

The Chronicle

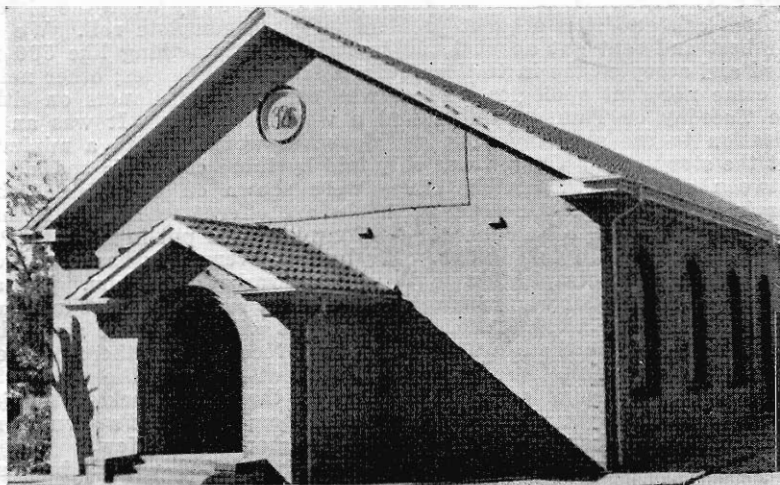
Of All Saints

Petersham

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C/o. Church of England Grammar School, Morpeth

NOVEMBER, 1957



ALL SAINTS' PARISH HALL

PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, A. JONES.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This has been a very busy month for many of us. For many weeks canvassers have been busy trying to get the Parish Roll up-to-date so that no one would be missed as far as invitations to the Loyalty Dinners were concerned. Unfortunately, some were missed but it was unavoidable. Only those doing canvassing work realise how very difficult it is to get a complete list of Church people in each street. Sometimes it happens that some people keep it so dark that they belong to the Church of England that even their friends and neighbours are not certain what they are. However, others are often at work or away when the district visitors call and it is a great problem to get a complete roll. We did our best and sent out about 1,200 invitations. Something like 500 replied and accepted the invitation; quite a lot sent apologies; other neither came nor sent apologies. Those who came to the dinners on either the Tuesday or Thursday night had a wonderful time. It was an inspiration to see so many present. Speeches were kept to a minimum but the story of the Church was ably told by those chosen to speak. In between speeches three films strips were shown on Christian Living, Serving and Giving. Our special thanks are offered to Mr. D. Petherbridge, our General Chairman for the long hours he put in to make Promotion a success in this Parish. His lead in every way has been very creditable and an inspiration to those who worked with him. We are deeply grateful to all who canvassed the district first for names and then for pledges. The work of collecting pledges will go on for some time yet. On the whole the canvassers were well received and there has been splendid co-operation. We could have done with double the number of workers but the spirit of loyalty shown by those who tackled the job, leaves nothing to be desired. One remembers our Lord's own words "The fields are white unto harvest but the labourers are few."

Those who came to the dinners were presented with a brochure dealing with the facts about our Church in Petersham. It is a very good booklet, well illustrated and arranged by our worthy Churchwarden, L. C. Calver. The catering arrangements for the dinners were carried out by the Blue Bird Caterers, of Enmore, who gave very satisfactory service. I wish to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the Falk Studios, of 164 Pitt Street, Sydney, for coming and taking some of the photos, including the new one of the Church on the front cover of the brochure,

at no cost to us. This was a fine gesture. May I take this opportunity of thanking all who helped with the Loyalty Dinners in any way. There was not a hitch and everything went off as we wished. Visitors to the dinners included Mr. H. C. Mallam, M.L.A. who is General Chairman at Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, and Mr. G. Walker who is assistant to the Rev. Ronald Walker, the Director of Promotion in this Diocese. On the Sunday after the dinners, the Rector Commissioned the Canvassers at the 8 a.m. service, praying for their success. That service was one to be remembered for we had the newly confirmed members present with their friends and relations, plus the canvassers and many regular worshippers at that hour.

