

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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--- EVENING SERVICES IN WINTER ---

--- Change of time proposed ---

Every year at this time, the colder, rainy winter weather approaches, and there is a marked falling away of the attendance at our Sunday evening service. As the Rector said at Evensong on 19th April, this is mainly due to the fact that folk prefer to stay in the comfort of their own homes (and watch television) rather than come to Church in the colder weather.

If it would help the congregation, the Rector would be willing to begin the service earlier at say 6.45 p.m. or even 5 p.m. Some parishioners are known to favour these earlier times.

This proposal will be discussed at the Annual Vestry Meeting, and any parishioners desirous of either changing the time, or keeping it at 7.15 p.m., are invited to take part in the discussion at this meeting. If agreed to, the earlier commencing time could possibly operate for about three months, i.e., from June through August.

--- REPORT ON CLOTHING SALE ---

The organisers of the Clothing Sale held on 10th and 11th April are very pleased to report that the sale was once again a great success, thanks to the excellent support and patronage received. The proceeds go to Church funds.

I. CLARK

--- MAJOR WORK TO BEGIN ---

--- Organ Contract Let ---

The Rector has announced that a Contract has been let to the well known organ firm of Noads for the repair and restoration of our Church organ. As parishioners are aware, improvement of the organ was one of the main objectives behind last year's annual gala fete.

Just over 30 years ago the organ was given a comparatively minor overhaul, but this will be a major job, including replacing the leather on the bellows. Many of the pipes that have been disconnected or are otherwise unusable will also come back in to service, some after many years silence. The work will cost over £1,000.

As it will take six weeks to carry out all the required repairs, Noads will supply us with an electrically blown organ to carry on our Services.

--- COLUMBARIUM WORK BEGINS ---

With the return of Mr. Arthur Cook, our Officer of Works, from annual vacation, work on the construction of the final stage of the Columbarium is beginning this month.

After a great deal of difficulty in locating bricks to match the Church building, a suitable type was secured, and they have now been delivered to us. Bricklaying etc. will be taking place on successive Saturdays, and offers of labour (skilled and unskilled) from the men-folk of the parish would be greatly appreciated. The Rector or Mr. Cook will be pleased to let you know the hours and dates of the work.

MAKE A DATE FOR THE GALA FETE

By the time the bills are paid for the restoration of our organ, there won't be anything left from the proceeds of last year's Annual Fete. The balance of the money has already been used on property maintenance, and to meet a Synod assessment on our Fete takings.

We must, therefore, look to this year's Fete to raise more funds to continue the tremendous task of getting all our property back into good condition. Paving of the car parking area, relaying of old brick paths, roof repairs, and rebuilding of the "leaning fence" of Frederick Street are just a few of the urgent projects.

To be as successful as last year, we must start now to organise the stalls. Already, some of the folk are working on their stocks amongst these being:

Watches and Clocks: Mr. Arthur Cook now seeks old clocks and watches that he can place in good working order for re-sale at his stall. We ask especially that you may leave your gift at the Rectory or with Mr. Cook as quickly as possible, as it takes weeks and sometimes months to get the parts necessary to fix some clocks.

Books, Toys, Stamps and Jewellery: Mrs. Millarey is now building her stocks for this Stall, and if you 'phone her at LM 1643, she will gladly call and collect your gift. Books of any description will be accepted, including rare and antique books, for which Mrs. Millarey can get a special price from a bookseller.

PARISH PARS

By popular demand, last November's "Y.C.I. Revue" is to be repeated in the Parish Hall on Friday, 15th May. The musical production number, which was widely acclaimed last time, will again be featured, with guest artists from local musical societies. Proceeds will be used to buy a backdrop for our Hall stage and more chairs for the Hall. Come along and be part of a bumper audience for a bumper show.

Judo classes are now held in the Parish Hall on Thursday nights, in place of the Table Tennis Club which has ceased to function because of lack of support from the lads of the parish. Men and women, boys and girls, are all catered for at the new classes.

