

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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OCTOBER, 1976



THIS YEARS FETE IS ON 20th NOVEMBER

THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear friends,

When we are expecting a special visitor to our homes we can't help but feel a little excited and pleased. The same applies of course to the family of a church.

On Sunday, 31st October, our church family will be host to our Archbishop at the 7 p.m. Service. His Grace expressed a wish to visit our parish for a service which would be a normal church occasion so that he might meet the ordinary congregation. It is no doubt pleasing to have the prospect of being able to meet our Archbishop in this informal way and have him share with us in our ordinary church family worship.

We will be inviting the congregation to welcome His Grace also to a supper in the Parish Hall after the service. This will enable him to speak personally with the individuals.

Hope you'll keep the date in mind.

You'll also be interested and concerned to know that six teenagers will be making their Confirmation vows on Sunday, 14th November at 7 p.m. Thus they'll be undertaking to join the responsible membership of Christ's Church. We older members can support and encourage them in this resolve. Let's uphold them in prayer, and make opportunity to get to know them and their families personally. Let's show them how pleased we are to have their fellowship and help them to feel at home in the worshipping family of our parish. They are Vicki Halsted, Richard and Martin Standish, Cameron Mangan and Robert and Raymond Dick.

With warmest greetings,

S. W. GISSING.

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ALL SAINTS' C. of E. PETERSHAM

Receipts and Payments—August, 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT—

RECEIPTS

Offeratories	\$ 747.96
Hall Rent	91.00
"Chronicle" Donation	1.00
Fete—(White Elephant)	25.00
Festival Dinner	208.06
Donations	11.00
Sale of Church Histories	10.00
Wedding Reservations	8.00
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Deficit for August	51.66
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	\$1153.68

PAYMENTS

Stipend & Trav. All., Super'n.	\$ 686.02
Organist	35.00
Cleaning	56.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2.80
Church—Fire, Light & Power	113.69

"Chronicle"	55.20
Annual Dinner Expenses	60.00
Parish Hall—Fire, Light & Power	70.57
Insurance on Communion & Table Vessels	54.00
Donation to Meriden Junior School Choir	20.00
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	\$1153.68

Balance of General Account 1/1/76—	\$3992.98
Balance of General Account 31/8/76—	\$1389.47
Deficit 1/1/76 to 31/8/76	\$2603.51
Plus —Interest Bearing Deposit	
S/C256535	\$4924.04
(9% 36 Months from 2/9/76)	

FESTIVAL DINNER—

	\$
Total Receipts	279.56
Total Payments	60.00
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Net Profit	219.56

OFFERTORIES FOR AUGUST—

1/8/76	111.10
8/8/76	138.49
15/8/76	286.40
22/8/76	89.70
29/8/76	122.27
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	\$747.96

OTHER ACCOUNTS AS AT 31/8/76—

	\$
Organ Fund Account	1247.24
General Missions Account	253.96
Capital Reserve Fund	498.80
Columbarium Trust Account	249.80
Endowment Account No. 1	35.88
Endowment Account No. 2	53.43

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

September, 1976—
September, 1975—

DONATIONS TO ORGAN FUND

	\$
Previously acknowledged	972.75
Mrs. Denholm	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Smith	20.00
Mrs. Wilson	10.00
All Caints' Y.C.I.	243.49
Mr. William Williams	20.00
Mrs. F. Ditchburn	10.00
Mrs. I. M. Frost	3.00
Miss G. Norman	5.00

Mr. & Mrs. W. Sopwith	20.00
Mrs. J. Granger	50.00
Anonymous	300.00
Anonymous	400.00
Anonymous	350.00
Anonymous	250.00
Anonymous	400.00
Anonymous	300.00
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	\$3355.24
Balance to Date	1056.00
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Less Deposit Paid on Work Ordered for January, 1977	\$2299.24
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Grocery Stall: There are now only seven weeks to the annual fete to be held on Saturday, 20th November. The Sunday School is now asking for your support for donations of tinned groceries.

We have had less support this year from the grocery firms than the years past. Collection of donations can be arranged by telephoning 560-9972, or they may be left in the box marked SUNDAY SCHOOL, in the Church porch.

Home Made Jam: From Saturday, 9th October, we will be picking the mulberries and cooking the jam. If you have an hour to spare on Saturdays 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th from 9.00 a.m., we will be requiring help to cut stalks from the mulberries.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

Women's Evening Group:

Our last meeting, when a Chinese Wok was demonstrated provided a very interesting evening and I am sure everybody present enjoyed the lovely meal which was cooked in front of us. Now we will all have a new meal to add to our weekly cooking.

