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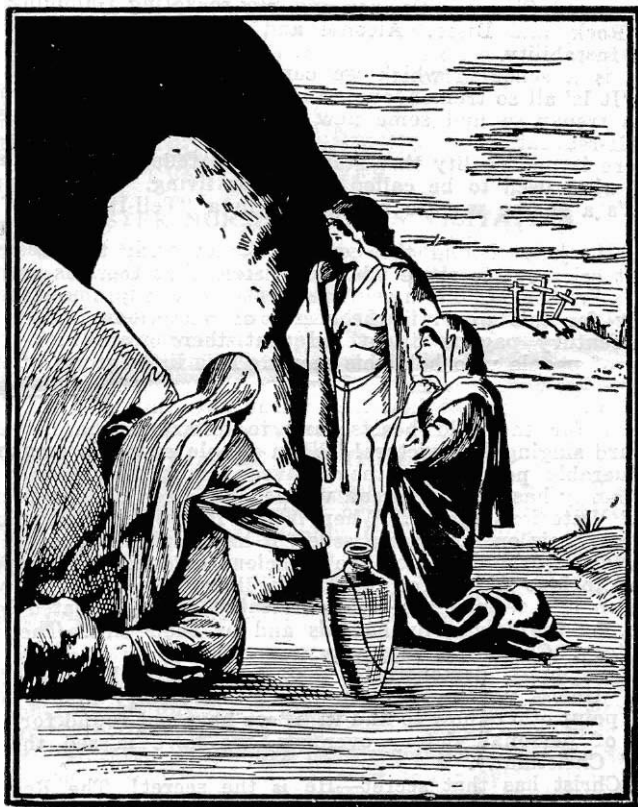
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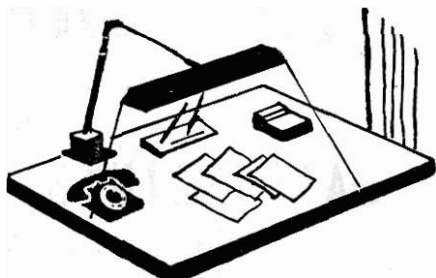


### A LIVING CHRIST FOR A DYING WORLD

“Now is Christ risen from the dead — even so in Christ  
will ALL be made alive.”

— 1 Cor 15:20-22.

# From your Minister's Desk



My dear Friends,

The Hilton Bomb Tragedy. Drug Abuse. The Murder of Prominent International Figures. Casinos and Sky-rocketing Gambling Figures. Pop, and Rock, and Disco. Alcohol and Road Carnage. Child Abuse. Emotional instability.

There is a sense in which we can call this the 'Tell-It-Like-It-Is' age. And 'It Is' all so tremendous! So great indeed that we seem always to be in a frenzy to find some new way to excitement, success, satisfaction, self-realisation!

If there is one reality that stands out in today's situation surely it is lack of what used to be called victorious living. Now it appears to me that it's a shame we are not rather in a "Tell-It-Like-It-Could-Be" age!!

Easter is just around the corner. Easter with the Resurrection. Surely that cries out to those who will listen, that there is such an experience as Victorious Living. Indeed the one supreme message of Christianity for this world is the secret of Victorious Living!

First century pagans discovered that there were in their midst a company of people who held this secret. This little group of men and women were harried, persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, slain—but they could not be conquered. When they were driven into the arena to provide a feast for the wild beasts, and to entertain the crowds, they went forward singing like victors! When people saw this amazing sight of unconquerable personality, they craved for it themselves.

Christianity has always spread when it has been able to present the message of Victorious Living. When it has forgotten this message and placed its emphasis on secondary issues, it has lost its power.

Today the world does not see sufficient evidence of its power to give the Victorious Life. Yet that is the knowledge that the world is craving. Men and women are living defeated lives—defeated by fears, by worries, by prejudices, by hatreds and by their sins. They want a way of victory. Christ has that way.

Christians must demonstrate that triumphant life—or fail this generation. Unless you and I have found this victory in our own life, We cannot point others how to find it. If we have not found for ourselves the secret of personal victory over sin, we have missed the deepest message of Christianity.

Jesus Christ has that secret—He is the secret! The Resurrection tells me and you that His Living Presence is available to us today. Do YOU know that Presence? Have you opened your heart to Him and His all conquering Love, and invited Him to live His Victory through you?

