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Petersham**

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SATURDAY, 19th NOV., 1983

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Petersham, 2049

18/10/83

Dear Friends,

From time to time one meets a person who when other things go wrong has to blame "them" or "they" for it. No doubt you too have met such folk.

It is so easy to blame someone else for whatever has gone wrong. It is unfortunate that we seldom if ever praise someone else when what we are doing goes right.

We hate to admit failure. We hate to be seen to be at fault. This is something that is just as true amongst church goers as amongst non-church goers. Too often we put up a wall to protect ourselves from the eyes of others. At times it is more like a diversionary tactic to move the spotlight away from ourselves to someone else. We know that if too many questions are asked our faults and our failure will show up — our bluff will be called — instead of being upright and virtuous people we shall be seen as what we really are, crooked and bent, unclean and unfit to be called God's children.

It is all so common, so much part of a game we all play — the pretending game and the game of pointing the finger. The aim of the game is to protect ourselves from truth and light — the truth and light that comes from God.

Unfortunately when we play this game we fail to meet the real world which God has made. Worst still we never come face to face with God who knows what we are really like and who died on the cross because He loves us.

If we continue to blame "them" (whoever the "them" may be) then we shall never face up to our real life situation. We shall never admit that we can be wrong or unable to cope. We shall never find the true character of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Self righteousness is the sin of the good respectable person. The self-righteous unfortunately cannot see that they too need a Saviour. The self-righteous never go to heaven because they never ask the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Saviour.

Let us constantly ask God to keep us from self-righteousness — from thinking we are good, and never make mistakes.

The Lord Jesus came to call sinners not the righteous to share eternal life with Him.

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to welcome to the Kindergarten teaching staff, Miss Joan Stokes.

Plans are well under way for the grocery stall at the coming fete. At present we are looking for help on the stall on fete day. If you could spare a couple of hours please contact me on 560-9972.

In December a Christmas Party will be held for the Sunday School & Kindergarten on Friday evening, 9th December. Further details on the Christmas Party will be given later.

The picnic held in September was a great success although it was a cold day.

NOEL CRAGG,

Sunday School Superintendent



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The proceeds of our Second Hand Clothing and Jumble Stall on Friday, 30th September was \$219. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way. Our next stall will be held on Friday, 25th November. In the meantime we are very busy preparing for the Cake and Sweet Stall at the Annual Fete to be held in the Parish Hall and Church grounds on Saturday, 19th November. We would be very grateful for help in any way. Cakes, sweets etc or the sugar or ingredients to make same. Please contact any club member or the Secretary, I. Barrett on 569-2291.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st November.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The Senior Parishioners Club is still a cosy little gathering in the Parish Hall during all this cold, rainy windy weather. The numbers turning up shows this fact is appreciated by our members.

We do still look forward to the sunshine not being far away though.

Do come and join us, 60 cents covers the game prizes, door prizes and a lovely cup of tea. I know you will enjoy the afternoon. It's every Thursday.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Sec.

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FETE

The Fete is almost upon us, but there is still time to donate saleable objects to the White Elephant and Pottery Stall, or any other stall for which suitable material is available.

Mrs. S. Ritchie will appreciate offers of scones and other materials for morning tea.

Helpers on stalls are always required. Please do not hesitate to volunteer.

We are at present planning a Colouring-in Competition for children and could use same help in running it. I will be pleased to answer any inquiries.

F. HEARN (569-1852)

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FLOWER DONATIONS

November 6—From Mrs. Rhodes in memory of her husband, Cecil, mother, sister Phyllis and brothers Barney and Jackie.

From Iris and Colin in memory of their parents Cissie and Stan Walters.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

13—From Clarrie and Arthur Richardson in memory of Marge Cole.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

20—In memory of William and Mary Glanville by their daughter Miss Marjorie Glanville.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

27—In memory of Aileen Williams by Bill Williams and family.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

Anyone wishing to make a donation of flowers as a memorial or thanksgiving may do so by ringing Mrs. F. Hearn on 569 1852 or sending a note giving the name of the donor and wording required.

LET US GIVE THANKS:

To the unidentified gentleman who cut the grass at the western side of our grounds and then stole silently away.

To Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown for a donation of \$5.0 towards the expenses incurred in printing the Chronicle.

To Miss Thomas for a donation of \$10 towards the Chronicle.

A Christmas Gift to a friend. How about making a donation towards sending the Chronicle, monthly, to a friend, so that contact with All Saints is maintained.

