

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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SIXTIETH CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

Special Services

Attendances were above average for our 60th Consecration Festival services on Sunday, 18th August, and we were pleased to see a number of our former parishioners at both the 11 a.m. and evening services. It is, of course, disappointing that we cannot receive the 100 per cent support of local parishioners for these very important occasions.

Our scheduled guest preacher for Morning Prayer, the Rev. K. R. Le'Huray, Rector of Leura, was most unfortunately injured in a car accident on the preceding Friday night, and was unable to be with us on this account. The Rector preached in his stead, and the service was conducted by the Rev. M. A. Hayward and Mr. K. Grant, our layreader.

In the evening, a challenging message of personal consecration was given by the Rev. A. H. Funnell Rector of St. Andrew's, Summer Hill. The Rector was taken ill early in the afternoon and regretted that he could not attend. Mr. Grant and Mr. G. Bloomfield took the service on behalf of the Rector.

Festival Tea

The tea, our first ever on a Friday evening, was well attended, and along with the meeting addressed by His Honour, Judge Funnell, we had a very successful parish social gathering. Our grateful thanks go to the Judge for his talk, and to the ladies who prepared an appetising meal. It may not be generally known that many of the tables are stocked by the hostesses at their own expense, as their contribution towards the success of the Tea.

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

September is the anniversary of the passing to higher service of our late members and friends, Messrs Jack Humphreys, Jack Ditchburn and Tom Bosward.

As a mark of respect to them, two minutes silence was observed at our last meeting in their memory.

PERSONAL

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Miss Juleff, Mrs. Plowman and Mr. Plowman, in the passing last month of their brother and brother-in-law, Mr. Juleff. We were also sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Edith McLean who was a regular parishioner and District Visitor at All Saints' for many years. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. McLean's daughter and her family.

SOCIAL HOUR AND FREE FILM

The after Church Social Hours will resume on Sunday, 22nd September, following the winter break.

All parishioners are invited to the Hall for supper after Evensong on that date, and to see the movie, "The Beginning of the Rainbow". It would be appreciated if the Fellowship could organise the supper for this night.

THIS YEAR'S CAR DRIVE**Saturday, 21st September**

This year's drive leaves the Church grounds at 1.30 p.m. for Galston Gorge and the Mowll Memorial Village at Castle Hill, a round trip of 50 miles. Tickets are available at 6/- each, the proceeds going to Fete funds; however, as we do not have as many cars available this year, the number of seats is limited, and we suggest that you buy your tickets early.

The charge includes a cup of tea, and an inspection of the Village. The Y.C.I. will provide tea, sugar, milk, and cups, but not the "eats."

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. A. Jones (LM 5218) who would be very pleased to hear from any further car owners who could come on the trip.

HOW TO COMMIT SPIRITUAL SUICIDE

This may seem a strange subject for a Church paper but every day of the week thousands somewhere in the world take their own life, because they have lost hope. For them, life no longer holds any attraction, they feel it is a failure.

Actually, life is still attractive and holds much for those who learn its secret, but they are like a child who has been given an expensive mechanical toy. They do not understand it; they play around with it for a time and when they fail to get it working, blame the toy, not themselves, and smash it up. If only they had appealed to someone with more understanding to explain what to do and then had done as they were told, they would have enjoyed their possession, but pride prevented them asking anyone for advice. Pride is often the basic cause for discontent in this life, people hate to be thought ignorant.

There are millions of professing Christians like the child with the toy. They have such a limited knowledge of spiritual things that they hardly know what to believe. They were brought up in homes where religion was very formal; they went to Sunday Schools where the teachers had a limited knowledge and seemed to lack the desire to increase their knowledge of God. Their parents and their teachers did not often worship God in the public services of the Church and so the children grew up in the same apathetic way.

Then when life's problems hit them hard, as they do at times, they were overwhelmed. They felt, metaphorically speaking, they did not have a leg to stand on. Just at the age when they should have been growing in knowledge and the grace of God, they "gave up the Church".

