

# The Chronicle

## Of All Saints

### Petersham

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FEBRUARY, 1983

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*From your  
Minister's  
Desk*



The Rectory,

Petersham, 2049.

21st January, 1983.

#### THE RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Another year has begun. I trust it has started well for you.

Recently I read a new paperback by the present Archbishop of York, Dr. Stuart Blanch. It is entitled "The Ten Commandments".

One thing Dr. Blanch writes is: "Inflation is not just an economic matter, painful though its consequences be. It is a moral matter".

Strangely enough, only the Sunday before I read that quotation I found myself expressing in a sermon those thoughts. The

Archbishop of York in his treatment of these Laws of God again and again links them with to-day's society and our present life style. It is a book which applies spiritual truths to our daily existence in a thought-provoking manner.

Man has always sought to place the blame upon someone else. This was true in the Garden of Eden — Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent. We do the same to-day. The mess we are in economically and socially are the result of our immorality — anything goes, provided I'm not hurt.

Governments attempt all sorts of schemes to lighten our difficulties, but governments can only do a limited good. Be they Liberal, Labour, Democrat, or Communist, Leninist or Radical, they cannot go beyond the moral standard of the people.

During Lent we will seek to examine our own lives as we meet on successive Wednesday evenings for prayer and the study of God's Word. These Lenten Devotionals will be held in All Saints' on Wednesday evenings commencing at 7.45 p.m.

You are welcome to join with us as we seek to find God's way for us in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT,

Rector.



## LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We reflect on our walk with God. We certainly aim by prayer and the study of God's Word to follow Him more closely.

As for preparation — we are preparing for the wonderful time of Easter. Jesus died for our sin on Good Friday, and Jesus rose victorious over death on Easter Day. It is a season of rejoicing not in what we have done, but in what God has done through Christ Jesus our Saviour.

Lent is a time to seek God more earnestly. For that reason we shall, every Wednesday evening during Len, conduct

a devotional service at All Saints' Petersham. You are invited to come. They will begin at 7.45 p.m. and finish at 9.00 p.m.

The plan this year is to use Bp. Howell Witt's Lenten Studies. Bp. Witt is now Bishop of Bathurst, and before that the Bishop of North West Australia. He is commonly known as "the Bush Bishop".

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### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday, 20th February, is our Harvest Festival Service at All Saints', Petersham.

As an act of Thanksgiving to God, we bring gifts of food to the church. These will be displayed at the front of church — the chancel steps — before being given both to Braeside Nursing Home and the Anglican Home Mission Society for the relief of the poor and needy.

At the morning service (9.30 a.m.) we shall have a special preacher from the Anglican Home Mission Society.

You are most welcome to join in the Thanksgiving.

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### **PARISH DIARY**

#### **February**

- Tues. 1: 1.00 p.m., Women-in-Friendship, Guild Room, Church Hall. 3.30 p.m., Visiting Lewisham Hospital.  
Thurs. 3: 1.00 p.m., Senior Parishioners' Club, Church Hall.  
Fri. 4: 9.30 a.m., Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Church Hall. 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion, Braeside Nursing Home.  
Sun. 6: SEXAGESIMA:  
9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer.  
7.00 p.m., Holy Communion.  
Mon. 7: 7.45 p.m., Parish Council Meeting.  
Tues. 8: 3.30 p.m., Visiting, Lewisham Hospital.  
Thurs. 10: 1.00 p.m., Senior Parishioners' Club, Church Hall.  
Fri. 11: 9.30 a.m., Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Church Hall.  
Sat. 12: 5.00 p.m., Wedding.  
Sun. 13: QUINQUAGESIMA:  
9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
7.00 p.m., Evening Prayer.

- Tues. 15: 2.30 p.m., Special Religious Education Class, Fort Street High School. 3.30 p.m., Visiting Lewisham Hospital.
- Wed. 16: 9.30 a.m. Scripture Class, Petersham Primary School. 7.45 p.m., Ash Wednesday (Holy Communion) Service.
- Thurs. 17: 10.00 a.m., Scripture Class, Stanmore Primary School.
- Fri. 18: 9.30 a.m., Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Church Hall.
- Sun. 20: **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL—**  
 9.30 a.m., Family Service. **Guest Speaker:** Rev. Reg. Clarke, Anglican Home Mission Society.  
 7.00 p.m., Holy Communion.
- Mon. 21: 7.30 p.m., Churchwarden's Meeting.
- Tues. 22: 2.30 p.m., Special Religious Education Class, Fort Street High School. 3.30 p.m., Visiting, Lewisham Hospital.
- Wed. 23: 9.30 a.m., Scripture Class, Petersham Primary School. 7.45 p.m., Lenten Devotional.
- Thurs. 24: 10.00 a.m., Scripture Class, Stanmore Primary School. 1.00 p.m., Senior Parishioners' Club, Church Hall.
- Fri. 25: 9.30 a.m., Care and Share Group, Guild Room, Church Hall.
- Sat. 26: 4.00 p.m., Wedding.
- Sun. 27: **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:**  
 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion.  
 7.00 p.m., Evening Prayer.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to thank all who contributed to the grocery stall, either by donation, setting up, or helping on the day. A special thank you to Carlene Thompson, who took over the stall while I was in hospital.

Many thanks also to Joan Livingston for taking over the running of the Primary section of the Sunday School during my absence.

The Sunday School prize-giving will be held on Sunday, 20th March, at the 9.30 a.m. Family Service.

NOEL CRAGG,  
 Superintendent.

