

# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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**"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME"**

## THE RECTOR'S NOTES

Recently I was chatting to some senior school students about their relationships with God. It was a delightful experience. I found them so ready to "open up" to me—and with a charming honesty and courtesy. It was of course, encouraging to hear from them of their own beliefs. Nearly every one acknowledge God and the truth of the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps a bit disconcerting were their views of the place of the church in their belief and worship. Quite obviously today's institutionalised church no longer communicates to the majority of the younger generation—even of those who are prepared to acknowledge belief in Jesus Christ. This should disturb any serious minded church member—and ought to provoke much more soul searching among the members of the "establishment" in local parishes than it often appears to.

However that's not a new realization by any means and we should put aside some time to work out the practical application in our own situation. But the point that came across even more strongly concerned the comment of one of the young men. Prepared to be very self-critical and honest he admitted that Christianity set a very high standard and that today's people were not prepared to commit themselves—and that Christianity required commitment.

That I believe was a very honest comment—and rather a shrewd observation. We often hear critical assessments of the casual attitudes of today's youth, but I must admit feeling considerable respect for those young people. I wonder if we can be as objectively honest about ourselves.

Certainly that young man had a right understanding of the Christian Faith, for the call of Jesus Christ to me is to self-surrender to the will of God. Of course many people, viewing the call superficially, see it as denial of the right of self-determination. We claim that our wills are our own responsibility, and to abdicate that right is to refuse the primary duty of self-hood. So we cling to the privilege of ordering our own lives in our own way—and shun any suggestion of having our wills dictated to.

But that attitude is based on a serious misunderstanding. When we surrender our wills to God we don't lose them, we discover them again in a new fulness. When we are learning to swim we tend to cling tenaciously to some sure link with solid earth. The idea of trusting ourselves to the new and unknown medium of say 8 feet of water doesn't have all that much appeal. Yet we never get to know the thrill of the freedom of the true swimmer until we launch out and trust ourselves to the sure support of the sea.

Similarly, when we "launch" our little lives into the great ocean of God and His Love, we don't lose our power of self-determination—we find it in a finer and more wonderful medium! I don't lose my wisdom when I seek God's wisdom, I bring mine into touch with a higher than my own! Only I'm moving in a wider liberty—and the true natural element for which my being was designed.

Jesus invited the fishermen of Galilee to "Launch out into the deep". It's the only way to discover the excitement of life with God. It's the only way we'll ever really come to experience His Love. Jesus also said "He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it"—in greater abundance!!

That you may each experience the joy of that relationship is the prayer of

Your minister and Rector

S. W. GISSING.

## ALL SAINTS' C. of E. PETERSHAM

Receipts and Payments—July, 1976

## GENERAL ACCOUNT—

## RECEIPTS

Offertories .....	471.88
Hall Rent .....	9.00
District Visitors .....	20.30
Chronicle Donation .....	5.00
Fete—White Elephant .....	64.00
Sale of Festival Dinner Tickets .....	71.50
	<u>\$1011.57</u>

## PAYMENTS

	\$
Stipend, Super'n, Trav. All. ....	624.57
Parish Super'n Contr'n .....	32.50
Organist .....	35.00
Cleaning .....	84.00
Printing, Stationery, Postages .....	75.45
Repairs & Maintenance .....	1.80
Synod General Assessment .....	158.25
	<u>\$1011.57</u>

Balance of General Account 31/7/76 or \$1441.13.

Deficit for Each Month from 1/1/76:—

January \$431.44; February \$201.84; March \$699.96; April  
 \$264.07; May \$204.39; June \$380.26; July \$369.89. ....

Total Deficit to date 1976—\$2551.85.

Balances of Other Accounts as at 31/7/76:—

Organ Fund Account .....	\$892.75
General Missions Account .....	\$219.14
Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$448.72
Columbarium Trust Account .....	\$249.80

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

July/August, 1976—676.

July/August, 1975—550.

## DONATIONS TO ORGAN FUND

	\$
No. 33 District Installed Masters & Wardens Association .....	50.00
Margaret Betteridge .....	100.00
Mrs. L. Gill .....	3.00
Mrs. Denholm .....	1.00
Balance Old Organ Fund TFD from Capital Reserve A/c. ....	233.75
B. A. L. Livingston .....	10.00
Senior Parishioners Club .....	50.00
Mr. N. A. Cragg .....	100.00
All Saints' Bowls Club .....	25.00
Mrs. I. Clark .....	5.00

Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Smith	20.00
Anonymous	100.00
Mrs. J. Gorman	20.00
Mr. Ray Bloomfield	5.00
Mrs. E. Cullen	5.00
Misses Nisbet	10.00
Mrs. E. M. Bosward	10.00
Anonymous	100.00
Mrs. D. Simpson	10.00
Sunday School	34.00
Kindergarten	17.00
Mr. G. Jarratt	5.00
Miss M. E. Cole	10.00
Young Married's Club	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Shaw	10.00
Mr. John Shaw	10.00

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Total to Date ..... \$993.75

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### FESTIVAL TEA AND BACK TO ALL SAINTS' SERVICE

Everybody at All Saints' is jubilant at the overwhelming success of these two functions held on the 13th and 15th August. Not for many years have we had such confidence giving attendance at any function, and we thank particularly those people who come from afar.