Make that Easter experience yours this year.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING, Rector.



## Easter Services

- GOOD FRIDAY** — 24th March.  
 8.00 a.m. — **HOLY COMMUNION.**  
 10.00 a.m. — **FAMILY COMMUNION.**  
 3.30 p.m. — **COMBINED FRIDAY SERVICE** in Sydney Square,  
 The Archbishop.
- EASTER DAY** — 26th March, (Sunday).  
 8.00 a.m. — **HOLY COMMUNION.**  
 10.00 a.m. — **FAMILY COMMUNION.**  
 7.00 p.m. — **EVENING PRAYER.**

### EASTER NURSING HOMES VISITATION

There is still time for our friends to help the ladies who visit the local Nursing Homes at Easter. They call in the name of our church to give an Easter Greeting to the residents, and like to take some small gift to re-inforce their expression of loving remembrance at this time of the years. The most practical support is by way of cash donation as the ladies try to obtain suitable gifts of a similar character so that there is less likelihood of too great a variation in the gifts presented. Please forward such help in marked envelopes either to the Rectory or through the Offertory in the church services.

### THE NEXT MONTHLY 'MEET'

The first Sunday in March—5th—at about 9.15 a.m. We look forward to meeting with the worshippers of both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. services at this informal and friendly Cuppa. Visitors and newcomers are warmly invited to join us. We've only just started this as a way of drawing closer together in our fellowship, and at this stage we meet in the Minister's Vestry in the Church. PLEASE JOIN US—THE FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Vic Barrett (John Street) warmest of greetings on the celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary. That occurred on 29th January last and our wishes are a little late—but none the less sincere. They have been worshipping at All Saints since before that time—and we look forward to enjoying their fellowship for many years to come.

In the same category we find our very good friends Rev. E. and Mrs. Champion. Mr. Champion is a former Rector of All Saints, and many of his friends wish to congratulate both him and his wife on their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 22nd February. It is also reliably reported that Mr. Champion will commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his being made a Deacon about the middle of March.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONVENTION

This Annual Convention at Stanwell Tops will be held on the week-end of 10/12 March, 1978. This year some of our women will be attending on the Saturday. Those interested in sharing on that day the inspirational meetings of the Convention are invited to contact Mrs. Gissing at the Rectory. Some transport is available and early intimation of the wish to share will help to ensure that adequate arrangements can be made.,

### LADIES' GUILD

There will not be the usual meeting on March 21st, that being in Holy Week, and only a week after the Annual Luncheon.

On Tuesday, 18th April our meeting will commence at 12.45 p.m., and be followed at 1.30 p.m. by a BYRON PARKES Demonstration. Visitors will be very welcome to join us at 1.30 p.m. for the display and afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.  
W.A.G.

The new name of the former Women's Evening Group, which will in future meet in the afternoon, is W.A.G. (Women's Afternoon Group)! Now that you won't have to come out at night we sincerely hope you can join us.

The first function for 1978 will be a Stanhome Party in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 11th April, at 2 p.m. Please come and look us over. You don't have to buy anything, and you are assured of a very sumptuous afternoon tea!

The next on the list is another one of our famous Second Hand clothing and Jumble stalls. This time there is an added attraction, "Jewelry". All Ladies like jewelry. Come along and share in our bargains.

We are depending on all our good helpers to again go over their unwanted clothes for us. They can be left either at the Rectory or at 59 John Street, (near the Fruit & Vegetable Markets).

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

### SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

When I write these notes we have already had four club meetings. It is very pleasing to record that we have had 43 of our old members return for 1978 and 3 new members. We welcome Mr. Crisp, Mrs. Harloff and Mrs. Hargraves and hope they will spend many happy afternoons with us.

Any Thursday you want to spend a happy afternoon playing "Housie" or "Cards" come to "All Saints" Hall, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 30 cent Donation is all it costs and there's a lovely cup of tea as well!

The Club does not meet in "Holy Week", that would be the Thursday before Good Friday.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Alice Hall in the loss of her dear sister Mrs. Bessie Clarke—Both members of our club.

Note must be made of one of our members, who loves our club so much that she comes all the way from Loftus with a broken arm to be with us. You are a Britton Robbie (Mrs. Robertson).

