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JUNE, 1981

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SECOND HAND CLOTHING AND JUMBLE SALE
in the
PARISH HALL
on FRIDAY, 5th JUNE

From your Minister's Desk



This month a Letter from Archdeacon Philip Oliver.

"THE UNTRODDEN WAY"

"You have not passed this way before . . . sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Joshua 3:4, 5.

I am delighted to have the opportunity of writing to you through your parish paper during this period when you are without a Rector.

In thinking about what I might say it seemed to me that these verses from Joshua to the Children of Israel at the beginning of the conquest of Canaan, might be suitable.

God's people needed a word of encouragement to face the task that lay ahead of them. They had a new leader, Moses, who had led them from slavery in Egypt into a new freedom and experience of God, was their leader no longer.

God's message to His people through Joshua was very much needed. He told them again and again "Be of good courage".

I am sure this message is one for us all as we look towards the future. It is in a sense always the unknown which confronts us.

To all of us — whatever our age — it is true that we have not all passed this way before. Yet the promise of God is, that if we give ourselves to Him, He will "do wonders" among us.

Let each one of us give our lives afresh to God at the beginning of a new period in the parish's life and know the blessing of God as we go forward in its untrodden way.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,

PHILIP N. OLIVER

(Archdeacon).

ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY'S WINTER APPEAL

IT'S A TOUGH LIFE OUT WEST

Like you, I am concerned that the winter months bring hardship to a large section of our community.

As God's people we have a special responsibility in this matter. Our Lord Jesus made it clear that we must help the poor.

This year's Winter Appeal highlights some of the special needs of families living in the outer Western Suburbs. I am thinking of places like Mount Druitt, where over 60% of the homes have only one parent.

Unemployment, drinking problems, drug taking and delinquency are commonplace. There is also a high suicide rate amongst lone parents who can see no escape from a vicious cycle of poverty.

Through the Winter Appeal we want to support our churches in these new areas of Sydney to minister to families who find the winter period a financial and emotional struggle.

We will also continue to help needy folk elsewhere in Sydney as they come to our clergy for emergency assistance.

Please give generously to the appeal, so that we may serve the poor in the name of Christ.

Yours sincerely,

M. L. LOANE,
Archbishop of Sydney.

Envelopes are available on the book stand for your donation.



40-HOUR FAMINE

The World Vision is to hold their 40-hour Famine from 8 p.m. on Friday, 19th June, to 12 noon Sunday, 21st June, and they are looking for sponsors. A list of people participating will be placed on the notice board. If you wish to participate, please contact one of the Wardens.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our Annual Luncheon is over. It was a wonderful day in every way. Over a hundred attended. Thanks once again to all who helped in any way.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th May, in the meeting room of the Parish Hall at 12.30 p.m. Please, all members do try to attend. It will be a business meeting only, and we have lot to discuss.

The second-hand clothing and jumble stall, to be held on Friday, 5th June, is coming closer. Don't forget we need anything saleable. As this is being held jointly with the "All Saints' New Mums Playgroup", we hope to have a good stock of children's clothes. Help in any way will be appreciated.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Do you want to fill in Thursday afternoons in a happy atmosphere in the Church Hall, playing "cards" or "Housie"? Fifty cents is all it costs for door prizes, game prizes and a lovely afternoon tea. No qualifications needed. Ladies or Gents.

Our Club is now 24 years old. We are very proud of this fact, and are very anxious to keep our membership up. Being a senior club we have over the years lost many a loved member, so to keep going we must have new members.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

FRIDAY, 5th JUNE

from 9.00 a.m.

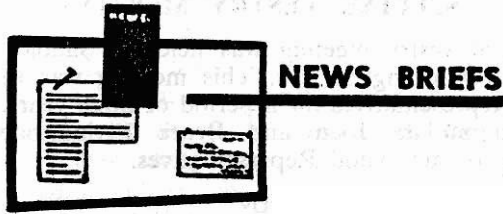
USED CLOTHING SALE

and

GOODS OF ALL KINDS

in

PARISH HALL



TEMPLE DAY APPEAL

The Temple Day Appeal was held on the 10th May, and the sum of \$756.50 has been raised so far from the appeal. We would like to thank all folk who have made a donation to the building maintenance appeal. The appeal is still open for donations.

CHURCHWARDENS.



PARISH HALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES

In last month's "Chronicle" it was reported that the Department of Services wrote asking our intentions for the replacement of the kerosene panic and exit lights.

The Parish Council at the May meeting agreed that the electrical work must go ahead. It was decided to set aside all the rent from the parish hall for the supply and installation of the special panic and exit lights. The rent is to be placed in the Capital Reserve Account. To offset the cost, it is hoped that we will be able to spread the work over a three to four-year period.

