

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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OPERATION GOOD NEWS '88



COMMENCES THIS MONTH

The Rectory,
Petersham. N.S.W.
17th April, 1988.

Dear Friends,

Over the next few months a great emphasis is being placed on God's Word - The Bible.

This is something which we should all applaud. God's Word - The Bible - is the very basis of our faith. The Thirty Nine Articles upon which our Anglican Church stands state clearly that all things necessary to salvation are to be found in the Bible and that we are not required to believe anything that is not found there.

Such statements show the absolute dependence that we as Christians have upon the scriptures - both the Old and New Testaments.

Only last week a new version of the Bible was launched by the Bible Society in Canberra. Even politicians like Mr Nigel Bowen were at the launching and had a few well chosen words to say.

I'm not sure how well this version will be received but it attempts to speak to Australians in their own language and idiom.

Again on Wednesday 4th May in St. Andrews Cathedral Operation Good News '88 will begin. I hear that the Premier of New South Wales will be presented on that day with a copy of the New Testament.

During the months of May, June and July church folk of all denominations will take part in Operation Good News '88. The aim will be to place a New Testament in every home in our country. The Christian Churches are making this their Bi-Centennial Gift to Australia - a copy of the New Testament to every home.

We, the congregation of All Saints', Petersham, will be delivering four hundred copies of the New Testament. Other local churches will be doing likewise at that time. We trust that people will not only receive but also read these books.

This brings me to the third thing that is happening in regards to God's Word - The Bible.

Over the past few months within the parish we have been establishing Study Groups. Groups of six to ten people who spend a couple of hours once a week reading and seeking to understand God's Word.

It is a way of letting God speak to us, and in a world where there is so much confusion and uncertainty. It is good to be reminded, or to learn for the first time, what life is really all about. It also provides the strength we need in a very uncertain world.

We would like to increase the number of people attending such group and even increase the number of groups.

These informal (I should say very informal) groups meet in homes and in non threatening circumstances. We come to learn by reading God's Word.

This greatly increases the fellowship within the church congregation and helps new comers quickly to feel at home. So far groups are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

God's Word is active - people are being instructed from it - the scriptures themselves are being made available for all people to read - the Bible is being translated into language that you and I understand.

On that great day when Christ comes to judge the quick and the dead our excuse will never be that we hadn't opportunity to know His plan of salvation. All

we will be able to say is "I didn't even bother to find out".

God forbid that we fall into that category.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.



DATE	ACTIVITY	TOPIC
29th April	Indoor Games Night	Romans 2. Is God Fair?
6th May	Videotape Night	
13th May	Poster Making	Romans 3. Am I a Snob?
20th May	Simulation Game	Alcohol and Drugs.
27th May	TEN PIN BOWLING	
3rd June	Taco Making	Romans 4. Do I Get What I Deserve?
10th June	Indoor Cricket	Romans 5. Why Should I Become a Christian?
17th June	Kite Making	Romans 6. Am I a Slave to Sin.
24th June	Squash Night	
Holidays - 1st, 8th, 15th July.		

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Another clothing and jumble sale is over. This time, in all the rain, we made \$230. Thanks once again to all who helped in any way. The next sale is on Friday 13th May, so come along and see what these stalls are like. We always manage to have a good stock of clothes, thanks to all our wonderful helpers in this field.

The next meeting will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th May at 1-30p.m. We are still waiting and hoping for more members.

What about being one?

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Our club is now 30 years old which is not long if you don't think about what you are saying. But it is a long time and we are quite proud of the fact. The occasion was marked last month with a very happy day, with more prizes and the singing of Happy Birthday and Auld Lang Syne, together with a lovely sunny day after all the rain.

We meet every Thursday at 1p.m. and spend a very enjoyable afternoon together. Afternoon tea and games with plenty of prizes all for 80 cents. We are still waiting for you to join us.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.



