

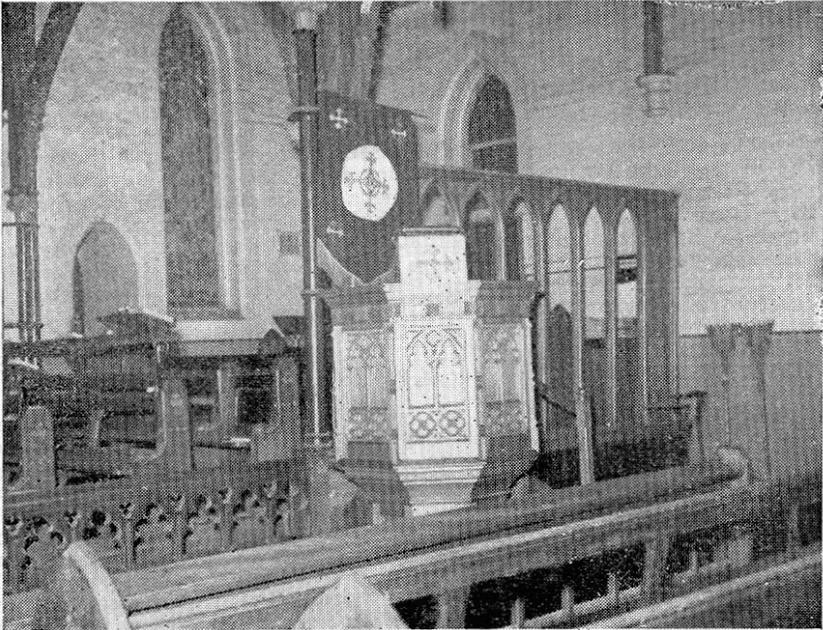
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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JUNE, 1976



HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD AND REJOICE

THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear friends,

There are two "specials" I wish to draw your attention to this month.

On Tuesday, 8th June the Women's Evening Group will have Dr. A. Halmagyi, of Petersham, as their guest. Dr. Halmagyi has been taking a particular interest in what has been described as one of Australia's most serious social problems, if not the most serious—ALCOHOLISM. It will be her topic for the evening. After hearing her insights into the problem there will be an opportunity for questions "from the floor". The members of the Evening Group felt that this was an opportunity not to be missed and so have made the night "An Open Invitation". Men and women—parishioners or not—are invited, to share in the evening. So I hope you will all join in and bring your friends. Only the other morning I heard a very interesting discussion on the same subject, and by the number of folk who rang in to the radio session it is obviously a very "live topic".

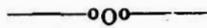
Then on Sunday, 20th at both morning services we will have a visit from the Rev. R. Langshaw of the Bush Church Aid Society. The B.C.A. (as it is affectionately known) is the society of our Anglican Communion concerned with ministering in the Name of Jesus Christ in the out-back areas to the lonely folk in distant places in Australia. Mr. Langshaw will have an exciting story to tell about the men and women who in your name and mine bring the encouragement of Christian fellowship to these people. The later morning service will be the monthly Family Occasion at 10 a.m. Please make a note of the occasion and share with us at one of the two services.

The numbers who have been attending the evening services since the end of day-light saving and the closing in of the winter days, has been very disappointing. I am also conscious of the inclination of many not to venture about the streets after dark and wondering if this contributes to the present unhappy situation. I'd like to hear from any who feel this way and would be more inclined to worship if the evening service were at an earlier time. Obviously it must be a matter of careful consultation before any such change could be made—but it would assist us in planning to hear from others of their desires. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL, PHONE OR WRITE ME AND EXPRESS YOUR OPINION.

