

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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First Rector of All Saints'
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THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Presented at the Easter Vestry Meeting, 12th May, 1966

Again it is my privilege to present to you my Annual Report which is the tenth one, of work done in this Parish during the financial year ending 31st March, 1966.

No thinking person will deny that we live in days of great personal challenge and very few people escape that challenge in some way or other these days. Nationally, at present, two things are affecting us greatly—the disastrous drought in the farming areas and the threat to our way of life through the war in Vietnam.

Many of us have not yet suffered any discomfort through either of these challenges, but ultimately both must affect our living in some way or other. Although generally speaking there is a material prosperity in the world today which exceeds anything seen before, there is a prevailing anxiety and tension, which is a great strain on life from every angle.

I personally feel sorry for many of our children growing up today and do not wonder that they are spiritually confused. On the one hand they have little or no lack of money for material things, but on the other hand are restless as the mighty sea. On all sides man seems to be looking for an escape from the realities of life.

Many seem to want to isolate themselves and deny that they are their brother's keeper. In other words "we live as a family", not as a collection of individuals. What happens to those around us, sooner or later concerns us in a vital way.

"THE SKY'S THE LIMIT"

The tendency for many in youth and the prime of life, is to try and ignore the needs of old age. Whatever else modern education is teaching our children, it does not seem to give them a balanced sense of values and stewardship. What we earn each week and receive as a reward of our labours is not just meant for a good time now. There must be some thought for future needs, when employment or age will affect us.

In the Social State I know the tendency is to say "when my father and mother forsake me, the state will take me up!" When I first went to New Zealand the then Government was openly saying "the sky is the limit", spend your money and we will look after you". In less than ten years the same Government moderated its policy to one of "be reasonable and we will do our best to help you".

True education teaches us how to live, neither miserly nor as spend-thrifts. We all have a duty to ourselves and the community.

CHURCH CHANGES ITS OUTLOOK

Even the Church has changed its outlook in recent years and no longer considers its duty is only in preaching the gospel. Any well-informed Anglican cannot help being proud of the social work being done in this diocese today. I am pleased to see the third Home of Peace in this diocese opened at Greenwich. This means we now have over three hundred beds for the aged and infirm, besides the Chesalon Homes and Braeside Hospital.

Because we accept Government aid for these hospitals, we have to take people of any denomination. There are hundreds of people on the waiting list for these homes and so the need to build more of these is great. If only all the Anglicans would set aside a shilling a week for these homes whilst they are young there would be little need to worry

in twenty-five years, as to where we would accommodate our aged folk. Organising these things is very difficult, because the average person will not face up to his responsibility until it vitally concerns him and he can see it will personally affect him and his future comfort and needs.

WHERE CATTLE ONCE GRAZED

From time to time the newspapers mention the replanning of certain properties in the diocese like the Glebe Lands. Originally Glebe land was where the Rector or Bishop allowed his cattle to graze, before the days of motor cars. Sometimes he would let the land out to others at a small rental to help out with his income. Much of this land around the city was let on a 99 years' lease at a very small rent. Others built houses and shops on the land and now much of this property is coming back to the diocese, but in a dilapidated condition.

I am glad that the men responsible for these projects are endeavouring to make the most of this property by repairing or replanning or rebuilding on this land. The outlay of huge sums of money for these projects will mean that it will be many years before the buildings are paid for but in the meantime homes and flats will be built, and the Church will have faced up to her duty as a faithful steward of God.

BE FAITHFUL NOW

There was never a time in history, more than the present, when we needed to consecrate our talents and use them wisely in the service of God. Some look back and long for the "good old days", others long for a golden future. Our duty is to be faithful **now**.

This applies to our life in the Parish as well as in the wider Church. The fact remains we only get out of life, what we put into it.

ANGLICAN POPULATION DIMINISHING

Many parishes around Sydney are being affected greatly by the influx of Italian and Greek migrants. With a greatly reduced Church population we can only keep going by the loyalty of those who belong to our Church. I want to thank those who still loyally support us by means of the Envelope System in giving generously each week what they can afford. We have lost quite a lot of subscribers again this year by death and through moving from the parish.

The increased cost of maintaining our property is a big worry. If you call yourself Church of England, sooner or later you will need the services of the Church, so it is your duty to help support your Church. During the year we had a few cases where people refused to support the Church, in a short time were buried from the Church! I wonder what the good Lord thinks of them? Many of us are more concerned with what man thinks, but ultimately what God thinks of us matters more.

