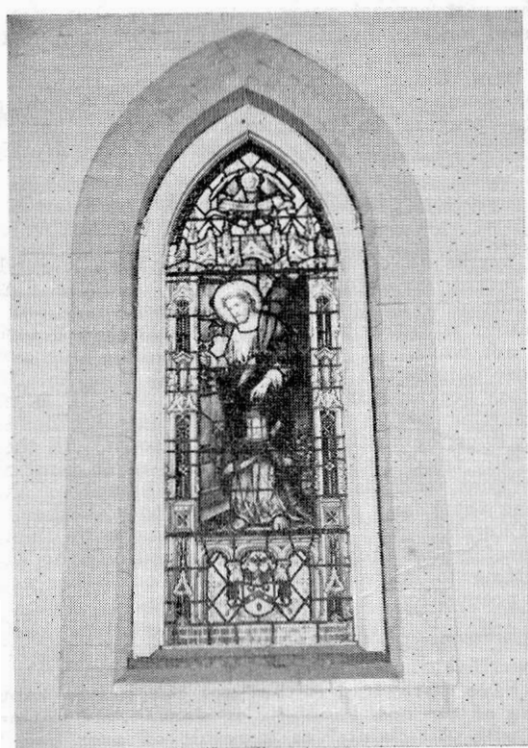


# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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AUGUST, 1972



Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World"

**Cover Photo:** The window shown on this month's cover is a memorial to Mr. Septimus Alfred Stephen. The gift of his wife and children, it is based on Holman Hunt's famous painting "The Light of the World" and was dedicated at the actual Consecration Service of All Saints' Church on 15th August, 1903.

### PERSONAL

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. R. F. Atkinson, our former Sunday School Superintendent and a parishioner of All Saints' for the greater part of his life, on the sudden passing of his wife on 28th June, at Katoomba. Mrs. Atkinson was also very well known at All Saints', particularly for her work as Warden of St. Margaret's Girls' Hostel. We also regret to record the death of Mr. Lionel Craven of Petersham, who was also well known to many at All Saints'.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Ivy Clark has been making a very good recovery, and after a short spell at the Dame Edith Walker Convalescent Hospital, Yaralla, should be back home by the time this "Chronicle" is issued.

The Rector will be entering St. Luke's Hospital, Darlinghurst at the end of August, and will thus be unavoidably absent from the parish for about a month. Arrangements are being made to secure a Relieving Minister.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Mrs. See, who has retired from her duties in caring for our Halls, for her devoted work throughout the past several years. We know that Mrs. See has not always been well of late, and trust that she will be able to enjoy much better health in the future.

Appreciation: Mrs. Clark wishes to express her thanks to the Rector, Parish Council, members of the Organisations and parishioners generally for their visits, prayers, cards, flowers etc. during her recent spell in hospital. The thoughts which promoted these acts are greatly appreciated.

### RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear People,

In recent weeks all of us at All Saints' have learned an objective lesson. Our recent series of Moody Bible Institute films has taught us what we must now do toward the building up of our congregation. The films together with our recent blanket parish call have also taught us what does not work. If we want to build up our congregation we must go to those outside the Church and **bring them in**. Direct personal contact and close accompaniment is the only way. It is no use sending them letters, putting ads in the papers, handing out hand bills, leaving leaflets at their door, or putting signs around town. All these approaches we have now fully tried with so little success as to render them useless.

But what does work is going to their homes or their work and verbally inviting them, and then going back to pick them up and bring them to the Church. And once here, sitting with them, introducing them around, seeing that they feel welcome and offering every assistance to them in getting to know the service and our other activities. It is an expensive proposition, not in money, but in time, and personal involvement. There is apparently no cheap or easy way to build the Kingdom of God. Those who would do this great task must be willing to make the sacrifice and be obedient to its demands.

What we have discovered is that not one person came to the film services because of the ads, handbills or signs. And not one person has made contact with All Saints' as a result of over one thousand two

hundred specially printed leaflets left at doors when the Rector or his agent called, and no one was home. The contact has got to be person to person, followed up by an unmistakably genuine personal interest in the prospective member.

St. John tells us the story of Andrew, having met Jesus and seen his power, going in excitement to find his brother saying: "We have found the Messiah, the Christ!" And John says, "He brought him to Jesus." He did not leave him a message suggesting that he might come along some day or hand him a neatly typed notice of Jesus' arrival in town, or indeed pin a sign to a tree near Peter's house, but HE BROUGHT HIM to Jesus. We now know that this is the only kind of approach that works. If you, my people, would see your beloved Church filled with worshipping souls, then go out and bring them here. Accompany them to and through the service. Show them the way. Explain our motives and our meaning. Make them warm and welcome. Your Rector is doing all he can to accomplish this. But he cannot do it alone. It is the collective responsibility of all God's true children to be builders of his Kingdom. In this case more workers mean more work done.

