

# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"And they departed into Egypt"

### THE RECTOR'S CENTENARY SERMON

In response to a number of requests, we are printing the special sermon preached by the Rector at the service on 31st October, marking the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our Church, and the commemoration of all marriages celebrated at All Saints'.

Mr. Campbell took as his text, verse 16 of the sixth chapter of the Book of Ezra, "And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the Dedication of this house of God with Joy." (R.S.V.)

And we too, gather together, priest and people, and friends from far and wide, to celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the 100th anniversary of the dedication of THIS temple of God. One hundred years ago this beautiful church building was dedicated to God; that is, officially set apart for His special use, for Divine worship, for the preaching, reading and hearing of His Holy Word, and for the celebration and use of the sacraments. All Saints Church, Petersham, was handed over to God when the work of erection was completed. And we have good cause to give thanks to God for that he put it into the hearts of these pious men and women of old to give of their substance and energies to create this Temple, and to leave it debt free for our use.

And so we pray on this commemoration of their generosity that God will give us grace to give of our substance and energy to carry on their great and faithful work, and to pass on this edifice to those who come after us. Since freely we have been given, freely we should give. I, the present Rector, invite you all who have cause to love this place, to consider carefully the plight your old church home is facing these years with the sweeping change of the character of our surroundings, to see if you, whether living near or far from us, might join hands and hearts to maintain the ministry which they began. We stand now in need of a miracle of love if we are to carry on.

And so as we think about the dedication of this great church, and its on-going needs, we are reminded of our own personal dedication to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, as his faithful followers. What was that cause?

Jesus Christ came into the world to SAVE SINNERS, the Bible says. That is in love, to call men away from those aspects of living that are damaging both to themselves and to society as a whole. And to call men to those greater things that will build and nurture a fulfilling life. This means having preachers and teachers who can give the call, and explain the cause, and instruct in its application. It means having the means of broadcasting that Gospel, here in the Temple, and taking it to the people who cannot come to the temple. Basically, His purpose was to offer forgiveness for the past, help for the present, and hope for the future, to a race of poor lonely and sin-ridden people, who cannot, try hard as they may, pull themselves up by their own bootstraps. Man needs God's help. He is lost in his selfishness and pleasure seeking without God. Without God, man only works himself farther and farther into the fruitless and unfulfilling life of self-seeking, when the real truth is, that his joy and the hope of the whole race lies only in self-giving.

This is the ministry and cause to which all Christians are dedicated, first at their baptism, then at their confirmation, and then at their regular communing with Christ in the sacrament. We are consecrated and dedicated to the spread of the truth of God as far and as wide and as deep as we can make it. Throughout our history it has been the central Temple worship in each community, out from which have gone the missionaries, lay and ordained, to the world, and in which the funds

for their support have been raised. Yes, it was the local corner church with its thousands of brothers, that has spread and sustained God's purpose in Christ for this sick world.

The fact that the world seems to be turning its back on us is indicative only that it has turned its back on Him. But this is no reason for us to give up. Persecution has been Christianity's lot from the beginning, and we are now facing an insidious persecution, the persecution of being ignored and avoided. And so now each one of us indeed, needs to consider our own dedication to His cause, whether it has grown cold or not.

Apart from the outgoing purpose of Christ which His Temple sustains, there is also the loving sustenance that the warm friendship of the family, that grows up around the Temple, can give to its members. In this family of families, each one finds support, in his faith, recreation for body and soul, the joy and peace of good fellowship, and something very important to every human soul, something to which to give himself. There are millions who remember happy Sunday School hours, the fun of the fellowship gatherings, the precious moments of their child's Baptism, their tip-toe moment of marriage, the bitter sweet moment of the final farewell to loved ones, and hundreds of quiet moments of prayer and worship and contemplation. All these things bind together a solid family that gives strength to all its members. And so this too is our purpose to which we are dedicated, and for which this temple was built and dedicated. There is much indeed for which we can be giving thanks this day.

