

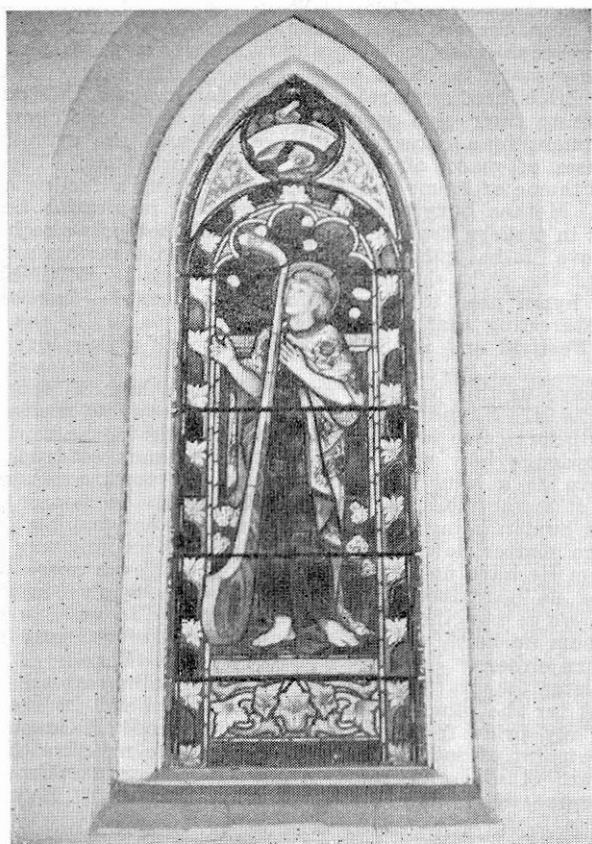
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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MAY, 1976



PRAISE YE THE LORD

My Dear Friends,

The members of the Masonic order have asked that they might hold their annual service at All Saints in May. It was a pleasure to welcome them and their families to do so on May 23rd in the evening service. I have invited our friend, Bishop Hulme-Moir, to be the guest preacher and hope he may be able to accept. This will be a happy and significant occasion in the month. Members of the Lodge will be taking part in the service.

On Sunday, 2nd May the Rev. A. Donohoo of All Souls', Leichhardt has invited me to speak at their Anniversary Service. All Souls' is a daughter-church of All Saints' and only some 10 years or so younger than our own parish. Please support me in your prayers as I fulfil this responsibility. Mr. John Gillroy of St. Peter's, Cook's River will be leading our own service that evening and I commend him to your support.

The month of May is also associated with thoughts of Mother and Home Life, especially on the second Week-end.

As I write these notes Easter and its exciting message is still very prominent in my thinking. God's Love shines most bright in the remembrances of this time. In these days of "Women's Liberation" we are being faced with the realities of the frailty of womanhood. We have tended to elevate them above the ordinary selfish ambitions. But unmarried mothers who demand the right to keep their children (very often regardless of the child's best welfare); deserted fathers and children; children who are left to their own resources while woman-folk claim the right to self-fulfilment in a career of their own—such are symptoms and, I believe, causes of many of society's gravest problems. The Month of May and its theme of Home and Mother must bring a feeling of nostalgia and regret. Mother Love used to be the great inspiration behind much of life—but in modern days one must wonder whether we're being shown that this "love" is becoming more selfish. "Can a mother's tender care cease toward the child she bare? Yes, she may forgetful be." Those words of a hymn used to sound almost unbelievable—but today—??

It is interesting that this theme comes to us under the shadow of the Easter Festival and its emphasis on the self-giving love of God to usward.

Jesus gave us this principle on which alone human society can live and realise itself. Maybe we are being forced today to realise that most of us give lip-service to love as the greatest thing in the world. But we don't acknowledge how searching are the demands of true love. We think of love as a kind of misty benevolence toward others. Easter reminds us it is far more challenging than that. It means that there's not a single human being in the world—no matter what his colour, race or creed—no matter how he may have injured me, or may hate me—toward whom He have not a felling of active and even absolute goodwill! So many of us bear resentments against those who've injured us—or even whom we've imagined have intended injury to us. So even if we would do them no harm we also will not go out of our way to do them any good turn either.