It is also lovely to have our leader Mrs. Rhyder back with us after six months in Hospital last year. Welcome home Ellice.

I was also happy today to hear Mrs. Holly Hazelwood is likely to be coming out of Hospital next week, we hope to see you back at the club very shortly. Nancy Emery is in bed at home too, we do wish you a speedy recovery Nancy. We've been missing Mrs. Finch of Locke Haven) who sadly is spending time in Lewisham Hospital recovering from road accident injuries. We send our warmest greetings Mrs. Finch

and look forward to your return.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The Sunday School prize-giving was held on Sunday, 19th February, in conjunction with the Harvest Festival.

The following pupils of the Kindergarten & Sunday School were awarded prizes:—

### **KINDERGARTEN PRIZES**

Class 1 1st Sarah Essam, 2nd Alexandra Smith, 3rd Michael Trimmer  
Class 2 1st Naomi Smith, 2nd Nicole Scott, 3rd Tracy Trimmer.  
Class 3 1st Genevieve Freeman, 2nd Debbie Granger, 3rd Anthony Mangan and Michelle Messenger.

### **SPECIAL PRIZES**

Anthony Mangan and Andrew Baran.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZES**

Class 1 1st Joan Freeman—Class 2 1st Kim Granger—Class 3 1st Samantha Freeman, 2nd Diana Baran, 3rd Toni Sheppard.—Class 4 1st Tammy McMinn—Class 5 1st Elizabeth Granger, 2nd Julie Baran  
Class 2—Boys 1st Stuart Mangan—Class 5 1st Richard McMinn

### **ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING**

The Annual Teacher's Meeting is to be held on Sunday, 12th March following the Sunday School & Morning Service.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

### **FLOWER ROSTER**

March 5th No Donation.  
March 12th Donated by Mrs. Willis.  
March 19th An anonymous donation for War Memorial.  
March 26th Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Father.  
April 2nd Mrs. Beardow and family in memory of Mr. Beardow.  
April 9th No Donation.  
April 16th Donated by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents Mr. & Mrs. Walters.  
April 23rd Donated by Mrs. Hayes and family in memory of Mr. Hayes.  
April 30th Donated by Mrs. Hansson and family in memory of Mr. Hansson.

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## BREAK THROUGH



Christianity is for men! To be a follower of Christ is never a matter to be ashamed of, for to be a man does not mean to be a tough guy; nor is a real man a smart guy who is underhanded in his business dealings. Manliness is not seen in the loss of the control of temper or appetite.

Humility is the secret of manliness, and another thing looked for in men is the ability and willingness to take the lead. Leadership does not have to be on a grand scale, for it is often the leadership of one or two that is of greatest significance.

Every father is looked to by his children for a lead in religion and behaviour. A real man never drives his family by blustering or threatening; he **leads** his family along the path of life to the things of God. It takes real courage to be in Church Sunday by Sunday, and such behaviour is not the mark of weakness, but of strength!

Manliness does not mean stubbornly sticking to our own point of view but listening to the opinion of others. Manliness does mean that we stand by the truth as revealed by God, at all costs, but we must listen to what others have to say and try to understand their view point.

Tolerance is not weakness, it is the mark of a man who is devoted to God.

To be a man is to listen to Christ and to obey His words, "If any man would be my disciple, let him take up his cross and follow Me".



## ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

7.30 p.m. MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 1978  
in the GUILD ROOM

This is the opportunity for all caring parishioners to join in receiving the 'accounting stewardship' from your church officers for the year ended 31st December, 1977—and as well assist in appointing those we feel led to commit leadership in the Lord's work to for the coming twelve months. As such it is probably the most significant meeting of parishioners in each year.

**SNIP THE FOLLOWING AND PUT IT SOMEWHERE SO YOU  
CAN USE IT DAILY . . .**

**For Those We Are Trying To Help . . .**

Oh, God, I sometimes get so discouraged trying to pray character into other people. Over and Over I ask: Give them honour. Give them self-discipline. Give them determination. Give them courage. And when they falter my disappointment is overpowering. I am bewildered. I am stung.

Why don't You hear me? I wonder. Why don't You stir the fires within them? Why don't You rouse them to a sense of their own values? Why don't You take them in hand and make them the strong fine people they were meant to be?

