

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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From your Minister's Desk



The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.

Dear Friends,

Wednesday, 24th February, is Ash Wednesday. This begins the season of Lent. For myself it is a special time of preparation for the remembrance of Good Friday and Easter Day.

Together Good Friday and Easter Day make up the most important events in the Christian calendar. Without the Cross of Christ there is no forgiveness of sin, and without the Resurrection there is no victory over sin and no hope of a heavenly home.

It is important that we prepare ourselves in mind and soul for Easter. The time of preparation is the season of Lent. This is also a time to learn of the great love of God in sending the Saviour. It is also a time to consider our own unworthiness. God actually loved you so much that He sent His only Son to die on the Cross. Jesus paid the debt I owed because of my sinfulness.

As we ponder God's love and our sinfulness, the events of Good Friday and Easter Day take on new significance. The events in history become personal experiences in our own lives. The Resurrection becomes for us a daily source of power — power to live satisfying lives.

I trust that you will join with me this Lent in preparing for the great blessings of Easter. I plan that during Lent we may all in some way make more time available for the reading of God's Word, for prayer and for worship. I trust that we may meet together weekly during Lent for this . . . may be Wednesday evenings. I shall announce details later.

To end on a personal note. I have been greatly encouraged by the number of folk who Sunday by Sunday worship at All Saints'. You may think that you are only occupying a pew, or keeping the numbers up, but I can assure you your regular attendance enables me to carry out the ministry in your name within the parish. Moreover, there are many like yourself in Church on Sundays who value your being there. It encourages them also.

Thank you for that encouragement.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting, which is the Annual Meeting, is to be held on Tuesday, 2nd February, at 1.30 p.m. Then we meet monthly on the First Tuesday of the month.

In March—on Tuesday, 2nd—our meeting will be followed by a Stanhome Party. We hope to have a good attendance at both of these meetings.

We are always anxious to welcome new members, so please come and join us, first Tuesday any month.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

WORSHIP TIMES

9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

9.55 a.m. KINDERGARTEN.

7.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 1st and 3rd Sundays.)

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

When you read this I hope our Club will be in full swing again, commencing on 28th January, the last Thursday in the month.

We will again be meeting every Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are lonely or in poor health and need some one to chat to, do come and join us. We play "Housie" for small gifts — it's very easy to play, and doesn't need much thinking about. There are also small gifts as door prizes, and a lovely afternoon tea. So far it is all for 50 cents, but with all the rising costs of gifts and food we may have to put it up soon to 60 cents, but it is still a very cheap afternoon.

I am sorry to have to report that one of our very regular members, Mrs. Alice Robertson, passed away on New Year's Day. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

Marge Garth, Dulcie McArthur and Margaret Gowanloch are in hospital, and we wish them all a speedy recovery. If any more of our members are in hospital or in bed at home, please let me know.

We wish everybody good health in the year ahead, and hope to see you all—and new members, too—every Thursday in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m.

IDA BARRETT,

Hon. Secretary.

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EASTER GIFTS

It has been the custom for some years for ladies of the church to visit three of the local nursing homes at Easter and distribute suitable small gifts. These are bought after consultation with the matron-in-charge. The ladies for whom we cater have a wide variety of needs, and for this reason donations in cash are preferred.

It is hoped to have the presents delivered just before Easter, and we ask for your donations early. With cash in hand our buyer "Mabel", can take advantage of any specials that are offering and obtain the utmost value for your money.

Well, readers, please make early donations marked "Easter Gifts" to one of the church officers or by means of the offertory plate.

REPAIRS TO CHURCH WINDOWS

The memorial windows in the church porch and the Eye Window at the northern end of the Chancel have now been repaired. At this time of the year the eastern windows and the western windows look particularly beautiful. At Morning Service the sun shines brilliantly through the eastern end, and at 7 p.m. it repeats the performance at the western end. We are indeed fortunate to have such beautiful work and colours in our building.

Do you know the names of the four Saints who are part of the Eastern Window? Each one carries a gospel, presumably the epistle he wrote, but the way the book is held is different in each case. At the bottom right corner we have St. Matthew, and at the left St. Mark. At the top left is St. Luke and in the top right is St. John.