Bishop Hulme Moir interested and amused the guests with anecdotes and then went on to give simple thoughts on everyday living and held the interest of all those present without any difficulty.

The choir from Meriden Girls School entertained us with three brackets of songs and are a credit to the school.

On Sunday, 15th an attendance of 150 souls brought life back into the church. The Rev. Eric Champion addressing the children emphasised and explained the debt we all owe to those who have gone before.

It was a weekend of nostalgia for all of us.

The Rector and Parish Councillors wish to record their appreciation of the effort put into these functions by the ladies who cooked, decorated and served and to men who organised the furniture.

The nett receipts from the Festival Tea is about \$200.

#### Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club moves steadily and is getting about 80% in attendance. We have back with us Fred Meyer who lost an argument with a car in Brisbane and Jenny Wilson, recovered from the ever present flu. Such is the enthusiasm prevailing that we are entering a team in the Knockout Fours Competition in September.

#### Ladies Guild:

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday 21st at 12.30 p.m. in the Guild Room, followed at 1.30 p.m. by a Tupper Ware Demonstration. We extend to all ladies an invitation to join us, for this demonstration and afternoon tea. If not convenient to attend the afternoon, and would like to order any item, ring the Rectory 569-4735 or Guild Secretary 569-2778 and we will be happy to place an order for you.

Owing to insufficient space adjoining the Fancywork and Children's Wear Stalls at the Fete, Mrs. Swankie is arranging the Guild Stall on the opposite side of the hall. This will be a display of Handicraft and miscellaneous goods.

E. M. BOSWARD, Sec.

**Womens Evening Group:**

Now that our wonderful Parish Tea and Consecration Festival Service are over, we must start to seriously think about and make plans for our stall at the Fete in November.

Donations of sugar for sweet making will be greatly appreciated.

Our meeting on Tuesday 14th September will be a Bessimer Cooking Demonstration at which our Demonstrator will show us new methods of cooking and we hope to sample the cooking for supper. We hope to have a good gathering on this occasion, so please come and bring a neighbour or friend with you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

**Senior Parishioners Club:**

It was lovely to see so many of our Club members at the Parish Tea and Consecration Festival Service. I'm sure both were enjoyed by all who attended.

We all welcome Mrs. Myer back and are glad to know her husband has now recovered from the serious accident he had while on holidays in Queensland.

I am pleased to report our meeting last Thursday was the best yet with an attendance of 46 and at least 8 of our regular members away sick. But we still have room for more in our lovely large hall, so please come and join us any Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. "Housie", cards and a good cup of tea, all for 25 cents.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS****Attendance:**

During the last couple of months the attendance at the Sunday School has been lower than usual. We hope that the changes made in the Sunday School will stimulate the young peoples interest. Prior to the lesson period we will be having group activities with puzzles worked around the Bible stories. Also we are looking to the Parents to see that their children attend regularly.

**Fete Grocery Stall:**

Commencing this month the Sunday School is appealing for donations of tinned goods for the grocery stall.

Eleven letters have been sent to the companies that have supported us in the past. So far we have had seven replies three of which will donate some of their products and three will let us purchase their products from the factory. So this year we are looking to your valued support.

**Sunday School Teacher Required:**

We are desperately in need of another teacher in the Sunday School. Teaching material is supplied. A class without a regular teacher is another reason, why the young folk lose interest. So if you are interested in the position, please contact the Rector (569-4735), or myself (560-9972).

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

**Youth Club News:**

The Club will be in recess for the Friday evenings of the school holidays (3rd & 10th Sept.). We hope parents will note this practice. However, on Saturday, 4th September, the members of the Club and their parents are invited to share in a Games Afternoon in the Church grounds which will end with a Barbeque Tea. The afternoon is planned to start at 1.30 p.m. and the Barbeque will be at about 5.15 p.m.

Please bring your own meat to barbeque and other food. Cool drinks or a cuppa tea will be supplied.

Recently it hasn't been possible to hold the older section of the Club. Shortage of leaders, the inconvenience of outside bodies meeting in the hall, and confusion caused by mixing of age groups have caused this. However we've been looking into changing the arrangements and have plans to correct this lack in the new school term. Please encourage any interested children and young people to keep in touch so that they may be "in on the new set-up" in the latter part of September.