But Easter teaches that love means I am willing at all times to do what is best for the other in the sight of God. I will be ready to deny myself and my pride to serve their highest good! I must be willing to go to the point of sacrifice to help them. The measure of what true love is toward others is revealed in Jesus when on the Cross He cried "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." It isn't easy to

feel that way toward others especially when they are seeking to injure us—but it is the privilege of love. And only from Jesus Christ can we get a love as big as that.

Easter and the Resurrection tells us that this is possible. He ever lives to be with us always. But His Risen Spirit He will indwell us and enable us with His great love. Will you open your life to that gracious Guest, so that you may be enabled to fulfil the Law of Love?

Galatians 2, Verse 20 says "the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me". May He indeed richly transform and bless us all by His Risen Presence—is the prayer of

S. W. GISSING.

PARISH COUNCIL JOTTINGS

The vacancy for the ninth Parish Councillor was filled by the election of Michele Essam in the terms of the minute Written into the minutes of the annual vestry meeting.

The decision to lock the gates at the western end of the grounds was rescinded.

The pump in the basement of the Parish Hall has been fitted with a new motor but the pump itself is so old that repair is impractical, Councillor F. Evans has the matter in hand.

The attendance roster for Parish Councillors is being revised to provide more cover for the 7 p.m. service.

The Parish welcomes newly elected Councillors Michele Essam and David Barclay and the Rectors Appointees Ida Barrett and M. Spill.

The Piano in the Parish Hall is to be tuned by courtesy of the Sunday School Superintendant and if suitable keys can be located it will be kept locked.

The Parish Council acknowledges a donation of \$10 from the Wednesday morning "Play Group" which meets in the Parish Hall. It was agreed that the Hall would be made available for one other morning but excluding Friday. The club has chosen Monday.

CLUB NOTES

Senior Parishioners Club:

The club is again gathering strength and now regularly has three tables of card players and an increase in the number of people playing "housie". The number attending has twice recently nudged 44 people and there is still room for more Everyone is welcome and the afternoon tea is described as lovely. Our thanks and appreciation are due to the folk who have donated gifts and done the cooking for the afternoon tea.

The club is pleased to welcome back members who have been sick and sympathises with and prays for those who are presently on the sick list.

To those of our readers who are living lonely lives we say "come and give it a try. There is someone here to whom you can be a friend". Its cheap, cheerful and friendly. At 25 cents its a steal.

Womens Evening Group:

During April we had a guest speaker Mrs. Trixie Dury and for 11th May we are organising a Stanhome Party. An open invitation is extended to members and non-members to attend at 8 p.m. to examine the goods displayed.

The undersigned will gladly accept orders for goods prior to the display.

The speaker at our June meeting will be Dr. Alice Halmaggi and we expect a good roll-up of members for the occasion.

We are now preparing for our July Winter Clothing Sale, so please see what warm clothing no longer suits you and send it along to me at 59 John Street or leave it at the Rectory.

Have you a favourite recipe? Will you write it out and bring it to the July meeting?

P.S.: Please don't leave out the "secret" ingredient. We propose to sell recipes in our cake stall at the fete.

All club members join me in welcoming Mrs. Mary Tweed as our newest member. We hope she will find pleasure and satisfaction in our company.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

Bowls Club:

The bowls club continues to flourish and we are now regularly using two mats. The influx of new members has done much towards lifting the spirit of the club and providing an enjoyable evening. However we still have one mat lying idle so new members are welcome.

F. HEARN, President.

Sunday Schools News:

Mrs. Freeman, the leader of the Kindergarten, invites all the mothers of kindergarten pupils to attend the kindergarten with their children on Mothers Day, 9th May, at 9.45 a.m.

On Sunday, 2nd May, Mr. Harry Downton will be guest speaker to the Sunday School with a message for the pupils.

Attendance at the Family Services in the last couple of months by the Sunday School has been very disappointing. I therefore appeal to parents to ensure that their children attend this service as it is also a part of their religious education.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

Ladies Guild:

Will members please note that the meeting on 18th May, 1976 starts at 12.30 p.m. so that a demonstration on "Food for Thought" can begin at 1.30 p.m. Recipes will be explained, cooked and tasted. This demonstration should prove most interesting at a time when everyone is looking for hints to help balance the budget.