And finally we are thinking also of another dedication we have made, and that is the day of our marriage when we dedicated ourselves to our spouses to have and to hold till death do us part. That was possibly the most precious moment in our life, and so to our parish church, we came, for that moment. In the beauty of holiness we gave away our hearts for better or for worse, and it is a very good thing indeed to stop for a moment now and then to re-consider that moment and those promises. Human nature being what it is, we do forget. In the mad business of our daily round we can lose sight of that other dedication to which we have given ourselves. We even forget to be thankful to God who gave us our husband, our sweet wives, with all the wonderment of love that they have meant to us, in the struggle of life.

Let us all lift up our hearts and voices and give grateful thanks to God for all the benefits we have received in his wonderfully appointed scheme of matrimony, and let us this day re-affirm our vows and our promises to keep bright our first avowed determination to be faithful to each other in every way, and to be faithful to our God through our Lord Jesus Christ. For it is only as we remain faithful to our God that we are able to remain faithful to each other in all times. When the human arm grows weak, God's strength remains strong. When our wordly vision grows dim, His face remains bright.

Holy Matrimony has three persons you know, I, and Thou, and Him. This triangle is exceedingly strong indeed. In our human weakness we may seek to deceive each other, but neither of us can deceive Him. His presence in our marriage makes it Holy indeed. Man cannot save himself, but God can, and will, if we let Him. Therefore, let us never lose sight of Him, nor release our hold from His Hand. And with God as our defender who or what will prevail against us?

And so I pray this day that we will all, walking with God, continue to have our deepest fulfilment in each other, and our richest blessing in Him.

### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

We offer to Thee, O Lord, our gratitude for all that the Christmas season has brought to us of joy and fellowship. Now as we enter a New Year, forgive the failures of past days. Grant that the New Year may see realised new hopes for our dear land. God save our beloved Queen and all who are dear to her. Guide those who serve our nation in high places, both at home and in far distant lands. May Thy will be the course on which we move forward. Bring our troubled world safely out of the present storm of suspicion and unrest and fear, and let Peace and Unity rule in Thy world, and in Thy Church, and in our homes, and in our hearts: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR



Start the New Year in the best place—in your Parish Church. We shall be holding a Watchnight Service commencing at 11.00 p.m. on Friday, 31st December, and continuing until midnight.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion with a short address by the Rector. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special service.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LENT

Your important dates in the 1972 Church Calendar are:

Sunday, 13th February: **Harvest Festival**

Wednesday, 16th February: **Ash Wednesday**

Friday, 31st March: **Good Friday**

Sunday, 2nd April: **Easter Day**

For our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, we will be appealing for gifts of groceries, fruit and vegetables for the Church of England's "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road. After providing appropriate decoration for the Church on the Festival Sunday, the gifts will then be put to good use at the hospital, which provides the very best in care for dying and incurably ill patients.

Further details of the Services for this day, for Lent and for Easter will appear in the February "Chronicle".

#### 1972 Resumption Dates:

January: Friday 7th, Y.C.I. 8 p.m. (Games Evening).

Thursday 13th, Senior Parishioners', 1 p.m.

February: Tuesday 8th, Guild, 2 p.m.

Tuesday 8th, Y.M. and Friends' Club, 8 p.m.

### SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

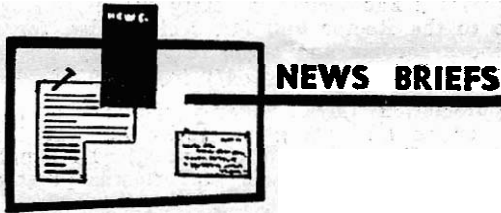
January 2nd: Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

January 9th: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister, by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory, and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

- January 16th: Donated in memory of Mr. Fred Andrew from his Wife (Mrs. Win Andrew, Western Australia), his Daughter (Mrs. Don Ward), his Mother and Sisters-in-law; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 23rd: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 30th: Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 6th: Donated by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff, by Mrs. I. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott, and by Judith Symons and John Williams in memory of their Grandfather; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers for Christmas Day as follows: from Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels, from Mrs. Cragg and Noel in memory of Mr. Cragg, from Mrs. Byrnes (Andreas Street) and from the Petersham R.S.S.A.I.L.A.