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(Worth repeating)

DEAD WEIGHT IN THE CHURCH

I've been a dead weight for many years
Aaround the church's neck;
I've let the others carry me
And always pay the cheque.
I've had my name upon the rolls
For years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled, too;
Nothing could satisfy.
I've been a dead weight long enough
Upon the church's back;
Beginning now I'm to take
A whole different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work
And carry loads instead;
And not have others carry me
As people do the dead.

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A NEW DAY

By Ruby Saunders

Mandy awoke, her clothes were laid out in readiness, ten minutes to pass, and then the magic moment.

She sat under the huge pine tree. All was still. The ocean waters lay tranquil in the summer night, her eyes adjusted to the pre-dawn light. She saw grey clouds edged in pink change

to flame, the sea as a glistening pearl. The arch of the pale blue sky crimsoned, as screened by the island, the giant sun rose in golden splendour.

A new day was given.

Mandy stood and grasped her fragment.



YOU ARE NOBODY UNTIL SOMEBODY LOVES YOU

By Patricia English

The self-concept is the term we use to describe the way a person feels about himself.

When a person has a good self-concept we mean that he feels happy about himself, has a clear perception of his abilities and feels confident about achieving the goals he sets himself.

Initially, the self-concept is formed within the family circle. If our family and friends value us as persons, then it is most likely that we will grow up with a healthy regard for our abilities and a grateful heart for the love and care that sustains us.

Not all children have this essential beginning. There are very many children in today's society who are growing up feeling unwanted and unloved. It is not just a matter of poor communication, although that is certainly a major part of it. The roots go deeper than that.

Some parents simply do not like their children. They may give them every possible opportunity socially and educationally, and they may be meticulous in providing for them, but psychologically speaking, the fact remains that they do not like them as persons.

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Children know when they are not loved. The child who is showered with material possessions knows intuitively if those possessions are merely a substitute for the affection that he needs. He may not be able to articulate his feelings but he will sense that something is wrong by the way he feels about himself.

Some years ago there was a popular song that went . . . "You're nobody till somebody loves you" and there is no statement which so succinctly sums up the basic human need in life.

Without love it is impossible for humans to develop an adequate self-concept.

If a person always feels bad about himself, if he always feels rejected and unwanted then it is impossible for him to develop a healthy self-discipline. Jesus knew this fact about human nature as we see in his handling of Mary Magdalene. Until Mary knew real love (which was not without its reciprocal responsibilities) she was not able to help herself. When she found the love of God in Jesus, she was able to begin the transformation which changed her life.

So before we speak meanfully of self-discipline, we need to understand that it comes about as a result of feeling right about oneself.

Right actions and good conduct in human relationships comes about because we feel loved and secure and as a result we feel free to share with others. The man who is starving himself, has no food to share with others.

How does a person actually "feel the love of God?" Does he feel it because the minister has given a good sermon, or does he feel it because he belongs to a friendly church, or does he feel it because he has kept all the commandments? And when does a person "feel right about himself"? When he tries his best to be an instrument of love to other people. A person feels right when he sets himself realistic goals of human conduct and does his best to fulfil them every day. A person feels right about himself when he has re-established his communication links with God.

But most of all, a person feels the love of God when he is actually aware of the extent to which God has provided for his welfare. The very desire to seek love and security motivates us to seek environments and people where such emotions can flourish and where the self-concept can be healed and regenerated.

Gratitude for the Divine Love is the real impetus for the transformation of conduct.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1983

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Offertories	1,056.73	Rector's Net Stipend	1,126.25
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	291.70
Cans	108.00	Organist	60.00
Papers	344.00	Church Flowers	65.00
	452.00	Chronicles	130.40
Church Flowers	75.00	Rector's Supn. Contrib.	180.00
Deposit Interest	29.11	Parish Supn. Contrib.	180.00
Donation—		Gen'l Assessment	558.25
N. H. Stephenson	50.00	Special Assessment	164.50
Rector's Tel. Contr.	20.86	Spec. Assess. Arrears	37.50
	1,683.70	Hall Elect. Acct.	104.11
Deficit for month	1,470.72	Cleaning Materials	7.97
		Telephone Acct.	98.74
			3,154.42
	3,154.42		3,154.42

Balance, 1-9-83	\$1,366.68
LESS Deficit for month	1,470.72
Debit	104.04
Adjustment—Transfer of funds from Capital Reserve	500.00
Balance 30-9-83	395.96

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, SEPTEMBER, 1983

James & James — September Chronicles	65.20
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Telecom Alia (Calls \$54.99, Rent \$43.75)	98.74
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — August Flowres	65.00
Cleaning Materials — Cash J. Brennan	7.97
Sydney County Council — Hall Electricity 22/4 - 22/7 ..	104.11

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