We must remember that the Kingdom of God is not well-preserved buildings or carefully maintained establishments, but it is PEOPLE. People living and working together for Him, and in Him, and through Him. We must remember that the Kingdom of God is not so much money put on the plate or earned at a Fete, but so many souls given in faithful love to the service of God in every way. We must keep in mind the story of the Fig Tree. One day, St. Mark says, Jesus was hungry, and seeing a fig tree afar off in leaf Jesus came if happily he might find anything thereon to eat. But when he came, He found nothing but leaves. And so Jesus cursed that tree and it dried up from the roots. Do you know what this means?

When Jesus looks at us, he expects to see fruit on our tree, not just a lot of leaves. The truth is a fruit tree that bears no fruit is no fruit tree at all. And the Son of God is violently angry at such a sight. The leaves are necessary for the maintenance of the tree—but they are not its purpose. Fruit is the purpose. And yet Jesus says **WE ARE THE BRANCHES of His tree. If we are truly rooted in Him we will have fruit not only in the purification of our own lives, but in the extension of His Kingdom of love to all men. If we imagine that we are servants of Christ then we must be missionaries; we must go out and bring them in. Remember His awful warning—that those who deny Him in this wicked world He will deny before the throne of Heaven. And what better way to deny Him than by silence.**

Perhaps the most compelling thing that Jesus ever said to us is: "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth." It is not just a matter of whether we will or will not go out and gather with Jesus God's children from the world. But the longer we wait the more time the evil of this world has to ensnare and finally enslave those unenlightened, un-Christianized, un-Churched souls who know Him not. If you feel that you are unqualified to evangelise, then leave that to the preacher and the films. But you **MUST** do all you can to **BRING** them to Jesus; **BRING** them to Church, **BRING** them to see the films, and see what the Spirit of God might do.

If we of the Church fail in this important part of our calling, then we condemn those in the world to spiritual death, because evil rests not day or night to make slaves of all mankind.

May God grant us success.

Affectionately,

C. A. CAMPBELL.

### 69th CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

On 15th August, 1903, All Saints' Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Newcastle. Although the building had been opened in 1871, the Church's consecration had to wait those 32 years until the money borrowed to erect it had been re-paid and the debt removed.

For some years prior to 1903, this debt had been having a detrimental effect on the Church's progress, and was depressing to the parishioners. The then Rector, Cannon Goddard organised a special drive, which culminated in a "Golden Offertory", on Sunday, 18th January, 1903, the success of which was reported as follows in the February, 1903 "Chronicle":

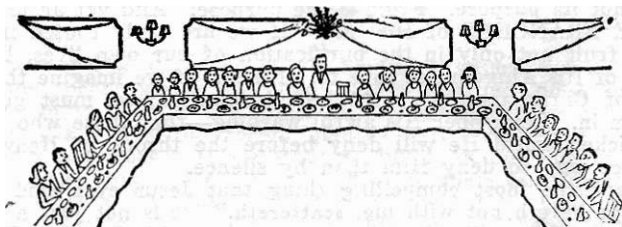
"At the close of Evensong, the large congregation, including many who usually attended morning services only, sang several appropriate hymns during the collection of the Offertory, which the Wardens counted in the Vestry before it was presented at the Holy Table. With unfeigned pleasure, the Rector announced that the offering for the day had exceeded by £95 the amount required to complete the extinction of the debt. The Te Deum was then sung most impressively."

Each year, we celebrate the anniversary of the Consecration with special Services to thank God that we have been given the great privilege of using this consecrated, debt-free building as our place of worship.

#### Special Services

This year's Consecration Festival will be held on Sunday, 13th August. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Evensong at 7 p.m. At the 11 a.m. Service, the ashes will be dedicated of several former members of our Church, including Mrs. Bernice Livingston, Mrs. Mabel Dryden, Mrs. Susan Crane, and Mr. C. A. Cheetham.

The Rector hopes that all parishioners will make a special point of taking part in these important Services, and also that they will invite any former parishioners to come and worship with us on this special day.



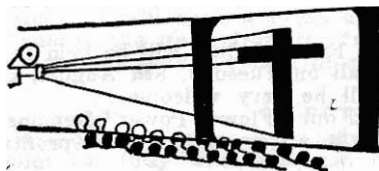
#### Annual Parish Tea

The Tea is a parish-wide event, open to young and old alike. For the first time in living memory, we will be having a catered meal, with a choice of dishes. This was arranged as the most practicable way of continuing the Tea, following a meeting of past tableholders and of the Parish Council.

