

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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MAY 1992



REV. R. E. GODDARD

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Third Rector of All Saints'.

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
22nd April, 1992.**

Dear Friends.

Elections are strange things. Ask the voters in Bob Hawke's old seat of Wills. Ask Mr. Griener. Ask the members of the Labour Party in Great Britain. I'm sure they will all agree. Elections produce some very strange results.

We are facing an election in our church soon. It will be a very important election. The present archbishop the Most Rev. Donald Robinson will be retiring early next year and a new archbishop will be elected.

The present archbishop was elected by the synod of the diocese in 1982. He was the popular choice of both the clergy and laity. He enjoyed almost unanimous support from the representatives of the Parramatta region of the diocese. Bishop Robinson had so endeared himself to the parishes of that area that they wholehearted supported his election. I believe he well deserved their support and has proved the right man for the job.

This time we come to elect a new archbishop in very different circumstances. There appears to be no obvious choice. All four present assistant bishops have strengths but not all the qualities required - age, experience, academic ability and the common touch are all needed. The question who is that person? At this stage an impossible question to answer.

We ought not dismiss the idea that a candidate might come from other than the ranks of our present hierarchy, but who?

I write about this because we, members of the Anglican Church especially in Sydney, are facing a rather rough time at present. Almost daily on TV, on the radio or in

the newspapers we are seeing and hearing things that make us appear a weak divided group of people totally out of touch with reality and hell-bent on destroying ourselves.

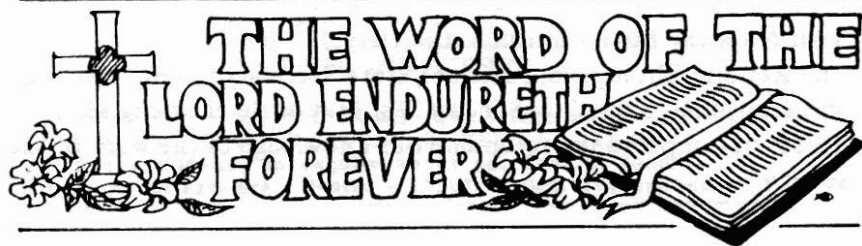
We must always remember that our Church has rarely if ever been a great unified body. I guess this has been so because of our Anglo-Saxon background. Freedom of worship (high, low, broad, charismatic, etc, etc) has been part of the church as has been differences in administration, and even theology at times. But what has unified us has been our faith in a personal God who sent His only Son to be our Saviour and Lord.

In a very real way we are God's church. Our membership of this unique body exists because of the personal relationship which we individually and collectively have with Jesus Christ.

The choice of a leader, we call him our archbishop, is therefore as important to God as it to us. I wonder if we have ever thought of discussing this matter with our Lord. We call it prayer.

I would urge you strongly to begin now praying earnestly and regularly that God will raise up a man who will lead us as a church into the future. Prayer now is far more important than protesting later. We need God's man to lead His church.

**Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.**



WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

4-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

Anglican Home Mission Society Annual Festival.

The Festival will be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Friday 15th May.

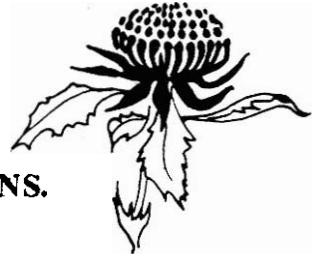
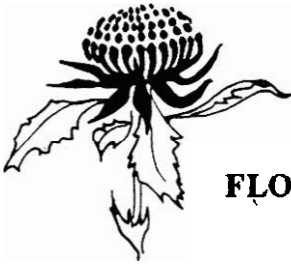
The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Arthur Malcolm an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of North Queensland. Bishop Malcolm is the only aboriginal bishop in the Australian church.

The Annual Thanksgiving Service of the Bush Church Aid Society.

The service will be held in St. Philip's Church York Street Sydney on Thursday 28th May at 7-00pm. The preacher will be the rector of St. Philip's, Rev John Jones.