Then I realise . . .

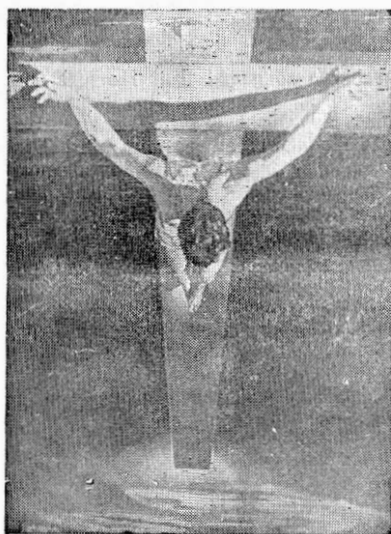
You can't do it for them.

I can't do it for them.

They've got to do it for themselves.

And how can I help to give them strength if I weaken? How can I be a channel of courage if I become afraid?

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**JESUS' CRY FROM THE CROSS**  
Rev. C. E. Allen, in the Christian World recalls an illustration used by a lay preacher preaching on Matthew 27:46.

It concerned a motherless little girl, who had been left in the sole care of her father. As the years went by, they became all in all to each other. Then the little girl became ill with a poisoned foot, and a consultation between a local doctor and a surgeon took place, to see what was best to be done regarding it. The decision they came to was that the child had no chance of recovery unless part of her leg was amputated. Their question then was how, and by whom, was the child to be told. And the doctors decided that the father was the best and only one to do it. At length, with great reluctance, he accepted the extremely painful task of doing so.

How he got through that ordeal he never could afterwards tell. And he never could afterwards tell. And the strange request the child made. Said she, after an intensely painful silence, "Daddy, I will have it done

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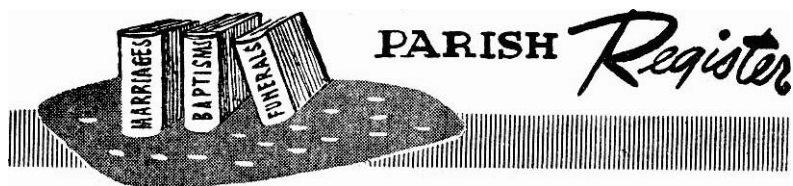
if you will make me one promise". "And what is that?" asked the anxious father. "If you will promise to put your arms around me, and look straight into my eyes," she replied, "then I will consent." Who can tell the terrible agony of the father's heart as he pondered over that terrible request. Yet, rather than lose his beloved child, he knew it must be done, as brokenly he replied, "My darling, I promise."

The day came when the operation was to take place, and the father carried out his promise. But as the surgeon proceeded with his grim task (for this was in the days before painless operations were performed), and the father saw the growing anguish in his child's face, he could bear it no more, and was forced to turn his face away. Immediately the cry arose from the heart of the child, "Father, father, you promised to look at me." And with that cry on her lips, she fainted away.

"It is not needful for me to describe how the preacher applied the story to explain the meaning of the soul-anguished cry of Jesus," adds Mr. Allen. "Sufficient is it for me to say, that simple story revealed to me, as in a vision, the wonderful love of God the Father in its redemptive power. Through it my whole life became completely changed, until, from a careless, sceptical, Godless youth, I was led to become a preacher."

### THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

Here is the reason for the Cross—His love was from all eternity and will last through all eternity. His love was so great that He left the glories of heaven, the adoration of the angels, and came down to this world, willing to be born a little Baby that He might draw all men unto Himself. How wonderful that love was! He revealed to mankind His love for all; race, colour, language were nothing to Him. He loved man in spite of all his sin. He was willing to save him from sin, and the power of sin. He allowed men to do their very worst to Him, as they did when they nailed Him to the Cross, and even that did not kill His love for them.



### BAPTISMS

1978

February, 5th—Daryl Sidney William Thomas of 4/13 Harrington St., Marrickville.

### MARRIAGES

1978

February, 18th—Peter James Easton (Canterbury) and Rosa Esther Lizama (Campsie).

### BURIALS

1978

January, 26th—William John McFarlane of Norahville.

February, 14th—Elizabeth Clarke of 81 Crystal Street, Petersham.