Any later donations will be acknowledged in the February "Chronicle".



● **Candlelight Service:** Once again, our annual "Carols by Candlelight" Service featured the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and its continuing popularity was evident from the large congregation present.

We are grateful to our Organist, Mr. Keith Allen, the Choir, the lessons readers representing various walks of parish life, and all who worked in any way for the success of this Service.

● **Parish History:** Our Church has an extremely interesting past. Anglican services in Petersham can be traced back to the days when bushrangers roamed this area. You can read the full story of All Saints' in the parish history which we published for our Centenary Year. Copies at \$1.00 each, which covers the cost of printing, are available from the Rectory or from Mr. E. Quelch.

● **February "Chronicle":** Items for the February "Chronicle" should be given to Geoffrey Gorman or Alan Jones not later than Sunday, 23rd January.

● **Parish Roll:** By now, most of our regular parishioners, the folk for whom All Saints' is "their Church", have no doubt signed the roll in the Church porch. However, if you missed adding your name, and want to be in the parish records as one of our members, please contact the Rector as soon as possible.

● **"Chronicle Advertisements":** As mentioned last month, we invite enquiries from local businesses, shopkeepers, etc., interested in advertising in the "Chronicle" on a casual or permanent basis. Our rates are reasonable: further details may be obtained from the Rector, Mr. Quelch (56-5538) or Mr. A. Jones (56-5218).

● **Subscribe to the "Chronicle":** Is your subscription now due? If so please forward renewal to Mr. F. Evans, 2 York Crescent, Petersham, 2049. Because of the further increase in postal rates, the annual charge is now 84 cents, plus your donation towards the cost of printing.

● **Christmas Hamper:** The Rectory family say a heartfelt thankyou to the organizations of All Saints' for their thoughtfulness in providing hampers of delicious food at the Parish Party to add to our Christmas. We hope the New Year will bring many blessings to you all.

● Despite heavy rain for the second year in a row, there was a good attendance at the Parish Christmas Party on Wednesday, 8th December, and all present had a very enjoyable time. Our thanks go to Mr. Frank Hearn who organised the programme, compere Bernie Sayers, all the artists, the Fellowship and Y.C.I. for their sketches, and the ladies who provided and served the tasty supper.

Thanks also to the Rector and Mr. Keith Allen for accompanying the singing on the accordeon and piano respectively, Mr. Campbell also gave parishioners his Petersham premiere performance on the bagpipes.

● **Fete Appreciation:** Mrs. Millarey would like to express her sincere appreciation to all who gave stock and who worked on the Jewellery Stall at the Fete. Thanks also to all who bought and helped bring up the total of \$350. All this support was greatly appreciated.

● **How does the Centenary Fund work:** Interested parishioners may obtain copies of the Centenary Fund by-laws from Mr. E. Quelch or Mr. F. Hearn. Although the Centenary Year has ended, the endowment fund is open in perpetuity, and donations may be made at any time through the Wardens.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Prizegiving:** I would like to thank the Sunday School Mothers' Club for the donation of the prayerbooks and all the people who gave a donation towards the prizes.

**Sunday School Christmas Party:** On behalf of the boys and girls I would like to thank the Mothers' Club for providing a wonderful Christmas Party.

**Teachers Required:** Two teachers are urgently required for the Sunday School. If you could fill one of these gaps, please contact the Rector, Mrs. Carroll, or Mr. Jones, who will gladly furnish full details.