"The Calling of Matthew" is the title of this month's film, to be shown at the Social Hour to follow Evensong on Sunday, 24th May. All parishioners are invited to attend. It would be appreciated if the Y.M. and Friends' Club could arrange the supper for this night.

Confirmation Classes are now about to commence for young folk and adults wishing to be confirmed this year. Would any who have not yet given their names to the Rector please see him within the next few days.

Before the June "Chronicle" appears, there will be another Street Stall conducted by the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club. It will be held outside the Church gates on Saturday, 6th June, and donors and buyers will be very welcome.

The quest for clean newspapers continues. However, we can now accept "Heralds" only, as there is absolutely no sale for other newspapers, or for magazines. In fact, we've recently had to pay to get a stack of these smaller papers carted away.

The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is under ground.

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

The Easter Vestry Meeting of the Parish will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall on Friday, 8th May, at 8 p.m. The Rector will present his Annual Report to the Parish, all Club Secretaries are asked to report on their activities of the past year, and Church Wardens and Parish Councillors for the coming twelve months will be elected. The matter of a new starting time for Evensong will also be raised. All parishioners are invited.

Copies of the Hon. Treasurer's Financial Statement will be available at the Church early this month.

 QUESTIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

1. Are we of one heart and mind in seeking God's will and guidance?
 2. Do we just deal with routine business or are we the spiritual leaders of the Parish?
 3. Do we pray for the Rector and our people, and for one another? Do we worship together?
 4. Have we any thought-out system of dealing with the various spheres of parish work—needs of old people, youth, witness and publicity, social service, liaison with the Diocese, and with the world mission of the Church—as well as finance and care of buildings?
 5. Do we go apart for a quiet week-end together to consider our spiritual needs and plan the strategy for the parish?
 6. Do we ever invite someone to come and talk to us about matters of importance to the Church and the community—the local M.H.R., the Mayor, the police inspector, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean, the secretary of the A.B.M. or C.M.S., the organist, the Sunday School Superintendent?
 7. Do we ever help the Rector in suggesting subjects for sermons, occasionally working out a sermon together, which he can then deliver, as a message from the Rector and the Council?
 8. Are we willing to join with other Parish Councils in surveying the spiritual needs of the area and in fixing Priorities?
 9. Do we ever send greetings to other parishes, delegates to their dedications and jubilees? And gifts?
 10. Do we think of ways in which we can help neighbouring parishes?
 11. Is the canvass just a technique for paying our way (not a hard starting point?) or a means of securing the necessary resources for the work of the Kingdom and enlisting people in its service?
 12. Do we want their money or their life?
 13. Do we try and help the organisations of the parish with their problems?
 14. Does there happen to be some money saved up that might be lent to a struggling parish free of interest for (say) five years?
 15. Is the subject of the missionary task of the Church regularly included in the agenda of the Parish Council as one of equal importance with other subjects?
 16. How far have we been able to work towards achieving the principle of the second great commandment by giving away to diocese, missions and charitable service as much as we spend on ourselves?
 17. Do we ever, from time to time, survey our neighbourhood to see if there is some particular need that our Church might undertake to meet?
 18. Would it be a good plan to discuss some of these questions at length at future meetings of the Parish Council?
- Next month: Questions for the parishioner.

CLUB NOTES

Physical Culture: Classes are held in the Parish Hall each Monday from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., and girls from four years of age and upwards are cordially invited to join our Club. We have the facilities of a good hall to work in, and good instruction from Bjelke-Petersen's School of Physical Culture. There is a joining fee of 2/6 and a charge of 2/- per class.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls Club: Come along and join us in a game any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. We will make you most welcome and if you have not played before, we will be pleased to help you all we can. We are sure you will enjoy a very pleasant night.

We had our first win last month against Clemtown Park¹ team, who are always hard to beat. It was a most enjoyable and friendly match.

