

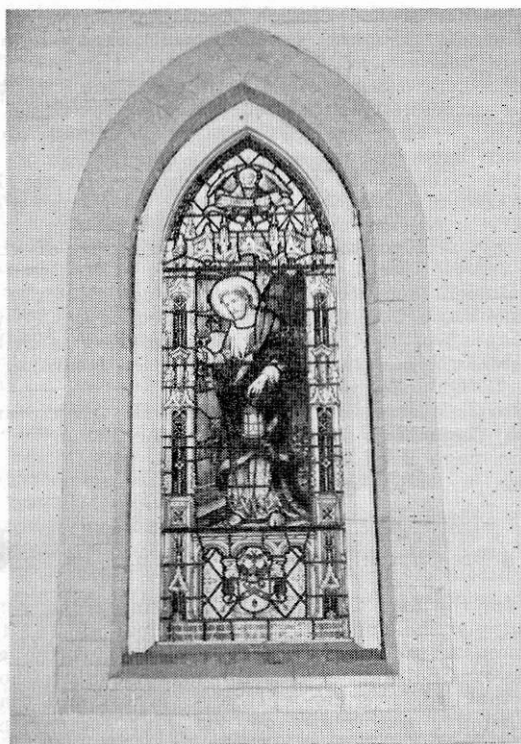
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham, 2049—56-4735

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

MAY, 1973



"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. R. Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, F. Evans, A. Graham, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, and A. F. Jones, Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R. Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, H. J. Shaw, and W. Sopwith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs. H. J. Shaw (797-6967) and A. Jones (56-5218).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

VESTRY MEETING REPORT

The Annual Vestry Meeting held on 23rd March, was not very well attended, but was generally considered to have been a most fruitful one, judging by the amount of business concluded.

The Rector presented his third annual report, extracts from which are included later in this "Chronicle" while the Wardens presented the 1972 Statements of the Church Accounts.

It was decided to make the following changes in our present Services of Holy Communion:

That the congregation join with the Rector in the Prayer of Humble Access, "We do not presume to come to this Thy Table . . ." This change required Diocesan approval, which has since been given.

That the "Gloria" be said, standing, except at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month, and on special Festivals, when the Service will be sung.

The Meeting decided to continue the singing of the Psalms for the present.

Mr. E. Quelch accepted nomination as Rector's Warden, and Messrs. F. Hearn and W. Williams were elected as the Peoples' Wardens.

The election of other Church Officers resulted as follows:—

Parochial Nominators: Messrs. F. G. Hearn, D. B. Hunter, A. Jones, E. Quelch and B. Sayers.

Auditors: Messrs. E. W. Brookes, H. Quelch and B. Sayers.

Parish Councillors and Sidesmen: As listed in "Parish Information" on page 2 of this issue.

CHURCH NEWS

● Pre-Church Teas:

Following a suggestion by the Y.M. and Friends' Club, it is proposed to hold a Pre-Church Basket Tea at 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, 3rd June.

The idea for the first Tea is that you bring along your own "eats" and we will supply the cups of tea. Principal aim of the evening is to help parishioners, including those not in any of the groups, to get together and know one another socially in a friendly atmosphere.

We hope that this evening will be a success and that we shall be able to hold similar gatherings on the first Sunday night of each month. Family groups will be particularly welcome.

We also hope that all who come to the Tea will join us in Church for 7 p.m. Evensong.

Further details about the night will be given on the Weekly Notice Sheets.

● **This Month's Services:**

Special Services this month include:

Sunday, May 6: Dedication of Ashes, 11 a.m. .

Sunday, May 13: Mothers' Day.

Sunday, May 20: O.E.S. District Grand Service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 27: The Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese will preach at 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 31: Ascension Day: Holy Communion, 7 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers Required:

We urgently need two teachers for the Sunday School. One teacher is required for a class in the Kindergarten and the other for a class of eleven and twelve-year-old girls and boys in the senior Sunday School. If you are interested in teaching, please contact the Superintendent, Mr. Alan Jones on 56-5218 or myself on 560-9972.

Lenten Boxes:

I would like to thank the boys and girls for returning their full Lenten boxes on Easter Sunday. In next month's "Chronicle", I will be able to tell you how much money was raised for the Australian Board of Missions.

