

All Saint's Anglican Church of Australia  
Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

NOVEMBER 1986

☆ **FETE** ☆

**for**

**PRE-CHRISTMAS**

**BARGAINS**

**Parish Hall and Grounds**

**SATURDAY, 15th NOV., 1986**

**10.00 A.M. - - 2.00 P.M.**

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**COME & BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

**DOOR PRIZES**

The Rectory,  
Stanmore Road,  
PETERSHAM. 2049.  
24th October, 1986.

Dear Friends,

From time to time we look at the church and question its future. The answer to our question will be determined by our understanding of the nature of the church.

To some a church is no more than a beautiful arrangement of bricks, glass, wood, a bit of stone and iron work. Its architect may have been so clever that the building gives an impression of standing forever.

To question the future of the church when one is only referring to a building, is simply to ask how long will it continue to be usable. All buildings have only a limited life.

If one sees the church as the congregation that meets within its walls, then one is asking an entirely different question. In a young country like Australia we have experienced the folding up, or the amalgamation of congregations. They cease to exist for several reasons. A church can die from within because its members have no sense of witnessing to others. Sometimes a whole population may move, e.g., a gold mine in some remote part of the country may just close down and all the population leave.

If the congregation in a particular place is the church then we must acknowledge that the future existence of a church depends upon spiritual zeal or population movements.

From God's Word we gain a different view of the church. It has an everlasting nature. The true church does not depend on a building, or a group of people meeting in that building. The true church is linked to God Himself through the cross of Jesus Christ. It is the company of believers. Most gather in a building with others, but they may equally be isolated for long periods of time.

The future of the church is secure - secure not in this world only, but in all eternity.

As Christians our chief concern is not for the building, or even that a particular group might continue to worship in the same way, in the same place for ever. Our chief concern is that others may enjoy fellowship with the Lord, the joy of sins forgiven, and the security of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The church may outwardly appear weak and divided, even declining but this is not the truth. The true church is living and growing as year by year men and women come to find Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

"Those whom the Father shall give me none shall pluck out of my hand" John 10: 29.

Yours sincerely,  
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.  
Rector.

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## WALTERS & SON

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

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### WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Well, the Fete for 1986 is almost here. Thank you all who have been sending in sugar for our sweet making, also other gifts which we are very grateful for. I'm sure our stall will be as good as ever with all the help we are receiving. We are still looking forward to receiving cakes, biscuits, scones etc on Fete day Saturday 15th November.

We have set the dates for our next years second hand and jumble stalls. They are:-

Friday 20th February.  
Friday 3rd April.  
Friday 15th May.  
Friday 26th June.  
Friday 7th August.  
Friday 18th September.

We begin the year with completely fresh stock. This year we have raised, with the help of all our friends \$1532 on these stalls. We look forward to your continued help so that we can achieve something the same next year.

There will not be a meeting of the Women-in-Friendship in November as it would be only a few days before the Fete and we will all be so busy. The December meeting will be Tuesday 9th at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a Christmas afternoon tea. We would be pleased to welcome visitors if they care to join us.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is again meeting every Thursday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. The afternoons are now usually bright and sunny, so there is not such a problem with the weather. Come and join us. I'm sure you'll be glad you did.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

### PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At the October Parish Council meeting it was agreed that the new notice board should be illuminated and that an automatic switch be installed to control the hours of lighting.

Final arrangements were made for the booklet inconnection with the church organ centenary celebration. Details & final plans were made for the Patronal Festival.

In reply to a question, the Rector advised the meeting that the Home Mission Society had advised that food placed in the Care Force tin bin could be used, at the Rector's discretion, to feed the needy who knocked at the Rectory door.

### PARISH HALL DOOR

One of our hall tenants had the misfortune to jam his key in the hall door during week ending 18th October, late at night. The door could then not be opened and the hall was totally secure until a key for the back door was located.

Mr. Ray Swankie was called upon to retrieve the situation urgently so that our other tenants could operate normally. New tumblers were required for the lock and new keys had to be cut, the bill; \$50.

### CHURCH GROWTH

Recently, The institute for American Church Growth asked over 10,000 lay people this question: "What was responsible for your coming to this church? This is how they replied:

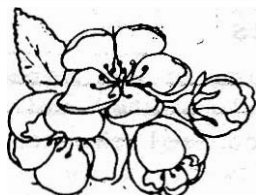
I had a special need - 2%; I just walked in - 3%

I liked the Pastor - 6%; I visited there - 1%

I liked the Sunday School - 1%;

I liked the programmes - 3%;

A friend or relative invited me - 79%



### FLOWER DONATIONS

- NOVEMBER 2ND - In memory of Aileen, from Bill Williams and family.  
For the Stone of Remembrance by  
Mrs.E.M.Bosward and family.  
Arrangement by Mrs.A. Steed.
- NOVEMBER 9TH - By Mrs. M. Willis in memory of  
Mrs. G. Garland. ;  
In memory of husband Cecil, Father,  
Mother, sister Phyllis and brothers  
Freddie, Barney and Jackie from  
Mrs. Rhodes.  
By Mrs. Horton & Mrs. Heyle in memory  
of Dorothy & Len Calver & son.  
Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn.
- NOVEMBER 16TH - By Mrs. P. Heap in loving memory of her  
mother and daughter Betty.  
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- NOVEMBER 23RD - In loving memory of our dear sister  
Elsie Hillery from Bert and Kath Gamble  
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- NOVEMBER 30TH - No donation.  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are now seeking donations of groceries for the Sunday School Grocery Stall and the Pupils Toy and Jewellery Stall. To arrange collection for the toys and jewellery phone Mrs. Essam (569-1852), for collection of groceries contact Noel Cragg (560-9972).

Arrangements are now being made for the Sunday School's participation in the December Family Service. This service will be the final meeting of the Sunday School for 1986.

The Sunday School Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 14th December commencing at 2-00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Sunday School picnic was not held in October due to the Organ Centenary and Fete preparations. The picnic will be held in February 1987.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

## HMS RELIEF FOR SYDNEY FLOOD VICTIMS

The Home Mission society sprang into action to bring relief to people displaced from their homes by the recent major flooding in Sydney's outer north western, western & south western suburbs

The main burden of the operation fell on the Op Shops, who made distribution centres for clothing, blankets and food available at their Cabramatta, Fairfield, Penrith and St Marys shops....

...HMS Women's Auxiliaries also went into action, gathering \$8000 worth of clothing in little more than 24 hours and passing it on to Op Shops for distribution....

## MAINLY FOR KIDS

Match the beginnings of these sentences with the correct endings. Then match the letters with the numbers. Use the code to decipher the message below.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) The storm             | (C) filling the boat. [v.37]  |
| (3) Water was             | (S) the storm. [v.39]         |
| (5) Jesus                 | (U) obeyed Jesus. [v.41]      |
| (7) The disciples         | (A) blew up suddenly. [v.37]  |
| (9) The disciples thought | (F) was asleep. [v.38]        |
| (11) Jesus stopped        | (J) were frightened. [v.40]   |
| (13) The wind and waves   | (O) Jesus didn't care. [v.38] |

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