The Sunday School and Kindergarten will be held each Sunday throughout the school vacation, and we hope that all girls and boys will attend regularly, unless they are going away on holidays.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

### CHURCH NEWS

● **Family Services:** The special presentation of the Christmas story at the December Family Service was greatly appreciated by the congregation. Instead of Morning Prayer, we traced the story of

Christmas in an appropriate arrangement of hymns and carols, with special songs by the Junior Choir, and a linking narrative. The Rector's address and the Sunday School prizegiving comprised the balance of the Service.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Keith Allen for devising this presentation and for training the Junior Choir, and to the girls and boys for their beautiful, confident singing. Congratulations for all the work you put into it!

● **Rector's Holiday:** During the Rector's annual holidays in the New Year, the Rev. Ralph Ogden, B.A., Th.L., will be acting as our Locum Tenens. Mr. Ogden was formerly Rector of Milson's Point and West Oatley, and a Chaplain at Concord Repatriation Hospital.

Mr. Ogden will be taking our Services on those Sundays in January when the Rector will be away, and will also handle any other parish matters that arise; he can be contacted on telephone 92-6785.

### CLUB NEWS

#### Sunday School Mothers' Club:

The December 4th party for the Senior Sunday School was very festive in the gaily decorated Parish Hall. The scrumptious menu included casserole dishes, spaghetti, savouries, frankfurts, and cake desserts. Carols on tape were played during supper. Games were led by Mr. A. Jones, followed by his films of his Centenary Service and the Fete. The evening concluded with cutting of the Christmas Cake for the children.

Sincere thanks to our members who prepared food and helped all evening, and to Mrs. Clark for her cheerful support.

For cash donations received up to 11th December for our Christmas Hospital Appeal, we thank Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Swankie. Our appreciation also to all who have placed gifts in the box in the Church porch.

W. R. CAMPBELL.

#### Ladies' Guild:

The first meeting for 1972 will be on Tuesday, 8th February, at 2 p.m. We look forward to all members being present to get arrangements under way for our annual luncheon on Tuesday, 21st March.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

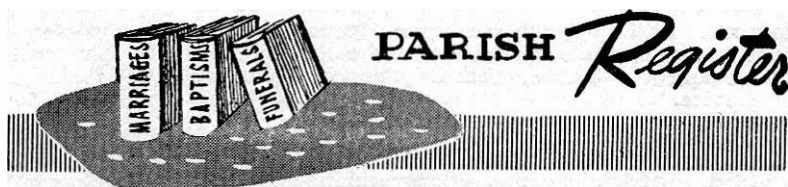
#### Youth Group:

Well, we're off on another year's activities. The Youth Group is planning a full programme, but we need more members to help carry it out. So, if you know a teenager or a young married couple, then please contact the Rector and help us build up our membership.

We are still appealing for books. Any old, used magazines, paperbacks or books would be most gratefully accepted. Please contact me on 56-2208 if you can help out.

I would like to take this chance, on behalf of the Youth Group, to wish Mr. and Mrs. Sopwith all the best for their trip overseas.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.



### BAPTISMS

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"*

- November 21: Lee Andrew Wright.  
 November 28: Wayne Leslie Cornish.  
 November 28: Susan Melony Trenear.

### MARRIAGES

*"Those Whom God hath joined"*

- November 27: Michael Paul Booth to Rosemary Margaret Beh.

### FUNERALS

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so, saith the Spirit,  
 for they rest from their labours"*

- November 23: Edith Mae Greenfield.  
 November 25: Nada Robberds.  
 November 26: Maxwell William Lovett.  
 December 7: Joseph William Bagshaw.  
 December 7: Susan Crane.  
 December 8: Annie Fitzsimmons.

### COLUMBARIUM DEDICATIONS

- December 5: Edna Maud Ayrton.  
 Hilda Coates.  
 Daphne Mabel Davies.  
 Amelia Dyason.  
 William Millar Eyes.  
 Isaac Scott McDonald.  
 Elsie Slocombe.  
 Ivy Eveline Street.  
 Charles Leslie Thompson.  
 Aileen Louisa Williams.

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