There are many ways of committing physical suicide as we learn from the daily papers, but to commit spiritual suicide, the easiest way is simply to do nothing about one's soul. Spiritual death is the result of neglecting the three things—Prayer, Bible Reading and Public worship.

The reason why you should do these three things is because they are meant to prepare you for God's presence above. If you despise God's House on earth you would certainly not be happy in the Heavenly Home. If you want to destroy your soul, all you have to do is to neglect the things through which God reveals Himself to man. The result will be certain—Spiritual suicide!

—S.T.P. "The Guardian".

"BY THEIR WORKS . . ."

August saw the completion of an imposing flight of concrete steps at the north-western corner of the church, leading to the area outside the front door of the Parish Hall.

These steps, a path from the Church door to Church Street, and the laying of further concrete foundations around the area of the proposed Columbarium, were constructed by the voluntary labour of a small band of our men, under the leadership of the Rector and Mr. Arthur Cook.

This work has been proceeding each Saturday for the past two months, and the voluntary labour has saved the Church hundreds of pounds. Our sincere thanks are due to these men who give up each Saturday to undertake this work; we feel sure, however, that they would welcome help from more of the men of the parish when they can manage it. There is so much to be done around the Church to keep the property in good order.

We will endeavour to honour our workers by printing a photograph of them in a future "Chronicle" for the benefit of our readers.

SPECIAL PREACHERS LAST MONTH

We should also record our grateful thanks to two other Preachers at All Saints' last month. On Education Sunday, 4th August, Mr. A. S. Plowman, one of our own parishioners, gave another greatly appreciated address related to education, while on Sunday evening, 25th August, the State Secretary of the Jewish Evangelical Witness, Mr. V. A. Belcher, spoke at the Youth Tea and preached at Evensong.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Sept. 1st—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams in memory of their Parents; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 „ 8th—Donated by the family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 „ 15th—Donated by Mrs. Bryce in memory of her Parents, and by Mrs. Humphreys, Alan, and members of their family in memory of Mr. J. W. Humphreys; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown and Mrs. Clark.
 „ 22nd—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents.
 „ 29th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents.
 Oct. 6th—Donated by the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Furnell in memory of their Parents, and by Mrs. Bosward and family in memory of Mr. Tom Bosward; arranged by Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Cook.

On Sunday, 4th August, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Charles in memory of her Parents. Additional donations for 18th August, (Consecration Festival) were received from Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Steedman in memory of their Mother, Mrs. Bone, from Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Nightingale in memory of Mr. Nightingale, Senior, and from Miss Fry, Miss Street, Mr. Brodie, and the President and members of the R.S.L. Petersham.

CLUB NOTES

Young Marrieds' and Friends': The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held on Tuesday, 10th September in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Our Club is holding a Street Stall on Saturday morning, 7th September, in Stanmore Road, outside the main gates of the Church. Donations of cakes, jams, or anything saleable would be very much appreciated.

We are still anxious to keep up our collections of clean newspapers. Please save them for us and let us know if you wish us to collect them; you may also bring them to the Parish Hall before the third Thursday in each month.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Baseball: In the final of the Baseball Competition, All Saints' were defeated by Hurlstone Park 5-4. That team was in turn defeated by Petersham School 19-2 in the grand final.

Although our boys played well and were in a scoring position on a few occasions, they were unable to capitalise on their advantages and just failed to overtake their opponents.

J. GORMAN



In the Table Tennis Winter Competition, the All Saints' "E" Grade Number 1 team was defeated in the semi-final 7-4 by "Active-8". The "E" Grade Number 2 side just failed to make the semi-finals, but nevertheless, this young team playing in its first competition put up a very good performance and were only narrowly beaten in a few of their games.

The Club meets each Thursday night at 7 o'clock in the Parish Hall and would welcome any boys interested in playing.

R. MOORE, President

Physical Culture Club: Attendances at the Club on Monday nights have been very satisfying, and our girls are to be commended for the interest they show in their work, which is very necessary for the competitions starting on 14th September. Mrs. Anderson has been most enthusiastic in her instruction shown to our members, and we wish her and our girls every success in their future Displays of Physical Culture work.