Teachers' Meeting:

The Sunday School Teachers' Annual Meeting will be held in the university and technical college holidays this month.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

May 6: Donated by Mrs. J. Dark in memory of her Husband, Mr. Eddie Dark; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

May 13: Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother, by the Misses Nisbet in memory of their Mother, by Mrs. E. Jones, Janice and Alan in memory of Mr. Harold Jones, by the Craigie family in memory of their Mother and Father, by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory, and by Mrs. Dwyer in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Taylor, and of the Mothers of her Brothers-in-law, Peter, Doug, and Tom; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

May 20: Donated by Mrs. E. Robertson in memory of loved ones; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

May 27: Donated by Mrs. Hoseason in memory of her Son, Dick; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

June 3: Donated by Miss N. King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge the following additional donations received for Easter Day: from Miss Bayley, Miss Dobson, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sopwith, the Senior Parishioners' Club and Mrs. Colburt and family in memory of Mr. Colburt.

We also wish to acknowledge the donations for Sunday, 15th April, from the friends of Miss Noerr in her memory and from Miss Maddison in memory of her Mother and Sister, and for Sunday, 29th April, from Mr. and Mrs. McDonald in memory of their Sons, Brian and Donald.

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1973

Extracts from the Reports presented at the Vestry Meeting

I am happy to present the Rector's Annual Report for 1972. It has been another year of hard work as we battle together to maintain a Christian witness and ministry in this place. Many good things have been accomplished during the year, and although there are still dark clouds on the horizon ahead of us, we look forward with resolution and high hopes to the future, praying that Service here will be acceptable to the Lord, and that He will grant such success as would be pleasing to Him.

Parish Statistics: During 1972 there were 42 Funerals (43), 24 Weddings (22), 48 Baptisms (48) performed by the Rector. Last year's figures are in parentheses for ready comparison. There was no Confirmation classes convened, (22), due to the near total lack of enrolments. I am happy to report that a small class will no doubt be convened later this year with a number of names already on the list. There were 3,291 acts of Communion in services at All Saints' Church and surrounding rest homes (3,128).

Scripture Instruction in Schools: As you know it is still the intention of this Diocese that Parish Clergy should endeavour to teach the Holy Scriptures in the schools in each Parish. Your Rector together with three lay and two ordained helpers has continued this work at Fort Street High School, Petersham Girls' High School Petersham Infants' School and Stanmore Primary School. Recently, with the reorganization of classes at the Petersham Girl's High School, the Rector is no longer involved there.

Welfare Work: Among his other responsibilities within the Parish the Rector continues to have a steady stream of souls in various kinds of difficulty seeking assistance at the Rectory door. They come without appointment and consume a large amount of time. But, as a Christian congregation, we are duty bound to try to help them. It is painful to see so many women and children in trouble in this area, but this is our inheritance from a Godless, loveless, irresponsible, alcohol bound society. Pray for the day when mankind will turn and be saved.

Parish Tea: At the 1972 Parish Tea we again added some innovations. It was decided to accept the offer of the Petersham R.S.L. to cater for the dinner and we agreed to pay one dollar a head. Approximately 130 people were present. The R.S.L. generously refused to take payment for the meal and the Parish gained the entire receipts.

Annual Parish Fete: I hardly need mention the tremendous success we had at this year's Fete. My compliments to all the workers and our Fete Committee Chairman for a splendid job well done.

Rector's Hospitalization: The Rector is very grateful to all who stepped in and helped to smooth over his two unavoidable absences from duty. Both the operations were of the corrective preventive type medicine and I therefore look forward to better health and strength in the future, the Lord willing.

Parish Council and Wardens: The Rector again wishes to express his gratitude to the men and women of the Parish Council and the three hard working Wardens. The Church, the Halls, and the Rectory received maintenance this year. And of course, there is the continuous matters of parish finance, correspondence, order, organization and outreach handled month by month. They are doing, and I know will continue to do, a tremendous job on your behalf.

Parish Social and Service Groups: I know you will join me in wishing our several organizations all God-speed for the new year's work. Some are experiencing difficulty because of low membership which is our over-all parish problem. However, I bid them all struggle on in the name of the Lord. Better days may be ahead in the not too distant future. On behalf of the Parish may I thank you all for the thousands of services you do in helping to maintain our work here and in making it enjoyable.