ASK FOR WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you are not in possession of a set of "Weekly Freewill Envelopes", please do not wait to be asked to take a set, ask the Rector or a Church Officer for a set and give regularly what you can afford. There is no need to pledge or promise any set amount, give what you can honestly afford. God says "Those who honour Me, I will honour", and I am sure He is no man's debtor.

People often say to others when disaster overtakes them, "I do not know what I have done to deserve this." The trouble with some folk is, they either have no conscience or must be blind. "What we sow, that shall we also reap."

Religion is really a very practical affair and we have to be practical in our thinking and giving. I feel sure that when some people leave this world the history of their good deeds, in this life is so small, it could be written on a postage stamp. They are usually the people who say "the Church has never done anything for me." Most of the Clergy spend most of their time on people who never give or attend Church, and they are expected to do it with a smile and never complain. I know our Lord said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring and there shall be one fold and one Shepherd".

THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE

One can thank God, however, for the many who are faithful and true worshippers and workers in the Church of God. They are indeed "the salt of the earth". Some of the greatest people in this world have never had their names in print but work silently in the background doing all the kind deeds they can possibly perform.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to all our friends who lost loved ones during the year. Our consolation is that many we know have been translated from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant. They are with Christ which is far better. Some of them had been sick for quite a time, others were taken suddenly.

Mrs. Florence Ethel Mitchell of Audley Street, Petersham, was a very regular worshipper at the 8 a.m. service. Mrs. Ethel May Herkes of Shaw Street had been blind for many years and confined to her home. She never complained and was a great Christian. Mr. Samuel Latham had been a sick man for years but came to the 8 a.m. service whenever he could. Mrs. Evelyn Anne Susannah Graham had been sick for many years but always supported her Church, she was indeed faithful unto death. Mrs. Jane McCarty, had also been sick for some time and passed away in October—she had been a regular worshipper at All Saints' for many years. Miss Elvie Graham of Agar Street, passed away in November. She too was a regular worshipper at the evening service and had been a good worker for the Sewing Stall at the Fete. Miss Lillian Dean, of Livingstone Road, who had also been a regular attender at the evening service, passed away in December. She lived in the parish all her life and will be greatly missed because she was so generous in her support of her Church. Mrs. Elsie Marion Morris of England Avenue passed away on December 31st. For many years she had been in charge of the Clothing Stall at the Fete and was a good quiet worker. Her health had not been good for a long time; she was faithful to the end. Miss Alice Street passed away in March. She had played the organ at All Saints' for the 8 a.m. service for some years. All her life she has been a devoted worker and worshipper. She loved her Church and served it faithfully to the end.

WILL YOU BE MISSED ?

The tragedy, as far as the Church is concerned, is that many of these are irreplaceable. To keep things going it means others have to work harder but some people still sit back and do nothing. There are many people who are not missed from the Church when they die, because they have neither been workers nor worshippers of God. I am afraid Jesus Christ died in vain for many people.

Thanks to those who supported the Church we were able to continue repairs and improvements to our property. The Rectory bathroom was in a very antiquated condition. This has been considerably improved by concreting and tiling the floor, and tiling the walls.

COLUMBARIUM COMPLETED

I am pleased to report that the Columbarium is at last finished and was dedicated by me in October. A special service was held on 17th April, 1966 after about sixty lots of ashes were installed; Bishop Wilton was the preacher at this service and gave us an inspiring message.

The Church owes a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Arthur Cook for his skill and workmanship. The Columbarium is quite an acquisition to the Church and I am grateful to him and to all who assisted with the work.

NEW MEMORIALS THIS YEAR

The Memorial Lamp near the Columbarium was dedicated to the memory of the late John Maxwell Boyle, who belonged to All Saints' all his life and was closely associated with the Y.C.I. and work amongst the youth. A new oak book case was dedicated in memory of the late Mr. Theodore Jones and his son Colin of Chester Street. Colin had been a member of the choir in his younger days.

Another memorial was the oak table, used for the display of hymn books and prayer books. As the late Mr. Len Calver had stood there at so many services, as Church Warden, we dedicated this new memorial table to his memory. The new porch of the Kindergarten was also erected to Mr. Calver's memory. Mr. Calver had been closely associated with All Saints' all his life and is greatly missed from the life of our Church.