FLOWER DONATIONS

- MAY 1ST - In loving memory of my friend Joan, from
Esther Humphries.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- MAY 8TH - By Mrs. Carr in memory of her mother.
From the Misses Nisbet in memory of their
mother.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- MAY 15th - From Mrs. Rhodes in memory of her husband
Cecil, mother & father, sister Phyllis and
brothers Fred, Bonney and Jackie.
Arrangement by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- MAY 22ND - Donation by Miss Perry.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- MAY 29TH - No Donation.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

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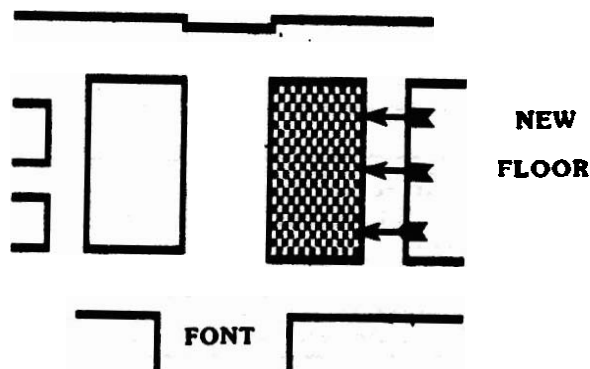
At the meeting on 11-4-88 the Parish Council discussed repairs to the church floor. Some months ago it was decided to rip up the badly rotted part of the floor to determine whether there was water lying beneath it. It was then obvious that the area is dry and that the rotting of the floor boards must be due to poor ventilation. Ventilation has recently been improved but is not yet completed.

In the meantime consideration is being given to renewing the whole of the floor on the south side of the main aisle which is now so rotted that it is dangerous. The cost of renewing this floor, from the back to the front pews, is around \$8000. Parish finances can only provide about \$4500 and it therefore becomes necessary to seek additional money from parishioners.

Money received in interest from endowment approximately \$15000 has already been taken into general funds and without it we would be heavily in debt. There is no way we could spend this capital and still remain financially secure. However if the floor is not replaced now the cost will increase.

A special envelope is attached to this chronicle so that your donation can be kept separate from normal offertories.

Editor.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - MARCH, 1988

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,165.26	Rector's Net Stipend	1,544.09
Church Flowers	50.00	Rector's Trav. Allowance	434.87
Rectors Telephone Contrib.	20.35	Organist	60.00
DONATIONS		Church Flowers	50.00
Women-in-Friendship	250.00	Church Cleaning	80.00
Recycling - Cans	11.70	Hall Cleaning	80.00
O.E.S. Members	2.00	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
DISTRICT VISITORS COLLECTIONS		Telephone Account	69.18
Mrs. Willis	25.00	Parish Supn. Contribution	243.75
Chronicle Advertising from		Rector's Supn Contribution	243.75
Walters & Son Pty. Ltd	150.00	General Assessment	803.50
INVESTMENT INTEREST		Special Assessment Arrears	100.00
May Ruhle Endow Fund	1473.98	Eight Toilet Rolls	2.66
All Saints' Endow Fund	966.60	Alasion Performing Rights	
		Annual Subscription	28.84
		Mionr Elect. Maintenance	
		in Church	28.00
	4,114.89	Organ Tuning	100.00
Deficit for Month	0.00		
			3,957.47
	4,114.89	Surplus for Month	157.42
BALANCE 1-12-87	5,720.69		4,114.89
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	157.42		
BALANCE 31-3-88	5,878.11		

ACCOUNTS PAID DURING MARCH, 1988

RESTORATION FUND

Furlin Constructions Pty. Ltd. - Concrete work of Floor Ventilation* 3,875.00

GENERAL FUND

Eight Toilet Rolls - Cash Payment 2.66

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd - February Flowers 50.00

Peter D.G. Jewkes - Organ Tuning 100.00

Australasian Performing Rights Ass. Ltd. - Annual Subscription 28.84

Telecom /australia - Telephone A/c M/e 10-3-88 69.18

Stanmore Electrics - Replacement of Two light bulbs in church 28.00

* NOTE: Surplus of \$157.42 made possible by large amount of investment interest received amounting to \$2440.58

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