

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

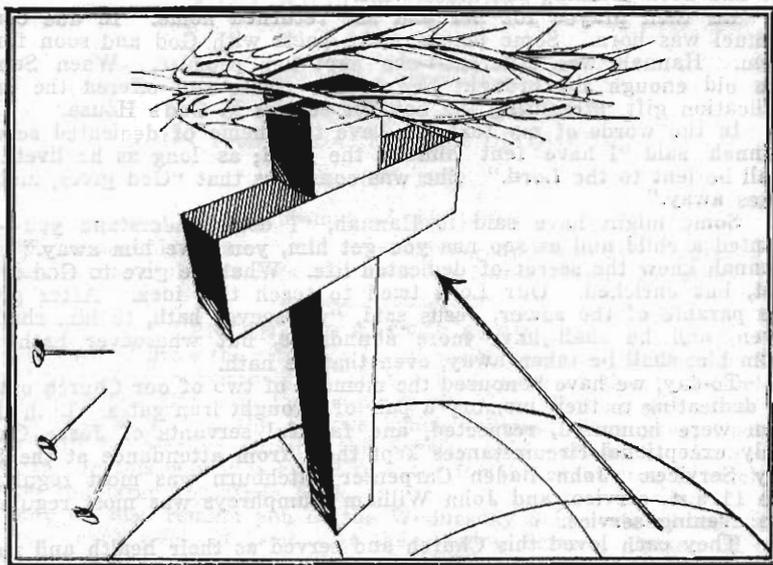
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MARCH, 1964



"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN"

MEMORIAL GATES DEDICATED

Rector's Special Address

The Wrought iron gates erected in memory of Mr. J. B. Ditchburn and Mr. J. W. Humphreys were dedicated by the Rector at the Service of Morning Prayer on 2nd February. The following is the address given by the Rector at this Service and based upon a text from I Samuel 1, 28:

"I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord."

These words come to us from the first lesson for to-day's Service, which is being held on the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The theme for to-day is really "Godly dedication." Joseph and Mary took Jesus into the Temple and presented Him or dedicated Him to God according to the Mosaic Law. Mary offered a pair of pigeons or doves as a thank offering for her safe delivery of the child.

From the earliest times it was the custom to present such an offering to God. This is why the gift in Baptism is not a fee but rather a thank offering to God for his goodness.

The Old Testament lesson read to-day reminds us of the birth of Samuel and of how Hannah, having more wealth, presented to the Priest three bullocks, a bushel of flour, and a bottle of wine. They slew one bullock, offered it as a burnt offering to God, and brought the child to Eli. We are all familiar with the story of Hannah praying for a child, and of how Eli saw her weeping in the House of God, and thought that she had been drinking too much wine.

Eli then prayed for her and she returned home. In due course Samuel was born. Some people make pacts with God and soon forget them. Hannah was different—she kept her promise. When Samuel was old enough she brought him to the priest and offered the usual dedication gift, presenting the boy for service in God's House.

In the words of my text, we have the theme of dedicated service, Hannah said "I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." She was conscious that "God gives, and He takes away."

Some might have said to Hannah, "I don't understand you—you wanted a child and as soon as you got him, you gave him away." But Hannah knew the secret of dedicated life. What we give to God is not lost, but enriched. Our Lord tried to teach this idea. After giving the parable of the sower, Jesus said, "whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance, but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away, even that he hath.

To-day, we have honoured the memory of two of our Church officers by dedicating to their memory a pair of wrought iron gates. Both these men were honoured, respected, and faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Only exceptional circumstances kept them from attendance at the Sunday Services. John Baden Carpenter Ditchburn was most regular at the 11 a.m. service, and John William Humphreys was most regular at the evening service.

They each loved this Church and served as their health and means allowed them for many years. They were each men of strong convictions and not afraid to stand firm to those conditions. They were faithful unto death.

It is not possible for a clergyman to know intimately all his parishioners, but I count it a privilege to-day to honour the memory of these men by dedicating the new gates to their memory. We know that it is not possible to erect memorials to all who live and serve faithfully, but I feel sure that the faithful will all have their names in the Lamb's Book of Life, ready to be revealed in the last day.

The dedicated life to God's service is often criticised by the world. They think we are fools, but in the words of our text, they are given to the Lord for as long as we live here and in eternity. Those of you who belong to our Weekly Freewill Offering Scheme have a very appropriate message on to-day's envelope:

"God is the treasure of my soul,
The source of lasting joy,
A joy which want shall not impair,
Nor death itself destroy."

