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Of All Saints
Petersham*

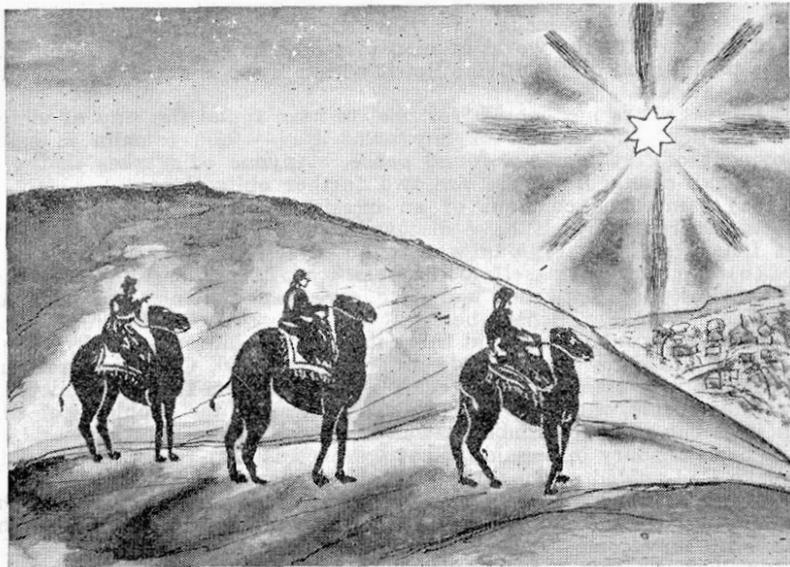
The Friendly Church

Rector: Rev. S. W. GISSING, Th.L.

The Rector, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham, 2049—569-4735

Hon Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

DECEMBER, 1976



And Lo, the star which they saw in the East, went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was.

THE RECTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

In the middle of November it was a joy to share in the celebration of Mrs. Kent's (of Sadlier Crescent) attaining her 100th birthday. There is no doubt about that being a very special occasion and on behalf of the people at All Saints' I offer to her and her daughter, who cares for her mother, our warmest greetings and congratulations.

November also saw the occasion of the Annual Fete. Many laboured long and hard for this function and it is good to be able to say that it was a success. Congratulations to Mr. Bill Williams who was the Fete Chairman and all those others who worked so hard. Of course we want to say a special thanks to those who came and supported the workers by spending at the stalls as well. There was a particular point for me personally—some parishioners of All Saints' Oatley West, where my wife and I served some seventeen years ago, came and ran the Fruit and Vegetables Stall for us. It was a lovely gesture and we are very grateful. It was also very nice to have the help of two of my son's friends from Eastwood—they helped him in 'guarding' the property during the night of Friday prior to the Fete, though they looked a little the worse for it the next day I must say!

This coming month is one of 'specials' — all related to the Christmas Festival. We look forward to having the fellowship of many of you at those special occasions. Christmas has an appeal all its own. But we miss the real spirit of Christmas very often in the excitement of the festivities. The message of this time of the year is the hope of becoming 'new men for a new world'.

"You can never change the world merely by changing individuals" says the disillusioned cynic. But there is nothing surer than that we'll never have a new world without new people. And something must take place in their lives to make them new. Christmas with the story of the Christ coming into the world of men to renew hope and ideals and aims points to the need of the Divine Spirit within if we are to experience the "new creation".

However it is not enough for 'me' to have found the way of victory over conflicts and defeats of 'my own' life — and remain in selfish enjoyment of 'my' new — found peace. Anyone who takes that view is only half-changed. There are two further obligations:—

(a) I must be conscious of an irresistible impulse to help others find the secret I myself have discovered. If that impulse is not present I have still a very long way to go myself!

(b) I must give myself to the overthrow of evil customs, traditions and systems which entrench and encourage wrong values and make the good life harder than it need be.

Evil is not only a personal thing it is also socialised—and I must see to it that I take my place beside other transformed, Christ-inspired men and women who are seeking to create a better system for community life.

Only people who have found God's answer to the problems of their own lives can discover God's answer for the problems of the world.

Lord Salisbury once said "What we need is God-guided personalities to make God-guided nationalities to make a new world".

May this Christmas be a blessing for each and every one of us that we might 'see' Him and His message of encouragement and hope—that indeed He may come to dwell in our hearts by faith—and shed abroad in our lives His own redeeming love for all men.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING.