THE BEGINNING OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERSHAM

The foundation stone of the new Anglican Church at Petersham to be called "All Saints' Church was laid on Saturday afternoon, the 17th instant, at 5 o'clock, by the Metropolitan, assisted by ten of his clergy, habited in their surplices. The Bishop and his assistants and clergy assembled in the School House, the temporary Church, quite a small and unsightly building, about two hundred yards from the intended edifice. The site for the new Church is a truly admirable one. Almost (but not quite) upon the summit of the heights of Petersham, it commands a very beautiful and extensive view to the west, to the north and to the east, but it is somewhat protected from the storms of the south by a gentle elevation. The Spire (one hundred and twenty feet high) will be visible for many miles in every direction; a new centre of civilisation, and a pleasing mark of religious and social progress in that picturesque locality, day after day becoming more densely populated. The size of the completed Church is to be about eighty-three feet by fifty-four feet divided internally into the nave and aisles. The Chancel (thirty feet by fifteen feet) is a continuation of the nave or body of the Church and is elevated by three stone steps, with a foot space at the altar rail. The nave roof will be of clasped iron columns on stone bases. The aisle walls are to be seventeen feet high, and the roof of the nave, fifty feet from the level of the floor to the apex. The walls of the Church are to be built with a superior kind of pressed bricks, used in two colours, on

the internal and external faces. The roofs are to be open timbered, boarded and slated. The parts of the floor to be seated, will be of wood, the aisles and open spaces being concreted, as a provision for encaustic tiles at a future period. The tower is designed to stand at the south-west angle of the structure. The style of architecture is that generally known as "Early English", plainly and economically arranged; the general effect being obtained by a good outline and to be further secured by the use of suitable material. A very tasteful little photograph of the intended building was exhibited on the ground, and universally approved. The design is in every respect, a proper one for a country Church, and reflects the greatest credit on the architect, Mr. Benjamin Backhouse. Mr. Thomas Lane is the contractor for the first half of the Church, which he has agreed to have ready for use in six months' time.

The following clergymen, besides the Bishop, were present at the ceremony: The Rev. H. A. Palmer, the Rev. Canon Vidall, the Rev. Canon Stephen, the Rev. J. C. Corlette, the Rev. George Macarthur, the Rev. W. Lumsdaine, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the Rev. Thomas Horton, the Rev. W. H. Dunning, the Rev. John Blomfield and the Rev. Messrs. Carter, Pendrill and Young. When the Bishop and clergymen arrived at the spot to commence the ceremony, a large concourse of people were there assembled, principally consisting of the inhabitants of the locality, several leading members of the Church of England being also present, some of whom must have come a considerable distance. Amongst the company were the Hon John Campbell, the Hon. Charles Campbell, Mr. Alexander Gordon, Mr. George James Armitage, Mr. W. M. Martyn, Mr. S. A. Stephen, Mr. L. H. Smith, Mr. H. E. A. Allen, Mr. Piggott, Mr. J. P. Mackenzie, Mr. F. King, Mr. James Gordon, Mr. W. S. Amner, Mr. Dean, Mr. Ward, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Farr.

Some little delay was caused by the size of the foundation stone, which was so large (being nearly two tons in weight) that the machinery employed by the workmen to re-hoist it, repeatedly gave way when the ropes were brought to bear upon the mass.

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This difficulty was, however, after a while, got over by the voluntary aid of some of the intelligent bystanders who, by means of a timely leverage, when all was done that was required, lifted back the dead weight into its appointed place. This little circumstance, arising out of hurried preparations for the ceremony in view of the approaching departure of Dr. Barker, was very happily alluded to by the Metropolitan in his address to the people, and was generally accepted as an omen of good success.