Many thanks to Miss Jan Locke for helping our Club during Mrs. Anderson's sojourn in hospital. We are most grateful to Mrs. Holden, our pianiste, who travels to the Club from Sans Souci each week.

In conclusion, may we wish our girls all the best in the competitions; any girls from the age of 4 years who wish to join our Club will be most welcome.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners': In a little over five years, our membership has grown to 56. Even during the cold winter months, our average attendance each week was 40 to 50 people.

The Senior Parishioners' Club has purchased crockery, table linen, a Vulcan Conray heater and laminex tables, all for the comfort and convenience of our members. The care and preservation of these facilities will greatly benefit the Club members of the future.

Every week, free door prizes are given, sometimes your week-end poultry. Free theatre tickets to the Petersham "Odeon" are also available.

We offer to you our parishioners the opportunity of joining this social club, planned in detail to give happiness, comfort and companionship.

If you know of any lonely person, please urge them to come along, or if preferred, we will visit them in their own homes. Mrs. I. Clark, and Mrs. J. Wilson with myself make a team of three who organise the Senior Parishioners' Club, our aim being to build a good strong Church organisation and to overcome much of the loneliness that exists to-day in our older age group.

Join us in the Parish Hall any Thursday at 1.30 p.m.

DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls: During August, we had a great win against St. George's Church by 25 to 7. This Club had previously won the division, and we inflicted upon them the worst defeat they have ever had. Congratulations to skipper Ossie Olofsson, Bert Hall, John Miniter, and Ben Pullen. Great work, chaps!

H. J. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild: Our next street stall will be on Friday, 20th September, and donations of home-made cakes, scones, jams or pickles are always greatly appreciated.

Our Social Afternoon on 24th September will be a Picture Afternoon in the Guild Room, and all ladies will be very welcome. A donation of 2/- includes afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD

St. Luke's Centre: All ladies of the parish and their friends will be welcome at a Cards and Games Afternoon presented by the St. Luke's Centre on Wednesday, 11th September, commencing at 1.30 p.m. in our Parish Hall. A donation of 3/- includes afternoon tea and prizes and all proceeds go towards the work of St. Luke's Hospital, which is, of course conducted by the Church of England. Mrs. J. Wilson will gladly supply any further information you may require.

FETE SUCCESS PREDICTED

A most successful meeting was held at the end of July when over twenty representatives of Fete stalls and attractions discussed plans for this year's Fete, to take place on Saturday, 16th November, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Several new ideas were put forward, and numerous improvements to our arrangements in previous years were discussed. The attendance at the meeting, and the keen interest shown, augur well for the biggest and brightest fete ever.

Target

The Parish Council Fete Committee has proposed £1,500 as the target to be raised at this year's effort. This amount is required to restore the Church organ—which has never had a major overhaul since it was installed 77 years ago—and to carry out other much needed repairs and maintenance to the Church and other buildings of All Saints'. Replacement organ bellows costing £300 are also needed urgently.

Let us all do everything in our power to achieve this goal.

You Can Help Now

If you can donate books, toys, stamps, or are jewellery, please phone Mrs. Millarey, LM 1643 and collection will be arranged; if you have old brass, lead, or copper, ring Mr. Hall, LM 1127, and it will be collected and re-sold at top market prices in aid of Fete funds.

NEWS SPOTS

● **Breaking Sound Barrier:** The Y.C.I. cordially invite all menfolk of the parish to their meeting on Friday, 20th September, 1963, when Mr. Green, the Chief Test Pilot of De Havilland Aircraft will be the guest speaker. We understand that Mr. Green will have a very interesting story to tell regarding his breaking of the sound barrier. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Y.C.I. Club Room.

● **St. Margaret's Hostel:** We welcome to our Parish Miss Holland who has been appointed as new Warden of St. Margaret's Hostel in Cambridge Street. Miss Holland has taken over from Mrs. R. Atkinson, who retired from the Hostel last month. Speaking of the Hostel, which is a Church of England establishment, parishioners will be welcome at the opening of the new Study Room on Friday, 11th October.