And so we think of our two brethren not as gone, but only as gone ahead of us, for we must all take the same road one day.

May we, with them, hear our Lord's commendation in the Great Day, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter now into the joy of thy Lord."

PLAQUE FOR MEMORIAL GATES

The following is the wording of the plate for the new memorial gates:

To the Glory of God
These Gates were dedicated in loving memory of

JOHN WILLIAM HUMPHREYS

Obiit 12/9/1962

A Parish Councillor
and

JOHN BADEN CARPENTER DITCHBURN

Obiit 16/9/1962

A Sidesman of this Church

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His Courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His Name (Psalm 11, v 4)

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES

We would draw the attention of all parishioners to the Good Friday and Easter Day Services listed on the back page of this "Chronicle". Parishioners are also urged to support the Good Friday procession of Witness and to attend the Service which follows. This year, George Street, will be blocked off and the Service held outside St. Andrew's Cathedral; in this way it is hoped to cater for the great crowd, which is growing too large for Hyde Park.

May we also remind you of the Wednesday Services at 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. each week in Lent. At the evening Service, laymen of the Parish are giving addresses in the series, "The Lord's Prayer."

"Easter Times": We will have available this Easter a number of copies of the newspaper "Easter Times" which was produced for our Lenten Drive in 1961. Using modern journalistic style, this paper purported to have been published at the time of the Resurrection, and was distributed to all people then living in the Parish.

THE CHRONICLE

1964 CONFIRMATION

Our 1964 Confirmation Service will be held on the Wednesday evening preceding All Saints' Patronal Festival. The date of the Confirmation Service is 28th October, while our Patronal Festival will take place this year on All Saints' Day itself, Sunday, 1st November.

Young people and adults wishing to be confirmed this year are requested to watch "The Chronicle" for details of our Confirmation Classes, which will begin after Easter. The Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered for the first time at All Saints' by the Right Rev. A. W. Goodwin Hudson, Bishop Coadjutor of Sydney, who is well known for his television epilogue, "Reflections."

COURSE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

A series of four talks on the role of the Sunday School Teacher will be broadcast on 2CH at 9.45 p.m. on Sundays, 1st March, 15th March, 12th April, and 26th April. These sessions will be of fifteen minutes duration, and will cover preparation, presentation and the attitudes of the teacher. Mr. David Bowmer, B.A., of Sydney Teachers' College will be the speaker, and we commend them to all our Sunday School teachers and others engaged in youth instruction.

On other Sunday evenings at 9.45 p.m. on 2CH you may hear similar programmes produced by the Australian Council of Christian Education.

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS AND GREAT SERVICE OF WITNESS

Good Friday, March 27, 1964

"George Street and the Cathedral Area Crowded with Anglicans bearing witness to their faith—The Archbishop bringing us the Good Friday challenge from an open-air pulpit."

This is the Vision before us for our "Good Friday Anglican Witness", a vision which will be translated into reality by the prayers and enthusiasm of us all.

Here are the details of this year's Witness—

- 1—An even shorter Route for the Procession—The Procession will assemble in Hyde Park (immediately opposite St. Mary's Cathedral) no later than 4.00 p.m. sharp to march off promptly at 4.15 p.m. The Procession will leave Hyde Park (via the Archibald Fountain) then via St. James' Road, Elizabeth Street, Market Street and George Street to the Cathedral Area.
- 2—Great Service of Witness—Open-air Pulpit: On arrival at the Cathedral area a Great Service of Witness will be held at which the Speaker will be the Archbishop of Sydney who will address us from a specially constructed Open-Air Pulpit. The Service will also feature a large Massed Choir and should commence at 4.55 p.m. and conclude at 5.25 p.m.
- 3—Provision for elderly folk and those unable to march in the procession: Elderly folk, and those unable to march in the Procession are asked to assemble in the Cathedral Area. There will be open-air seating for at least 1500 and the Service will be relayed inside the Cathedral.

CLUB NOTES

Mothers' Union: A branch of the Mothers' Union was formed in our Church two years ago, but for some reason or another the membership has not grown above nine or ten ladies.

This year, we are changing the time of the meeting from the evening to the morning, and as from 4th March, we shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. Our meetings, which are held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall, commence with a cup of tea and should be finished by 11.45 a.m.

All are welcome, particularly young mothers, so please make an effort to attend.
E. CHAMPION, Hon. Secretary

Young Marrieds' and Friends': The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th March at 8 p.m. As this will be our Annual Meeting, all members are requested to make a special effort to attend.