Sunday, 6th June is one of the major Feasts of the church calendar—WHITSUNDAY. On that day we are reminded of the coming of the Holy Spirit with power upon these first followers of Jesus Christ. They were "together in one place" waiting upon the Lord when that experience was given them. The Spirit of the Living God filled their inner beings and transformed their lives. From that moment God was able to use them to bring spiritual blessing to many whom they met. It is said that they "turned the world upside down". Our world of today with all its tensions and divisions—with its "lostness" and unhappiness—sorely needs this same ministry. God wishes to bless all men—and wishes to do so through His own people, the Christian Church. He will grant to us when we wait upon Him in unity and love the same gift of power and purpose. His promises are ever available to those who are willing to take Him seriously. So I call upon all our parishioners to "be together in one place" and to wait upon Him

in expectancy so that we may as a church family be used mightily to make His Name known in this community of ours for the blessing of our friends and neighbours.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,
S. W. GISSING, Rector.



ALL SAINTS', PETERSHAM

Income and Expenditure — March and April, 1976

INCOME

	\$
Offertories	1041.17
General Missions	27.55
Hall Rent	24.00
District Visitors	73.00
Donation—Mr. E. E. C. Quelch	55.20
Donations for Chronicle	1.40
Sale of Church History	1.00
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Deficit for March/April	1195.77
	963.13
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	\$2158.90
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Missions Receipts—March/April	\$27.55
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Present Balance (Bank Reconciliation to follow)	\$2577.45
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EXPENDITURE

	\$
Stipend, Superannuation, Travelling & Sick Accident Fund	1231.04
Parish Superannuation Contributions	32.50
Printing & Stationery	207.91
Organist	70.00
General Assessment—Synod—March, 1976	158.25
G.I.O.—Workers Compensation—9/1/76 to 9/1/77	209.30
Sheaf—late G. Clarke	10.00
Cleaning	136.26
Fete Expenses	42.00
Repairs & Maintenance	61.64
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	\$2158.90
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POSITION VACANT

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
ONE NEEDED URGENTLY

● FOR A CLASS OF 11 - 12 YEAR OLD BOYS
ONE OF THE FINEST WAYS BY WHICH DEPENDALBE
PARISHIONERS CAN PERFORM A CHRISTIAN
SERVICE

APPLY TO:

THE RECTOR.

SUPERINTENDENT, Mr. N. CRAGG (560-9972).

CLUB NEWS

Sunday School News:

Lenten Boxes: This year the Sunday School pupils raised \$51 for the Church Mission Society through the Lenten Boxes.

Egg & Potato Day: On June, 20th the Sunday School will be holding its second EGG & POTATO DAY. On this day we are asking the pupils to bring along an egg or potato for the Home Mission Society. All Parishioners are invited to join in and help.

The first Egg & Potato day was held in June last year after a visit to the Sunday School by Mr. Wallis of the Home Mission Society, who left the girls and boys with the message of helping your neighbour. Further details will be given in the Weekly News Sheet.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

Womens Evening Group:

The next meeting of the group will be in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th June, at 8 p.m.

Dr. A. Halmagyi will be speaking on the subject of "Alcoholism" which is currently one of Australia's most serious problems. This surely is a night for "come and bring a friend".

As part of our July programme we propose to hold another second-hand clothes sale. If you can part with those garments you have loved for so many years now is the time to do so. Get into this years winter warmers and let us have last years. Your cherished garments are sure of a warm welcome at the Rectory or at 59 John Street.

Last month we asked for your favourite recipes. Please write them out now so that we can get organised for printing in time for the Fete. Our deadline is July 13th (our July meeting).

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

Senior Parishioners Club:

The beautiful sunny weather we have been enjoying has improved our weekly attendance tremendously and our gatherings are rated most

successful. In particular we were very pleased with the success of our joint celebration for the Clubs "Birthday" and Mothers Day. Very generous donations by our members enabled us to provide 20 door prizes and extra gifts for the "Housie" table.

There can surely be no more pleasant and happier gathering than our Thursday afternoon meetings in the Parish Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For 25c we provide companionship, friendliness and a lovely cup of tea to encourage you to sit and chat.

We would like you to be there.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

Bowls Club:

The Bowls Club is moving along steadily and we expect to draw teams to play a doubles competition in the near future.

We are missing Fred Meyer who we are told suffered an accident whilst on holiday in Brisbane.

Our new members have now got used to the peculiarities of our "downhill floor" and are bowling with more confidence and skill.