Much of the Church floor has needed renewing for a long time. This year we were able to renew the floor in the southern block and at either side of the Font. The new Cypress pine flooring looks very attractive and we hope one day to complete the rest of the floor.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLED

For some years I have received complaints that some visiting preachers cannot be heard very far down the Church, so we installed a speaker system just before Easter this year and when an additional speaker is added to improve the sound in the chancel, I hope to dedicate this as a memorial to the late Mr. Bertram Henry Hillery, who passed away in August, 1964. Mr. Hillery was a regular worshipper at All Saints' when health permitted him. He was a fine Christian gentleman.

LESSONS IN THE SCHOOLS

Amongst those who moved from the district during the year was Mrs. Malone, who suffered the loss of her husband just after leaving Petersham, and to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. I hope it may be possible for Mrs. Malone to find suitable accommodation and return to Petersham. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon and Rosemary also moved in February to Eastwood where they have bought a home of their own. Mrs. Gordon gave religious instruction at Petersham and Stanmore Infants' Schools for two years. Her services were much appreciated. It is nice to see Mr. Gordon still coming to the Bowls Club. Miss Donaldson helped for a time at Stanmore after Mrs. Gordon left, but she too has left the district. Mrs. B. Sayers takes the weekly class at Lewisham Primary School. Miss Speight is now taking the Infants' School at West Street and Miss Atkinson has kindly agreed to help out again with Stanmore Infants'. I wish to record my appreciation of all the help given at these schools.

Mr. Garry Priest (our Catechist) is now helping with school work on Thursday mornings and visiting in the Parish in the afternoon of that day. Deaconess Short visits one day a week at Lewisham Hospital to keep in touch with the Anglicans there. Again I want to express my appreciation of the help given by the Rev. John Green of Enmore, who

has a full time job at the end of the district, but helps out with school work and occasional duties. The Rev. A. E. Gardner, gives me valuable help with the Communion Services at Easter and Christmas. I appreciate this help more than I can say.

Two years ago when I had to enter hospital for an operation, the Rev. A. H. Gallop came to my help and is still a welcome friend in need. He is always very welcome at All Saints'.

Statistics

As I predicted a few years ago our numbers are still being affected through moving population. This year we had 63 Baptisms (86), 14 Confirmees (13), 41 Marriages (43), 70 Funerals (88). The number of Acts of Communion was 4956 (5471). The figures for the previous year are in parenthesis.

Special Thanks

At the Parish Tea held on 18th August, opportunity was taken to present a watch to Miss G. Norman, in recognition of her faithful service in playing the organ for the 8 a.m. Holy Communion and the Children's Service, which is now combined with the Adult's Service to form a 10 a.m. Family Service, on the third Sunday in every month.

At the Parish Christmas Party we presented a gift in the form of a Doulton figurine to Mrs. Quelch upon her retirement from the position of Kindergarten Leader. Mrs. Quelch had given many years of faithful service in this department of our Church's work, and we appreciate more than we can say the years of service rendered by her.

Confirmation

May I say Confirmation Classes will begin soon, and I welcome any adults who have not been confirmed to see me and obtain a copy of the typed notes. Baptism makes us nominal Christians, but by Confirmation we become members of the Church of England.

Social Life of the Church

The moving population and decreased number of children has affected our Church life in many ways. I regret that we have had to close down the Physical Culture Classes for the time being. This Club has been organised by Mrs. Ditchburn for many years and under great difficulties at times. The Church owes Mrs. Ditchburn a great debt of gratitude for years of faithful service amongst the girls and those not so young.

The Young People's Fellowship has done a good work during the year, under the leadership of Mr. Philip Dingle. This Society too, has not had an easy time, but is now progressing again.

The Fete

Many of the younger clergy say they believe in direct giving, but in a parish like ours, I do not see how we could function without the Annual Sale of Work. We need more helpers all the time in this sphere. Mrs. Millarey has had Books, Toys and Art Jewellery for many years. This year she is concentrating on the Art Jewellery. Mrs. Reid is taking over the Book Section and the Fellowship the Toys. I am so pleased that Mrs. Doris Jones, who has now moved to Croydon, is still worshipping with us at All Saints' and will help with the Work Stall, as she has done for some years now.

I want to congratulate all our workers on the wonderful result of last year's Fete in the sum of £1560. It was a record. It is not possible to mention all the worker's names, but I offer them my sincerest thanks for such a fine effort.

Mrs. Ivy Clark has held a number of Social Afternoons and Sales from time to time, the proceeds of which have helped Church funds and

I want to express my appreciation to her for these efforts and for her excellent work in caring for the gardens around the Church, Parish Hall and Kindergarten.