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club will be recommenced before you read these notes. Every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We always manage to have a pleasant afternoon, so please come and visit us, because if you visit us to see what we are all about, then I'm sure you'll want to join us. You'll be very welcome. Age or creed does not matter. Only 60 cents covers all — games prizes, door prizes and a lovely cup of tea to chat over.

See you next Thursday.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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### WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 1st February. This will be a business meeting commencing at 1.30 p.m. All members are asked to attend as we want to discuss the year's activities.

The March meeting is on Tuesday, 1st, commencing at 1 p.m., and will be our Annual Meeting and be following at 2 p.m. by a Happy Home demonstration. We would be very pleased if the ladies of the Parish would support us in this effort.

We are anxious to enroll new members, so if you can spare the first Tuesday each month, please come and join us.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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### RECYCLING

Notes submitted by Parish Treasurer, Bruce Livingston.

At the beginning of 1979 it was realised that the annual receipts would not be sufficient to meet the church budget, despite a substantial boost from the annual fete.

It was decided that recycling should be undertaken to cover the shortfall, and a band of willing helpers have managed to

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cover the balance required with the following results to date:

1979	.....	\$2,523.95
1980	.....	\$4,271.93
1981	.....	\$4,637.63
1982	.....	\$4,934.45

\$16,367.96

(cans, \$4,117.14; bottles, \$4,112.39; papers, \$8,138.43  
total, \$16,367.96)

The recycling will have to continue until the numbers attending All Saints' have increased sufficiently to meet the annual budget.

The 1983 budget includes an amount of \$5,000 from recycling, and many helpers are required to enable this target to be achieved.

The main income will be derived from newspapers, and helpers are urgently required to assist with the straightening of papers on Tuesday evenings and on the second Saturday morning of each month. We propose to announce details of the working bees in church and on the weekly bulletin.

Papers and cans will continue throughout 1983, but we proposed to terminate the recycling of bottles at the end of May, 1983.

Bruce Livingston's notes on recycling must cause all parishioners to do some hard thinking. The recycling crew and the people at Church on Sunday and at other gatherings are for the most part aware that their time is running out and that there are very few replacements coming up. It seems that young folk who come to church shy off as soon as they are asked to do something or belong to something.

The big work day is the second Saturday morning each month. Dear Reader, could you spare a couple of hours to help out on this day. We need you in church and at our paper tie-up. The Brownies say Lah, Lah, Lah, lend a hand. The Wolf Cubs say Dyb, Dyb, Dyb, do your best. What do All Saints' say?  
Editor.

## 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.

### FLOWER DONATIONS

- Feb. 6: Mrs. M. Willis, in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.  
13: No Donation.  
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.  
20: No Donation.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.  
27: No Donation.  
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.  
There is one Donation only for March.

### ROSTERS

The Rosters for Brass Cleaning appears to be unsatisfactory, and we would like to try a new system. It is proposed that the brass work be cleaned for the first Sunday in each month, and for this purpose volunteers are asked to put their names alongside the month that appeals to them, on a list to be pinned up in the church porch.

### CHURCH LINEN

Plastic covers have recently been introduced as a means of extending the life of the clean linen by reducing the amount of washing, starching and ironing it undergoes. It is proposed, therefore, to reduce the frequency of Laundering, to two monthly periods beginning with the first Sunday in March as the due date for clean linen.

A tentative programme then becomes:

- 1st Sunday in March: Mrs. E. Champion.
- 1st Sunday in May: Mrs. F. Hearn.
- 1st Sunday in July: Mrs. Jacobs.
- 1st Sunday in September: Mrs. B. Pullen.
- First Sunday in November: Mrs. E. Champion.
- 1st Sunday in January: Mrs. F. Hearn.

### ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting has been fixed for Monday, 28th February, at 7.30 p.m.

Parishioners are reminded that this is the most important meeting on All Saints' calendar, and is the occasion when Church Wardens are elected, Parish Councillors elected, reports received from the Rector and church bodies. It is the special time of the year when you can have your say and comment on the year's achievements or otherwise.

If you don't come along and take part you can hardly complain if things are done of which you do not approve.

**THIS IS LIFE — BE IN IT.**

## EASTER GIFTS

Mrs. M. Willis is now planning operation "Easter Gifts", which culminates in visits to local old folks homes and the handing out of presents to the old folk.

To make this operation a success she needs cash donations now to enable her to purchase suitable gifts when they become available as "specials".

A cash donation now is worth more than one in two month's time, and enables purchase and packaging to be planned and carried out well in advance of the date of delivery. Please make your donation **NOW!**

Editor.

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
DECEMBER, 1982**

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RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories .....	1,268.66	Rector's Net Stipend .....	1,072.00
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow. ....	239.77
Cans .....	77.14	Organist .....	15.00
Bottles .....	115.30	Organ Tuning and	
Papers .....	412.25	Maintenance .....	90.00
	604.69	Church Flowers .....	57.50
Donation Senior		B.B.Q. Expenses .....	20.00
Citizens .....	450.00	Chronicles .....	65.20
Fete .....	48.86	Church Cleaning .....	100.00
District Visitors .....	70.90		\$1,659.47
Rector's Tele. Contri-		Surplus .....	840.60
bution, 11/82 .....	18.96		
B.B.Q. ....	24.00		
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Balance as at			\$2,500.07
1/12/82 .....	5,716.84		
Surplus for Dec. ....	840.60		
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Balance at 31/12/82	\$6,557.44		

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT — DECEMBER, 1982**

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	\$
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — November Flowers .....	57.50
James and James — December Chronicles .....	65.20
J. W. Walker & Son (Alia) Pty. Ltd. — Organ Tuning	
and Maintenance .....	90.00

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