The Tea will commence at 6.15 p.m., after which Mr. Christopher Sillince will give an organ recital of works by Flor Peeters, Benjamin Rogers, and George Olroyd, plus two of J. S. Bach's Preludes and Fugues.

Back in the Hall about 8 p.m., we shall be screening some colour movies, including a latest release on the work of the Home Mission Society's Chesalon Homes in Sydney. Tickets for the tea will be \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

## THIS MONTH'S FILM



Come to "The God of Creation",  
to be shown at Evensong on  
Sunday, August 27th.

The all-time favourite of all the Moody Institute's films, it covers a wide range of subjects. With the telescope we explore the immensity of space and with the microscope peer into the teeming world of tiny creatures in a single drop of water. Blossoms that normally take weeks to mature open on the screen in a matter of seconds. A worm is transformed into a lovely butterfly. The power of beauty of growing things evidence God's infinite care in all His Creation.

Bring some of your friends and neighbours. Supper will be served in the Parish Hall after the film. These "Sermons from Science" features are being shown on the fourth Sunday night of each month until October.

## CLUB NEWS

**Y.C.I. (Young Churchmen's Institute):**

**Fellowship Games:** On Friday, 2nd June, the Y.C.I. and the Youth Fellowship had their annual challenge games night. There were about 24 members of the Fellowship, along with six members of the Y.C.I. in attendance. Games played included billiards, darts and table tennis, and all present enjoyed the evening. A supper was kindly prepared and served by Mrs. Ivy Clark in the Guild Room.

**Guest Speaker:** Unfortunately, the Guest Speaker, Mr. L. Smith, Manager of Middle East Airlines, was unable to attend, but due to the efforts of Mr. Allen Boyle and Mr. George Nasr, who also spoke to us on Lebanon, the advertised film, "300 Sunny Days" was screened as promised. About 25 members of the Y.C.I. and friends attended, and to supplement the programme, the Rector kindly screened a movie of the Queen's tour opening the St. Laurence Seaway in Canada.

A supper was served in the Guild Room to conclude the evening.

**Personal:** All the members of the Y.C.I. send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Ivy Clark, hoping that she will soon be fit and well and back with her friends at All Saints' once more.

On a sadder note, the Institute extends its sincere sympathy to Vice-President, Mr. Roy Atkinson, whose wife passed away on 28th June.

Our best wishes are expressed to one of our most regular members, Mr. Allen Boyle, who is to be married next month.

**Theatre Party:** In response to several requests, we will be holding a party to "Fiddler on the Roof" on Friday evening, 8th September, at the Century Theatre. It is open to all parishioners, and bookings may be made with either Alan Jones, 56-5218, or myself.

GEOFFREY GORMAN, Hon. Secretary.

**Bible Study Group:**

This month's discussion nights will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesdays 9th and 23rd August. Group members come from all walks of parish life, and it is pleasing to report that several newcomers have recently joined the group. More will be welcomed: bring your Bible, preferably

in a modern translation, but we can provide one if you don't have your own. **Paul's Epistle to the Romans** is the Book now being considered.

#### **Y.M. and Friends' Club:**

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 8th August, commencing at 8 p.m. New members will be very welcome.

Many thanks to those who attended our "Flower Power" Demonstration last month and helped to make it a very happy and profitable afternoon.

The Y.M. and Friends' Club urgently needs more members: if you can spare the second Tuesday night in any month, please come along and visit us. Then maybe you would want to join us.

We wish to give advance notice of another Street Stall to be held on Saturday, morning, 2nd September at the corner of Gordon Street and New Canterbury Road, Petersham.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

#### **Youth Group:**

First, I wish to report that the Youth Group is on the increase. Since you last heard from me, we have gained four new members, and the total number in our Group is now 22. We hope that this increase will be a steady one.

During the last month, the Youth Group has attended a House Party (14th - 16th July), has had two Bible Discussions, and has been ice skating. Everyone enjoyed the House Party so much that another one is now being planned.

We are also holding Theatre Parties to "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspell". The first one to "Jesus Christ Superstar" is on Tuesday, 15th August and will cost \$3.50 each. "Godspell" is on Friday, 25th August and tickets will be \$3.20 each. If you are interested in coming to either of these shows, please contact me on 56-2208 before Monday, August 7th.

We are also interested in any old toys, books, and paperbacks for our Stalls at the Fete. If you can help, please ring Allan Granger on 56-3298. Also if you have newspapers that you would like us to collect, please 'phone Allan Granger, as a new list and roster is being drawn up.