The next meeting on Tuesday, 12th October, will be a business meeting to discuss our cake and sweets stall at the fete. Donations of sugar for sweet making will be very welcome, also cakes, sweets, biscuits, scones, etc. on the day of the fete.

Goods delivered earlier than that day could be left at the Rectory or 59 John Street, Petersham, or phone 569-2291.

All members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners Club:

We are delighted with the numbers who are attending our club now the weather is much kinder, although still often a little cool.

There is still room for more any Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Housie, Cards and a happy chat over a lovely afternoon tea. Home-made cakes by Mrs. Steed and scones by Mrs. Swankie all for 25c. Don't you think that is a bargain?

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies Guild:

On Tuesday, 19th October, our meeting will commence at 12.30 p.m. in the Guild Room, followed at 1.30 p.m. by a display of "Indian Lace".

We extend to all ladies an invitation to join with us for this demonstration and afternoon tea.

On Friday, 15th October at the Rectory commencing at 1 p.m. we are holding a "Cider and Sandwich" Luncheon and Auction.

Come! Bring a Friend and enjoy the fun.

E. M. BOSWARD, Secretary.

FLOWER ROSTER

- October 3: Donated by Mrs. Dorothy Simpson in memory of her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson and by Mrs. Beatty of Melbourne in memory of her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jones, Brother and Sister, late of Chester Street and by Miss V. Glanville in memory of her Parents, William and Mary Glanville; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- October 10: Donated by Mrs. G. Cook in memory of her Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Furnell; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- October 17: Donated by Mrs. Bosward and family; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- October 24: Donated by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Walter and by Mr. L. Graham in memory of Estelle Graham and Alice de Standoval; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- October 31: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 7: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 14: Donated by Mrs. Calver and family in memory of Mr. L. C. Calver and Son, Robert; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- November 21: Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 28: Donated by Mr. Bill Williams and family in memory of Aileen Williams; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

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PREACHERS, PICKPOCKETS AND PRISON IN PERU

The Rev. Paul Russell, S.A.M.S. English missionary previously in Chile and now in Lima, tells of a new bookmobile ministry.

A fine young Peruvian brother, Pedro, has joined us in this venture. He faithfully and zealously is using every opportunity of talking to passers by and other stall holders of what Jesus has done in his life. Our other missionary brethren in the team are also able to use the "bookmobile" for their own areas. As their grasp of Spanish is still limited. Pedro has undertaken to devote all his time to this work as a "paid evangelist". We are thrilled with the many conversations we have had with all kinds of people about the Lord as well as the numbers who have accepted tracts and Gospel portions.

The other day, in a crowded market, Pedro and I had a small gathering of people round the "bookmobile" while Pedro did a bit of spontaneous preaching. Suddenly there was a scuffle and a man darted off, hotly pursued by another and followed in his turn by a third. A bystander had just had his watch pinched, right in front of our stand. The robber was in the lead, but with the watch's wrathful and surprisingly agile owner (a burly man withal) closing in fast while the thief's accomplice followed behind to give his assistance should the situation get out of hand. By this time the trio had disappeared around the corner so we were left in mid-sentence while everyone watched the spectacle.

Ten minutes later along came a small procession back past the van—first the now subdued crooks, then a small, skinny but most determined policeman with pistol in hand, followed by the triumphant and expostulat-

ing owner of the watch and the inevitable bunch of small boys. Off to the police station and "calaboso"! At 5.00 p.m. as light was fading we packed up for the day, then decided to call on the police station as we felt a great burden for the two men and their need for Jesus. We explained our mission to the policeman on duty—"Sure! Go right ahead. They are in the cells at the back." So Pedro and I marched through with St. John's gospels in our hands. We entered the backyard and facing us were two cells with thick bars running from top to bottom, behind which were several dejected figures standing in the gloom. Our two men on one side, four youths on the other. We spoke to them all of Christ and His power to forgive and change lives. Then we presented each with a Gospel and exhorted them to seek the Lord, and left. Please remember them and many others like them in your prayers. Maybe the Lord is leading us to a prison ministry as well!

