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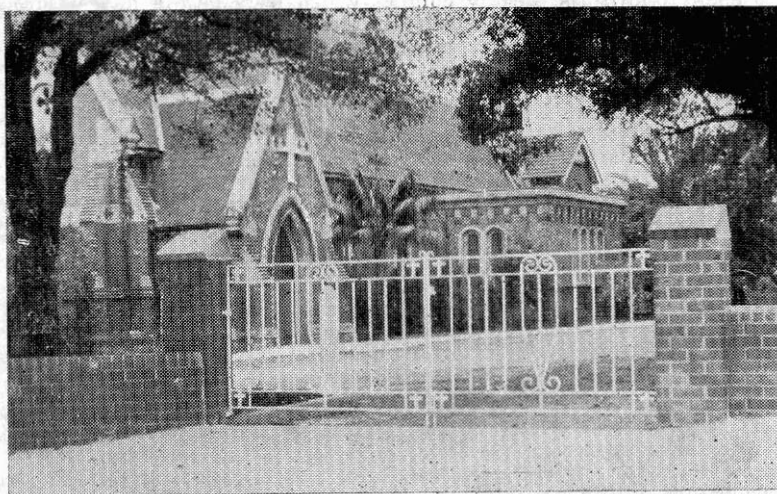
The Friendly Church

Rector:

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham, 2049—56-4785

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

MAY, 1974



MEMORIAL GATES.

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INDUCTION SERVICE

The Churchwardens have pleasure in announcing that the Reverend S. W. Gissing will be our ninth Rector. Mr. Gissing was ordained a priest in 1953 after graduating from Moore College. Since that time he has served in parishes in this Diocese and from 1965 has been Rector of St. Columb's, West Ryde. He was Rural Dean of the Blue Mountains, 1961-1955.

The Special Service for his Institution and Induction will be held in our Parish Church on Wednesday evening, 5th June, at 8 p.m., conducted by The Venerable E. D. Cameron, B.D., Th.Schol. Archdeacon of Cumberland with Sydney.

At the conclusion of the service parishioners are invited to be present in the Parish Hall for the official welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Gissing and family.

We hope that they will be very happy in their new Parish and can assure our new Rector of the utmost co-operation of all parishioners in his ministry.

The existence of evil in the world is an insoluble mystery. We shall never know why evil exists. In vain philosophers have brooded over it; saints have wept and prayed over it; it surrounds us like a wall of darkness.

In the Pilgrim's Progress we are reminded of conflict. Christian, while travelling on his way, espied Apollyon coming over the field to meet him in the Valley of Humiliation. He is afraid; he doubts whether he should go back or stand his ground; but the reflection that he has no armour for his back convinces him that he should not flee.

Concerning the Master whom Christian serves, Apollyon cries, "I am an enemy to this Prince, and hate His person, His laws and people. I am come out on purpose to withstand thee."

Then follows the deadly conflict which lasts half a day. Christian is wounded and well nigh spent; he loses his sword and despairs of life. However he nimbly reaches out his hand and catches his sword crying,

"Rejoice not against me, o mine enemy!

When I fall I shall arise."

he is able to give deadly thrust, so that the enemy spreads forth his dragon's wings and flees away. Then indeed Christian "did smile and look upward."

Thus whenever we are tempted to despair we, like Christian, should always look to God for strength and help. Truly may we remember the words of the Collect of the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity,

"Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

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THE URBAN CRISIS

Cities are the symbol of man's success. They are the solution to a problem with which he has grappled right from the beginning. He had always striven to understand the world and control or co-operate with its forces so as to attain an enjoyable life. He strove to penetrate nature's secrets and harness them; and the modern city is the result.

The spirit of the modern city is secular (this worldly). They breathe an atmosphere of success and self-sufficiency, and they are not concerned (as the cities of the ancient world were) with the ques-

tions of religion and philosophy. They are too busy commuting, working, playing and tending the suburban garden even to think about eternal realities. This world is demanding and enjoyable so why bother about a world to come.

Many have been critical of the city and there is much in it to criticise. Its power to depersonalise and dehumanise is frightening. The number who are lonely and lost amongst its concrete canyons is tragic. And yet the success of the city as a way of life captivates men.

Solving urban problems engages the minds of many today including representatives of the Christian church. The latter once had a strong link with the city but today this link is broken. Medieval cities were built around the Cathedral, and different aspects of its life.

