

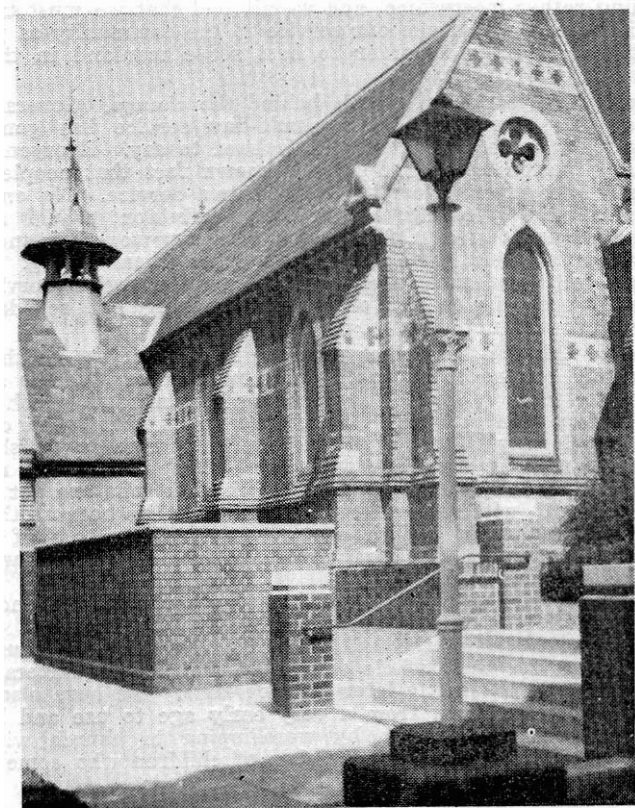
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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COLUMBARIUM AND J. M. BOYLE MEMORIAL

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

NEWS! NEWS! By now you will probably have heard the news of our plan to change the time of our Sunday mid-day services. The decision has now been made by your Rector, Wardens and Council, in concert with the leaders and teachers of our Senior Sunday School who will also be affected, to hold our second service on every Sunday at 10 a.m. Of course, this means that only three services a month will be changed as we have for some time held the third Sunday mid-morning service at ten. But now, beginning on the first Sunday in November, Sunday, 4th November, all mid-day Sunday services at All Saints' Church, Petersham, will be held at ten o'clock in the morning. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD** so that no one will be disappointed.

It is an experiment set for a short duration of time to see if we can better things at All Saints'. Our plan is to hold a general discussion of the worth-whileness of this change at our next parish-wide Vestry meeting in March, 1974, at which time any and all concerned people will be able to voice an opinion on the matter. I ask you all now to join with me in this change for the general good of our Parish.

I know that there will be some who will not find the earlier hour as convenient as the later, and that some special arrangements will have to be made by some in order to continue attending. However, on the other hand, no one can say that the situation at All Saints' is not becoming rather worrissome, and we all feel that we must try to do whatever is necessary to make our service to the community as practical and sensible as possible in order to best serve mankind in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You will want to know what is behind the change. Several things. First of all the attendance at our mid-day service has gone down alarmingly for what reason exactly it is hard to say. Everyone knows our general situation here. And it is a known fact that people do not like to come into a nearly empty church for a service. No one wants to worship alone. Worship, by its very definition, would seem to indicate the whole body of God's people gathering together and lifting up their voices in joyful praise and prayer, and thanksgiving. And to see only a handful of souls attending a formal liturgical service in a large, beautiful church is not only heart-breaking but self-defeating. Newcomers just will not stay.

Added to this the somewhat amusing fact that just as these few worshippers are coming to church, a large number of students and teachers from the Sunday School are leaving, having just finished their morning's service and studies. It occurred to us that much could be gained if the Sunday School staff and students were to worship with the rest of the mid-day congregation instead of separately. For example, it has always been the Church's belief that children who are not brought to church, but sent, will never learn to value their life because their own parents do not value it. With our new system, parents of all our children may worship in the church with their children and while the children are at class.