Promotion, in this Parish has been given a personal emphasis. The Church needs money but we are first saying "we need YOU". If we can get our people to realise their need of God and His Church and to come and help fill up the empty pews then we know our needs will be met. If God gets a person's heart, there will be no need to worry about his gifts. If you LIVE like a Christian you will GIVE like a Christian. No one expects the impossible from anyone, all we ask is that everyone pulls his weight and does his best. Everyone needs the Church at some time if it is not this week, it may be next. No one need worry about pledging whose heart is right with God. Christ gave His all for us and it is a poor thing if we cannot promise to give Him a fair portion of our weekly income. In any case it is not a legal agreement only a moral and spiritual incentive to loyalty. What you promise to Christ's Church you will never regret nor lose, for God is no man's debtor. If we give in the right spirit I am sure God blesses us. On the other hand if we treat our offerings to God as painful and as a loss, we cannot expect those words of commendation to be said to us in the Great Day, "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". To be mean to God is equivalent to saying "God I do not trust you, nor do I appreciate what you have done for me". The Christian life is walk of faith trusting God for everything but never forgetting that we must do our best for Him.

Undoubtedly, Promotion is giving more life to the Church than any similar organised effort during the last fifty years. This is a spiritual mission on practical lines challenging us all to consecrate ourselves and our gifts to the service of God. Will you accept the challenge?

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Confirmation Service was held on Wednesday, 16th October, at 8 p.m. The attendance at this service was outstanding and very encouraging to those taking their vows. The confirming Bishop was the Right Rev. R. C. Kerle, B.A., who gave two very inspiring messages. The Rector presented forty-one candidates, twenty-five males and sixteen females. The names of the candidates are as follows:—John Humphrey Tourle Kerry Manhood, Forest Shane Waddell, Russell Alan Williams, Max Charles Solling, Ralph Keith Chambers, John Anthony Cook, John Garry Readford, Richard Ian Fairley, Timothy Kelso Waddell, Alan John Abbott, Neil Alfred Moore, Charles Edward Hemmings, Noel Arthur Cragg, Geoffrey Graham Allan, John Alan Nance, Byron Frederick

Sharpe, John Henry Swankie, Rodney John Lumby, Carl Francis Lumby, Ian Maxwell Nelson, Anthony Frederick Bonner, Thomas Anthony Ward, Peter James Ward, Walter Manfred Bailey, Margaret May Barrett, Josephine Elizabeth Hulim, Janis Dianne Lock, Shirley Anne Joyce, Judith Anne Smith, Denise Jean McKenny, Odette Pearl Barrett, Ronda Maree Irwin, Lana Margaret Dunne, Barbara Anne Black, Margaret Irene Sargeant, Barbara Ann Hodgson, Bonnie Carol Day, Rita Tusikou, Thelma Grace Bailey, Patricia May Nowland.

PERSONAL

We regret that three of our parishioners have been on the sick list. Mr. E. Quelch, one of our Church Wardens, underwent a serious operation in hospital recently and has now returned home. Miss E. Borwning has returned to hospital for further treatment. Mrs. Pullen also underwent a serious operation recently, but we are pleased to say she has returned home. We hope and pray that each of these may soon be on the road to complete recovery.

MORE REPAIRS

In the past twelve months quite a lot of repair work has been done about the Church property. Recently on two Saturdays the floor of the Church porch on the Parish Hall side, was re-concreted. The floor was badly cracked and many of the tiles were loose and dangerous for people using that entrance. Our special thanks are offered to Mr. A. Cook and his assistants for a very good and serviceable floor now laid.

ON STEWARDSHIP

These records were shown to people at our Loyalty Dinner. They startled us when we worked them out—they startled all who saw them. They are a good reason for Promotion.