The Senior Parishioners' Club

This Club is still meeting a great need amongst the elderly folk from week to week. Mrs. Shaw of Croydon, assisted by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Nance keep the interest of those who come and though the numbers vary, are well maintained throughout the year. It is good to know we have the backing of many of these good people both in Church attendance and at other functions. The Senior Parishioners' Club is responsible for the distribution each Christmas of several hundred small gifts to the sick and aged in Hospitals and Rest Homes.

Build up the Cause of Christ

In conclusion I want to thank all who belong to the various Clubs and Societies who "never grow weary in well doing" but give of their time and talents to help build up the cause of Christ at All Saints'. Although the form of thanks may be similar from year to year, it is in sincerity that I record my appreciation of the Layreaders, the Churchwardens, the Parish Councillors, the Sidesmen, the Sunday School Superintendent and the Teachers, Mrs. Carroll and her staff in the Kindergarten, the Extension Group Leader Mr. K. Dingle, The Organists, Miss K. O'Neill, the late Miss Alice Street and Miss Beveley Dobell, the Choir Members and the Carillonists (Miss J. Sayers, Miss R. Champion, Mr. L. Nance and Mr. H. Quelch.)

Again I want to express my sincere appreciation of the good work done in the Parish by all the District Visitors and those who deliver the Weekly Freewill Envelopes to the homes.

Thanks to Miss N. Street for caring for the Communion Linen and polishing the brass; to those who arrange the flowers each week and to those who donate them in memory of loved ones; To Mr. Alan Jones for editing the "Chronicle" month by month and doing the weekly notices; to Mrs. Bosward for organising the distribution of the Weekly Freewill Envelopes and Mrs. Humphreys for keeping the Register; to Mr. H. J. Shaw for his artistic signs for the Notice Board, in the Church and in the Parish Hall; to our Publicity Officers Messrs. H. J. Shaw and A. Jones for writing articles of interest for local newspapers etc., to Mrs. Latham and then Mrs. Carroll for keeping the Church and Halls clean, and to those who give transport to elderly parishioners desiring to come to Church, Messrs. H. Brodie, W. Williams, H. J. Shaw and L. Carroll.

Again, I wish to thank the Guild and Young Marrieds' Club for their much appreciated work during the year, the Senior Parishioners, Mothers' Union, Y.C.I., Fellowship, Indoor Bowls Club and the many who in any way have helped the Church's cause this year.

It is not possible to mention all the names of those who have helped, but we appreciate what they have done.

God bless you all in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Champion

● With all due modesty, the Rector's recent report to the Easter Vestry Meeting did not set out the tremendous work that Mrs. Champion and their family do for the Church and its many organisations throughout the year. Perhaps as a result, we overlooked expressing the Parish's thanks to them when the Rector's report was discussed at this meeting. Accordingly, we would like to use this space to assure Mrs. Champion, Robert, and Ruth of our deep appreciation of all that they have done for this grand old Church of All Saints' during the year just concluded. We look forward to enjoying their company with us for many years to come.

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WE'RE ON THE AIR



Our evening service on Sunday, 19th June will be broadcast by Station 2CH. It will start at 7.15 p.m. and we want all parishioners who can possibly come along to be in Church that night. Please don't stay at home on the grounds that you would prefer to listen. (We'll have a tape-recording for those who come and want to hear how it all sounded).

Because of the broadcast, Evensong on the 5th and 12th June will continue to start at 7 p.m. From 26th June, we will change to the new winter time of 6.30 p.m. which will be observed until the end of August.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- June 5th: Donated by Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Father and Mother, and in memory of Martha Quin, by her Sisters and Brothers; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 12th: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Maxwell, Nonie and John in memory of Mr. Ted Maxwell; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 19th: Donated by Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Clark in memory of their Mother and Sister, and in memory of Mrs. V. Bredon by her Daughter and Son-in-law of Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 26th: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Brother, Mr. J. Oliver and by Mrs. Quine and Mr. Bryce in memory of Mr. Bryce, Senior; arranged by Miss Speight.
- July 3rd: Donated by Mrs. P. Everett and Mrs. G. Sharp in memory of their Father, Mr. H. Pryor; arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

On Sunday, 15th May, flowers were also donated by Mrs. Nonie Maxwell and John, The Maxwell Family of Tasmania, and Mr. and Mrs. Whooley and Family of Tasmania in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Blackhall.

