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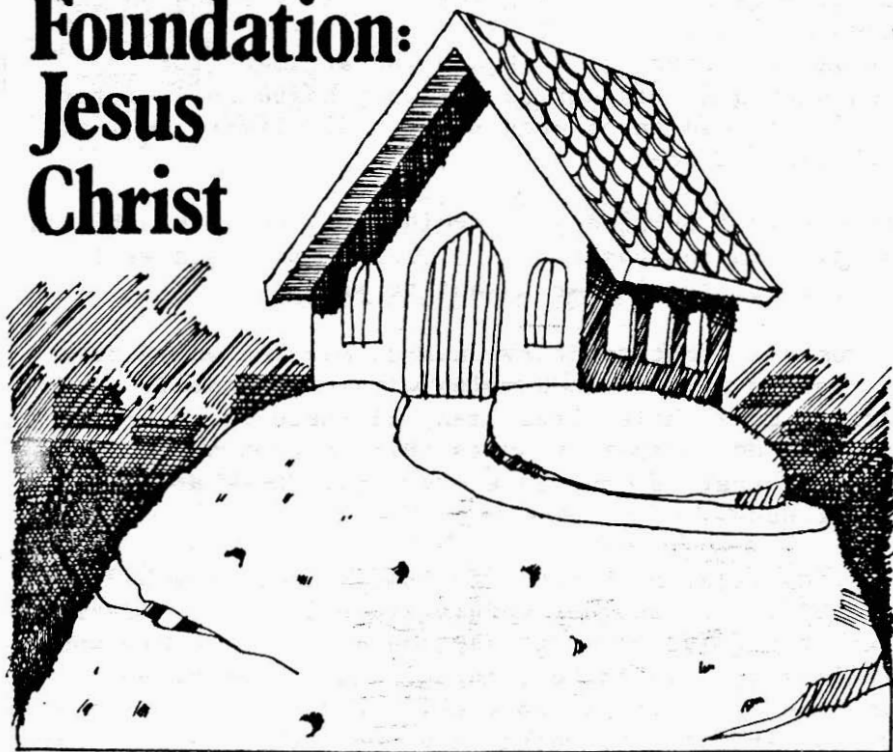
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The Rectory.  
Petersham.  
20th June, 1986.

Dear Friends,

The argument over ordination of women to the priesthood continues. Should women become rectors of parishes, or take up duties which to-day are exclusively the dominion of male clergy?

This question is largely debated from two sides. The opinion against ordaining women usually rests on the interpretation of the Bible, especially the New Testament letters of St. Paul. The argument for ordaining women is not so strongly based on Scripture but is instead based upon the social climate we find ourselves in to-day.

For myself I opposed such ordinations on both Biblical and also on the basis of the society in which we live. It is about the latter I want to write.

From the Creation Story onwards men and women have had fairly well defined roles within the family and society as a whole. True! many of these roles are breaking down. In many areas this is good but I doubt whether that is true in every area. There are differences.

Having spent my whole life (short as it may be) as a part of one or another congregation I have observed that strong, vital congregations are those where whole families worship father, mother and children. Such family commitment is no doubt the key to vital worship and parish life. No matter how dedicated are the ladies in a congregation it is no substitute for a family based congregation.

Here is where the crunch comes. A lady in the pulpit,

or at the Holy Table does not project the image of family life, and so what is true for the congregation is even more so in the pulpit or at the Holy Table.

As a church we need to attract families; not just Mum and kids, or just Dad by himself (and it is interesting the number of men who do worship alone) - we need families. This should be our constant concern. There is a wholeness that comes when families gather together in worship on Sundays and live out that worship through the coming week. A mini - community where each member of the family helps each other to grow in faith, in discipline, in love and most importantly in God.

Let us pray for the families around us, especially for those whose children may come to Sunday School. Let us pray that there may be a sense of wanting to grow up together to the glory of God and the enrichment of each others life.

Yours sincerely,  
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School lessons are taken from the Anglican Board of Education's Trowel Publications.

During the second term we are studying the stories from 1 Samuel and the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Mark. The address given by the Rector at the Family Services usually follows the lesson from the Trowel books for that Sunday. So it is important that each Sunday, the pupils arrive promptly for the 9-30am start. By arriving at 9-30am they will not miss any of the activities.

On the third Sunday of each month the primary section meets at 9-30am in the church and the Kindergarten commences in their own hall.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent

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**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th July at 1-30pm.

Following our last meeting Betty Byron gave us a very interesting presentation of goods and their uses. It was a very pleasant and informative afternoon followed by our usual friendly chat over afternoon tea.