After the Versicles and the 132nd Psalm had been repeated by the Bishop and the people, the lesson appointed for the occasion, 1 Cor. III was impressively read by the Rev. Canon Vidall. The clergyman of the Parish (The Rev. Mr. Palmer) said Collects, and read the scroll inserted in the cavity of the stone, which the Bishop, with the usual formula, declared to be duly laid. The Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and the Prayer, "O Most Glorious God" then followed, the Service concluding with an address from the Bishop, and the singing of the 48th Psalm in Mercer's collection. The scroll for insertion in the cavity of the foundation stone, was as follows: "This foundation stone of All Saints' Church, Petersham, was laid on the 17th day of December, in the year of Grace 1870, by the Right Reverend Father in God, Frederick, by Divine permission of Lord Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of N.S.W., The Rev. Henry Andrew Palmer, Incumbent of the Parish, and Rural Dean of Petersham. The Building Committee: Henry Andrew Palmer, George James Armytage, Septimus Alfred Stephen, William Matthews Martyn, William Sandiland Amner. Architect: Benjamin Backhouse. Builder: Thomas Lane.

(To be continued, if acceptable to parishioners.)



CARE OF CHURCH LINEN

We are now able to publish a roster of ladies responsible for the care of the Altar cloths and linen:

January: Mrs. Jacobs.

February: Mrs. Pullen.

March: Mrs. Champion.

April: Mrs. Hearn.

The church flowers are arranged as follows:

1st and 3rd Sundays: Mrs. Stead.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Miss Nisbet.

5th Sunday: Mrs. Hearn.

In the next issue the brass cleaning roster will be published

CHURCH CARETAKING

The Church Wardens have appointed Mr. F. Hearn Caretaker/Supervisor of the Church Property.

Among the duties, Mr. Hearn will be inspecting the cleaning of the property and the Parish Hall to see that it has been left tidy after use.



CHURCH FLOWERS

Jan. 24: Anonymous donation of Thanksgiving.

Jan. 31: Mrs. Ivy Clark.

Feb. 7: Mrs. Mabel Willis, in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.

Fed. 14: No donation.

Feb. 21: No donation.

Fed. 28: No donation.

Mar. 7: No donation.

The flowers in the church are purchased, when possible, with donations from parishioners who wish to remember the passing of a loved one or who wish to show appreciation of God's goodness. If it is desired the donation may be made anonymously and kept private between the donor and Mrs. F. Hearn (569-1852).

Parishioners who have a surplus of flowers in their gardens may help out by ringing Mrs. Hearn on Thursday so that arrangements can be made to pick them up on Friday morning.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School and Kindergarten has recommenced for 1982.

Prize-giving for the 1981 year is to be held during the Family Service, 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 21st February. I would like to remind parents that this year the Sunday School will commence at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Hall and not in the Church.

The Kindergarten commences at 9.55 a.m. as usual. Family Service will be held once again on the third Sunday of each month. Parents are invited to attend with their children.

NOEL CRAGG,
Superintendent.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT, NOVEMBER, 1981

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	847.20	Rev. R. N. Langshaw ..	81.00
RECYCLING:		General Assessment ..	428.25
Alum. Cans 62.55		Special Assessment ..	133.50
Bottles 115.10		Special Assessment	
Papers 192.23		Arrears	37.50
	369.88	Church Flowers	67.50
Church Flowers	109.80	Telephone A/c.	39.12
Donation:		Piano Tuning and	
Mrs. E. M. Sharp	5.00	Maintenance	70.00
District Visitors	10.00	Cutting 2 Hall Keys ..	1.92
Fete	6,807.68	M.S.W. & D.B. Water	
		Rates	273.39
		Induction Service Ex-	
		penses	82.24
		Rectory Painting:	
		First Progress Pay-	
		ment	1,000.00
		Provision of Wire	
		Screen Security	
		Door, Rectory	353.08
		Minor Church Main-	
		tenance	180.00
		Rectory Electricity ...	10.77
		Advent Sunday Offer-	
		tories to H.M.S. ...	120.59
		Fete Expenses	462.46
		Annual Insurance	548.00
			\$3,889.30
		Surplus for Month	4,259.46
			\$8,148.76
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Balance of General A/c, 1-11-81			\$2,248.17
Plus Surplus for Month			4,259.46
			\$6,507.63
Balance, 30-11-81			

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