We are pleased to report that we have now made the last payment on our Bowls mat, which leaves the Club free of debt. We wish to express our thanks to the Parish Council for granting us the loan to purchase the mat.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club: Our Club meets each and every Thursday afternoon in the Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. A Social Afternoon is held, afternoon tea is provided, and prizes are to be won. We cordially invite you to be our guest.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

May 3rd—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

„ 10th—Donated by the family of the late Mr. Jenkins in his memory; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

„ 17th—Donated by Mrs. E. Jones, Alan and Janice in memory of their Husband and Father, Mr. Harold Jones, and by Mrs. Thomas and family in memory of their Husband and Father; arranged by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.

„ 24th—Donated by Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason; arranged by Miss Speight.

„ 31st—Donated by the Misses White and Quin in memory of Miss Doreen Bedford; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

June 7th—Donated by Mrs. Cleary and Miss N. King in memory of their Father and Mother; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

● Church Orchestra for TV: The Church of England Television Society wants to audition any parishioners whose talents would contribute towards the new C.E.T.S. Studio Orchestra. Those interested in helping our television ministry should reply to the Director, Mr. Clifford Warne, MA 6493, or 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

JUDGES

Our series on the books of the Bible, written by the Rev. Donald
Cameron of Moore College

Judges takes up the history of Israel from the point where the book of Joshua closed. After a successful assault on the land of the Canaanites, they had demoralised their enemies and deprived them of much valuable country. However Israel failed to take up the challenge, and no longer having the benefit of the strong leadership of Moses and Joshua, each tribe, clinging to its own tract of country, fell into disunity and ignored the general good and needs of the whole nation.

National standards and morale declined further when the Israelite invaders settled down among the Canaanites and an exchange of religious practices and beliefs grew up. The Israelites began to move from the pure worship and faith they had known under Moses to the Canaanite religion with its complex idolatry and human sacrifice. Thus divided nationally and weakened spiritually, they fell prey to every kind of evil. Attacked by Canaanite groups, subjected to military pressure from the Philistines and also the Midianite camel raiders from the desert, Israel was almost at one point forced into the position of a slave race once more, a fate from which she was saved only by the genius of David.

However, God did not leave His people comfortless during this time of disunity and reversal. The Israelites were ruled and lead by judges such as Deborah, Gideon, and above all, Samson. In the Old Testament, the word "judge" does not merely mean to decide between, or to act simply in a legal capacity, but rather to deliver or save. Thus, the judges were men ordained by God to rally His people in a time of national emergency and lead them out of defeat and subjection. They were only partly successful in their task, but they saved Israel from extinction, and in so doing prepared the way for the golden age of David.

Judges, read best in the Revised Standard Version, makes vivid and powerful reading, full of "Heroic Age" stories of battle, murder and sudden death. Yet the book's final significance lies not in its barbaric heroes or its tales of war, but in its clear sense of both God's judgement and His mercy. When Israel "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord" in idolatry and immorality, they were sore distressed but they were never finally abandoned or left to destruction and despair. "The Lord raised up Judges . . . and saved them out of the hand of their enemies."

● Sydney Diocese's Board of Education has now entered the field of adult education. Following the offer of financial support by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the Rev. K. McIntyre, B.Ec., Th. L., has been appointed Adult Education Officer. In the early months, his work will be primarily that of evaluating existing forms of adult Christian Education in the various Churches and laying foundations for sound work in this field within the Church of England. The Board hopes to publish material for leadership training and for leader's use. Your prayers are invited that the Holy Spirit will guide and prosper in this new advance.

NEWS BRIEFS

● Several of our parishioners are ill in hospital at the present time, and we send them our prayers for a very speedy return to full health and strength. Amongst those we remember are Mrs. Burkett of Middleton Street, who is now in a Private Hospital at Randwick, Miss Butt in the Home of Peace, Mrs. Hird in the Earle Page Hospital, and Mrs. Cooke who has now been in Lewisham Hospital for several weeks.

● The principal "act" of last year's Y.C.I. Revue is to be repeated this month in response to numerous requests. This was a tip-top musical presentation, featuring artists from local Musical Societies, and was produced by Messrs Bruce Harrison and John Shaw. All who saw last year's show enjoyed it greatly and will want to come again. If you missed it last time, make sure you're at the Parish Hall early on Friday, 15th May to get a good seat. Tickets 4/- for adults and 2/- for children can be obtained at the door.