The last clothing and jumble stall was very successful \$403 being the proceeds. The next one is to be held on Friday 11th July from 9am. Don't forget us when you are cleaning out your no longer needed goods. Thanks once again in anticipation. It's our generous friends who make these stalls such a success. Thanks once again.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

**SENIOR PARISHIONER'S CLUB**

The cold weather is showing its mark on the attendance on Thursday afternoons so we have decided that in July and August we will only meet every second Thursday. There will not be meetings on Thursday 17th and 31st July and 14th and 28th August.

We still have a number of members on the sick list. Sylvia Keely is now in hospital but improving. Ida Meekins is improving but not well enough to join us again yet.

I do hope all our members start to enjoy better health soon.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

### **FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16-6-86**

Council agreed to replace the broken heater in the Guild Room and Hey Presto, on Thursday morning it was installed and the Senior Parishioners were able to enjoy it.

The Brass Cleaning Roster appears not to work and council will be looking at having the brass ornaments polished and sealed.

Money received from the John Henry Douglas bequest now amounts to about \$36,000 which is held in trust for All Saints' by the Anglican Church Property Trust. In due course we will receive interest from it and the May Ruhle bequest. In the meantime for May we had a deficit of \$2245.

**YOUTH WORKER.** The Rector advised council that negotiations for the services of a youth worker had suffered a set back, due to the proposed worker having a change of mind about it.

### **THE LATE MRS. DORIS JONES**

This week saw the passing on of Mrs. Doris Jones formerly of John Street Petersham but of recent years a resident of Croydon. Doris Jones was an ardent worker for the Ladies Guild and unceasingly produced knitted woollen goods and sewing for sale at the annual fete. In this she was supported by her daughters, Lily Jones and Mrs. Gladys Dick and between them they ran the stall in addition to making the goods for sale.

Doris Jones had been in poor health for a long time and deeply regretted that she could no longer travel from Croydon to All Saints' for the morning service.

**HMS GOING BACK TO ADMIRALTY HOUSE**

Get out your diaries. Sharpen your pencils. Mark off Saturday, October 25. HMS. is going back to Admiralty House.

Many thousands of HMS supporters will recall that March day in 1985 when God blessed us with a warm day in the midst of several weeks of almost continuous rain and we all had such a great time in the lovely grounds of Admiralty House and Kirribilli House.

Well, through the gracious consent of the Governor-General and Lady Stephen, we are going back this year. And once again the occasion will be graced by the presence of Their Excellencies.

But this time, we shall also be able to see the State rooms of Admiralty House, thanks to the generosity of Their Excellencies.

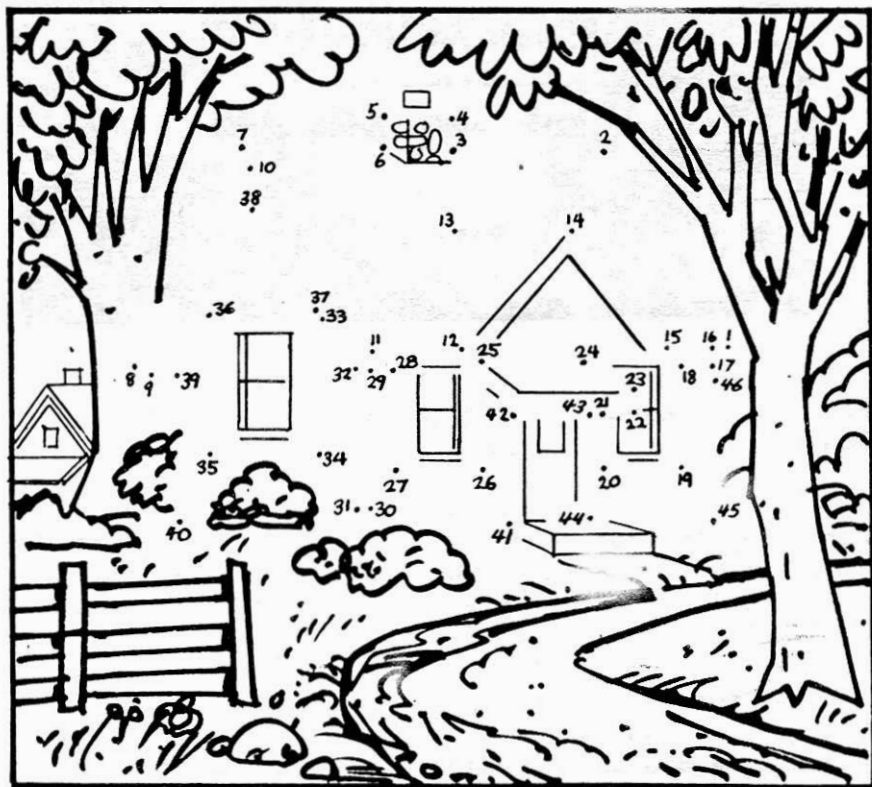
Make Sure you obtain your copy of Care each month to keep up to date with the preparations for Saturday, October 25.

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