

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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DECEMBER 1991



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

DECEMBER 25

8-00AM HOLY COMMUNION

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

JANUARY 1.

8-00AM HOLY COMMUNION

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
12th November, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

Again it is time to wish you a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year. It hardly seems possible that Christmas is only weeks away.

Christmas will not be the happiest time for many people in our country. The 'recession' or 'depression' is hurting and will continue to hurt many good Australians who are not afraid to work hard but cannot find a job.

The season of Christmas is associated with hope and peace. Our hope being in Jesus Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem - "God's only begotten Son" - our Saviour.

This year we will need to show our Lord as more than a forgiver of sin, and the means of our reconciliation with God. This Christmas we will need to be far more practical in our efforts to bring hope to mankind - a people who are suffering in very physical ways.

It is St. James writing in his epistle who reminds us that being concerned for our neighbour goes well beyond wishing them well and sending them on their way. The apostle tells us to be ready to meet their material needs as well.

As Anglicans we are well placed to help those in need through our Home Mission Society and the Archbishops Relief Appeals. I trust that we will all seek to participate in this work as we are able.

Again let us, Helen, David and myself wish you God's blessing this Christmas.

**Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott. (RECTOR)**

THE FETE 1991.

The results of the 1991 Fete are as follows:-

	1990	1991
BOOKS	185.32	201.05
CAKES	550.00	700.00
GROCERIES	352.96	369.80
HOT DOGS	69.65	77.80
JEWELLERY	200.00	144.00
PLANTS	89.40	108.40
POTTERY & GIFTS	472.40	683.56
REFRESHMENTS	410.36	256.70
TOYS	250.00	222.22
WORK STALL	1257.30	1107.63
DONATIONS	160.00	76.70
CRAFTS	183.00	0.00
MOULDS	0.00	20.00
JAM	0.00	200.30
TOTAL	4180.39	4168.21

A WORD OF THANKS. (From Ida Barrett)

The holders of the Cake and Sweets Stall at our wonderful fete wish to thank all who helped in any way to make it possible for us to hand in the sum of \$700.00.

Thanks again everybody.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room, of the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

CAROLS FESTIVAL.

The Combined Churches Carol Festival will be held in the Marrickville Town Hall on Friday 13th December. The Guest Speaker for the evening will be Graham Wade a well-known quick sketch artist who has the ability to bring the Christmas message to both our ears and eyes.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE.

On the Sunday before Christmas, December 22nd, we will be having a Carol Service in All Saints'. It will begin at 7-00p.m.

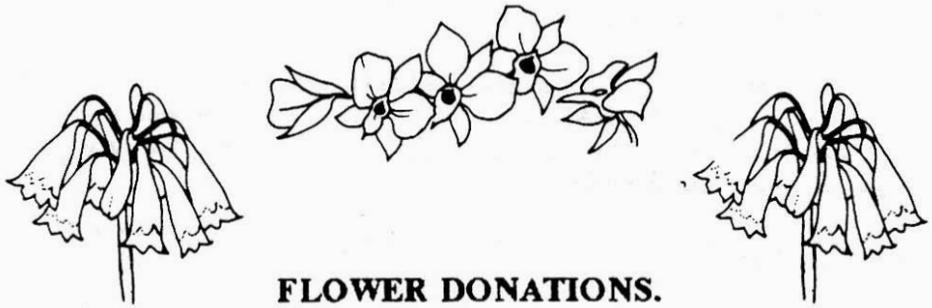
This is our opportunity to join together as a church family and sing carols and hear the wonderful Christmas message again.

Keep the evening free and invite you friends to come with that night.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.

Our Christmas Communion Service at All Saints' will be at 8-00a.m.

The Christmas Family Service will be held at 9-30a.m. on Sunday December 8th.



FLOWER DONATIONS.

- DECEMBER 1** - To the memory of our mother & nana from
Ray Swankie & family.
Arranged by Mrs E. Carr & Julie.
- DECEMBER 8** - Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Snr.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- DECEMBER 15** - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- DECEMBER 22** - From Mrs. Carr in memory of her parents.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam
- DECEMBER 29** - No Donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.
People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

CHRISTMAS, GOD WITH US

This devotional for Christmas Day has been taken from the Scripture Union 'DAILY BREAD' notes. These notes have a reading for everyday of the year. They are very helpful. Ask the Rector how you might obtain them for 1992.

ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

The biggest events of our lives often leave us lost for words. We're so overwhelmed by our emotions that our descriptions can fall short and sound flat.

READING - St. Luke 2: 1 - 20.

Maybe Luke writes so factually so that no one can accuse him of making up or exaggerating. See how carefully he records the names of those in government (1,2); how the birth came to be in Bethlehem (3-6); and finally the story of how the King of Glory spent his first night on earth asleep in a cattle-feeding trough (7).

What emotions these bald words cover! Imagine the journey over rough roads for Mary, about to give birth...the feeling of despair for Joseph as he can't find anywhere for them to stay.. the strange town at night, cold and dark...the sudden, blazing appearance of an army of angels...The facts give way to feelings: fear (9), joy (14), urgency (16), amazement (18), praise (20).

And there's room too for quieter feelings, as we, like Mary (19) ponder all these things and think deeply about what it means for God to come and be one with us.

A PRAYER.

Lord, I'm amazed as I think about how you stooped down to us and became a human baby. Help me to be joyful and thoughtful about all these things.

BIT AND PIECES.

A VISITOR.

Its hard to keep some people away for out fete.

Mrs. Humphreys came all the way from Richmond by train to share the day with her old friends at All Saints' Petersham. For many years she conducted a very successful White Elephant Stall.

Our fete is a great time for catching up with old friends.

MISSION AND UPHEAVAL.

Political uncertainty is an increasing factor in mission to-day. Some missionaries have withdrawn from Peru because of terrorist activity; CMS missionaries in Zaire, Central Africa, have had to withdraw temporarily because of political unrest there.

Pray for these missionaries and the local Church in such troubles.

OFF TO GERMANY.

Another one of our church families have just gone off to Germany.

Dr. Paul Lennox and his wife Ann, and the children Mark and Clare are spending nine months in Germany on study leave. Already Chris and Chris Rizos and their children are there on study leave. We trust they enjoy their time away and we shall look forward to their return next year.

NEW YEAR SERVICE

Don't forget we hold a Communion Service on New Year's Day. It is our way of starting the new year. A good way to do it.

Remember Wednesday 1st. January. 1992 at 8-00am. See you there!

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