The Club proposes to hold three Street Stalls this year, on Saturdays, 4th April, 6th June, and 5th September.

I am very sorry to announce that only "Herald" newspapers are saleable at present; would everyone who possibly can, save their "Herald" newspapers for us? As soon as the smaller sized papers are wanted again, I will put a notice in "The Chronicle."

Thanks to all those who saved papers for us so regularly last year. We are also saving old rags again this year, and would be pleased to pick any up from your home.
IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club: Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, join us in our weekly social gathering, and make new friends. Come along for games, afternoon tea, and prizes, and bring a friend.
I. CLARK, Hon. Secretary

Physical Culture Club: Classes resumed on Monday, 2nd February after being in recess for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Collis for helping out for the first couple of nights, as our former pianiste, Mrs. Holden, has been forced to resign because of illness.

Since Monday, 17th February, Miss Beverly Dobell has been officiating as our pianiste. We are very pleased to secure Miss Dobell's services and we hope she will be as happy with our Club as we are to have her.

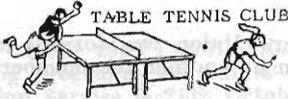
Classes commence each Monday night from 6 p.m. onwards for girls from the age of four years up to Senior standard, while the Ladies' Class is held at 7.45 p.m. Our Instructress is Mrs. Anderson of Bjelke-Petersens.
F. DITCHEBURN, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild: The Guild has commenced its 1964 activities, our meeting being held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We would be very pleased to welcome new members.

Our Annual Luncheon will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th March at 12.30 p.m., when we will be entertained by members of the Helen Keller Blind Home. The donation for the Luncheon will be 4/-. Please come along and enjoy a good lunch and hear the happy songs and music from our blind friends. We grumble at our petty ailments—come and see how other people overcome their disabilities.

"I grumbled because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

E. CHAMPION



The Table Tennis Club has resumed playing after the Christmas holiday break. We have a shortage of players at present, and have been unable to enter any teams in the current competitions. We would therefore welcome any boys who would like to play table tennis—please come along to the Parish Hall on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

R. MOORE, President

Baseball Club: The All Saints' Baseball Club will be holding its Annual Meeting on Monday, 9th March at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Would any boys under the age of 16 years who would like to play baseball please come along. No knowledge of the game is necessary, as coaching will be available to all boys. Our team will play on Saturday morning in the Bankstown-Sydenham Juvenile League.

J. GORMAN

LEVITICUS AND DEUTERONOMY

Continuing our series of articles on books of the Bible, written by the Rev Donald Cameron of Moora College

These two little-read books of the Old Testament form the bulk of what later Jews and the New Testament call the law, and in them we find rules and regulations of the most diverse kind, ranging from elaborate food laws, indicating in much detail types of food which it was forbidden to eat, obscure laws such as the forbidding of wearing wool and linen together, to wise and humane laws such as the prohibition of felling trees in enemy territory during war time ("for is a tree a man, that it should be besieged by thee?"). There is also clear and fair legislation on legal issues such as marriage, military service, etc.

While it isn't easy to sum up these complex books, several striking ideas emerge from them. Above all else, they stress the uniqueness of God, His Holiness and His righteousness. The heavy denunciation of idolatry in Deuteronomy reveals the "jealousy" of God; true worship offered to Him is such that it cannot be shared with another. In Leviticus, the elaborate system of cleansing and washing, especially related to worship, demonstrates the holiness of God and is meant to show that God's holiness was of the purest kind and that no unclean or impure object or person could approach Him.

Similarly, the equity and fairness of Deuteronomy speak of the righteousness of God and show His concern not only for the well-being of the community of Israel as a whole, but His concern for the individual, the poor and oppressed, and the stranger within one's gates.

These two books speak to us on two distinct lines. First, they remind us that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and spoke to the Israelites through these books telling them that He is a God who demands undivided loyalty and worship, a God whose holiness is such that impurity is not tolerable in His sight, and that His righteousness is of a kind that can allow no compromise.

Secondly, the requirements of God are such that they not only reveal our final incapacity to keep them, but they also bring our condemnation and speak of our alienation from God. Yet, here we must turn to the new living way of the Gospels, whereby our way to God is not by rule and regulation but by faith in His Son, and that whole-hearted commitment to Him which is the way through and beyond the law, into the very presence of Him who gave us both law and salvation.

