there will be two services — both Communion Services. One at 7.30 a.m. and the other 9.30 a.m. Come and celebrate Christmas with us.

On New Year's Eve a Watch Night Service will be held at 11.30 p.m. It will be a Holy Communion Service. It is good to be able to see in the New Year in worshipping God and seeking His blessing on the coming year.

### 1985 FETE

	This year.	Last year
White Elephant .....	1803.41	1182.00
Work Stall .....	1574.59	1140.20
Cakes and Sweets .....	800.00	429.00
Groceries .....	502.70	560.69
Pottery .....	439.00	270.00
Plants ....	264.40	209.88
Refreshments .....	242.60	400.58
Books .....	235.15	183.00
Toys .....	198.00	44.00
Hoop-la .....	31.16	87.50
Church Histories .....	—	10.50
Donations .....	330.00	407.80
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	6421.01	6922.06
Less Expenses .....	206.00	272.64
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	6215.01	6649.42

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**CHRISTMAS — upside down**

God often turns our values and expectations upside down. To a world which awaited a Messiah who would come with power He gave a helpless baby, born in obscurity and poverty.

Jesus often proclaimed a message which people did not wish to hear. Any politician operating on similar lines would quickly lose votes! Consider some of Jesus' central themes — "Sell all you have and give to the poor", "Anyone who wishes to follow me must take up the cross" and "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador became a 20th century martyr in 1980. At Christmas in 1978 he told his congregation that no-one could celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor. His message came out of the context of a Christian culture where people discovered that the greater their need the greater was the space for Christ to be at work. (

Over-fed, Over-indulged and over-spent we may not find it so easy to make room in our lives for Christ. Nor may we sense the same need. Yet as we celebrate Christmas in our homes and churches it will be from those who have discovered their poverty and God's riches that the real worship will come.

Conditioned to seek success, prosperity and independence we find it difficult to admit our needs for other people, let alone a Saviour!

When we do have the courage to face our frailties and limitations and lack of self-sufficiency the conditions of the first Christmas exist in our lives. And there the Saviour's grace is born.

— Ann Siddall

**TWELVE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

- Give your parents the words: 'I love you.'
- Give your children a full day of your time.
- Give an ear to someone who needs a listener.
- Give a hand to someone less strong.
- Give an old friend an unexpected visit or letter.
- Give a former neighbour a telephone call.
- Give a kind word to a weary sales clerk.
- Give a prayer for peace in the world.
- Give more gifts you have made, fewer money has bought.
- Give the money you save anonymously to someone in need.
- Give yourself time to reflect on the holy season.
- Give God thanks for sending His Son as the Redeemer of His world.

—Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN

**FETE DONATIONS**

Petersham R.S.L.	100.00
Miss G. Hunt	80.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hearn	50.00
Mrs. H. Smith	30.00
Commonwealth Bank (West Marrickville Branch)	25.00
Mr. W. J. McCarthy	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swankie	10.00
Miss I. M. Frost	10.00
Mrs. Betty Ruthven	5.00
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	<b>\$330.00</b>

\*Other donations were made directly to the Refreshment Stall.

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**FLOWER DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER**

- Sunday 1—By Mr. and Mrs. R. Swankie in memory of our Mother and Nanna.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- Sunday 8—By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Snr.  
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- Sunday 15—By Mrs. Heap for her Mother and Daughter Betty Duggan.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- Sunday 22—From Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Barter. Sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sallie.  
From Mrs. Carr in memory of her parents.  
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- Sunday 29—Donation by Miss Perry..  
From Mrs. Rhodes in memory of friend Vera Dearing and Son Peter.. Brian Moran.  
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.

We wish to acknowledge a donation of \$10 to Chronicle by Mrs. N. Horton for her mother Mrs. D. Calver, and a donation of \$10 by Mr. F. Price.

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th December and is to be followed by the usual Christmas Party Break-up. We would welcome any of our Parish ladies who would care to join us.

The Fete we have all been working so hard for is over. We were able to hand in \$800, the proceeds of our Cake and Sweets Stall. I can't say a big enough thanks to all who helped in so many ways, not only our own members, but so many parishioners and friends. It was not only wonderful but unbelievable. Thanks, thanks.

We now go into recess until Tuesday, 11th February, 1986 at 1.30 p.m.

Our Club members wish you all the Blessings of a Truly Wonderful Christmas and Good Health in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

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**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM**  
**STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - OCTOBER, 1985**

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories .....	993.43	Rector's Net Stipend .....	1372.30
RECYCLING—		Rector's Trav. Allow. ....	385.42
Cans .....	75.60	Organist .....	45.00
Papers .....	424.22	Church Flowers .....	60.00
	499.82	Chronicles .....	75.20
Church Flowers .....	75.00	Church Cleaning .....	120.00
1985 FETE—		Organ Tuning and Minor	
White Elephant Stall .....	210.00	Maintenance .....	100.00
Donation C'wealth Bank .....	25.00	M.W.S. & D.B.—Water	
Hall Rent .....	343.00	consumed .....	122.28
DONATIONS—		1985 Fete Advert. ....	86.00
OES for Flood Lighting .....	40.00		
Anonymous .....	40.00		
Rectors Telephone Con-			
tribution 9/85 .....	8.20		
	2234.45		
Deficit for month .....	131.75		
	2366.20		2366.20

BALANCE 1/10/85 .....	\$1121.24
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH .....	\$ 131.75
BALANCE 31/10/85 .....	\$ 989.49

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School will go into recess following the Family Service at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 15th December. We will resume classes on Sunday, 2nd February, 1986.

We invite all parents to the December Family Service. The Sunday School and Kindergarten will be presenting a Special Story and Carols during the Service.

The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 13th December, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

The Grocery Stall raised \$502.00, and I would like to thank all who helped in any way.

The Sunday School pupils organised a Toy Stall for the first time at this year's Fete. The sale of toys raised \$198.00. Thanks to all the pupils who helped organise the Toy Stall.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

The Sunday School Toy Stall which started as a trial run last year took off with great success this year. Staffed by the young ladies of the Sunday School it made \$198 this year. I wish to thank all donors for their gifts, both new and well loved, and the girls for sticking with the job for so long and performing so well.

The Pottery Stall was well supported by donations of gifts, mostly new, from many people and our thanks are due to all of them for a most successful stall.

MICHELE ESSAM

## THE SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club now goes into recess until Thursday, 30th January, 1986. The usual Christmas Break-up Party finished the year at our final meeting. I'm sure all present enjoyed a pleasant afternoon, helped by Beverly Champion, Jenny Susan Ellmore and Ken Rowlands with their music. Thanks once again to all.

May the Peace and Blessings of a Truly Happy Christmas be with all and Good Health in the year to come.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

## WINNERS OF DOOR PRIZES

Mr. Bill Williams.

Mrs. Betty Ruthven, of East Hills, who was christened at All Saints in 1924.