● **Social and Games Afternoon:** Mrs. Clark expresses her thanks to all who came and all who helped at the successful afternoon in April. The proceeds went to Church funds.

The next afternoon will be on Tuesday, 19th July, at 1 p.m. Admission of 30 cents covers afternoon tea, door prizes and games prizes; there will also be a stall.

CLUB NEWS**All Saints' Mothers' Club:**

A new Club has been formed for the Mothers of the Sunday School children, and their friends. Many interesting activities and social events are being planned, so do come along and join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We meet in the Parish Hall from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., and special arrangements have been

made for pre-school children to be looked after in the Kindergarten Room while we meet. We will also be taking over the Church Street Stalls on the third Friday morning of the month, this month's being on Friday, 17th.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Please keep your Thursday afternoons especially free to visit the popular Senior Parishioners' Club, organised by Church members to provide a Social Afternoon for the folk who are often lonely and love to get together for games, a chat, and a cup of tea. Please come and bring a friend—we meet at 1.30 p.m. every Thursday in the Parish Hall.

DOT SHAW

Young Marrieds' and Friends':

Our next meeting will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th June at 8 p.m. New members or visitors will be very welcome.

Our Club held a Street Stall on Saturday, 4th June, and we are grateful to all who made donations, or who patronised the stall.

We have arranged a Beauti Flora demonstration by Mrs. Dorothy Tressider in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 18th June, at 1.30 p.m. Admission will be 3/-, and afternoon tea will be provided. All ladies will be made welcome, so come along and make this a very happy afternoon. We are still collecting clean newspapers and old rags and will appreciate your donations.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

This men's Club meets every Wednesday night in the Parish Hall, and is always on the look out for new members. If you haven't played before, we have the experts who will show you all the tricks of the game.

We enter teams in the Churches Bowls Competition, and full results of our latest matches will be given in the next "Chronicle".

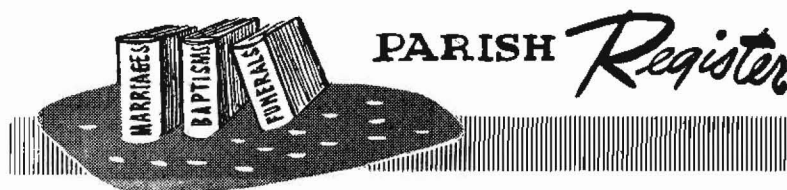
H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

On 20th May, we were most pleased to have a good number present at the Public Relations Demonstration that we arranged in conjunction with the Fellowship. On Tuesday, 14th June, we are having a H.O.I. Party—the game is very simple and visitors will be most welcome, the donation of 20 cents including afternoon tea. After a short business meeting at 2 p.m. sharp, we will begin the games at 2.15 p.m. There will be small prizes and a lucky door prize. During the past few weeks, we purchased a new vacuum cleaner and carpet sweeper for the Church, practical help made possible by funds from afternoons such as these.

Please watch the July "Chronicle" for the date of a clothing sale we will have that month; suitable gifts of saleable clothing would be appreciated, and may be left at the Rectory. Please go through your wardrobes.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary



BAPTISMS

"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism"



- April 17th: Kirston Redshaw.
 „ 17th: Joy Ellen Donohoe.
 May 1st: Lynda Joan Dunscombe.
 „ 1st: Susan Gale Owen.
 „ 8th: Aaron Heinrich Balint.
 „ 15th: Leanne Cherilee Barnett.
 „ 15th: Susan Lillian Morrison.

MARRIAGES

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

- April 29th: Robert Thomas Cassidy to Jennifer Ellen Dent.
 „ 30th: Terry Philip Bennett to Anna Laura Zawadil.
 May 14th: Robert Lloyd Watson to Julie Anne Cowper.
 „ 14th: Kenneth John Nicol to Judith Anne Allen.
 „ 19th: John Howard Codet to Joan Rosa MacMillan.

FUNERALS

**"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; Even so, saith the Spirit,
 for they rest from their labours".**

- April 18th: Clara Minnie Baker.
 „ 18th: Dorothy Eileen Blackhall.
 „ 19th: Francis Leo O'Brien.
 „ 19th: Dorothy Gardiner.
 „ 19th: May Helen Gibson.
 „ 20th: Robert William Shipley.
 „ 22nd: Kitty Ellen Wear.
 „ 27th: Ethel Blanch Pike.
 May 4th: Eric John McKee.
 „ 11th: George David Holland.
 „ 19th: Duncan Clarence Campbell.
 „ 20th: Ernest Paul Lange.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Joel —

The book of Joel comes before us without a clear or fixed place in Jewish history, and the best attempt to give it a date is to place it somewhere in the time of the Kings, when Jews were still an independent people.