Today Christians ask themselves what is their role in the secular city.

The church today must penetrate the concrete jungle.¹ Each type of community that the city makes possible must become the arena in which men are faced with the Gospel. One thing is clear; Christian who wish to be listened to by the secular city will have to take more seriously the need to be thoroughly Christian right out to their fingertips. Christian ethics in business, Christian love and compassion for the needy, and Christian standards in the home are as useful and practical an urban life style as can be imagined.

In the Bible, the first city was built by Cain as a refuge. The city can be full of exploitation and cruelty; and yet, as the Bible also reminds us, it can be the symbol of the redeemed community where men of all kinds can be at home with each other. It is the symbol both of our greatest success and our greatest failure.

Few people understand the modern city. Its very newness overwhelms and bewilders us, and we search in vain for solutions to its more pressing problems. One thing is certain: For a real answer it needs a power from beyond and above itself, in fact, from God.

(Extract from an article published by the Information and Public relations Office of the Diocese of Sydney.)

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A SIMPLE THING

A theologian and an astronomer were seated next to each other on a plane. After introducing themselves to each other, the astronomer laughed and said, "You know, you theologians always amaze me. You make religion so complicated. To me religion is a very simple thing. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

"That's funny," said the theologian, "because, sir, that is exactly the way I have always felt about you astronomers. You make astronomy so complicated. To me astronomy has always been a very simple thing—twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are!"

Faith in God is so simple that even a child can practice it, but so deep it involves all we think, say and do.

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THE LAYMAN'S JOB

Leave it to the Parson, and soon the Church will die;
Leave it to the women folk—the young will pass it by.
For the Church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,
And the Church that is to prosper needs a layman on the job.

For a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys,
 But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;
 And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no Churches here
 And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere?
 It's the Church's special function to uphold the finer things,
 To teach the way of living from which all that's noble springs;
 But the Parson cannot do it, single-handed and alone,
 For the layman of the country are the Church's corner-stone.
 When you see a Church that's empty, tho' the doors are open wide,
 It's not the Church that's dying it's the laymen who have died;
 For it's not by song or sermon that the Church's work is done,
 It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on.

Anonymous.

(Reprinted from the "Chronicle", April, 1956.)

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- May 5th: Donated by Mrs. Dark in memory of her Husband Mr. Eddie Dark; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 12th: Donated by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother, by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Mother and by the Craigie family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- May 19th: Donated by Mrs. E. Jones, Allen and Jan in memory of Mr. H. Jones; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- May 26th: Donated by the Cragie Family in memory of Brother Don; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 3rd: Donated by Miss N. King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Parents, Mrs. and Mr. E. C. King; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also gratefully acknowledge flowers for Easter Day from Miss Dobson in memory of loved ones, from Mrs. Colburt in memory of Mr. Colburt, from Mrs. Thompson and Family in memory of Mrs. Thompson's Mother and from Mrs. Kerry. We also acknowledge flowers on the 21st April from Michelle in memory of Don.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Lenten Boxes: I would like to thank the girls and boys for their lenten offering. The money from the boxes will be sent to the Church Missionary Society for their mission work.

New Scholars: The Sunday School is appealing to the parishioners to invite boys and girls who do not attend Sunday School to join us every Sunday at 9.45 a.m. and at 10 a.m. on the third Sunday.

Attendances: The attendances at Sunday School have generally been

very good during the past month but there are a few of the pupils we have not seen for a number of weeks. I would, therefore, like to encourage the parents to send their children to Sunday School regularly. It is only for one hour on Sunday morning.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies Guild:

Tuesday, 14th May, at 1 p.m. will be our next meeting and when we will finalise arrangements for our annual luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 22nd May, at 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The donation will be 60 cents. Matron Bruce of "Bethesda" Hostel will be the speaker. We look forward to seeing many of our friends from All Saints' and from neighbouring Churches on that day.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Y.M. and Friends Club:

The next meeting of our club will be held on Tuesday, 14th May, in the Parish Hall. All members are asked to attend to discuss our part in the new Rector's Induction Service.

We also propose to hold a "jumble sale" in the Parish Hall in the near future. Donations of second-hand clothing or any thing saleable will be gratefully received. Please watch the next "Chronicle" for further details.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners Club:

Early in April we celebrated our 17th Birthday with lots of free door prizes.

