

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

Rector: Rev. R. A. JOHNSON, Th.L.

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

JANUARY, 1956



SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday) 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
Saints' Days as announced.

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

Bible Study and Intercessions 7.45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Teachers' Training Class, First Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.

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

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. G. 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, E. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH.

Organist and Master of the Chorists: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M.,
L.T.C.L., F.I.G.O.M.

Verger: Vacant.

RECTOR'S HOLIDAY

The Rector will be away for three weeks in January. During his absence the Parish will be looked after by the Rev. A. E. Gardner. All urgent calls may be phoned to him at UA 4336.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

This Chronicle will have to go to press early in December so that many of the usual features appearing in the paper will not be in this issue, but will appear, of course, in the February Chronicle.

A New Year will have started by the time you read this letter, the old year with its hopes and fears will have passed beyond recall and each one of us will be starting a new book of life. The Christmas Festival will have reminded us of the coming of Our Saviour that we might be freed from sin and corruption. I wonder how many of us have received Him? Or has there been no room for Him in our lives? Christ came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.

What is life? The life that Jesus speaks about? It is not just this short span of seventy years or more, not just life here on this earth. God did not create man just for this life, but for His life as He planned it for man, Eternal Life. That life appears in Christ, and this life was the Light of mankind. It is in Christ that we see Love and Truth and life going on, life embracing the Eternal Plan of God. In St. John's Gospel, fifth chapter, Jesus says "I solemnly assure you that the man who hears what I have to say and believes in the One Who sent Me has eternal life." (Phillips Trans.) "he has already passed from death into life." Let us all begin this New Year in that life. There is a very beautiful phrase in John's Gospel where Jesus says, "I am the Way," Phillips has given us a thought in his translation of that verse when he translates it as "I Myself am the Road." Yes, Christ is the Road and as we enter the coming year may we walk that road, which will reveal to us the Truth and the Life. So many will make new resolutions but it is not only resolutions we shall need, but the guidance of God. Immediately after the Christmas message comes that very wonderful story of the Three Wise Men, they were guided by a star. The Star is the symbol of guidance. In this story we have a record of how men were guided to the Saviour; they were brought safely to the journey's end. This, the beginning of our journey in 1956, may be full of meaning for us who have seen His Star. We can face all the hardship, perils, and difficulties if we are sure of the way, and we can be sure of the way as we commit our lives to Him, confident that whatever lies before us He will guide us, He will not only chart the way, but give us the strength and comfort to complete the journey. May Christ be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

With best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year from all at the Rectory.

Your sincere Friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

P.S.—My friend and colleague, the Rev. A. E. Gardner will care for the Parish in January.

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PARISH NEWS

We regret to report that Mrs. Handel is in Prince Alfred Hospital seriously ill, also Mrs. Binns is in Marrickville Hospital, Mrs. Hacking is in the Home of Peace. Our prayers and good wishes go out to these friends and we pray that God will bless and undertake for them in their illness.

Many thanks to our friend, Stan Stedman, for arranging to have rubbish removed from the Church grounds. Also to Mr. J. Humphreys and Mr. T. H. Bosward for their splendid work on the tidying up of our grounds.

Mrs. Pullen, Senior, is still in hospital, also Mr. Horton of Palace Street, has been an inmate of Prince Alfred. We are sorry to hear of their indisposition and trust that they will soon feel much better.

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Miss Atkinson, who renders faithful service at our Public Schools in assisting with the teaching of Scripture has not been well, and Mrs. J. Thomas sustained a nasty accident recently by chipping a bone in the wrist. We pray that these two parishioners will soon be fully restored to health.

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Mrs. Johnson would like to thank members of the Guild for their very kind thought in providing the flowers for the Sanctuary in memory of her mother. The flowers were beautifully arranged by Mrs. Morris and the thought of the Guild was very much appreciated.

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It is good to see Mrs. Craigie around again after her long illness, we do trust that she will continue to make progress and that we shall see her take up her work in Church life.

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Many thanks to Mrs. Ken Grant for taking over the Intermediate Section of the Sunday School, and to Mr. Grant, and Mr. K. Nolan for the painting of the Intermediate room.

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Congratulations to Mr. Alan Jones on being appointed Assistant Registrar at the Teacher's College, Sydney. Alan is Registrar of the Sunday School.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The main Sunday School was given a Christmas Party this year in our Parish Hall. Everyone had a most enjoyable time. Burnie Sayers was our very capable M.C. and kept things rolling along. The Rector showed an old silent picture of Charles Chaplin in the Pawn-shop which amused the children. The Young Marrieds' Club looked after the catering. We are grateful to all who helped and trust that this Party will now become one of the highlights of the year.

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THE FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of our Young People's Fellowship enjoyed a Party prior to breaking up for the Christmas vacation. Santa Claus paid us a visit and every member received a present. We are most grateful to Mr. Moore who came and played the piano for us. The Rector thanked all who had helped to make the year such a successful one in Fellowship circles.

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THE CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The Choir this year presented the service of the Nine Carols. It was a very beautiful service carried out with dignity. The singing was spirited, and uplifting and the lessons without exception were read splendidly and our congratulations go to each of the readers. The innovation of placing candles on the choir stalls and putting out the church lights lent an old world atmosphere and gave a lovely setting for the service. Mr. Eagar and the Choir are to be congratulated on a very fine effort.

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Y.C.I.—Our Annual "Quiz" Night was held on the 9th December, and it provided great interest as well as amusement to the contestants. Our Christmas Party took place on the 16th December. We are to have Impromptu

Speeches at our first meeting in January, and on the 20th January the 177th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" will be released. We anticipate a goodly number of articles in this issue, and feel confident that the standard of the "Journal" will be well maintained. All men of the Parish are cordially invited to attend our meetings.

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STOP PRESS!—All organisations except Y.C.I. and Sunday School will close down for January.

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A PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

O God our Heavenly Father, the Spirit of all Love, Who wouldst that we should be happy in Thee, be with us in our pleasures and our holidays. Grant that we may never offend Thy will, that in our moments of joy we may remember Thy Presence, and in our slumbers be cradled in Thine everlasting arms, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

We regret that owing to the torrential rain on the day of our Picnic it had to be cancelled. It was a very great disappointment to all but it would have been impossible to have carried on. However, there are plans for holding it in the New Year. Mr. Hird very kindly sold the cakes for us, some of the meat was sold, the rest we were very happy to send down to the Home of Peace, where it was greatly appreciated by the Matron and patients.

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little children to come unto me"

December 4—Mark Ashley Olofsson, Charles Arthur Mulligan, Robert Allen Lawson.

December 11—Wayne William Davis, Perry Gardiner.

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CONFIRMATION

At Saint Andrew's Cathedral by His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney.

December 11—Yvonne Annette Pugh, Aubrey Keith Pugh.

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BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

December 4—George Henry Brooks, aged 74 (Crematorium, Rookwood).

December 7—James Paton Patterson, aged 70 (Crematorium, Rookwood).

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ALL URGENT CALLS TO THE REV. A. E. GARDNER. UA 4336 DURING JANUARY

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

January 1 — Donated by Mrs. Adams, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

January 8 — Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

January 15 — Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.

January 22 — Donated by Miss Belfield and Miss Carodos, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

January 29 — Donated by Mrs. Oldfield, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

Donations to Flower Fund: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver, £1.

February 5—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.

February 12—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.

February 19—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.

February 26—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.