Next Month; Joshua

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Mch. 1st—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
 ,, 8th—No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 ,, 15th—Donated by Mrs. Mervyn in memory of her Husband.
 ,, 22nd—Donated by Miss Marjorie McPherson in memory of her Grandmother, Mrs. Slocombe.
 ,, 29th—Easter Day; donations of flowers would be appreciated.

On Sunday, 9th February, the Church flowers were donated by Judith and John Williams in memory of their Grandfather, and on Sunday, 23rd February, the flowers were given by Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Winchester in memory of Mr. G. Butt.

CLOTHING SALE

Donations of used clothing, curtains, quilts, bedspreads, hats, shoes, d'oyleys, and especially children's clothing are urgently needed for our Sale on Friday, 10th April between 10 a.m. and 3.30 p.m., and again on Saturday, 11th April, between 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Your parcels may be left at the Rectory, or if you would like us to pick them up, please ring Mrs. Clark, LM 6368.

PARISH NEWS

● **Personal:** A number of our parishioners are seriously ill at the present time and we send them our prayers for a speedy recovery. Amongst those we remember at this time are Mrs. Arkinstall (in Royal Prince Alfred), Mr. Thomas of William Street (in Marrickville Hospital) and Miss Butt and Mrs. Finch.

● **COLUMBARIUM:** In mid-February, 3,300 bricks were delivered to enable the final stage of the Columbarium to be built. We have experienced great difficulty in securing the right colour and texture of brick to harmonise with the Church building, but believe that those now selected will meet with your approval. It is hoped to make a start on the laying of these bricks at the earliest opportunity.

● The Rector has received the following letter from Matron C. Morrison of the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace: "Would you please convey my sincere thanks to your parishioners for their generous donation of Harvest Festival offerings. Your interest in our work is most encouraging and very much appreciated." The Rector adds his own thanks to all parishioners who contributed in this way.

● **Charity:** "Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; beareth all things, hopeth all things, never faileth; and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (I Corinthians 13, verses 4 to 13).

● An Indian professor claims that when religion dominates a man "it puts him (mentally) to sleep." This may be so of some religions but should not be so of the religion of Jesus Christ. It is a common mistake to lump all religions together as if they are the same. If we really open our minds to Him, He enables us to be interested in every discovery of reality believing that it helps us to know God better and use the discoveries for the better service of man.

● **50th Anniversary:** Our congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 24th January. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer lived in Denning Street for many years before moving to Croydon, where they now live with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Sayers, who are also very well known figures at All Saints'.

● **NOTICE ATTRACTS NOTICE:** Bert Shaw's current sign has attracted much comment from parishioners and passers-by. Erected for the Lenten season it reads, "Lent is a time for a change of mind, rather than a change of diet."

● **New Notice Board:** A long-felt need is being fulfilled. A new notice board is being erected which will illuminate our signs at night and also protect them from the weather. Our thanks are due to Messrs Bill Williams, Jack Gorman, Len Carroll and John Minter for digging the foundations and building the framework under the Rector's supervision. It was therefore with a wry smile that the Rector announced the first hymn at Morning Prayer the following day, Hymn 254,

"Art thou weary, art thou languid,
Art thou sore distrest."

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

- Feb. 2nd—Sharon June Prindable.
" 2nd—Paul Clayton Baigent.
" 2nd—Robert Alfred Clarke.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

- Jan. 25th—Vincent George Jarman to Lilly Alice May Wilkie.
Feb. 1st—Edward Francis Fitzpatrick to Lorraine Beryl Squire.
" 8th—Kenneth Anthony Robertson to Dawn Helen Jones.

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

- Feb. 3rd—Herbert Elborough.
" 11th—Harrie Lennard Bracken.
" 17th—Harry Lawton.

Holy Week
at



and Easter Day
All Saints'

Sunday, March 22. Palm Sunday—

- 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion
5 p.m.—Fellowship Tea
7.15 p.m.—Evensong followed by
Social Hour and Film.

Wednesday, March 25—

- 7 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7.30 p.m.—Devotional Service.
Conclusion of the Series,
"The Lord's Prayer."

AND NOTE that every parishioner shall communicate at least three times a year, of which Easter shall be one".—Book of Common Prayer

Good Friday, March 27—

- 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10.30 a.m.—Family Service.
2-3 p.m.—Devotional Service.
4.15 p.m.—Procession of Witness
4.55 p.m.—Service of Witness

Easter Day, March 29—

- 6 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7 a.m.—Choral Communion.
8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion
9.45 a.m.—Children's Service.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion.
7.15 p.m.—Evensong and Anthem

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.