

The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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For
The Whole
Family



**All Saints' Church
Petersham.
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Dear Readers,

When we really want something, or deeply desire to achieve a personal goal, we go all out to gain success. In education, sports, or other fields of endeavour, we train, study, work hard over many hours, and make personal sacrifices - all in order to gain that which we desire. It was like this for the Apostle Paul. In his younger days he sought to be the best educated, most powerful you Pharisee in Palestine. And he was successful!

But something happened to radically change his ambitions. He met Jesus. His life was transformed. He became a new person. He now moved in a new, far better, direction. His new driving ambition was to see people come to know Jesus Christ too.

He writes, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."

(1 Cor. 9:22)

Paul is talking about the second major element of our Vision, that is, "Outreach". We want to strive to see people coming to faith in Jesus Christ - to repent and believe the gospel. We want to see people find forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life. But in order to hear the gospel so as to be able to respond to it, we have to speak it to them. (Romans 10: 13-15 says it far better than I have).

This is the commission Jesus has given to all of his followers to make disciples. How do we go about that? Firstly, by praying for people to be moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to the word of God. Secondly, to get some goals and strategies for outreach. Here are some suggestions :-

- a) Personal - building relationships of integrity with people we know, and seeking to take opportunities to share our faith with them, then aiming to invite them to hear more at an outreach event conducted by our church. We can all be doing this.

- b Church-based - Developing activities with the purpose of making contact with non-believers. eg Play groups, ESL classes, after-school club, etc.

- Evangelistic services, church-in-park, special sermon series, etc.

- Small Groups-based training to give us greater confidence in speaking of our faith.

Here is a goal to aim for - "200 for 2000". ie a membership of two hundred people by the year 2000.

To summarise, my prayer and driving ambitions is that All Saints' Petersham will be a church that has as its major objectives :-

1) Reaching out to people in every way possible so that they may hear about Jesus and come to faith in him; and then,

2) Encourage followers of Jesus to grow in christian maturity.

* Everything that we do as a church must be congruent with these two objectives.

Please pray that God will bring this vision to fruition. Pray also that He may show each of us how we are to contribute to this work.

Rejoice in the Lord always,

**Your brother in Christ,
Paul Watson.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 1994

Summary Only:

Offeratories	\$2461.05
Expenditure	\$4695.61
Short-fall	\$2234.56

What's On This

Date	8-30am		10am	
	• A Positive Family			
May 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	
	8	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	
	15	Morning Prayer	Morning Worship	
	22	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	
	29	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	
Series on 1 Peter. . .				
June 5	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	
	12	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	

his Month of Sundays?

Topic	6-30pm	Topic
"Respects the individual"	Evening Worship	Under Judgement Under Water
"Has Leadership"	Evening Worship	A Fresh Start?"
"Knows the Rules"	Holy Communion	Heal the World"
"Has Faith"	Evening Worship "	The Highpoint is the lowpoint"
"A Healthy Marriage"	Evening Worship "	A Covenant for Ever"
"Introduction"	Evening Worship	Series on LOVE "Tender Love"
"Who are We?"	Evening Worship	"Tough Love"



**FLOWER
MEMORIALS**



May 1st - In memory of Linda Barron.

**May 8th - In memory of Stella Williams.
- In memory of Eileen Cheetham.**

May 22nd - For Frank with love.

Did You Know . . .

- * The most important age for making a commitment to Christ is 15 - 19 years old.
- * 20 - 29 year olds experience a declining sense of belonging in churches, and there is a significant loss of numbers at this age.
- * "Our problem is that the Anglican Church is only 7.75% of members age 15 - 19, while they make up 15% of the community. The ages at which people are most likely to respond to the gospel are the very areas in which main stream churches are weakest"!!!!
We need to channel more effort in reaching youth and young adults.
- * Australia now has the highest teenage suicide rate in the world according to a UNICEF report!!

[Quoted from Anglican Youth Dept. Noticeboard Magazine April 94]

Parish News.

Positive Family Life: During the Sundays of May we will be covering a series of sermons in the morning services focussing on Family Living. We have 1500 brochures which we will deliver to homes in the parish, inviting people to come and hear the messages. On the 31st May, Mr. Tom Smith, the Director of the Anglican Youth Department will be preaching on Marriage. These services are designed to allow us to invite our non-christian friends or relatives along to church.

All Saints' 125 Years: WE are in the early stages of preparing for a Festival in November 1995 to celebrate 125 years since the laying of the foundation stone of All Saints. Who know, we may even find it! We will keep you posted of the events and dates. We need your help in a number of ways :-

- Do you have any memorabilia that could be displayed during the festival?
- Do you know people who were involved with All Saints at some stage? If so, please invite them to come to the special services and other events at the festival.
- The fete will be a major part of the celebrations, We need help to make it the biggest and best for a long time.

Congratulations: Emma Kate Essam and David Chapman both received their Queens Scout award in a gala presentation at Government House on Saturday, 23rd April. This is a great achievement, reflected in the very proud smiles on the faces of excited parents and friends.

How do you know when you are growing old?

- Everything hurts, What doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- You feel like the morning after, but haven't been anywhere.
- Your little black book only contains names ending with "MD"
- Your back goes out more than you do.

Well, here's a place to go out to

Wednesday Morning TLC Groups: This group met twice in April and has set off with a very positive start. We decided to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings each month, at 10am till 12 noon. The group is primarily aimed at senior citizens, and is open to all, even people not members of All Saints. Come along, bring a friend, and enjoy a fun morning of fellowship. (May 11 and May 25).

The Parish Register

BAPTISM

"We welcome into the Family of Christ's church"

20 March 1994 Matthew Elliott.

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined, let no man separate"

12 March 1994 James Mifsud to Noeleen Hennessy

9 March 1994 Warren Morner to Sondra Butcher

FUNERALS

We extend sincere Christian sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved.

To all who mourn, we commend the words of our Lord:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25.

30 March 1994 Mabel Hilda Denholm (Aged 93 years)