● Thanks are once again due to the members of the Senior Parishioners' Club, this time for the gift of linoleum for the washrooms in the Parish Hall. Along with the new lino recently provided in the Guild Room, these new floor coverings have greatly enhanced the appearance of the back part of the Parish Hall.

● **Christian Science:** Y.C.I. members were presented with an interesting and revealing study of Christian Science, in the President's Night address given by the Rector last month. At the end of the talk, supper was kindly provided and served to the Institute by Mrs. Champion and Ruth.

● **Classified Ads.:** Found in the back seat of the Rector's Car: One gold brooch, possibly dropped by a parishioner.
For Sale: One bosun's chair, some ten feet long, very suitable for painting the inside of church ceilings. Enquiries in both instances to the Rector (Tel. LM 4735).

● **MANY ILL:** Our prayers for speedy recoveries go to the many parishioners of All Saints' who are ill at the present time, and in particular to a number who are now in hospital. Although the winter time is always a bad time for illness in the parish, the Rector has said that the number of folk at present in hospital is larger than for some considerable time. We were glad to see Mrs. Malone, Mr. Len. Calver and Mr. George Clark back at All Saints' during August, after each had been laid up for a while.

● **St. Luke's Church:** In the July "Chronicle" we reported the name of the Anglican Church at Enmore would be changed from Christ Church to St. Luke's, as from 18th October, 1963, and we asked, "why was this particular date chosen by the Archbishop for the change?" If anyone is still in doubt, the answer is that 18th October is St. Luke's Day. The Enmore Parish is now under the jurisdiction of our Rector, and our Curate, the Rev. John Green, resides in the Enmore Rectory.

● **News in Brief:** Y.C.I. Member Allen Boyle is currently on a seven weeks round-the-world trip which takes in U.S.A. and Great Britain . . . Helen Dudley who has been one of Carillonists and Sunday School teacher, has commenced a nursing career at St. Luke's Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gorman celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 20th August, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Grant will mark the 10th anniversary of their marriage at All Saints' on 19th September . . . Ruth Champion was seen on Channels 2 and 7 demonstrating cooking during Education Week . . . October "Chronicle" items will be due by Sunday, 22nd September.

GUEST PREACHERS AT SERVICES

Parishioners are asked to make a particular note of the following special services which are coming up at All Saints:—

● Sunday, September 8th—Captain D. Quayle of the Church Army will preach at 11 a.m., in a service marking the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Church Army in Australia. The Army has chosen a number of Churches in Sydney at which to conduct such Services on this day. Captain Quayle was a member of the team which conducted the mission in this parish under the Rev. Gordon Coad in October, 1959.

● Sunday, October 20th—Our Annual Youth Service will take place at 11 a.m. on this date. Mr. David Hunter, M.L.A., will be the special speaker, and members of groups such as the Scouts, Guides, and junior lodges, as well as our own Sunday School pupils, will be present. This Service attracts one of the biggest congregations of the year, and all parishioners are welcome.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

July 28th—David Joseph Allan.

Aug. 4th—Linda Anne Brown.

" 4th—Gary William Straw.

" 4th—Shane Edward Rennie.

" 11th—Dean Warren Watt.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined"

July 27th—Henry Patrick Young to June McTaggart.

" 27th—Frederick John Wright to Maralyn Anne Perry.

Aug. 16th—Ronald Edward Gaughan to Robyne Patricia Pearson.

" 24th—John Herbert Allen to Robyn Lorraine Clarke.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek
for succour but of Thee, O Lord

Aug. 1st—Elizabeth Martha Pashley.

" 1st—Ernest Higginbotham.

" 5th—James Robert Phillips.

" 5th—Lily Doughty.

" 7th—Essie Clarinda Temple.

" 8th—Agnes Brown Kidd.

" 12th—Mabel Beatrice Irwin.

" 16th—Vera May Flood.

" 16th—Annie Jane Nash.

" 19th—Thomas Edward Griffiths.

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