

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

Mr. Frank Hearn has been Chairman of our Parish Fete Committee for several years. We are very grateful for the efficient way in which he has guided the activities—and wish to acknowledge the indebtedness we feel for his energy and the resultant successes. Now he has felt the need to relinquish the responsibility. The Parish Council are happy to announce that Mr. W. Williams, another of the Churchwardens, has accepted the position. I'm sure that we can assure him of our support and encouragement. We look forward to a continuing success under his friendly guidance.

My wife has told me of the plans of our Women's Evening Group. They have recently re-organised their programme and extend a warm invitation to others to join them. At their July meeting (8 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th) their special guest is to be Mrs. Joy Jarman of Ashfield. She comes with a warm commendation as one with a profitable message. Then at their August meeting they will be having a "Stanholm Evening". On their behalf may I urge any women who aren't already doing so, to share in their informal and happy fellowship.

Our newly formed Parents' and Friends' Association are planning a social evening for the children and young people. The date is Friday, 18th July and the programme primarily is to go from 7.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. The intention is that it will not be a late night for the children. Teenagers, no doubt, will stay on a little longer. It will take the form of a CRAZY HAT NIGHT, and awards will be given for the best efforts for hats made and worn. Age groups will be taken into consideration. The evening is open to all who would like to attend—NOT merely to those who go to Sunday School or the Youth Group.

Hoping to see a good support for these new ventures,

With warmest of greetings,

S. W. GISSING

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- July 6: Donated by Mr. Bill Williams and Family in memory of Aileen; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 13: Donated by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Parents and by Mrs. Dunne in memory of her Parents; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 20: In memory of Mrs. Joan Nance from her Family and by Michelle in memory of Don; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 27: Donated by Mrs. E. Miller and Family in memory of Mr. F. Miller; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 3: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

Ladies Guild:

A short meeting will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th July, followed at 1.30 p.m. by a "Bamboo Demonstration". This is well worth seeing and visitors will be very welcome. A donation of 30 cents will include afternoon tea.

On Friday, 8th August we will be helping to arrange the Consecration Festival Tea and would appreciate it if members would keep this day free.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**Egg and Potato Sunday:**

I would like to thank everyone who supported the egg and potato Sunday. Twenty-one dozen eggs and about 60 lb of potatoes were donated and duly delivered to the Home Mission Society.

Crazy Hat Social:

On Friday, 18th July commencing at 7.15 p.m. the Parents and Friends Association with the Sunday School will be holding a CRAZY HAT SOCIAL.

All the Girls and Boys of the Parish are welcome. Judging of the best CRAZY HAT will take place in the following age groups:—

1. Under 5,
2. 6 years to 8 years,
3. 9 years to 12 years,
4. Teenage.

After the judging there will be a few games and a sing-a-long, and supper will be served at the end of the evening. Parents are asked to bring along a plate of sandwiches or cakes.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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EXTRACT FROM THE GUARDS CHAPEL

Major A. G. Douglas, M.B.E.

"To the honour and glory of Almighty God and a record of faithful and gallant service."

This was the dedication inscribed on a marble tablet over the west door of the Guards Chapel before its destruction by bombing in 1944. The beautiful interior of the chapel decorated in alabaster, marble and mosaic, inspired the feelings of honour and glory and the very large number of memorials recorded the faithful and gallant service of the members of the brigade. But it was not always so. No place of wor-

ship existed at all when the building of Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, was completed in 1834 and it was only by the unflagging efforts of Dr. William Dakins, that any chapel was provided. He was Precentor at Westminster Abbey and had been appointed as Chaplain to the Brigade in 1797, later becoming Principal Chaplain to the Forces. His memorial stone is in the south cloister in the Abbey, with the inscription "He shall give thee thy hearts desire".

The first service to be held in this garrison church, then known as The Royal Military Chapel, St. James's Park took place on 6th May, 1838. A newspaper at the time referred to its "neat and imposing exterior, both chaste and elegant" and then to the "plain interior with double rows of galleries for the Troops, excellently befitting the sacred purpose to which it was dedicated". The exterior was austere, the design being based on a Greek temple of the Doric order, the earliest and severest style of Greek architecture.