S. W. GISSING, Rector.

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### FLOWER ROSTER

- September 5: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 September 12: Donated by Mrs. M. Humphreys in memory of Mr. Jack Humphreys; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
 September 19: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and family in memory of Mother and Grandmother, and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 September 26: Donated by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents and an anonymous donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
 October 3: Donated by Mrs. Dorothy Simpson in memory of her Parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stephenson, and by Mrs. Beatty of Melbourne in memory of her Parents, Brother and Sister; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 October 10: Donated by Mrs. A. Cook in memory of her Parents Mr. and Mrs. Furnell; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
 October 17: Donated by Mrs. Bosward and family; arranged by Mrs. Clark.  
 October 24: Donated by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter, and by Mr. L. Graham in memory of Estelle Graham and Alice de Soldoval; arranged by Miss Nisbet.  
 October 31: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

### PARISH INFORMATION

- Holy Communion— Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.  
 Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.  
 Evening Prayer—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.  
 Family Service— 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.  
 Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.  
 Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.  
 Parish Council— The Church Wardens and Messrs. D. Barclay, N. Cragg, F. Evans, H. Quelch, R. Swankie, H. Spill, J. Williams.  
 Mesdames I. Barratt, J. Gorman and E. Sopwith.  
 Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.  
 Hon. Treasurer— Mr. H. Quelch.  
 Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.  
 Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.  
 Organist—Mr. J. Birkett.  
 Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.  
 Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

This month we have communications from two outside bodies. The first is from Meriden Church of England Girls School, Strathfield. Some of those young ladies attended our "Festival Tea" and impressed greatly by their demeanour.

Our second communication is from Mr. L. McKissock of Armon Nursing Home, 42 Croydon Street, Petersham. Anyone willing to assist can ring on 560-9877.

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### MERIDEN, CHURCH OF ENGLAND GIRLS' SCHOOL, STRATHFIELD

The above school has vacancies for girls in many classes. During 1976 considerable improvements have been made in the facilities available at the school, in its buildings as well as by the provision of a fine swimming pool.

"Meriden" provides a Christian-oriented education through pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, primary and secondary levels, a feature of the school being its small class sizes. The school has an excellent academic record, and is situated approximately five minutes walk from Strathfield station.

The Headmistress, Miss S. M. Morton, will be glad to answer enquiries if they are addressed to her at the school at 10 Redmyre Road, Strathfield, 2135. Telephone 76-7156.

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### ARMON NURSING HOME

42 Croydon Street, Petersham, N.S.W., 2049

Telephone: 560-9877

We are looking for interested folk to take part in a programme aimed at providing our residents with various forms of handicrafts. The time spent would be on a voluntary basis, though much appreciated.

There is an occupational therapy programme operating for the majority at present. However, we have a few folk who would benefit from personalised attention and less involved forms of handicrafts.

Experience is not necessary. Mothers and their pre-school children most welcome.

If interested please ring Matron on 560-9877.

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### ORGAN REPAIRS

The Committee appointed to investigate the current repairs programme has recommended to the Wardens that the present repairs programme be restricted to an expenditure of \$3,500. The Wardens have accepted this recommendation and the work is planned to begin in January, 1977. The organ fund will remain open. Our thanks are due to John Nance, Noel Cragg and H. Quelch for carrying out the investigation on behalf of the Parish.

Details of the work to be done will be printed in our October issue.

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### OLD FRIENDS

Mr. Fred Evans who handles the mailing of the "Chronicle" has received two letters from Parishioners who have moved away.

Your Editor thinks they are of sufficient general interest to be printed here.

Unit 3, "Thelton",  
274 High Street,  
Coffs Harbour.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thankyou for the "Chronicle" I had sent on to me today. As you can see from the above address, Keith and I left Campsie, and we have settled here and liking it very much. We are trying a warmer climate, as Keith developed an asthma problem recently and he is very much better.

I appreciate your sending of the "Chronicle" so regularly.

Regards from Keith and myself to you, Mrs. Evans, and the family.  
Sincerely,

WIN DINGLE.

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105 Lord Street,

Port Macquarie, 2444

22nd June, 1976,

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thankyou for continuing to send the "Chronicle" for so long to me here in Port Macquarie. I feel the time has come to ask you to delete my name from your mailing list in these days of high costs of printing and postage. Enclosed is donation to the Organ Fund.

My father, for many years sang in the Church Choir to the music from that same organ. The other \$5, would you please arrange for it to go towards flowers for the church on the first Sunday in October in memory of my Father and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stephenson.

I would be pleased if you would attend to these requests on my behalf.

Many thanks,

Yours faithfully,

DOROTHY SIMPSON.

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CORN CORNER

I heard the other day of an artist called in to renovate valuable wall paintings in the chapel. At the end of the job in came his account:

To correcting the Ten Commandments—\$2.

Mending the Prodigal Son's shirt—\$1.50.

Brightening up Heaven and cleaning the Sun and Moon—\$3.

Toning down the flames of Hell—\$0.75.

Restoring lost souls in Purgatory—\$2.

Total—\$9.75.

These days, that's not bad at the price!

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433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

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