Stewardship

Participation		Support	
No. of	Average	Average	Sunday Collections
Parishioners	Attendance	Year—1932 £ 9 0 3
3494	340	1939 9 13 6
Adults and Elders		1948 10 6 5
2534	140	1957 17 14 6
Children		Total Parish Revenue last year	
960	200	(excl. Bazaar)—£1900.	

Promotion Progress

Total pledges already given at 27th October, 1957:

Weekly Basis
£36

Yearly Basis
£1940

D. W. PETHERBRIDGE, General Chairman

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our girls are putting a great deal of enjoyable effort into the preparation for their Concert to be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 2nd December.

We commend this concert to all our friends who have previously enjoyed the grand display given by our girls. Miss Hayes has decided on Friday night 29th November for our Annual Club Competitions and Xmas Party, hoping it will enable the "Dads" as well as "Mums" to come along and enjoy our girls work.

Congratulations to Ruth Champion, Julie Hird, Lynette Harris, Barbara Connell who succeeded in reaching the semi-finals, Bjelke-Petersen Zone Championships in their respective age groups, also to Pam Hunter and Jacqueline Rowney.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship next outing will be a moonlight hike to Manly, and we will be meeting in time for the 6.45 p.m. train at Petersham or the 7.30 p.m. ferry from Circular Quay.

At the moment we are busy preparing for the Hoop-la Stall for the forth coming Fete. We would appreciate any small donations for this occasion.

On the 22nd October the Fellowship will be holding a "Welcome to the newly Confirmed" in the form of a social evening, and we will be glad to welcome them as "prospective Fellowship members."

L. SANDERSON, Hon. Secretary

YOUNG MARRIEDS CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room on Tuesday, 12th November at 8 p.m.

We were pleased to welcome a new member last meeting, we hope we shall have the pleasure of welcoming more new members again this month. We are sorry to report that one of our members, Mrs. Pullen has been in hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

A Sponge and Chocolate Cake Competition will be held in conjunction with our cake stall at the Fete on Saturday, 23rd November. The Sponge Competition is being sponsored by Fielder's Cornflour, and the top of a packet must accompany each entry. We ask all the ladies of the Parish to enter in these competitions please. The entries become the property of the Cake stall and will be on sale after judging.

On Wednesday, 13th November, a Hair Beauty Demonstration will be held in the Parish Hall at 1.30—please come.

Our Annual Luncheon last month was again quite a successful and happy occasion, we would like to say thank you to all who helped in any way.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

FILM EVENING

See LONDON, PARIS, ROME, in colour, also coloured slides of Central Australia in the Parish Hall on Monday, 18th November, at 8 p.m. Donation 3/6—Cake Stall—Supper provided.

All proceeds in aid of The Home of Peace, Addison Road, Petersham. Please come and support a very worthy cause.

Y.C.I.

The Foundation Meeting of the Y.C.I. in this Parish was held on Friday the 21st November, 1910, and this organisation of men has functioned ever since that date, originally it was virtually an organisation of young men, but over the years it became one for men of all ages. On Friday the 15th of this month the Y.C.I. Meeting will take the form of a Commemoration Night. Members will enjoy a Social Evening, at which speeches appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. Men of the Parish are invited to be the guests of the Y.C.I. on this important occasion. The meeting commences at 8 p.m. and members and their guests are requested to be punctual in their attendance.

On Sunday the 24th November we will have our Commemoration Service in the Parish Church. The service will commence at 7.15 p.m. but the Y.C.I. members are asked to assemble in the Parish Hall shortly after 7 p.m. so that they can proceed in procession to the special seating, which will be provided. The Y.C.I. hopes that there will be a large congregation at this service to fittingly celebrate the foundation of the Y.C.I. in the Parish of All Saints', Petersham.

LADIES' GUILD

Our September Social Afternoon was to help the Work Stall at the forth coming Fete and a goodly number of aprons and a small amount in cash, was a very pleasing result. Our October business meeting was partly given to arranging with our ladies for the Loyalty Dinners. We say a very sincere thank you to all our members and other ladies who helped as hostesses. We have been very happy to welcome six new members since the roll canvass and feel sure that more will follow.