Organ and Organist: Among our other blessings, All Saints' has a fine organ. It needs and will need repairs for which we must find the funds. Gifts for this specific purpose will be gratefully received. The organ makes a very great difference for the good to our worship and other services. We are grateful for our new young organist and appreciate how difficult is his task in trying to develop our Church music and Choir. I ask all members of the congregation to consider carefully how they might assist in bringing greater beauty to our worship in choir, and in encouraging others to sing. It is great comfort to the Rector to have a choir supporting him.

A Growing Need: There are many things we cannot do, but there is one service for which there is now a growing need, and this is **baby sitting during services.** The Rector has become aware that several young women require this service. Are there any people who might in addition to their own worship service, sit with infants during another service or Sunday School so that their mothers can teach or worship? This is one direct way in which some willing souls can immediately increase our congregations.

Parish Outlook: While we must now admit that our 1972 All Parish call, in which 2000 printed invitations were handed to or left at the doors of nearby families, was a near total failure, in that we know of no one person who worships in this Church because of it, there is still new hope on the horizon. In December, 1972, the New South Wales State Planning Authority issued to the Marrickville Council a new zoning regulation covering our parish which permits apartment blocks and home units to be built in many areas where before only single dwellings were permitted. This means that in the next five years we may expect to see a great deal of new building going on all around our area. If this takes place it will mean a great influx of people into the area, probably younger, working, and family people who wish to be near the city and railway lines. While it is impossible to say for certain, this could mean a complete change in the whole character of our parish area and possibly renewed life and purpose for All Saints' Church.

A Challenge: While we admit that the Church of England will probably not attract people from the traditionally Catholic backgrounds of many new Australians or from Greek backgrounds, we can at least hope to gather in people of British stock. But these, wherever they are, must be invited. We must be, each one of us personally, missionaries—going out with the call to come! We must take every opportunity to gather in the flock—God's flock—which includes all human beings, regardless of race colour or previous creed. There are no "racists" within the saved community of Christ. If there were, we would be the outcasts, being non-Jews. Ours must be an open Church, as open as the heart of Christ. Pass up no opportunity to bring people to Church. And then when they do come, make them welcome,

make room for them, listen to what they are saying. No matter how many come, none will remain in a cold, unfriendly, rigid, atmosphere.

Finally, each one must show some courage. If you believe in Jesus Christ, admit it out loud. Be a witness to Him. And do not leave it all to your clergy. Take some initiative, make some suggestions, think for yourself. Who knows if your idea is not just what we need. The Lord can use you! Who knows if he is not planning a miracle for this place?

May the spirit of Christ be in us all.

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

CLUB NOTES FOR MAY

Ladies Guild:

On Tuesday, 8th May, our meeting at 1 p.m. will be held to make final arrangements for the Annual Luncheon on the following Tuesday, 15th May, commencing at 12.30 p.m.

The Guest Speaker at our Luncheon will be Mrs. Belcher from the Jewish Evangelical Witness. We extend a warm welcome to all parishioners of All Saint's—ladies and gents—to come along.

The donation is 60 cents.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends' Club:

Our thanks to all who helped or bought from our Street Stall on 7th April. Please keep in mind our next one on Saturday, 3rd June, at the corner of New Canterbury Road and Gordon Street.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 8th May, at 8 p.m. in the Y.C.I. Room. We would be most happy to welcome any ladies of the Church wishing to become new members of our Club.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Y.C.I. (Young Churchmen's Institute):

The "Money Making Ideas Night", held on Friday, 13th April, proved to be a most interesting evening. Although we had only three visitors in attendance, the ideas put forward both by the visitors and by our members were novel and original, and should prove of interest to Fete Committee Chairman, Mr. Frank Hearn.

The Theatre Party to be held on Friday, 11th May, has been postponed to a date to be fixed. Instead, on that night, we shall be having a lecturer from the Royal Life Saving Society as our Guest Speaker. His talk will cover all aspects of "safety first" in and around the home, and will include a film and practical demonstrations on dummies.

G. W. GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

Bible Study Group:

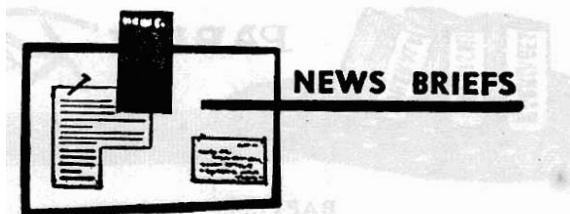
The Group has now resumed its fortnightly informal study evenings in the Rectory, following the change during Lent, when the mid-week Bible Devotional Services were held in the Church.