Our June 15th meeting also will start at 12.30 p.m. and at 1.30 p.m. Mr. Wallis of the Home Missionary Society will speak and show slides of work of the Church Homes.

Visitors are most welcome, and we always finish up with a chat and a cup of tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This monthly statement will be resumed when Treasurer Bruce Livingston returns from holidays.

CHURCH ATTENDANCES

	1975	1976
Easter Services	203	149
Family Service Jan. to April inclusive	233	182

DONATION TO "CHRONICLE"

Mrs. Morgan—\$2.00.

FLOWER ROSTER

Submitted by Mrs. E. Bosward

- June 6: Donated by Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Parents Mr. & Mrs. E. B. King; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 13: Anonymous donation to the "Stone of Remembrance"; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 20: Donated by Stella, Ena and Barb in memory of Mum & Dad Baxter; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 27: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Brother Mr. J. Oliver; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- July 4: No Donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers for Easter Day from Misses Jones of Gordon Street, in memory of their Parents and Brother.

E. M. BOSWARD.

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"CHRONICLE" FORMAT

My request for ideas on improving or changing the make-up of the "Chronicle" has been a dismal failure except for two items. One parishioner enjoyed the corny jokes which were used as space filler and another has suggested a childrens corner. Your Editor is not clued up on corny jokes but will try. As regards the childrens corner, he is in a stronger position in being the proud and happy possessor of a three year old grand daughter.

I give readers a question—What do you answer when a bright three year old asks "why can't I see God".

Bear in mind the child is waiting for an answer and it has to be something it can understand and visualise. There are times of stress when the brain works extra fast and a simple clue to an acceptable answer came out. I thought of hide and seek. This is one of Sarah's favourite games although she is as yet not very good at hiding completely. So I said "God is everywhere but it is like a game of hide and seek. He hides and you just can't find him". What would you have said?

What do you say in reply to the statement: "God must be a funny man". Why? He has given Sandy (the dog) a black nose. I would not give him a black nose, he would be better with a pink one.

Corny jokes are not easy to come by so this month I have taken a verse from another publication.

Can't think whats the matter with Pa,
He won't go to church "Its to far".
But each Sunday morn,
He "Honk Honks" on the horn,
To take us for miles in the car.

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CORN CORNER

Lady: I sent my little boy for two pounds of peaches and you sent only a pound and a half.

Greengrocer: My scales are right lady. Have you tried weighing your little boy?

Your Editor would be most happy to receive articles for the "Chronicle", whether of general christian interest or amusing. For those who are willing but shy, secrecy will be maintained. Rest assured that anything that is not in the best interest of promoting accord and fellowship will not be printed.

EDITOR.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Family Service, etc.—as is.

Church Wardens: Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

Parish Council: The Churchwardens and Messrs. D. Barclay, N. Cragg, F. Evans, H. Quelch, Mr. Spills, R. Swankie, J. Williams, with Mesdames M. Essam, Garman and E. Sopwith.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. B. Livingston, Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. E. Quelch, Sunday School Superintendant: Mr. N. Cragg, Kindergarten Leader: Mr. Freeman, Organist: Mr. J. Birkett, Chronicle Editor: Mr. F. Hearn.

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PERSONAL

We are pleased to report that Bruce Livingston met Mrs. Hunt in Perth recently. Mrs. Hunt is keeping very well but expects to be in Perth for another two months at least.