ALL SAINT'S C. OF E. PETERSHAM
 RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS—OCTOBER, 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

Receipts:	\$	Payments:	\$
Offeratories	599.45	Stipend, Trav. All. & Super'n	655.00
Hall Rent	22.00	Long Service Leave Cont'n.	36.50
District Visitors	29.00	Synod General Assessment	153.25
Fete Donation—Mrs. Mervyn	10.00	Parish Super'n Cont'n	16.25
Donation—Miss Platt	1.00	Organist	35.00
Deficit for October	557.39	Chronicle	55.20
		Printing & Stationery & Post	7.64
		Cleaning	70.00
		Fete Expenses	182.00
		Gas—Hall to 11/10/76	16.00
		Sheaf—late B. Pullen	12.00
		Anthony Welby—Organ Tuning	30.00
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Balance of General Account 31/10/76	\$ 503.73
Balance of General Account 1/1/76	\$4092.65
Deficit to Date	\$3588.92

Offeratories for October — —	3/10/76	98.90
	10/10/76	110.50
	17/10/76	141.67
	24/10/76	126.90
	31/10/76	121.48
		599.45

BALANCE OF OTHER ACCOUNTS AS AT 31/10/76 — — PLUS INVESTMENTS

Organ Fund	\$3478.24	
General Missions	\$ 293.72	
Capital Reserve	\$ 498.80	\$2524.56
Columbarium Trust	\$ 536.90	\$1249.45
Endowment No. 1	\$ 35.28	\$5814.66
Endowment No. 2	\$ 82.53	\$4058.85
Sunday School	\$ 533.23	\$ 351.72
Kindergarten	\$ 416.06	\$ 591.55
SPECIAL PURPOSE		\$ 400.00
GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$4924.04

PLUS VARIOUS STOCKS AND SHARES AS DETAILED PREVIOUSLY.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND—PETERSHAM

ANNUAL FETE, 20/11/1976

NET INCOME FROM STALLS

White Elephant (Mrs. Humphreys)	502.06
Jewellery (Mr. C. Giddings)	340.50
Plants (Mrs. M. Willis)	126.90
Groceries (Mr. N. Cragg)	324.06
Pottery (Mrs. M. Essam)	273.10
Fruit & Vegetables (Mr. & Mrs. Marsh)	60.00
Cakes & Sweets (Women's Evening Group)	381.32
Dry Decorations (Mrs. E. Sopwith)	125.60
Work Stall (Mrs. Jones)	1124.45
Gifts for Special Occasions (Mrs. I. Clark)	600.00
Mrs. Ruhlę Stall	568.29
Guild Stall	232.97
Book Stall	116.20
Train (Mr. V. Barrett)	55.00
Hot Dogs (Mr. R. Minter)	48.43
Guides	43.21
Refreshments (Mrs. F. Hearn)	128.79
Donations	80.00
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Net Receipts	5130.88
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* Less Total Expenses	233.00
Net Profit	4897.88

EXPENSES

Hire Three Tents	85.00
Band	65.00
Advertising	37.00
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Plus cost of Dodgers	46.00
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	233.00
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The Rector and Parish Council wish to record their appreciation of all who in any way assisted in the success of the Fete. To all who helped whether known or unknown our sincerest thanks.

STALL HOLDERS RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Ivy Clark expresses many thanks to all who gave stock and money for her stall and to all who helped. Thanks also to all who bought and helped to make it a very good result, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Hoping to see you all in 1977.

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Mrs. E. Jones, & Miss Nesbit. Our thanks and appreciation to all who assisted in making the stall a success.

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Mrs. Ruhle. A Thank you to all who helped with the stall or by their patronage helped to make it a financial success.

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Mrs. F. Hearn. Thank you to all the folk who donated cash or goods or worked all day in the kitchen.

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Mrs. M. Essam. Donations of Pottery and Glassware this year far exceeded previous years and our thanks are due to those kind people who thought of "All Saints" when disposing of household effects no longer required.

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Ladies Guild. The Ladies Guild thank all who helped with the Guild stall.

Mrs. M. Willis. Thank you to all who grew plants or helped on the stall.

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WOMENS EVENING GROUP

Our big effort, "The Fete", is now over. We were very pleased to be able to hand in \$381.32, the end of the day.

Many thanks, to all who helped us in any way. It was only achieved by the help of so many.

The next event is the Christmas meeting and Christmas Party. It is to be held in the Rectory and Mrs. Gissing has asked me to put an open invitation in the Chronicle for all ladies of the Parish to join us on Tuesday, 14th December, at 8.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Our Club goes into recess in January, so our first meeting in the New Year will be Tuesday, 8th February in the Parish Hall at 8.00 p.m. When we hope to arrange our next Second Hand Clothing and Junmble sale.

Our Club members wish every lady a Happy Holy Christmas and good health in the New Year.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The break up and Christmas Party for this year is almost here. All members don't forget the Christmas Party on Thursday 16th at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. After that the Club goes into recess until Thursday, 27th January, 1977. We take this opportunity to wish all the Blessings of a truly Mappy Christmas, and good health for the New Year.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

O.E.S.

