

The Chronicle

Of All Saints
Petersham

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REV. R. E. GODDARD

**All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
24th July, 1992.**

Dear Friends,

As this is my first letter to you as locum, I want to wish you all the blessing of God in the months that lie ahead. I cannot think of any better objectives than to seek for a deeper and clearer knowledge of God and His plans and purposes. This will come if we regularly study the scriptures and meet together for fellowship in the Church and its activities.

Then we have a responsibility to reach out to those who, for one reason or another, are leaving God out of Account. If you and I enjoy spiritual peace through our knowledge of Jesus Christ; if we know something of the empowerment that is ours as the resurrected saviour spiritually dwells in our inner being, then surely we shall want to share with others in an endeavour to bring them also into a state of salvation.

I sincerely hope that you will support the work and witness of your church during this time.

Pray for me, as I do for you.

**Your Friend and Minister.
Walter Collier.**

THE DIFFERENCE.

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the sky;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me?"
I wondered.

He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty,
But the day toiled on gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys in the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

Author Unknown.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

4-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

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

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

Home Bible Studies will not be held in winter months of July and August. Studies will recommence on Thursday 3rd September. For more details speak to Rev Walter Collier.

COMING EVENTS.

ANNUAL FETE. Our Annual Fete will be held this year on Saturday 21st November.

More than ever we need to make this fete a huge success. What can you do to help? The first of the fete meetings will be held in August.

Details of the meeting will be printed in the Weekly Bulletin. All welcome.



FLOWERS DONATIONS.

AUGUST 2 - In loving memory of my dear sister Edith
from Allie.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.

AUGUST 9 - Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

AUGUST 16 - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

AUGUST 23 - In memory of our father Harold Percy Evans
from Mrs. Mina Crook, Mrs. Margaret Castles
Dick Evans & Harold Evans & families.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

AUGUST 30 - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

WALTERS & SON
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR ALL PARISHIONERS.

At a time when the Church is appealing for money, be it through the weekly offering, an appeal for overseas relief of special projects, such as the rectory carpet appeal, it is often said:

"The church is always asking for money"

But is it really the world which is always asking for money, Your sporting club, your social club, the local school are always asking for money. One has to walk down the main street of Petersham to see the street stalls etc. to see who is asking for money.

When did you last go to the supermarket and the checkout operator failed to ask for money? The bank asks for regular payments on your mortgage or your landlord the rent. Every month bills arrive - never a bill from the Church - and who withholds part of your weekly wage packet? The tax man, not the Church.

There is no such thing as a free morning tea - except at the Church each Sunday. You can attend several times a week and there is no charge. The cinema encourages you to attend - then charges.

When you are sick, every professional who sees you charges - someone for the Church will visit you free. Where else can you get free counselling? Where will your child get married? There is no charge for baptism!

What happens when a loved one dies, what will it cost? The undertaker will charge for his services and include a token for the use of the Church building - not the Church charging.

The Church requires no membership fees, no annual dues - all giving is freewill. Is there any other organisation which functions in the same manner? I don't know of any. The Church exists to share the love of Jesus and offers it to all, regardless of whether they can "afford to contribute". But the Church needs sound, well-maintained buildings to support its ministries, as well as being a witness to the community.

You have been given a warm, rich and beautiful heritage in your Church buildings. Please continue to support generously the effort to restore and renovate them to the Glory of God and for present and future generations. Help also your Anglican church to maintain its witness to the Gospel of Christ in Petersham.

There are three stages in Bible reading:

- (1) the cod liver oil stage, when you take it like medicine;
- (2) the shredded wheat stage when it's nourishing but dry;
- (3) the peaches and cream stage when it is consumed with passion and pleasure.

WALLETS AND BAPTISM.

In days of old, when a king converted to Christianity and ordered his knights to be baptised, many of them held their right arms out of the water. As they were submerged in the baptismal waters, they kept their weapons dry so they could continue to use them in the ways of killing and war.

I sometimes have a picture of us modern-day Christians undergoing our baptisms while trying to hold our wallets and cheque books out of those converting waters.

And I have another, sometimes scary, vision that when I reach that checkpoint between heaven and the place downstairs, St.Peter is going to ask to see my cheque book. I'll say, "Wouldn't you like to see my letters of reference and my resume? I have here a list of good things I have done."

"The cheque book will do just fine," Peter will say, "More that anything else it will tell me about how you spent much of your time and energy and the things you were most concerned with in life. You remember our Lord's words: 'Where you treasure is, there will your heart be also'."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - JUNE 1992

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	1,850.45	Rector's Net Stipend	2,147.33
Transfer of Funds		Rector's Trav. Allowance	566.00
All Saints' Endow	5,000.00	Organist	60.00
Donations		Church Cleaning	200.00
Miss Mary Pullen	50.00	Hall Cleaning	200.00
Gail Hamilton	10.00	Telephone Account	101.16
		Offerories to HMS	225.95
		Flowers	75.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	61.64
		Cleaning Items	17.77
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	12.00
		Hall Electricity	116.46
		Postage & Phone Calls	16.02
		Parish Supn Contr.	342.65
		Rectors Supn contr.	411.20
	6,910.45	Cost of Fence Top Materials	7.75
Deficit for Month	0.00	Repairs to Floodlight	348.00
		Purchase of Copy Machine	
		Residual Value	350.00
		Repairs to Church Piano	210.00
		City Assessment to Diocese	1,012.00
	6,910.45		6,480.83
		Surplus for Month	429.52
BALANCE 1-6-92	1,121.67		6,910.45
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	429.52		
	1,551.19		
BALANCE 30-6-92	1,551.19		