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I'D LIKE TO GO TO CHURCH, BUT

A is for Aunty who will come to tea,
 B is for Bed which won't release me.
 C is for Car, "We do need fresh air,"
 D is for Dinner that Mum must prepare.
 E is for extremes, too "high" or too "low",
 F is for my feelings—when they're right I go.
 G is my Garden, much "nearer God's heart,
 H is my Husband who won't play his part.
 I for Intruders who sit in my pew,
 J for the Jealousy shown by few.
 K all that Kneeling which tries me so much,
 L the old Language, it's so out of touch.
 M is for Money, they always want more,
 N for New Tunes that I've never heard before,
 O is for Overtime, double on Sunday,
 P the Preparing I must do for Monday.
 Q for Queer Noises which come from the Choir,
 R rude Remarks the neighbours might fire.
 S is for Sermons, as dull as can be,
 T for the Telly I really must see.
 U for the Unfriendliness I always find,
 V for the Voice of that woman behind.
 W for weather, too much rain or snow,
 X for Extras, too busy to go.
 Y for Young Rowdies who sit at the back,
 Z for Zeal, and that's just what I lack.

LETTER FROM BRAESIDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND HOSPITAL

Dear Reverend Gissing,

Please thank all your parishioners who so kindly worked to provide a pleasant Easter surprise for our patients at Braeside.

They thoroughly enjoyed meeting you, Mrs. Gissing and Mrs. Willis and appreciated your thoughtfulness very much.

I am so glad three presents were left with me; one patient was sitting down the garden; another was away at sheltered workshop; and yet a third is on leave for a few weeks. So now all will have been remembered.

Kindest regards and thanks again from staff and patients at Braeside.

Yours faithfully,

O. DAWSON, Matron.



THE TREE (Mk. Ch. 15.)

I stood in the wood's green navel
Bold in the bloom of the branch.
My tracery hands locking twig with twig
As they groped for the feel of the sun,
The goodly soil held the trail of my root,
And my trunk was thick straight, and strong;
Till they brought an axe from Jerusalem.
And felled my strength my strength to the ground.
They cursed as they cut off my fine straight limbs.
They cursed as they dragged me along;
Bumping and bruised I winced with pain,
And the sap in my wood turned to hate.
On an open space in the city, they laid
my stump on the ground.
Then nailed a cross-piece onto my corpse.
An agony waited for me.
A man took my weight on his shoulder
and heaved me up the slope.
Crowds lent their filth to his labour
as he sweated beneath my load.
They dug a pit for my resting,
They stood me up high and firm.
With hatred they tore the robe off the man,
And spat in his face as he stood.
With the thud of the nail and the hammer,
I felt the shudder of sin, as the Roman
hammered HIM onto me!
And Holy blood sprinkled my side.
He bore the terror of sin's fearful curse.
The sob of His breath shook my cross.
Great tearing agony gathered His life.
"I WAS THE GALLOWS OF GOD."

THE NEW DAY (Lu. 24:6.)

On resurrection morn down at the tomb,
 Mary was there, heart filled with gloom;
 When wonderful words fell on her ear.

Jesus is **RISEN!** HE is not here!

Thus said the angel who rolled back the stone;
 Who announced to the women, That Jesus had gone.
 Gone from the region of death and disease.
 Of death and perdition, HE now had the keys.
 On earth full of sorrow, that now doth prevail.
 Look up thru' your tears and behold the rent veil;
 Which tells us That Jesus arose from the grave.
 Whose blood is sufficient the vilest to save.

THE LOVE OF GOD

Could we with ink the ocean fill,

Were far flung space of parchment made.

With every stalk on earth a quill,

and every soul a scribe by trade.

To write the love of God above,

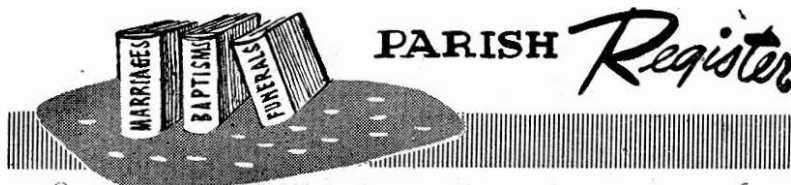
would drain the ocean dry.

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,

Tho' stretched to heaven high.

(Both submitted by H. Downton.)

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**HOLY BAPTISM**

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

March 21—Thor Christopher Edward Jensen of 8 Bishop Street, Petersham.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

April 6—Eva Gertrude Jones of 16 Gordon Street, Petersham.

April 14—Cecil William Collins of 1/32 Cambridge Street, Enmore.
 (Father of Mrs. Sellars of Middleton Street, Petersham.)

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