However, the prophecy of Joel stands somewhat detached from history, being provoked by what was a recurring catastrophe in the life of Israel—plague and famine. The land had been laid waste by a plague of locusts “the wine has failed, the oil languished, the harvest of the field are withered” (Ch. 1 v. 10-12).

The prophet sees the immediate situation as no casual event, a meaningless disaster that has overtaken the nation. Rather he sees it as a warning from God, a judgement on Israel's national sins and above all a portent of the final judgement of God upon a casual and unconcerned people.

The book thus moves toward an urgent plea for repentance, familiar to us through its inclusion in part in the services of Morning and Evening Prayer, “Rend your heart and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God”. (Ch. 2:13).

As the book closes, the recurring prophetic message of God's mercy to Israel is manifested, as Joel speaks of a day ahead when the immediate distress of famine would be ended. “The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil” and God will restore to Israel “the years which the locust has eaten” (Ch. 2:23-25). But beyond the hope of material prosperity Joel looks to a wider mercy as he writes of a day when God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh (Ch. 2:28), when men would enjoy the gifts and goodness of God in a way never before experienced. We find this tremendous hope taken up in the New Testament when St. Peter, on the day of Pentecost when the disciples have received the initial gift of the Holy Spirit, speaks of these words from Joel and sees their fulfilment in God's bestowal of His Spirit on His Church.

Within this short book, themes which traverse the whole Bible are brought before us—God as a judge of national and personal guilt, the ever-present demand of God for man's repentance and finally the foreshadowing of the Gospel as Joel looks forward to God's gift of His Spirit to His people to turn their hearts unto the ways of true repentance and righteousness.



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NEWS BRIEFS

● **Age of the Rectory:** For a long while, we have wondered about the age of All Saints' Rectory. The date wasn't available to include in the history of the parish that was written by Mr. L. C. Calver for our centenary in 1960, and we knew of no one who could remember when the Rectory was actually built. However, when Mr. Champion recently pulled out a mantelpiece from his study, he found that the paper behind the mirror was dated March, 1908. This suggests that the building was being completed that month, and probably dedicated at Easter in that year.

If anyone can throw any further light on the subject for us, the Rector would like to hear from them. In the meantime, Mr. Champion says that the date of March, 1908 is a very good one to take as the “birthday” of the Rectory.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Election of New Archbishop:** Watch the July "Chronicle" for the story of how our new Archbishop will be selected to replace Archbishop Gough, who formally resigned on 30th May. All Saints' will have three representatives choosing his successor.

● **We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Swankie of Coronation Avenue for gifts of timber and hardboard. They will be very valuable for the Fellowship in making toys for their stalls at the Fete in November.**

● **Fete in Parish Hall:** The Petersham Chapter of the O.E.S. will be holding their Annual Fete on Saturday, 2nd July, in our Parish Hall, starting at 10 a.m. The usual stalls like fancy goods, groceries, cakes, hoopla, etc. will be held. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will also be on sale. Come along and help make the effort a happy and successful function.

● **Guest Preacher:** The Rev. John Brook, Regional Secretary of the Church Missionary Society for North Australia, will be our special preacher at Morning Prayer on Sunday, 5th June. We hope as many parishioners as possible will be present to learn about this little known area of our continent.

● **Parish Tea:** Advance notice is given that this year's Tea will be held on Friday, 2nd September. We have been fortunate to secure the Dean of Sydney, the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir as our guest speaker.

● **Thought for the Month:** "The difference between listening to a Radio sermon and going to Church is the same as the difference between calling a girl on the telephone, and spending an evening with her".

Please re-read this on Sunday, 19th June! Take part in our direct Broadcast that night.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Attendances: Last month, the Sunday School attendances have fallen, and we would like to see all scholars attending Sunday School more regularly. We commence at 9.45 a.m.

Family Service: On the third Sunday of each month, Family Service is held at 10 a.m., and we would like to invite more parents to accompany their children to this Service.

Annual Meeting: A successful meeting was held on 24th May, matters discussed including the Fete, falling attendances, the Family Service, and an examination for all pupils next month. Donations of \$50 were made to various Church bodies, while the proceeds of our Lenten Boxes (\$32) were sent to the C.M.S.

N. CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

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