Our plan is that we will all worship together until the end of the third collect, and then during special music the children and teachers will go to their classes in the hall. The Kindergarten, of course, will continue to meet for their whole session in their own quarters just as before, except for the slightly later starting time. We have also always believed that children learn from a very early age to use and love the ancient worship of the Church by worshipping in church with their families. We hope to reduce the number of children who come to con-

firmation after years in Sunday School and instead of becoming adult worshippers, promptly disappear from the scene.

Our new plan includes the continuation of having one Sunday a month on which the whole Sunday School remain in church to the end of the service. And for the sake of the choir, most of whom are also involved in the Sunday School, that Sunday will be changed from the third Sunday to the second Sunday when we hold a full Choral Communion service.

We are hoping also to see more children and adults in our choir as a result of this convenient arrangement. During this Communion Service it is hoped that all youngsters will take advantage of our highly popular practice of coming up to the communion rail to receive the laying on of hands until they are old enough to be fully confirmed.

There are still other advantages. The Sunday School hope to see more children joining the school because of the very fact that their parents may worship at the same hour as they will be studying. Also a few people have already said that they will be glad to be getting home at the earlier time to prepare the family mid-day meal which on Sunday is usually rather special. It leaves a longer afternoon for family activities and outings. Baptism families will get away in time for family luncheon parties which heretofore have had to be rather late. Your Rector will be able to see the Sunday School children and they him on a regular basis. He hopes to make the second Sunday mid-day sermon a special childrens' sermon, which is a difficult thing to do, but which he will be glad to do if the children will do not absent themselves on that Sunday. Now there is a challenge!

Well, no one can say for sure that our new plan will accomplish all the things we hope it will. All we can do is try it and see. We are going steadily down as we are, and change seems to be needed. If after a fair trial period the new hour proves not to be worthwhile, we will return to our present system, or perhaps seek some other possible avenue of progress.

Again, I beg you all, young and old, to join with me in giving the new plan an honest trial and to see if we can really make things better. I, as Rector, the Wardens and Council, will always be interested to hear your comments and suggestions as we proceed together.

May God grant us such success as will please Him and bring us all at the last to his Everlasting Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Teachers' Meeting: Our annual meeting was held at last on 17th September, when we discussed at length the proposals for changing the Sunday morning times, about which the Rector has written. Also, we allocated the offertory money to the following missions:—Home Mission Society \$20, Bush Church Aid Society \$10, Church Missionary Society \$20, All Saints' Organ Fund \$20.

Fete Grocery Stall: During October, we are asking for donations of sugar as we have already started our Jam-making Saturdays, which will be held each Saturday up to and including 13th October. If you can spare an hour or so, you would be very welcome.

Due to the poor response to the letters we sent to grocery companies for donations or permission to purchase products at wholesale prices, we are asking for donations of tinned goods to help stock the stall. Gifts may be sent with the children, or left in the special box in the Church porch.

This year we will be selling balloons and also we are having 5 cent lucky dips for the girls and boys. NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

PARISH CAR DRIVE

The Annual Parish Car Drive will be held to Warragamba Dam on Saturday, 27th October. It will leave the Church at 1 p.m., returning about 5 p.m. We invite all parishioners and their friends to join in one of our most looked-forward-to social occasions: tickets at 80 cents for adults, 40 cents for children are now available from Alan Jones (tel. 56-5218).

We ask parishioners to bring their own cups and eats please. The Y.C.I. will provide tea, sugar, and milk at the Dam, and acknowledges with thanks the donation of these items in memory of a former member, Mr. C. Whiting.

Any drivers who can come are kindly asked to contact Alan Jones not later than Saturday, 20th October. When late offers of cars have been made in the past, it has not always been possible to secure last-minute passengers for them.

CHURCH NEWS

Confirmation:

Our first Confirmation Service for two years will be held on Sunday afternoon, 28th October at 2.30 p.m., when the Rt. Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Assistant Bishop of Sydney, will confirm our candidates.

