

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

Rector: Vacant.

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

FEBRUARY, 1956



SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday) 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Bible Study and Intercessions 7.45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Teachers' Training Class, First Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. G. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs. A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD,
J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B.
PULLEN, E. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH.

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. E. WARR.

Verger: Vacant.

IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This will be my last letter to you as Rector of All Saints! Although our stay here has been short it has been a very happy time. I would like to thank my Church Officers, and helpers for their help and co-operation, in which Mrs. Johnson joins me. I had hoped to be able to announce in this letter the name of your new Rector, but that is not possible. The Nominators met and nominated a new Rector but he declined the invitation. Unfortunately, it means starting all over again. In the meantime a Locum Tenens will be appointed and I trust that you will all do your best to keep things moving and up to the mark for your new Rector when he comes.

Mr. Eagar has resigned and Mr. Edward Warr has been appointed Organist and Choirmaster. Mr. Eagar's work at All Saints' has been very much appreciated during the past 10 years, and his many friends will greatly miss him. Members of the Choir will give Mr. Eagar a Farewell at the Rectory after Church on Sunday, 5th February.

We are about to enter the season of Lent. During this period we make our Missionary Appeal for A.B.M. and C.M.S., it is also a time for spiritual stock-taking. It is a time of meditation, fasting and prayer, a time of rededication to God of our lives. By self-examination and by struggling against sin and evil habits and by the conviction that we need a Saviour and Redeemer. So shall we be able with deeper thankfulness and humility to keep Good Friday and to rise with joy and hope on Easter Day the great festival of the Resurrection.

With best wishes from us all at the Rectory,

Your sincere friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

PARISH PARS

Our sincere congratulations to all who passed their examinations and we note that Jim Barrett and John Minitier won bursaries, Janice Jones was successful in the University Arts examination for 2nd year, Alan Jones passed in one of his subjects.

Leaving Certificate: Helen Murphy. **Intermediate Certificate:** Boys—J. Webster, R. Fortier, J. Minitier, A. Jenkins, K. Nolan, J. Barrett, K. Churchill, B. Taylor. **Bursaries:** J. Minitier, J. Barrett. **University:** Janice and Alan Jones.

We regret to record the death of Miss A. Allen on the 6th January at the Coast Hospital. Miss Allen was a faithful worker at All Saints' and had been for some years President of the L.H.M.U. A regular worshipper she will be greatly missed. The late Miss Allen left a legacy to All Saints' Church of £50.

Mrs. Pullen Senior passed away, also Mrs. Hacking, and Mrs. E. Baker, to the relatives we express our sincere sympathy and pray that God will comfort and bless them.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Ben Pullen has not been well and is now away having a rest at Port Macquarie.

Mrs. Binns and Mrs. Craigie have improved in health and are out of hospital. Mrs. Handel, who has been seriously ill in hospital, is a little better, and is looking forward to her ninetieth birthday.

Mrs. Mitchell, one of our District Visitors, will be away interstate for a few months. Would someone volunteer to do her district while she is away?

Many thanks to those who built the Barbecue at short notice. There was quite a good roll up. The Carols and Film were greatly enjoyed. Funds will benefit to the extent of about £10 or a little more when all ticket money is in.

The drainage system at the Church has at last been attended to. We hope that it will solve the problem of water everywhere when it rains!

The Physical Culture Club is to be congratulated upon an excellent year. They have donated the balance of the Motor Mower, some £40, and have made a substantial donation to the general funds of the Parish. Thank you!

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WOMEN'S GUILD

Our meetings will resume on Tuesday, 14th February, and we look forward to a good attendance of members as there are a number of proposed activities to be discussed and finalised. We deeply regret a vacant place in our ranks as we resume; Miss Allen will be sadly missed as a true friend and earnest worker. We trust that Mrs. Binns and Mrs. Craigie, who have not been so well again, will soon be restored to good health. We look forward to our meetings again and pray that our activities for the year which lies ahead, will be richly blessed.

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L.H.M.U.

Since the last meeting of the L.H.M.U. we have all been saddened by the grievous loss of one of our dear Church Ladies, Miss Amy Allen. Miss Allen was the President of the L.H.M.U., and a member of other church societies, and they join us in mourning the loss of our dear friend. The Annual Meeting and Social Afternoon of the L.H.M.U. will be held in the Guild Room on 20th March at 2.30 p.m. All parishioners and friends are invited and are assured of a hearty welcome.

—J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

ST. LUKE'S CENTRE

The next meeting of St. Luke's Centre will be held on Wednesday, 8th February, 1956, and will take the form of an American Tea. At this meeting we are to have a talk by Mrs. W. J. Edwards, wife of the Acting Rector of St. James', Sydney, on some of her experiences in Greece and Rome, where Dr. Edwards was in charge of U.N.I.C.E.F. We hope that many of the women of the congregation may join us for this gathering.

—B. CADE, Hon. Sec.

