

The Chronicle

Of All Saints Petersham

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123 NOT OUT



For 123 years All Saints' has had a great ministry.

Let us now move forward to do greater
things for God.

The best is yet to come.

Text for the Month:

“Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of the law; and that their children, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God.” **Deuteronomy 31: 12-13.**

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My dear Friends,

God sent His son, the Lord Jesus Christ, into this world, to seek and to save that which was lost, and to call sinners to repentance. The Bible, however, tells us that men will not “believe in Him of whom they have not heard”, therefore the Petersham Anglican Church has felt that its solemn responsibility is to acquaint people of this fact.

For the past on hundred and twenty-three years the Church has, by the Grace of God, endeavoured to preach the Gospel. During that time thousands have heard the Word of God and hundreds have been convicted of sin and have been brought to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. many of these have been called away and are now in the Presence of their Redeemer. But there are others who are worshipping and serving their Lord with other Christians in various Sydney suburbs.

We thank God for the past but the responsibility of reaching the present generation of Petersham residents is ours, not just the ministers but every Church member. If we are to reach the present generation it will demand loyalty and sacrificial giving by all. Jesus Christ is counting on us. We must not let Him down.

**Your Friend
W. G. Collier.**

How Welcoming Are We to Newcomers?

In our Parish, I often worry that we are not doing enough to recognize and welcome newcomers. These days, when people move to a new community and are church goers, they usually go "shopping" for a new church home. It used to be that Anglicans shopped for Anglican churches, etc., but denominational ties are no longer the deciding factor in choosing a church. The deciding factor is how welcoming a church is to new people. The questions, "Will I fit in?" or "Will this be a community that I can be a part of without having to break down all kinds of barriers?" are legitimate concerns and we should not take our welcoming efforts for granted.

Wearing our name buttons and encouraging newcomers to a cup of tea or coffee after service are two ways for us to welcome and identify visitors.

Several years ago, the religion editor of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* visited 18 churches in his area to see how welcoming they were to visitors. He wrote: "I sat near the front; after the

service I walked slowly to the rear of the church. I was neatly dressed and I smiled. I asked someone to direct me to a specific place: a fellowship hall, a pastor's study, and so on. I remained for coffee, if served." The editor used this scale to grade the churches:

10 points for a smile from a worshipper;
10 points for a greeting from someone sitting nearby;
100 points for an exchange of names;
200 points for an invitation to coffee hour;
500 points for an invitation to return;
1,000 points for an introduction to another worshipper;
2,000 points for an invitation to meet the rector.

OPPORTUNITIES are never lost. The other person takes those you miss.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERY SUNDAY.

- 9-30am Holy Communion on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays.
Family Service, which is a Service of Prayer and Word, on the third Sunday.
Morning Prayer on the Fifth Sunday.
- 6-30pm Evening Prayer is said in the Side Chapel.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

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

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Home Bible Study held at the Home of Mrs. Willis.
All welcome.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 8 August - 9-30am Memorial Service for the late Miss Nisbet and Mr. Bill Williams.
- 11 August - 7-30p.m. Wardens and Synod Representatives to meet the Archbishop at St. Bede's Drummoyne.
- 22 August - B.C.A. Deputation
- 12 September - B.B.Q Luncheon in the Parish Hall following the Morning Service.
- 25 September - Coach Tour to Gosford 9am to 4pm.
- 10 October - 2-00pm Organ Recital.
- 20 November - Annual Fete.



FLOWER DONATIONS.

- AUGUST 1** - Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
In memory of Emma (Bess) Thompson from her loving family.
Arranged by Mrs E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- AUGUST 8** - In memory of our Mum and Dad, Aileen and Bill Williams
In memory of Bill from Kath.
In memory of Miss Allie Nisbet from Mrs. Betty Reid and family
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- AUGUST 15** - No donation.
Arranged By Miss D. Harrop.
- AUGUST 22** - No donation
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- AUGUST 29** - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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Church attacks Asian sex tourism

■ **The trend to add prostitutes to the list of Asian tourist attractions draws fire from the Anglican Church.**

A new national Anglican Church report has strongly attacked Australian involvement in Asian sex tours.

The report was released just days before a meeting of Australian Attorneys-General on June 24 agreed to prosecute Australians who have sex with children overseas.

The church report also calls for the Federal government to act against travel agents who knowingly arrange sex tours.

“There is evidence that there are Australians involved (in sex tourism) through their particular travel agencies”, the report states.

“There are also adult agencies which market ‘adult videos and other material which offer in formation as to the sexual ‘delights’ to be found by the enterprising tourist.”

The report, titled ‘Pleasure in Paradise?’ was issued by two national Anglican Church bodied, the Social Responsibilities Commission and the International Affairs Commission.

The document also includes reponses from Asian churches.

“Most workers in the ...sex tourist industry enter it because of their abject poverty and their need for means of livelihood for themselves and their family”, the report states.

“The derogatory caricature of Asian women and men as either immoral or amoral in their attitude to such sexual activity is strongly rejected by all Asian commentators, especially from Christian circles”.

Pointing to a link between increases in child prostitution and the larger number of make paedophile tourists to Asia, the Commissions call on Anglican congregations to support a campaign to end child prostitution.

The report details increasing numbers of Asian children entering prostitution in the last ten years with the highest number in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Taiwan and the Philippians.

The Commissions also criticise the Federal Government's Travel Safe campaign, which, it claims, may have the unintended consequence of "sanitising the exploitative aspects of sex tourism."

The report's main researcher said she was unable to name the travel agencies used by sex tourists.

"There are Australian travel agencies who are deliberately and knowingly setting up and encouraging sex tours", the report's Sydney researcher, Ms Yen Long said.

But because the detailed itinerary of the sex tour is not handed to the traveller until they arrive in the overseas destination, Ms Long said it is "difficult for them to be prosecuted."

"A lot of the organising goes on overseas through their co-ownership of pubs and bars as well as hotels in the destination countries."

The June 24 meeting between Federal and State Attorneys-General also agreed to outlaw the advertising of sex tours.

A Prayer.

Every day I need you, Lord,
But this day especially
I need some extra strength
To face what is to be.
This day more than any day
I need to feel you near
To fortify my courage
And to overcome my fear.
By myself I cannot meet
The challenge of the hour
There are times when humans help
But we need a higher power
To assist us to bear
What must be borne
And so dear Lord I pray
Hold on to my trembling hand
And be near me to-day.

New Registrar appointed

A former CMS missionary in India, Archdeacon Stan Skillicorn is to be Sydney diocese' new registrar.

Archdeacon Skillicorn, 59, has been rector of St. Philip's Eastwood since 1972 and will also serve as an assistant to the archbishop.

He's to replace Bishop Donald Cameron.

Diocesan authorities have also announced that Bishop Ken Short will be the new Bishop of Wollongong, temporarily.

Bishop Short will take on the appointment part-time for the next six months.