All parishioners are invited to the Service to show their support for our young people and to welcome them into the full membership of the Church. The confirmands will make their first Communion at our Patronal Festival on the following Sunday, 4th November.

Personal:

Parishioners will be sorry to learn of the passing last month of the Rev. A. H. Gallop, at the grand age of 86 years. Mr. Gallop was a close friend of our former Rector, the Rev. T. E. Champion, and often took our Services when Mr. Champion was on leave.

Evening Youth Service:

Following a special request from the members of our Younger Set, the Rector and Parish Council have agreed to the holding of a special Youth Service at 7 p.m. Evensong on the first Sunday of the month. We will use a modern form of Evening Prayer on a card approved by the Archbishop, members of the youth group will take part in the Services, and the Rector's address will be suitable for the young people. Nevertheless, we still hope that this Service will receive the whole-hearted support of the older members of our congregation, and that they will find it both stimulating and rewarding.

Bible Study Group:

Meetings have been transferred from Wednesday to Thursday evenings, starting in the Rectory at 7.30 p.m. This month's meetings will be on Thursdays 11th and 25th October.

Organ Overhaul:

Although the work is expected to be completed this month, only about half the necessary funds have been received to date. If you have not yet made a donation, and would like to help the Organ Repair Fund, the Wardens will be most happy to receive your gift. Our organ is now 87 years old, and with thousands of working parts, its maintenance must be constant and therefore expensive. The need for such regular attention is brought out in the interesting organ history, published in this "Chronicle".

"The Chronicle"

At the last Parish Council meeting, Mr. Alan Jones stated that he wished to relinquish editing "The Chronicle" after the December issue. The Rector would be very happy to hear from parishioners willing to take over this most interesting monthly job, which involves collating the items contributed, organising them for printing, and reading the proofs. Both the Rector and Mr. Jones would be glad to supply further information.

LATEST CLUB NEWS

The Indoor Bowls Clubs' Competitions for 1973 have finished. One of our teams acquitted themselves well, losing only one match, and that was to the winner of the Competition. The Skipper (Bert Shaw) considers our team is to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and good play.

We are sure that our other team, with a bit of luck, could have finished well up in their Division.

The Associations Singles Competition will commence on 9th October, and our representatives will be Mrs. Ivy Clark and Mr. Bert Shaw. Our best wishes to both in a very hard-to-win championship.

We are anxious to welcome new members—come to the Parish Hall any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

Ladies' Guild:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th October, commencing at 1 p.m. in the Guild Room.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors, who would care to come along and get an idea of our activities and join us for afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 16th October (note: the third Tuesday, not the second Tuesday of the month as usual).

We will again be conducting the Cakes and Sweets Stall at the Annual Gala Fete. Donations of any cakes or sweets, etc. would be very much appreciated. If anyone is willing to make any quantity of sweets or cakes for our Stall, we will gladly supply the ingredients, or reimburse you for their cost.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Members of the Senior Parishioners' Club extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Usher in the loss of her Husband, and also to Mrs. Bailey and family in the loss of her Father.

Our attendances have been particularly good in recent months — and should be even better now the warm weather has arrived.

Our congratulations to Judith Taylor (whose Mother is a Club Member) on her recent tour of the United Kingdom. We hear that Judy made quite an impression overseas with her magnificent voice, acting and lovely personality. We all say best of luck in the future to Judy who is always willing and happy to sing at All Saints' functions when the occasion arises.

Thank you to all the kind folk who help our Club in any way; there is always someone with a cake, a donation towards Club funds, and someone else happy to help with the afternoon tea. And we all thank Mr. Geo. Clarke for his invaluable help on Thursdays.

DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

Young Churchman's Institute (Y.C.I.):

This month's meeting although officially known as "Ladies' Night" is in fact a Social Night open equally to men and women of the parish and their friends. It will be held on Friday evening, 12th October, beginning at 8 o'clock, there will be an entertaining social programme, and supper, all no-charge. Please come along.

Elsewhere, you will read about the Annual Parish Car Drive, which we'll be conducting this month. Join us on this occasion also, because the more folk who come, the merrier it is for everyone.

THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS' ORGAN

In 1886, the organ was installed in the Church. It was built by the English Organ Builders, Alfred Hunter and Son of 65a High Street,

Clapham, London. (This firm was taken over by Henry Willis and Sons in the 1920's; the latter firm is still one of the best organ builders in England). Hunter's workshop is no longer in existence, a service station now occupying the site.

A total of £602.13.11 was paid to Hunter and Son for the organ, and £147.6.1 to Chas. Richardson, a Sydney Organ Builder, for installing it.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting of 1887, the then Rector, the Rev. Charles Baber, stated in his address, "We are very indebted to the Hon. Organist, Mr. J. V. Wareham for his earnest efforts in initiating and promoting the movement for a new organ in this Church . . . it is mainly to him that we are indebted for the really fine instrument, so melodious and powerful, which now adorns this Church . . ."

In November, 1893, £60 was paid to Mr. Richardson for installing an hydraulic engine (water motor) to work the bellows. Previously, an "organ boy" had been employed for ten shillings a month to "blow the organ". The hydraulic motor cut costs immediately. However, the water pressure was rather low on Sundays and subsequently the organ boy found employment again for a short time. In 1905, the motor had its own "service" pipe connected, in which water flowed through at high pressure. 1909 saw some necessary repairs carried out to the motor.

In August, 1911, Messrs. Norman and Beard (Aust.) installed an electric motor replacing the water-powered one. This electric system probably had a simple mechanical connection between the bellows handle and the electric motor—a crankshaft set-up. (My reason for saying this is that electric fan blowing generally did not find acceptance until later). The motor was supplied by the Balmain Power Co. and installed for a total of £44.

However, in 1912, this was reported to be a very unsatisfactory method of "blowing" the organ because of poor workmanship. 1912 also saw the appointment of Messrs. Griffin and Leggo as the organ tuners. They installed two stops in December of that year, viz. "Voix Celeste" and "Viole d'Orchestre". The service of these gentlemen were terminated during the next twelve months.

In July, 1918, a Mr. Randall carried out necessary repairs costing £48 (at this time, he was trading as the "Austral Organ Company"). However, Mr. Randall never fully completed the work and was paid only £33.8.0.

In 1919, Mr. Lancelot Smith of Dulwich Hill was appointed Organ Caretaker. He installed a new blowing device for £43.16.0 This was a forge blower made by the Champion Forge Blowing Company of America.

In October, 1925, Messrs. Richardson and Co. were appointed Caretakers. Immediately, repairs costing £15 were carried out. In 1926, they completely overhauled the organ for £115, the choir meeting half the cost.

In 1934, the electric motor was stolen. A Parish Councillor offered to weld the relief motor "in such a manner as to prevent its illegal removal." His offer was accepted.

After Easter, 1935, the organ was again out of action for a month while a major overhaul was carried out by Mr. S. T. Noad, who had served his apprenticeship with Richardson. This work cost £118.

The organ continued to give reliable service until the 1960's, when it became obvious that the organ was about to "give up the ghost". In 1963, Mr Noad carried out work in the form of an overhaul plus a couple of replacement parts, at a total cost of £2,020.

Mr. Anthony Welby was appointed Caretaker in 1972. He describes the instrument as a "grand old Victorian organ" with the workings of an English Cathedral Organ. In Sydney organ circles, ours has an enviable reputation as far as 19th century English organs are concerned.

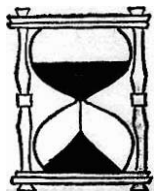
I wish to thank the Rector for allowing the Parish records to be examined. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. John Nance for giving much assistance in the examination of the books. The above article is but an extract from a wealth of information that we have gathered about the organ.

CHRISTOPHER SILLINCE,
Organist and Choirmaster.