Visit from the Bush Church Aid Society.

The Rev Jim Thompson, Assistant State Secretary for BCA will be speaking at All Saints' on Sunday 31st May at the morning service. This is our opportunity to update our knowledge of the work of the society.



FLOWERS DONATIONS.

MAY 3 - No donation.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

MAY 10 - From Mrs. Norden in memory of her mother Mrs. Linda Barron.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

MAY 17 - No donation.

Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

MAY 24 - From John and Kitty in memory of our mother, Phylis Heap.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

MAY 31 - Frank, happy memories - Edith.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

WALTERS & SON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST.

ASCENSION DAY

(Luke 24: 50-53)

It is because the apostolic Church knew of the Ascension of Christ that it was able to declare so uncompromisingly the doctrine of the sovereignty of God over all His creation, as well as over His Church.

Hence its ability to face persecution, failure, and even the extinction of its witness in various places without loss of faith. It knew that such things happened, not despite God's desperate efforts, or because of His lack of foresight in choosing to use weak human instruments. They happened because it was His will that they should happen. The early Church did not need to be reassured that "God is still on the throne", and saw His sovereign hand in everything that took place.

The fact that Ascension Day is not a public holiday is not an excuse for relegating the doctrine of the kingship of Christ, based as it is on the visible, public ascension of Christ, to the sphere of allegory and promise. God is not a God of attitudes only; He is also a God of acts. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

"Jesus, the conqueror, reigns,
In glorious strengths arrayed,
His kingdom over all maintains,
And bids the earth be glad."

"Ye sons of men, rejoice
In Jesu's mighty love,
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
To Him, who rules above."

MY CHURCH.

My church stands as a beacon on the shoals of time. It is the lighthouse which points men, women, boys and girls in the direction of the Christian way of life. Far and wide goes the beam of kindness and love, the steady ray of hope, the sincere attitude of fellowship.

My church is the agency of God's salvation for mankind. It is the expression of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

My church is the only deathless institution. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it". Its mission is eternal. Its work divine.

My church seeks to extend the Kingdom of God, beginning here and now, and continuing forever. It is not concerned with the preservation of its own life. It seeks to do God's will "on earth as it is in heaven".

My church is composed of human beings, sinners saved by grace. It has no perfect people, but it seeks to make all men better. It offers no promise of easy living. Rather, it challenges persons to venture forth to live for God in the spirit of Christ.

My church needs me and I need my church. For this is the means God uses to carry forward His redemptive work - through human beings, who are His own creation.

My church need my prayers, and I need its support in all experiences of my life.

My church is enriched by my attendance. I will give it my full support.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - MARCH 1992

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	2,199.64	Rector's Net Stipend	2,118.75
Car Boot Sale	253.70	Rector's Trav. Allowance	588.66
Site Bookings \$90.00		Organist	75.00
Refreshments \$95.70		Church Cleaning	200.00
Jewellery \$57.00		Hall Cleaning	200.00
Donations \$11.00		Telephone Account	0.00
Investment Interest		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
May Rühle Endow	1,022.19	Flowers	126.00
All Saints' Endow	1,187.36	Morning Tea Expenses	23.32
Transfer of funds		Cleaning Items	28.44
May Rühle Endow	500.00	Transfer of funds to	
Capital Reserve	1,500.00	Restoration Fund	5.00
		Postage & Phone Calls	13.54
		Annual Licence Fee for Hall	36.72
		Two Bottles of Communion wine	9.00
		Annual Recharging Fire Extinguishers	56.50
		Quarterly Assessment	1,012.00
		Superannuation	
		Parish	338.10
		Rector	405.70
		A4 Paper & Toner	226.21
		Car Boot Sale Advertising	58.90
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BALANCE 1-3-92	660.18		6,662.89
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	1,052.22		
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BALANCE 31-3-92	1,712.40		