The interior was not only "plain" but bare and ugly and it was later written that "nothing can be said in favour of the original interior".

The money for the work of embellishment had, of course, to be found from private sources as the government, having provided the land and a building, was not interested in the decoration as a chapel. The original fund for this purpose had its origin in a peculiar way.

In the 1850's a small committee of officers and their friends subscribed enough money to put up a block of tenements in Francis Street, Westminster which were available at very cheap rents to married soldiers whose families at that time lived, often in appalling conditions in barracks, with perhaps three or four families screened from each other in a barrack room. This scheme was a success but it was discovered that the renting of accommodation by soldiers from their officers was illegal. The War Office realising the importance of the project, bought out the original committee and carried on the tenements as army married quarters, the first known quarters for married soldiers outside barracks.

The chapel was damaged several times between 1940 and 1944, mostly superficially but major damage was done in 1940 when the roof was badly burned by incendiary bombs, and again when a near miss blew out the stained glass windows. Most of the glass was recovered and eventually reconstructed.

On Sunday, 18th June, 1944 at 11.10 a.m. during the morning service the chapel was hit by a flying bomb which entered at the western end and exploded. It almost completely destroyed the chapel, only the apse being undamaged. One hundred and twenty-one people, soldiers and civilians, were killed and many others injured. The six silver candlesticks and the cross still used for the normal services were in use at the time but were unmoved by the explosion, and the candles remained burning after the chapel had crashed in ruins.

The chapel has now been rebuilt and the stone in the floor at the west end reads:

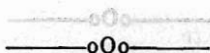
"Built into the foundations are the remains of some two thousand memorials damaged beyond repair when the chapel was destroyed on 18th June, 1944."

WRECKER OR BUILDER?

I watched them tearing a building down,
 A gang of men in a busy town.
 With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell
 They swung a beam and the side walls fell,
 I asked the foreman, 'Are these men skilled —
 The kind you would hire if you were to build?'
 He gave a laugh and said, 'No, indeed,
 Just common labour is all I need —
 I can easily wreck in a day or two
 What builders have taken years to do.'

Then I thought to myself as I went my way,¹
 Which of these two roles am I trying to play?
 Am I a builder working with care,
 Shaping each piece by the rule and square?
 Putting it together by a well-laid plan,
 Patiently doing the best I can?
 Or am I a wrecker roaming the town,
 Content with the labour of tearing down?

You are either building up or tearing down,
 In everything you do.
 You must be with the construction gang.
 Or with the wrecking crew.



WITH HEART & VOICE
ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Words by S. Baring-Gould — Music by A. S. Sullivan

As with many of the other great hymns of the church, this hymn was written with a specific occasion in mind and no one was more surprised than the writer, Sabine Baring-Gould, when it became popular. Rev. Baring-Gould was rector of Hornbury Bridge, Yorkshire, and had a scattered parish with a large Sunday School. The school building was some way from the church and it was the custom on festival days for the Sunday School to march to the church in procession. In 1865 a larger festival than usual was planned for Whit-Monday.

In 1895, thirty years after the writing of the words for "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and after it had become popular across the English-speaking world, Rev. Baring-Gould wrote, "I wanted the children to sing when marching from one village to another, but couldn't think of anything quite suitable; so I sat up at night, resolved that I would write something myself. 'Onward, Christian Soldiers' was the result. It was written in great haste, and I am afraid some of the rhymes are faulty. Certainly nothing has surprised me more than its popularity. I don't remember how it got printed first, but I know that very soon it found

its way into several collections." It was first sung to the slow movement of Hayden's Symphony in D, No. 15, but that arrangement has long since been forgotten.

Mr. Baring-Gould is also remembered for the many novels as well as works on religion, mythology, travel, folklore, biography and theology which he wrote. As a young bachelor, the same year that he wrote "Onward, Christian Soldiers," he saved a mill-hand's daughter from drowning, sent her away to school, and later married her in 1868. In 1881 he inherited a fortune from his father and continued to write, averaging a novel a year. Mr. Baring-Gould died in 1924 at the age of ninety years.