SANCTUARY OF FLOWERS

- October 7: Donated by Mrs. Beatty (Melbourne) in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and of her Brother and Sister (late of Chester Street), by Mrs. A. Cook in memory of her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Furnell, and by Mrs. Bosward and family; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- October 14: Donated by Iris and Colin in memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter, and by Mrs. Reid in memory of her Aunt, Mrs. Florence Cooper; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- October 21: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. G. Barron and Mr. and Mrs. de Martin in memory of their Son and Friend, George; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- October 28: Donated by Mr. Bill Williams in memory of his Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- November 4: Donated by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also wish to express thanks for the donation of flowers made on Sunday, 30th September in memory of the Rev. A. H. Gallop.



LATEST FETE NEWS

Time Running Out:

With only six weeks left, time is rapidly running out to collect stocks for our great Gala Fete on Saturday, 17th November.

All the usual stalls will be held, and the more you can personally help stock for them, the greater will be the success of this important Parish venture.

Special attractions at this year's Fete will be:

- ★ Free performances at 4 p.m. by teams of performing dogs and monkeys.
- ★ Two big Poultry and Grocery Hampers as free door prizes.
- ★ Trackless trains and pony rides around the grounds.
- ★ Model Railway Exhibition.
- ★ Burwood Police Boys' Band playing during the morning.
- ★ Lucky dips, hoopla, and other games of skill.

Many Popular Stalls

As we go to press, stalls to be held are as follows:

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| Art Jewellery. | Cakes and Sweets. |
| Fancy Work, Clothing, Gifts. | Groceries and Home Made- |
| Books, Magazines and Toys. | Jams. |
| Plants and Flowers. | Drinks. |
| Vegetables. | Pottery and China. |
| "White Elephant". | Dolls. |
| | Floral Arrangements. |

Refreshments

A wide variety of refreshments will be available to give you adequate sustenance, so stay the whole day. The Refreshment Room will be serving meals, teas, pies, etc., while other stalls will have hot dogs, cold drinks, and ice cream.

Latest News from Stallholders

● **Pottery and China:** Mrs. Hearn is still anxious to get a bigger stock to keep her Stall going throughout the day. Our normal parcel from the Glass Works won't be available this year, so we're depending all the more on parishioners for help with stocks. Just 'phone Mrs. Hearn, 56-1852 and your donation will be collected.

● **Refreshments:** Gifts of suitable goods, or donations of cash towards our effort would be most appreciated. Should any one — young, or young-in-heart — have an hour or more to spend with a happy band of willing workers, we would be more than grateful to hear from you. Please ring Mrs. E. Jones (56-5218), Mrs. D. Graham (56-8876), evenings only) or the Rectory if you can assist.

● **Gifts:** Mrs. Ivy Clark urgently needs more wool. Please see if you have left-overs at home, and give them to Ivy, or leave them at the Rectory in a package marked with her name. Every little helps.

● **Plant Stall:** Gifts of plants and shrubs of all types are requested. We will pot them for sale if necessary. Donations may be left at the Rectory. Gifts of empty tins from your kitchen are also wanted urgently, why not drop some along each week to the Rectory?

● **Jewellery:** Winners of Miss Hunt's competition were Mrs. P. Scales, Burwood (necklace and earrings), Mrs. I. Scott, Mortdale (brooch).

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Grafted into the Body of Christ's Church"

August 26: Annette Lorraine Peters.
 August 26: Maurice William Wells.
 August 26: Jason Scott Wells.
 August 26: Daryl Francis Wells.
 August 26: Carol Ann Mills.
 September 9: Kim Leanne Arrowsmith.
 September 16: Sarah Michele Essam.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord."

August 28: John Pilz.
 August 28: Harriet Louise Field.
 August 28: Charles Henry Bean.
 August 30: Leonard Charles Fearn.
 August 31: Francis James Murphy.
 September 11: Claude Moses Gard Usher.
 September 11: Desda Grace Jackson.
 September 25: Mary Anne Wright.

CHURCH FINANCES

Period 1st - 31st August, 1973

Offeratories and other receipts	\$567.89
Expenditure	\$555.29
Surplus on month	\$12.60
Accumulated deficit since 1st January	\$1,208.32