The October Street Stall was again very successful and we say thank you for all donations. Next Stall, will be on Friday, 15th November.

On Tuesday, 26th November at 2 p.m. our speaker will be Mrs. Edna Beales (better known as the Authoress, Edna Roughley) who will also show slides to illustrate her talk. Afternoon tea will be served and all ladies are welcome.

Our China display on 23rd October was most interesting, some very beautiful pieces being shown.

Next business meeting, 12th November at 2 p.m. and we extend an invitation to any ladies who are seeking companionship and an interest, to come along.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER ROSTER

- Nov. 3rd—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Father, Mother and Nephew, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 10th—Donated by the Fellowship, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
 „ 17th—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.
 „ 24th—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Calver in memory of Robert and by Mrs. Nisbett in memory of her husband arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
- Dec. 1st—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

PARISH ROLL**Baptisms**

Kim Rosina Haines, Roderick John Paterson, Philip John Southerland, Peter William Hoyle, Linda Louise Burt, Gayle Robyne Walter, Barry Ellison, Narelle Doris Hutchinson, Kevin Robert Jones, Carolyn Alcock, Dean Ross Wilson, Michael William Perry, Wayne Douglas Floyd, Mark Lee Bryen Newcombe, Peter James Wade.

Marriages

Geoffrey Alan Nunn to Lynette Faddy; Peter Henry Bourke to Gayna Dorothea Costello; Frederick William Rodney Holder to Marina Eleni Agalianos; Isaac Walter Sidney to Esther Mildred Cox; Kenneth Donald MacKinnon to Cecelia Ann Gaughan.

Funerals

Rose Hanna Pasley, Ernest William Pearce, Harley Percy Buckworth, Walter Bishop, Josephina McIntosh, Sarah Jane Ibbottson, Gustav Ferdinand Myer, Ethel Ivy Lane, Eleanor Hyfryd Eppingstal, Michael Joseph Kennedy.

**DO NOT FORGET THE
EVENT OF THE YEAR**

PARISH FETE

SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1957

To be Officially Opened at 10.30 a.m.

Come and give us your whole hearted support.

ALL THE USUAL STALLS

Come and Buy your Christmas Gifts at Bargain Prices.

Donations to any of the Stalls will be most welcome,
give LM 4735 a ring if you want anything picked up

APPRECIATION

Many know that the debt on the Parish Hall is gradually being liquidated at £50 per year. Our sincere appreciation is offered to two kind friends, who wish to remain anonymous, who kindly met this sum this year. There is still just over £1000 owing on the Hall, and we hope that when opportunity offers, we shall pay the balance and avoid the annual interest which is being paid at present.

ANY OTHER DAY

I'm sorry you made Sunday where you did, dear God. You see it is like this: We could attend Church much more regularly if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired out.

Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night, Saturday evening, you know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party, and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, and especially when they have it so early.

Then there are dishes to wash and we always have some things we just have to wash out. I mean no disrespect, dear God, but you must realise you have picked out the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the Church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing dinner.

Then, too, you must think of John. He is cooped up in his office all week, and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car and to mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are all greasy you couldn't expect him, dear God, to be able to get off to Church.

I am telling you these things dear God, because I want you to get our viewpoint, and that it is not our fault that we are not able to get to Church on Sunday mornings. We would like to go, and we know we should go, and need to go, but it must be clear to you that the real reason we cannot go, is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you would select another day, dear God, we shall be glad to go to Church and be more faithful.

LOCUM TENENS FOR JANUARY

During the month of January when the Rector and Mrs. Champion will be away on holidays, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Rutter will be in residence at the Rectory. Mr. Rutter is an old friend of the Rector and is Vicar of All Saints' Ballarat.

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