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INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Anybody interested in spending a happy socialable night, please come along any Wednesday—7.30 p.m. to the Church Hall, and join in our games and supper.

Ring "Bob" See—56-7451—if you don't like coming alone. We want more members.

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CLUB NEWS

Women's Evening Group:

A happy and amusing evening was spent over our photographs at the last meeting.

The meeting on Tuesday, 8th July will be highlighted by Mrs. Joy Jarman as guest speaker. We look forward to a good attendance so please come and join us on that occasion.

The August meeting will take the form of a Stanholm demonstration.

We will also be holding the next "Jumble Sale" in the Parish Hall on 18th July, 1975.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Despite the cold wintry days we are now suffering the Club members are warm and cosy at our card and "housie" tables each Thursday afternoon, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

We are lucky in having wall heaters all around the hall and over a hot cup of tea we can even forget it is winter. Do come along and join us, a 20 cent donation covers everything.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

"WERE YOU THERE?"

They were all there that day.
 The friends of Jesus — and his enemies.
 The people who were always talking about
 the church and praying in public — they were there.
 The unbelievers; the gamblers; the harlots —
 and their customers — they were there.
 The priests; the soldiers; the disciples —
 they were all there

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

When we consider who were there, and when we are honest
 with ourselves, we know that we were there, and that we 'helped to
 put Jesus on his cross!

Every attitude present on that hill-top that day
 is present in our midst now!

Every emotion that tugged at human hearts then,
 tugs at human hearts now!

Every face that was there is here too.

Every voice that shouted then is shouting still.

Every human being was represented on that cross.

Every sin — every wrong word or act or thought was in a nail, or a
 spear, or a thorn

and pardon for them all in the blood that was shed.

Yes, the cross still stands and the crowd is still at the top of the hill.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord;

I was were you?

(Preached by Rev. Peter Marshall)

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
 3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. **LITANY**—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten
 on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
 THE RECTOR.**

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.
 Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. Arrowsmith, J. H.
 Bretherton, N. Cragg, B. Dryden, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston,
 H. E. Quelch, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie, J. Williams.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

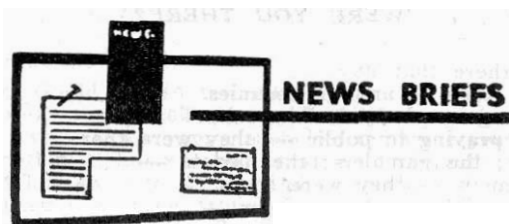
KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Miss K. Cheetham.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.



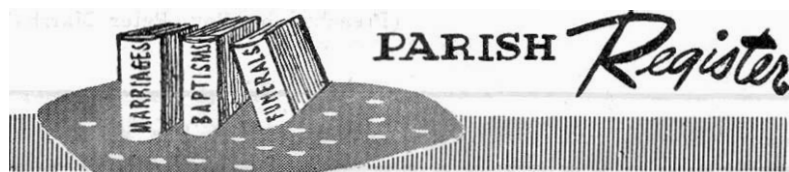
● The Rector is anxious to hear from anyone who is prepared to go on a grounds roster. You would be required to be rostered on, half a day twice a year.

● **Spring camps** are to be held by the Crusader Union of N.S.W. for the Boys and Girls. Further details may be obtained from the Rector.

● **ARCHBISHOPS WINTER APPEAL:** The Archbishops Winter Appeal is now open. To make it easier to send a donation, envelopes are available at the Church.

● Articles for the August "Chronicle" are due no later than Sunday, 20th July, 1975.

● **ANNUAL FESTIVAL TEA** this year will be held on Friday, 15th August. The special guest will be Major Stelstra.



CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

May 20: Leslie Clifton Brindle of 27 Morgan Street, Petersham.

June 9: Hilda Edith Walford of 36B Regent Street, Regents Park.

WALTERS & SON

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