● **Junior Choir Members wanted:** The Junior Choir now practices at 7 o'clock on Wednesday evenings. Mrs. Champion conducts these practices, and would like to hear from more girls and boys wishing to join the Choir and so help the Services at All Saints'. There are several vacancies which we are finding it hard to fill, and enquiries from parents or young folk will be most welcome.

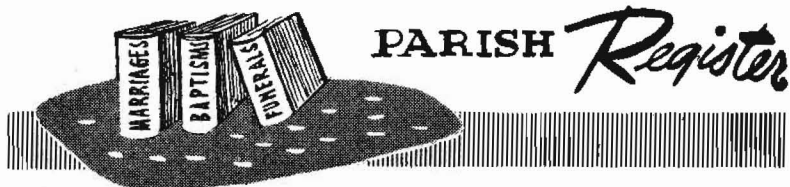
● **Holiday Time:** We are pleased to see Mrs. Archer again following her return from a holiday with members of her family at Cowra. Also, by the time this issue of "The Chronicle" appears, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cook and Mrs. Bosward will have returned from a trip to Western Australia and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atkinson from Queensland. Best wishes also to all who'll be going away for the school holidays this month.

● **Guest Speaker Available:** The Rector has received an offer from the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium Trust to provide an experienced speaker to present an informative illustrated lecture on the subject, "Cremation—The Enlightened Way". Adult organisations of the parish that would be interested in including this talk on their programme are requested to secure further details from the Rector. It could be given in the daytime or the evening.

* **Successful Bus Tour** The Guild had a successful bus tour of Sydney on 29th April, during which the ladies paid visits to a number of institutions run by the Home Mission Society. Several aspects of the work of this enterprising arm of the Church of England were inspected by our ladies. The bus used for the trip belonged to St. Paul's Church of England, Redfern.

● The Home Mission Society reports that it receives support for its Chaplaincy work from the most unlikely sources. Recently, the Chaplain at the Parramatta Training School for girls received a letter from a girl who had been discharged, saying that she hoped many other girls in the Home would have her experience of accepting Christ as their Saviour. She asked for some books and guidance in Christian reading to help her spiritual life.

● **Pen Friend Wanted:** Mr. Larry Terrio of Southdale Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, would like to correspond and exchange stamps with Anglicans in Australia. Any interested parishioners should write direct to Mr. Terrio.



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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

- Mch. 22—Michelle Anne Louis.
 Apl. 5—Corynne Lee McArthur.
 „ 5—Linda Gay McGuigan.
 „ 5—Jennifer Beryl Gulliksen.
 „ 12—Sharron Ann Caine.
 „ 12—Glenn John Cheetham.
 „ 19—Sharon Lynnette Dobson.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

- Mch. 28—John Lillis to Patricia Anne Hobson.
 Apl. 3—Samuel George Evans to Lynette Joan Abberfield.
 „ 18—Donald John O'Sullivan to Michele Elizabeth Hearn.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

- Mch 26—George Partridge.
 „ 31—Malvina Amelia Champion
 Apl. 7—Mabel Mitchell.
 „ 11—William Allan Methven.

May:**YOUR ALL SAINTS' DIARY**

- Sunday, 3rd—Masonic Church Parade, 7.15 p.m.
 Wednesday, 6th—Mothers' Union, 10 a.m.
 Friday, 8th—Easter Vestry Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, 12th—Guild 2 p.m.; Y.M. Club., 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, 13th—St. Luke's Centre, 2.30 p.m.
 Friday, 15th—Y.C.I. Night of Revue and Operetta, 8 p.m.
 Sunday, 24th—Film and supper after Evensong.
 Friday, 29th—Y.C.I. Guest Speaker, 8 p.m.

June:

- Saturday, 6th—Young Marrieds' Street Stall.
 Tuesday, 16th—Rural Deanery Sunday School Teachers' Meeting at All Saints' 8 p.m.
 Sunday, 28th—Fellowship Service, 7.15 p.m.

November:

- Saturday, 21st—Parish Gala Fete, 10 a.m.—10 p.m.

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