Youth Club:

Your editor regrets that this organisation does not seek any publicity and does not communicate. Perhaps it is a secret society.

Ladies Guild:

Our meeting on 15th June will again commence at 12.30 p.m., and at 1.30 p.m. we will welcome Mr. Wallis of the Home Mission Society to speak and show slides on the work of the Mission in N.S.W. Visitors will be very welcome to join us at 1.30 p.m. and to stay for afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Secretary.

Parish Council Jottings:

By courtesy of Mr. B. Livingston we have published in detail parish expenditure and receipts for March and April. For this period we payed out \$963 more than we received.

The Rector ruled that the Vestry Meeting Minute relating to the subsequent election of a parish councillor was invalid and the Parish Council appointment of Mrs. Michele Essam was illegal.

The Rector ruled that such appointment could only be made by a specially convened Vestry Meeting. It was decided to hold such a meeting at 9 a.m. on May 30th.

The Parish Council accepted an offer by a parishioner to pay half the cost of urgent repairs to the organ. The cost involved is in the region of \$2,000.

Editors Corner:

Early this year parishioners help was sought to determine what was expected of the Chronicle and what people would like included. There has been little response so I am left in the position of driving blindly and will include whatever material I think will be of interest.

I am indebted to one reader for comment on last months little stories relating to a childs questions and comments, and I print it in full.

"Facing up to Sarah's question calls for careful thought indeed. . .

A small nephew of ours once asked us, after having said his prayers, 'just where in the room do you think God is'. All over we told him', for God is a spirit and spreads over all".

Referring to Sarah's question we could tell her that God cannot be seen like an ordinary person. He is a spirit and is all about us and shows himself in the beautiful things he made and put into the world,

such as flowers, trees and mountains, sea and the sand we play in.

It seems to me that the grand parents who comprise a large part of our Parish must have had many similar questions to answer. Please dip into your memories and pass them on. You do not have to write—just phone and tell me.

Remember, All Saints needs much more than money. It desperately needs people to become involved in doing something to help keep the church alive.

Joke Corner:

It was the custom of the Rector of this Church to mount the pulpit to give his sermon and before starting to ask the congregation to give thanks to God for some good thing—it might be the sun, the fine weather, the spring or any natural happening.

However, one Sunday morning the congregation sat and waited in great expectancy to hear what he had to say. The congregation was wet and miserable, for outside the wind was howling and rain coming down by the bucketful. But the Rector was a resourceful man and he turned to the congregation and said:

“Let us thank God that he does not send days like this very often.”

Church Chuckles:

I always find statistics hard to swallow and impossible to digest. The only one I can ever remember is that if all the people who go to sleep in church were laid end to end, they would be a lot more comfortable.

Minor Happening:

Someone locally decided that their need of a dustbin was greater than “All Saints” so our bin now has a new owner. To make matters worse the rubbish was tipped out and left.

Church Attendance:

From April 20th to May 25th, 1975—380.

From April 18th to May 23rd, 1976—395.

The figure of 395 souls for the period ending 23rd May, 1976, does not include the 50 visiting masons who attended on the 23rd May, but only the 20 Parishioners present.

The Evening Service conducted by Tom Tresider during the Rectors absence was very poorly attended—only 8 people were present.

Comprising—

- 2 Male Strangers.
- 3 Churchwardens.
- 1 Parish Councillor.
- 2 Parishioners.

Surely a Visiting Preacher deserves better than this.

Organ Repairs:

The Parish Council has approved the opening of a fund to defray urgent organ repairs.

Below is a summary of work needed to be done on the organ, as recommended in August, 1975.

From Pitchford & Garside, Organ Builders—20th August, 1975.

Dear Mr. Gissing,

Following our most recent inspection of the organ in All Saints Church, we have pleasure in submitting this report and estimate on its condition.

The instrument was built about the turn of the century by the English organ builder, Hunter and is basically of sound design and construction. The pipework is well made and the specification of the two

Manual Keyboards is comprehensive and adequate for general requirements. However, the Pedal specification consists of two 16 ft. stops only (very typical of its period of construction), and requires some upper-work, e.g. 8 ft. and 4 ft. stops, to make it a more useful and independent department.