Although the O.E.S. is not directly connected with "All Saints" its activities do concern a number of our Parishioners. I think that the following information may be of general interest.

EDITOR.

The Petersham Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, has for many years held their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall. Although their members are drawn from many other suburbs, this year it is of particular interest to "All Saints". Last month Mrs. Alice Steed went into the chair for a twelve month term of office. We all wish her Gods guidance and a happy and successful term of office.

Congratulations Alice.

IDA BARRETT

The Parish joins Mrs. Barrett in wishing Mrs. Stead a happy and successful year.

EDITOR.



ORGAN FUND ACCOUNT

Previously Acknowledged	3478.24
Mrs. Jarrett	10.00
Mrs. T. Thompson	5.00
Mr. Chris Sillince	5.00
Total to Date	<u>3498.24</u>

Target for January, 1977: \$3520.

LADIES GUILD

We conclude our activities for 1976 with our Christmas break up party on Tuesday, December 14th, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The Guild then goes into recess, till Tuesday, 15th February, 1977 at 1.00 p.m.

Our Best Wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Gissing and family for Christmas and 1977.

E. M. BOSWARD,
Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School Grocery Stall raised \$349. I would like to thank all who made donations of goods or cash towards the stall. Many thanks also to the folk who helped make the Mulberry Jam. The following firms also helped us:— Samuel Taylor Pty. Ltd., Fielders Food, Colgate-Palmolive, Weston Biscuits, Sanitarium Health Foods, Lifesavers and Bank of N.S.W.

The Sunday School will be closed on Sunday, 26th December, but we would like the children to attend Church on this Sunday. If they attend a service at any Church on this Sunday they will receive their marks. On the five (5) Sundays in January we will be having films during the Sunday School times of 9.55 a.m. to 11.05 a.m.

The Sunday School promotions will be held on the first Sunday in February. Prize-giving and Harvest Festival is to be held on the 3rd Sunday in February.

Do not forget the Carols by Candlelight on 19th December. At this service the Sunday School pupils will be presenting a number of Carols.

On the 15th December commencing at 6.30 p.m. the Parish Barbeque will be held.

The annual general meeting of the Sunday School Teachers will be on the 3rd Sunday in March after the family service.

NOEL CRAGG,
Superintendent.

**FLOWER ROSTER**

December 5th:—Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Swankie and family, in memory of Mother and Grandmother. Arranged by Mrs. Clark.

December 12th—Donated by Mr. R. Minitier, John & Margaret, in memory of Mrs. Minitier. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

December 19th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

December 25th—Donated by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Senr., and by Barbara and Stella in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Baxter, Sister Ena and friends Dorrie and Sally. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

Extra flowers for Christmas or money to purchase flowers would be greatly appreciated. If giving flowers, please leave at Church by 10 a.m. on Friday, 24th December.

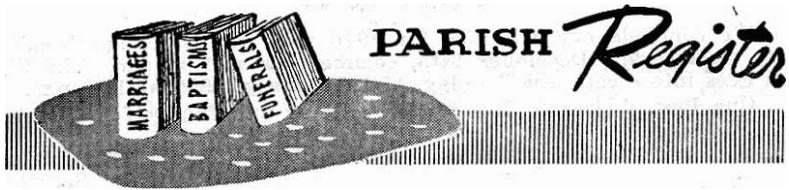
January 2nd—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

January 9th—Donated by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her sister and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son & Daughter, Charles and Elsie. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.

January 16th—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

January 23rd—No donation, arranged by Miss Nisbet.

January 30—No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.



DECEMBER CALENDER

DECEMBER, 15th—WEDNESDAY, 6 p.m., Parish Bar-B-Q and Carols Evenings in the Grounds.

DECEMBER 19th—Sunday, 7 p.m., Carols by Candlelight in the Church.

DECEMBER 25th—Christmas Day, 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion. Please note the changed times for these services.

DECEMBER 26th—Sunday, Boxing Day, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

PLEASE NOTE—NO Evening Service on Sunday, 26th December.

DECEMBER 31st—Friday, 11.30 p.m. Watchnight Communion to welcome in the New Year.

HOLY BAPTISM

“In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified”.

November 7th—Karl Fiskerstrand of 3/161 President Ave., Monterey.
21st—Matthew Vincent Brown of 14 Venetia St., Sylvania.

HOLY MATRIMONY

“Til death do us part, according to God’s holy law, thereto I give thee my troth”.

October 30th—Steven Wayne Mills, (Miranda) and Beverley Ann Lance, (Stanmore).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive”.

November 8th—Miss Ethel Maude Taylor, of 10 Hopetoun Street, Peter-sham.
17th—Mrs. Fanny Yvonne Spill, of 17 Modern Avenue, Canterbury.

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