At present a floor plan of the Parish Hall has been prepared, and quotations for the supply of the light fittings are about to be called.

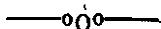


SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

A letter was received by the Parish Council from the Save the Children Fund of Australia, outlining their work with the less fortunate children of the world. The Parish Council decided to send \$20 of the Fund from the Missionary Account.

SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING

A special vestry meeting was held on Sunday, 3rd May, following the Morning Service. This meeting was held to elect two Synod Representatives for a period of three years. We would like to congratulate Joan and Bruce Livingstone on their appointment as our Synod Representatives.

**EASTER VISIT TO THE NURSING HOMES**

We would like to thank all the people who made a donation towards Easter gifts for the residents in the local Nursing Homes. Also our thanks to all the ladies who helped to distribute the gifts.

**FETE MEETING**

A meeting of Stallholders and Parishioners is called for Saturday, 6th June, in the Guild Room, at 1.30 p.m. The meeting will discuss changes required and make recommendations to the Fete Committee.

F. HEARN,

Chairman, Fete Committee.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Kindergarten is seeking two additional teachers for the 5 to 6 year old children. If any parishioner is interested in teaching, please contact Mrs. Essam (560-1852), or Noel Cragg (560-9972). It is very pleasing to see that the Kindergarten now has 28 pupils. The Sunday School is also looking for a teacher for the 10 to 11 year old group.

N. CRAGG, Superintendent.

**STOP AND LISTEN**

It's very easy to ask "How are you?"

But it's not always easy to stop and listen for the answer.

How often do we rush past people without really seeing them?

If we stop and talk our time-table might get out of control.

Even in church we sit carefully spaced pews apart from fellow worshippers.

To re-word an old saying: "If you are too busy to listen you are too busy."

ANN SIDDALL.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are grateful to all who help beautify our church on Sundays by contributing towards flowers as a way of remembering loved ones or to mark some cause of thanksgiving.

JUNE 7th Mrs. E. Wiley, in memory of her mother, Mrs. George Bearpark.

14th Mrs. Hillery, in memory of Miss Katie O'Neil; Stone of Remembrance — Anonymous.

28th Barbara and Stella, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, sister Ena, and friends Dorrie and Sally; Noel Cragg and Mrs. L. Lawson, in memory of Mrs. G. Cragg.

JULY 12th Misses Nisbet, in memory of their parents.

Friends who would value an opportunity to make such a memorial in All Saints' are asked to contact the "Wardens" as early as possible — say by six weeks before the date. This helps in organising the details and recording it in the "Chronicle" concerned.

Thank you.



PENTECOST — GOD'S GREAT GIFT

The major celebration in the Church calendar this month is Pentecost, which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. It marks the birth of the Christian Church.

For many, when compared to the excitement of Christmas and Easter, it comes and goes without notice. Yet the Bible constantly declares that the vitality of a Christian or a Church has to do with the realisation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

We are living in an age when both Protestant and Catholic Churches are turning their attention to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

Among many churches there is a curious reaching for the kind of religious experience that is something more than either a cold assent to orthodox doctrines or a feverish running after good causes and good works.

People seem eager for a religion that works from within, that transcends old barriers of denominations, that offers spiritual power beyond the resources of this secular world, that expresses itself with more freedom and joy than we are accustomed to in the average church.

Could it be that this forgotten aspect of the Christian gospel is just what we need to be aware of again?

PARISH INFORMATION

Churchwardens: Mr. B. Livingston (Rector's), Mr. N. Cragg, Mr. S. Yewdall (People's Warden).

Parish Council: The Churchwardens and Mesdames I. Barrett, C. Hitchcock, J. Livingston, D. Reid, A. Steed and P. Yewdall; Messrs. V. Barrett, F. Hearn, W. Ritchie, S. Sheppard, R. Swankie.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. Livingston (569-5057).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. B. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent: Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader: Mrs. M. Essam.

Organist: Mr. R. Bembrick.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR APRIL

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	792.33	Stipend and Travel	
Hall Rents	98.00	Allowance	15.00
Petersham Festival		Organist	15.00
Stall (nett)	93.60	Church Flowers	40.00
Re-cycling Drive (Al.		Organ Tuning and	
cans, bottles, news-		Repair	94.00
papers)	270.95	Easter Pamphlets	29.50
Memorial Flowers	10.00	Forest Mower Service	39.60
Donations	2.00	Surplus for Month	43.68
Sale of Church His-			
tory	0.50		
Parish Barbecue	10.00		
	<u>\$1,277.38</u>		<u>\$1,277.38</u>

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