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BAUBLES, BANGLES AND SPIRITISM IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL

John and Gill Payne

Candomble is the name given in Salvador to the local practice of voodoo. It is a spiritest sect that originated during the time of slavery and is based on African religions. It was blended with Roman Catholicism when the plantation owners forbade their slaves to practise their own faith. To appease their owners yet continue their religion, the slaves renamed their gods for Catholic saints.

Perhaps as many as 80% of people in Salvador have at some time or other had connection with this form of voodoo—the worship and evocation of spirits which is carried out in homes, on the beach or elsewhere in the open air. It is believed it is possible to communicate with spirits an dall ceremonies are directed to that end. Special outfits are worn, chants are sung, offerings are made, bells are rung and popcorn, representing flowers, is sprinkled about. All this is to encourage the good spirits to enter and take possession of one of the mediums. The mediums are usually the heads of each sect and are respected as having attained a high state of grace. They become possessed by various spirits at each meeting and are then able to give messages, advice and help to those in need.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion— Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.

Evening Prayer—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

Family Service— 3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

Parish Council— The Church Wardens and Messrs. D. Barclay, N. Cragg, F. Evans, H. Quelch, R. Swankie, H. Spill, J. Williams. Mesdames I. Barrett, J. Gorman and E. Sopwith.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Treasurer— Mr. H. Quelch.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—Mr. J. Birkett.

Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.

Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

A visitor to Salvador does not have to go far to see evidence of spiritism. Shops selling Candomble gods, incense burning in the street, the sound of drums and the rhythmic clinking of the special instruments, lucky charms such as the "figa" or clenched fist, all abound. Beads, whales' teeth, shell necklaces and figurines are often sold as tourist attractions. Completely unaware of their significance, tourists buy charms and figas as part of the "folk-lore" of the country and gradually, as curiosity takes the better of them, they become more and more immersed and ultimately, spiritually bound.

Salvador is renowned in Brazil for being one of the chief spirit centres and so for being a spiritually hard battleground. The Christian church grows slowly, but it is growing and people are coming to know Jesus as their Saviour each day, and to know that abundant life which He promised.

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GIVING

"Give, for giving is living", the Angel said.

"And must I be giving again and again?"

My peevish and petulant answer ran.

"Ah! Yes!" And, piercing me through, he said,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you!"

ON READING YOUR BIBLE

Read your Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within it, gather it.

If a promise lies upon a page, like a blank cheque, cash it.

If a prayer is recorded, appreciate it, and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendour, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life.

—F. B. MEYER.

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WHITHER GOEST THOU

There were four of us in a four-wheel-drive vehicle and we left Oodnadatta one morning, and travelled West to an Aboriginal settlement, where we spent one whole day, and early next morning, we left for Ernabella Presbyterian Mission, in the Musgove Ranges, in the far Northwest of South Australia. We took a back track, not the usual road to the mission, because we wanted to call at Fregon, an out-station of Ernabella.

We were given instructions at the last homestead: "Follow the track until you come to a bore, and then take the left-hand fork. We found the bore all right, but could only see one track which went off to the left. So we took it, and travelled on what was just a track for about 80 miles, not knowing whether we were on the right track or not. And of course there was not a soul from whom we could ask the direction. And we were very relieved when we saw on a tree a board and an arrow, and the word "Fregon".

A Prayer:

"Lord, sometimes we travel on in life, not knowing where we are going.

Help us to find your way and to travel in it. Amen".

DOMESTIC HARMONY

An old Scots couple, hale and hearty, were celebrating their diamond wedding. Naturally, on such a special occasion the minister was called in.

After the usual pleasantries he asked if their longevity was due to any particular thing—some wee secret maybe?

"No," said Willie readily, "just married life." The minister beamed—"domestic harmony" was music to his ears. He started to muse, "Marriage for long life. Now there's -" but Willie cut him short.

"You see, we were just wed and I said to the wife, "Meg," I said, "I'd better warn you that I've a very sharp tongue in my head and at times you'll be getting the edge of it so, when you feel you can't take any more you can always open the door and go for a walk."

"Right, Willie," says Meg, nippy-like, "you'll soon find out that I can give as good as I get, so—if you find it too much for you the same thing applies."

"Aye, minister," concluded Willie with a wry smile, "that's our secret—plenty of exercise and fresh air."

VALE B. PULLEN

We regret that on Saturday 25th September 1976 B. Pullen died in the United Gardens Hospital, Summer Hill Ben had been in ill health for a long time but recently his condition worsened.

Ben had been connected with All Saints for many years and was liked by all.

Our condolence goes out to Mrs. O. Pullen and Family.

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