Our attendances this year have been particularly good, we still have room for new members especially card players, anyone interested could ring me for further information.

In the meantime if you are in the neighbourhood any Thursday between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. call in and share with us a happy afternoon for just 20 cents including afternoon tea.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary (797-6967)

Youth Group:

Well the year seems to be rushing through at a great rate and it won't be long before Christmas is on us and we have decided to donate all the toys to the Carlingford Childrens Home. This home has become the main project of the Youth Group now, and we would appreciate any toys, new or old, that could be collected for the children. The Group has many hands that are willing to work, especially on mending

toys. While I'm at it, books would also be welcomed. These could be collected if you ring me (56-2208) or pull me up at the Church and make arrangements.

At a meeting held on 19th April, the Secretary found it necessary to resign her position due to personal reasons. Office bearers are now: Leader, John Arrowsmith, Secretary-Treasurer, Peter Gray.

Easter Egg Appeal: On behalf of the Youth Group I would like to thank very sincerely all the generous people at All Saints' who contributed to our appeal. You helped to make fifty bright young children very very happy over the Easter Period. Once again many many thanks.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

Articles for the June "Chronicle" are due no later than 19th May, 1974.

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DAVID'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GRACE

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 he leadeth me beside the still waters.
 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
 righteousness for his name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
 of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
 enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
 life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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TO GET MORE OUT OF YOUR BIBLE READING

1. **Read expectantly and thoughtfully**, asking, "What is God's message for me today?" What does this passage teach me to believe?—to become?—to do? The more you are willing to listen. the more He will say.
2. **Read with imagination, unhurriedly.** Try to picture the scene, and think of the characters as living people.
3. **Use standard helps**, such as a reference Bible, commentaries, Bible dictionary and concordance.
4. **Do not be disturbed** if there are some passages you don't understand. Dig for hidden treasure by repeated readings.
5. **Conserve the results of your reading** by keeping a record of what you have read and the impressions you received. Memorise helpful passages or copy key verses to carry with you for reference through the day.
6. **Turn to the Bible each day, no matter how you feel.** It is not primarily a shelf of medicines for emergencies; it is a daily food for daily needs. But it always has a message for us in times of defeat and sorrow, fear and anxiety.

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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. H. Bretherton, N.
Cragg, F. Evans, A. Graham, A. L. Granger, P. Gray, and A. F. Jones,
Miss P. Kidd, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, H. Swankie, and J. R.
Williams.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. A. Jones.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. C. Barrett, G. Clarke, A. Ingoldsby-Brown, G. R.
Miniter, and H. J. Shaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. A. Jones.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss K. Williams.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER:

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

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER: Mr. C. Sillince.

DISTRICT VISITORS COLLECTIONS

Miss Nisbet \$30.70, Mrs. Carr \$73.30, Mrs. Humphreys \$63.00,
Mrs. Willis \$12.00, Mrs. Clark \$20.80, Mrs. Hearn \$12.00.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast,

There by His love o'er shaded, sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hark! 'tis the voice of angels, Borne in a song to me,

Over the fields of glory, Over the jasper sea.

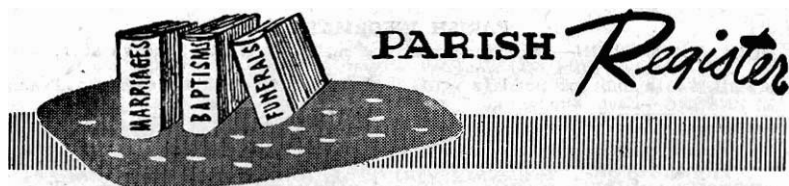
Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe from corroding care,

Safe from the world's temptations, sin cannot harm me there,

Free from the blight of sorrows, Free from my doubts and fears;

Only a few more trials, only a few more tears.

—Fanny L. Crosby.



BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism."

- April 6: Rodney Stephen McGrath.
April 6: Tanya Lee McGrath.
April 6: Timothy James Appleby.

WEDDINGS

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life."

- March 30: Joseph Arena and Michele Robyn Mason.
April 6: Martin Phillip Letherbarrow and Pamela Christine Cameron.

CHURCH FINANCES

Period 1st January — 31st March, 1974

Offertories and other receipt	\$1545
Expenditure	\$2123
Deficiency for period	\$578

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