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YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The Y.M. Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, 14th February, at 8 p.m., in Y.C.I. Clubroom. We would be pleased to welcome new members also any tennis player who would care to join our Tuesday tennis club.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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Y.C.I.

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I., which is the men's club of the Parish, will be held in the Club Room on Friday the 17th February, commencing at 8 p.m. The Annual Report will give an outline of the Institute's activities during the past 12 months, and the general proceedings are of great importance. The attendance of all Y.C.I. members is earnestly requested as it is by their presence that the Institute can gauge the measure of support we can anticipate during the year ahead. All men of the Parish are invited to attend the 45th Annual Meeting, and they are assured of a hearty welcome and a very interesting evening. Further particulars regarding the Y.C.I. will be gladly supplied by any of the church officers.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Owing to holidays our attendances have been fairly low, but we expect normal attendances this month following the resumption of school. We have two special occasions of note this month, firstly the Sunday School Picnic on Saturday, 11th February. Scholars are asked to be in attendance at the Hall by 7.45 a.m., and to bring a mug. Secondly, we have the Harvest Festival on the following day, Sunday 12th, and scholars are asked to bring gifts of groceries, vegetables, fruit, etc., all of which will later be forwarded to the Home of Peace. Congratulations to all our people who were successful in recent examinations.

—KENNETH GRANT, Hon. Sec.

FLOWER ROSTER

February 5—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 February 12—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.
 February 19—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.
 February 26—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 March 3—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 March 10—Donated by Miss Speight.
 March 17—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
 March 24—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.
 March 31—Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

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DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Mrs. Oldfield, £1/1/-; Miss Turner, £1.

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

January 1—Steven Joel Windon.
 January 15—Deborah Anne Leys.
 January 22—Robyn Anita Brisbane.
 January 29—Paul Ernest August Brandes, Peter Ronald MacCullum, Kerry Ann Haines, Graham Craig Wilson.

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HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

November 17—Christopher John Hamilton to Norma Victory Wootton.
 January 21—Graham Paton Perkins to Enid Joyce Taylor.
 January 28—Norman Henry Richard Cook to Edith Florence Cullum.

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BURIALS & CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

December 22—Annie Hacking, aged 81 years (Rookwood Crematorium).
 December 28—Madeline Frances Pullen, 85 years (Rookwood Crematorium).
 December 28—Elizabeth Ann Baker, 80 years (Rookwood Cemetery).
 January 7—Amy Allen.

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COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY

	General Fund	Missions	Total
December, 1955	£110 15 9	£9 16 1	£120 11 10
January	47 11 7	6 2 11	53 14 6
Plus 29/1/56	16 0 7	2 14 7	18 15 2
	<hr/> £63 12 2	<hr/> £8 17 6	<hr/> £72 9 8

DONATIONS, ETC.

December, 1955

Special: B.C.A. Boxes, £4/2/9.

Fete: Mrs. Bosward, £1/10/-; Mrs. Jones, 5/-; Miss Perrett, £2/6/6.

General Fund: Anon, £1; Anon., £2; Mr. and Mrs. Sopwith, £5.

Home of Peace: Mrs. Thomas, 10/-.

Mower Fund: Mrs. Holland, £1/1/-.

Dickens Recital: £2/10/-.

January, 1956

C. of E. Homes: £1.

A.B.M.: Miss Speight, 5/6.

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Fete: £1/8/-.

Barbecue (in Church Grounds): £10/14/-.

Mower Fund: Physical Culture Club, £44/2/-.

General Fund: Physical Culture Club, £55/18/-.

"Chronicle" Sub.: Mrs. I. Evans, £1/1/-; Miss Moxham, 10/6. Total, £1/11/6.

Roof Fund: Box 6, Miss Lange, 14/10; Box 50, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, £1/3/-; Box 59, Miss E. Graham, £3/9/9; Box 80, Janette Peachy, 9/4; Anon., £1/2/10. Total, £6/19/9.

DISTRICT VISITORS

December —

Mrs. Cook, £3/10/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/8/-; Mrs. Robertson, £5/9/-; Mrs. Olofsson, £1/12/-; Mrs. Humphreys, Dec.-Jan., £21/13/-; Miss Bayley, £2/11/-; Mrs. Ditchburn, £3/16/6; Mrs. Taylor, £2/5/- Total, £44/4/6. Asst. Clergy, Mrs. Robertson, 6/6. Grand Total, £44/11/-.

January —

Mrs. Cook, £2/4/6; Mrs. Robertson, £4/15/9; Mrs. Mitchell, £1/7/-; Mrs. Furnell, Dec., £3/3/-, Jan., £3/3/-; Mrs. Grant, Dec., £1/4/-, Jan., £1/4/6; Mrs. Oldfield, Jan., £1/11/-; Mrs. Humphreys, Dec.-Jan., 6/-; Miss Bayley, Jan., £2/12/3; Miss Speight, 16/-; Mrs. Taylor, Jan., £1/16/-; Mrs. Taylor, Jan., 19/-; Mrs. Ditchburn, £3/2/6; Mrs. Miller, £1/6/- Total, £29/10/6. Asst. Clergy—Mrs. Robertson, 6/6; Mrs. Humphreys, Dec., 6/6, Jan., 6/6; Miss Speight, 4/-; Mrs. Taylor, Jan., 1/- Total, £1/4/6. Grand Total, £30/15/-.