The action is charge pneumatic (i.e. wind pressure is used to inflate different sized motors which are covered with sheepskin) and over the years much time and money has been spent in recovering these various actions as the leatherwork has deteriorated. On our inspection we found the Pedal primary leathers and Swell drawstop machine, purse leathers to be currently in need of re-leathering and there were 4 pedal keys not operating because of broken backfalls under the pedal touch box.

Our recommendation would be, that in consideration of the instruments age and the general wearing out of the action parts, it would be wise to consider a rebuilding of the organ on electric action, thus reducing the use of leatherwork to a minimum and bringing the action up to modern standards of design.

The cost for this work would be in the region of \$12,000.00 to \$18,000.00. We may mention that to build a new instrument with a comparable specification today would cost between \$45,000.00 and \$60,000.00

However, we should point out that at this stage the two Manual keyboards are operating satisfactorily and that it would be possible and practical to rebuild the Pedal organ on electric action as the first phase of rebuilding the entire instrument. All preparation work for the possible future installation of two extra pedal stops could be carried out in the switching and cabling and this department would then be brought up to modern standards of design and specification.

Details of this work would consist of:—The removal of the Pedal pipes for complete cleaning and restoration. The dismantling of the existing pedal action and its replacement by an entirely new direct electric action using heavy duty lever magnets to every pipe. Contacting to be effected by means of "jacks" at the end of the pedal keys, these to be fitted with silver contact assemblies and silver tipped wipers. Low tension current to be supplied by a Selenium Rectifier. Pedal keyboard to be replaced and refelted as required.

The cost for the above work would be:—Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety Three Dollars (\$2493.00).

We would further recommend that the Swell drawstop machine purse leathers be replaced at this time. The cost for this work would be:—\$97.50.

The terms for payment would be:—33 1/3 per cent deposit, to be used for purchase of materials. 33 1/3 per cent during the course of the work on site. 33 1/3 per cent within 60 days of completion to your satisfaction.

If there are any details which require clarification please do not hesitate to contact us. Meanwhile, please be assured of our continued interest and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
D. STUART GARSIDE,
Partner.

FLOWER ROSTER—JUNE

June 6: Donated by Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Parents Mr. and Mrs. E. B. King; arranged by Mrs. I. Clark.

- June 13: Donated by Mr. J. Merlett in memory of his Mother "Stella Williams", and an anonymous donation for the Stone of Remembrance; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 20: Donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, from their daughters, Stella, Ena and Barb; arranged by Mrs. I. Clark.
- June 27: Donated by Mrs. Reid, in memory of her Mother and by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Brother, Mr. J. Oliver; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

FLOWER ROSTER—JULY

- July 4: Donated by Miss Eileen Bayley in memory of her Sisters, Dorothy Winifred and Lillian Gladys; arranged by Mrs. J. Clark.
- July 11: Donated by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Parents and by Mr. W. Williams and Family in memory of Aileen and by Mrs Dunne in memory of her Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- July 18: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Miss Kathleen O'Neil; arranged by Mrs. I. Clark.
- July 25: Donated in memory of Mrs. Joan Nance from her Family and by Mrs. E. Miller and Family in memory of Mrs. F. Miller; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

The flowers on May 16th were in memory of Mrs. L. Barron, donated by her many friends at All Saints; on May 4th the Church flowers were from the Guild Members.

Additional flowers on Easter Day were from Mrs. Colburt in memory of Mr. Colburt, we apologise for this acknowledgement being late.

E. M. BOSWARD.



PARISH REGISTER

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

- May 8: Robert Peter Stefan Jankowski of Lewisham and Josephine Frances Wibrow of Petersham.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

- May 4: Linda Amelia Annie Barron of 26 Bright Street, Marrickville.
- May 26: Alfred Humphrey John Steedman of 7 Marshall Street, Petersham.

WALTERS & SON

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.