PETER GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

#### **Ladies' Guild:**

Following our meeting which will commence at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th August, there will be a "Korbond" Demonstration. This will include sewing, home decoration, time-saving hints, etc., with something to interest all ladies. This demonstration will begin at 1.30 p.m. and will be followed by afternoon tea.

On Tuesday, 12th September, Morning Tea at 10 a.m. will be followed at 10.30 a.m. by a "Dress Parade" presented by the Almar Prock Manufacturing Co. All ladies will be welcome and donation of 30 cents includes refreshments.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

We would like to congratulate the girls and boys who passed the Annual Examination last month. Listed below are the top two in the girls' classes, and the top two in the boys' classes:

##### **Girls**

Lynette Fagg  
Debbie Hill

##### **Boys**

Gavin Campbell  
Brian Sivertsen

**Grocery Stall:** I hope you will remember the jam-making bees we are planning in October. At this time of the year when the mulberries are ripe, we will need a great deal of help with the picking and the removing of the stalks from the fruit. The job would not take up all of your Saturday, and a couple of hours would help us immensely.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

### FETE NEWS

August to November is only three months! So we ask you to consider carefully what you can do to answer the following appeals relating to the big Fete day, Saturday, 18th November.

● **White Elephant Stall:** Mrs. Humphreys is seeking all those useable items for which you have no further need around your own home. Goods may be left at the Rectory garage, or at Mrs. Humphreys' home in Chester Street. The "White Elephant" stall sells everything that our other stalls don't; there's really no limit to what you can give provided the items are saleable, and not irreparable.

● **Plants and Flowers:** Have you any small plants that could be sold on the Plant Stall at the Fete? Potted or otherwise, we would be extremely pleased to receive any donations over the next three months. Gifts may be left at the Rectory, or phone Mrs. C. Hill (56-4116) who will gladly arrange collection.

● **Jewellery:** Mrs. Millarey would be most grateful if the lady who was good enough to leave a parcel of over 200 bronze medallions could ring her at 56-1643, as she would like to discuss the gift with the donor personally.

Mrs. Millarey is still anxious to secure more jewellery for the stall: gifts may include broken items that can be repaired. We are also seeking used stamps, Australian or overseas, which Mrs. Millarey can re-sell at good prices in aid of Fete funds.

● **Gift Stall:** Mrs. Ivy Clark is looking forward to being on deck again very soon, and hopes that you will save for her all those left over pieces of wool and material that she can use in making small items for the Gift Stall. Donations may be made direct to Mrs. Clark, or left at the Rectory in a parcel marked with her name.

### New Attractions

We are happy to announce several great attractions for the Fete. New this year will be two free displays by performing monkeys and a new team of dogs at 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. We will also be having train rides, pony rides, plus two big bands in the morning and afternoon. These and other attractions will make it another great Fete at All Saints' this year.

### Signs Required

Mr. Bert Shaw is again performing his colossal task of painting the signs required by the Stalls. Because of the many to be done, all stallholders are kindly asked to let Mr. Shaw have details of everything they want, before the end of August.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Shaw and by the Fete Committee.

### WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIR SERVICE

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**PARISH REGISTER****BAPTISMS****"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"**

July 9: Kylie Thomas.

**MARRIAGES****"Whom We Bless in Thy Name"**

June 24: David Sumner Cornish to Gaie Fairley.

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

June 23: Essie Maria Cooper.

June 29: Bertha Nena Coles.

July 25: Mary Dixon Wilson.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER**

August 6: Donated by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheils, by Mr. H. Sanderson, Joy and Lynette in memory of Miss Spiller, and by Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes (Andreas Street) in memory of their Parents; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.

August 13: Donated by Miss Dobson in memory of her Sister, Miss Doris Dobson, by Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones, and by Miss Butt in memory of her Sister and Brother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

August 20: Donated by Mrs. I. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mr. Bertram Hillery; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.

August 27: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. Gordon, by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield, and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their daughters; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

September 3: Donated by the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory.

We gratefully acknowledge flowers given on Sunday, 9th July by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory, and on Sunday, 23rd July, by the family of Mrs. Joan Nance in her memory.

**Flower Costs:** In keeping with present day trends, flower prices are at an all-time high. The minimum order for a Sunday is now \$4.00.

This does not mean that this amount must be given by anyone wishing to make a donation. Any amount, however small, will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. When the donations for the week fall below \$4.00, it is made up from the Guild's funds; however, when we have donations in excess of \$4.00, extra flowers are purchased.

● **September "Chronicle":** Items for the next issue will be due Sunday, 20th August. Items are especially invited from Fete stallholders.

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