C.M.S. WORK IN NEW IRANIAN OIL VENTURE

If present plants eventuate, C.M.S. will have a part in work amongst thousands of Iranis at the huge oil refinery at Abadan, Iran.

The Rev. David Gurney, South Australian missionary at present in Cairo, hopes to obtain a visa to return to Iran soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney were missionaries in Iran until the political situation forced them to leave several years ago.

The Bishop in Iran, the Rt. Rev. W. J. Thompson, comments: "A big new opportunity and responsibility has arisen in Khuzistan, the Province in South West Iran where oil is once more flowing.

"The refinery in Abadan is returning to life, and British and American experts, as well as Irani employees are flocking back. There should be chaplains there, as there were under the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Ideal Worker

"We are hoping that David Gurney will be able to come and open up this work. He and Betty would be ideal for this, and I can think of no one who would give this work a better start.

"Will you remember this in your prayers?

"This is a big new undertaking, but it is, I believe, the most important opportunity we have at the moment."

The Iran Diocesan Council recently met for the first time in two years, having been unable to meet during the recent unsettled times. The Bishop and many missionaries were temporarily exiled.

Discussing the results of the Council meeting, the Bishop said: "Some of the old methods for the communication of the Gospel are closed to us today, but others are opening up.

New Conditions

"The condition and outlook of those to whom we come is also changing rapidly. Iran is not the same as it was; it is more sophisticated, restless, and suspicious, and Islam itself is awake and sensitive.

"But these last few years have shown that the Church is a reality, and that God can and does preserve it through dangers and difficulties we had never anticipated.

"This should strengthen our faith in Him and enable us to go forward with a new confidence.

"The Church—the Persian Church—is small and weak and poor, more so than we have usually thought of it. But we have the Truth and we must not despise the day of small things.

"The country is rapidly becoming literate and this opens up new avenues of communication, and emphasises the importance of our literature work and the Correspondence Courses being produced."

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our Concert, held on 5th December, proved to be a bigger success than ever. Thanks to Miss Hayes, the girls worked splendidly. It would be hard to say which item appealed most to the audience, as each and every one was thoroughly enjoyed by all friends and relations who helped to fill our Hall and appreciate the fine display of talent by our girls. We congratulate and sincerely thank Miss Carol Hayes for her tuition and interest shown to every member of our Club. Congratulations, girls, for your most enjoyable Concert and thanks to all "mums and dads" who worked so hard on their lovely costumes. To our kind "anonymous friend" who donated the lovely flowers, a sincere thank you. Also to Mrs. Collis for her co-operation all through the year. Happy holidays, girls. Club resumes on Monday, 30th January, 1956.

CRICKET

With the resumption of cricket after the Christmas-New Year holiday break, our "C" Grade cricketers have met with mixed success. Despite some excellent individual achievements, both matches played during January were lost, the scores in the first of these games being: All Saints, 154 and 303, v. Haberfield Baptist, 164. Top-scorers for All Saints were L. Watkins, 124, N. Steer 72 and T. Norris 52. We were defeated outright by St. Bede's, Drummoyne, after being in a good position early; luck did not favour us in these matches, but we look forward to more success in the remaining three fixtures of the season.

Because of school holidays, the "D" Grade (under fifteen) team played one match only during January, and won easily by 128 runs on the first innings. Congratulations to young Graham Howlett, who scored a century in this game.

—A. JONES, Hon. Secretary.

CHURCH MUSIC, FEBRUARY 12 TO MARCH 4, 1956

Sunday	Morning	Evening
February 12 Quinquagesima Harvest Festival	Hymns 388, 384, 383, 381. Psalm 104. Anthem: "Praise the Lord" (Maunder).	Hymns 382, 388, 383, 379. Psalm 65. Anthem: "Thou Visitest the Earth" (Green).
February 15 Ash Wed'day	7 a.m. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.	Evensong 7.30. Psalm 130. Hymns 92, 645, 91.
February 19 Lent i	Hymns 84, 244, 255, 254. Psalm 51. Benedicite, Naylor in F.	Hymns 245, 268, 774. Psalm 32. Anthem: "Turn Thy Face from My Sins" (Attwood).
February 26 Lent ii	Hymns 89, 249, 91. Psalm 119, verses 1-16.	Hymns 92, 645, 287. Psalm 119, verses 33 to 48. Anthem: "Hide Not Thou Thy Face" (Farrant).
March 4 Lent iii	Hymns 90, 263, 214, 208. Psalm 119, verses 73 to 88.	Hymns 88, 246, 271. Psalm 119, verses 105 to 112. Anthem: "God so Loved the World" (Goss).