The next study nights will be on Wednesdays 16th and 30th May, beginning at 7.30 p.m. All interested parishioners will be welcome.

Boys Club:

This is our new Club for lads between 6 and 12 years of age, and meets in the Parish Hall each afternoon at 4.30 p.m. under the guidance of Mr. John Arrowsmith.

Membership has been growing each week since the Club was formed at the end of March; parishioners with boys of this age are particularly urged to get them involved in this Church group.



● **Fete Appeal:** A written appeal to all parishioners was issued in Church on Good Friday and Easter Day from the Chairman of the Fete Committee and Church Warden, Mr. Frank Hearn. The letter sought a dual response, first for the involvement of members of the congregation in the parish groups relevant to their interests and secondly, for assistance for the Fete from those not at present committed to work for a particular stall.

We are hoping to secure more members for our various groups, especially those whose membership has been falling because of removals, etc., from the parish. In the past the Church has relied greatly on these groups for many aspects of parish work, especially the Fete.

If you haven't done so yet, please return the completed slip from Mr. Hearn's letter as soon as possible to the Church Officers.

● **Broken Dolls:** A new venture at this year's Fete will be the "Doll Stall" conducted by Mrs. D. Reid. If you have any broken dolls at home, or even parts of dolls, please ring Mrs. Reid on 56-2976 and she will arrange collection and repair. All donations will be gratefully received.

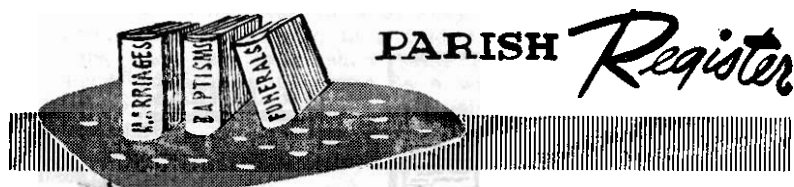
● **Competition Results:** Our thanks to Mrs. Willis for organising the recent post-fete competition of goods kindly donated by Mr. R. Swankie. Winners were, 1, Sister A. Peters, 2, owner of 'phone 521-1894, and 3, Mrs. D. Reid. Proceeds will go towards meeting our 1973 Fete expenses.

● **Easter Egg Collection:** Youth Group members are deeply grateful to the numerous parishioners who donated eggs or cash for the Group's presentation to the girls and boys of the Church of England Homes at Carlingford.

● **"White Elephant":** Mrs. Humphreys is urgently in need of stocks for her "during the year" sales of "White Elephant" goods. We find we can get much higher prices by selling throughout the year to people who want specific items, rather than trying to keep everything for sale on Fete day. So don't be a hoarder: send up all those unused items, or ring Mrs. Humphreys and collection will be organised.

● **June "Chronicle":** Items for the June issue will be due not later than Sunday, 20th May.

● **"Chronicle" Subscriptions:** Want to receive your "Chronicle" through the mail at the beginning of each month? If so, send one dollar to cover postage and envelope, plus your donations towards printing costs to Mr. F. Evans, 2 York Crescent, Petersham, 2049, and he'll place you on our mailing list.

**BAPTISMS****"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"**

- March 25: Paul Michael Rooney.
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 April 8: Melissa Anne Barnes.
 April 21: Jason Phillip Lewis.

MARRIAGES**"Whom we bless in Thy Name"**

- March 29: Frederick Anthony Buckley to Deidre Anne Acheson.
 March 31: Peter John Brennan to Martha Dawn Pugh.

FUNERALS**"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."**

- March 26: Allan Lyon Cameron Suttle.
 April 9: Frederick Charles May.
 April 11: Amy Helen Marjorie Nadin.
 April 13: Sabina Clare Ellen Crowe.
 April 19: Darcy Reginald Stinson.
 April 21: Kelvin Jack Jennings.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS**(since last report)**

Mrs. Carr \$16.40, Mrs. Hearn \$5.00, Mrs. Humphreys \$22.20, Miss Nisbet \$10.20, Mrs. Willis \$6.00.

CHURCH FINANCES**Period 1st March - 31st March, 1973**

Offeratories and other receipts	\$473.66
Expenditure	\$782.94
Deficit for month	\$309.28
Accumulated deficit since 1st January	\$880.39

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