

THE CHRONICLE

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

Rector: Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

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

JULY, 1956



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.

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

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. C. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, E. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. E. WARR—LX 3235

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Many of you are fully aware of the recent painting and repairs to both the Rectory and the Parish Hall. Much pleasure has been expressed at the improved conditions in the kitchen attached to the Parish Hall, where we have enlarged the room by three feet and installed a double stainless steel sink, and the wall behind the sink and urns has been nicely tiled three feet high. At the June meeting of the Parish Council it was decided that we must continue with our painting and repairs. The water pipes from the Parish Hall to the street have been in an unsatisfactory condition for some time. This has now been renewed in copper at a cost of about £60. Guttering and downpipes around the Parish Hall and Kindergarten are in a bad state causing the basement under the stage to be flooded. This work is now being attended to and will cost about £120. Donations towards the cost of these repairs will be very welcome and will be acknowledged month by month in "The Chronicle". We have a valuable property but we could easily spend £500 on painting and repairs.

A pleasant surprise came to us recently in the gift of an enamel ice chest from Mr. O'Sullivan. Thank you Mr. O'Sullivan for this much appreciated gift.

Another splendid gift to general funds came this week from the Physical Culture Club which passed over the sum of £60 to our Treasurer. This is a wonderful achievement and our sincere thanks are offered to Mrs. Ditchburn and the Physical Culture Club.

May I remind you that we have decided to hold the Parish Fete on Saturday, 20th October in stead of Thursday 25th. We hope that the change to Saturday will mean more support for the function.

Most of us are familiar with the wonderful work being done at the Home of Peace in Addison Road, Petersham, and thank God for such an institution. The Annual Service of the Home of Peace will be held at St. Andrews Cathedral on Tuesday, 28th August at 1 p.m. I have been asked to give the address.

Confirmation classes are now being held each Sunday afternoon at 2.30. We have eighteen candidates so far. The Confirmation Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 28th October. If there are any more who desire to be confirmed this year they should see me as soon as possible.

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ERIC CHAMPION

FUNERAL SERVICES

In the event of sickness the Rector is only too pleased to visit as often as he can and in the event of death parishioners are reminded that the Rector is willing not only to take the funeral service but also to have a short service in All Saints' Church rather than conduct one in the less dignified undertaker's chapels.

Many of the Funeral Directors pass by the local rectors and prefer to give the service to a chaplain who knows nothing about the deceased person. If any parishioner wants the service of the Rector for a funeral and has trouble with any funeral director, please notify the Rector at once.

The Rector recently had an unpleasant experience with a funeral director who did his best to mislead the bereaved family in the matter of who should conduct the service. Some funeral directors are very honourable, but others seem to be lacking in this respect.

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship now meets each Tuesday night at 7.30. Our meeting, and subject for the evening, is held from 7.30 till 8.30 and then we practice for our "Revue" which we hope to hold in the near future. So far this year we have had manuscript journal, film, games, hobbies nights and several others. On the 4th Sunday of the month we have a "Fellowship Tea," usually with a guest speaker, commencing at 5.30. We welcome all young people at our meetings and "Teas". On July 14th we are holding a "Barnyard Hop" in the Parish Hall at which we hope to see many parishioners. Admittance will be 3/-, supper provided.

J. OLOFSSON, Hon. Sec.

BASEBALL

The Baseball Season is now well under way and both our teams are fighting to gain top honours.

The two junior teams of A.S.P., the "Pirates" and "Giants" are having a neck to neck tussle to decide who are the champions. Mr. Kennedy believes there is great talent in these two team and A.S.P. is assured of a good representation in Church baseball for many years to come.

The "B" Grade team is doing exceptionally well under the circumstances as their coach and manager, Mr. R. Minter, has not been able to attend the games lately due to the illness of his wife. We hope that she will soon recover and that Reg will again be back at the ball game. Keep the good work up "B" Grade.

The "A" Grade are having very good and exciting games this season and as usual are doing their best. This enthusiasm was rewarded last Saturday with a very convincing win over the leaders of the comp., and they hope to make a good account of themselves this season. Unfortunately the Union's Field Day was a wash out and everybody was disappointed.

The games are on the weekly notices and anybody interested in coming down to give the boys the support they require are asked to contact Mr. Jones or myself and we will give you the details of the matches.

K. LOCKE, Acting Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our Games Afternoon on 12th June was a most happy and enjoyable function and we are pleased to welcome a number of ladies, who are not members of the Guild and we hope many more of our ladies will come along and enjoy a few hours of fellowship with us on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month. On 10th July we are arranging a musical programme and an exhibition of fancy work, knitting or any hand craft. A donation of 2/- will be charged which will include afternoon tea.

Our Street Stall on 15th June was again very worthwhile and we say thank you for all donations received, both goods and money. Our next stall will be on 20th July and any donations will be most gratefully accepted. Next sewing day at the Home of Peace is 9th July.

Our greetings and best wishes to all our members who are not enjoying the best of health, with a prayer that they will soon be well again.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- July 1st—Donated by Mrs. Hawkins in memory of her Mother and Father, arranged by Mrs. Hawkins.
 „ 8th—Donated by Mrs. Nisbet in memory of her Husband, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
 „ 15th—Donated and arranged by Young Marrieds
 „ 22nd—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
 „ 29th—Donated by Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Sugden, arranged by Mrs. Champion.
 Aug. 5th—Donated by Mrs. Carr in memory of Mrs. D. Carr, arranged by Miss Speight.
 „ 12th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Thomas in memory of her Brother.

On 27th May flowers were also given by Mrs. Weir, of Kiama, in memory of her sister.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month we started our regular series of film screenings and our first film was entitled "The Prodigal Son". We will show films on the third Sunday of each alternate month at 9.45 in the Parish Hall.

On the third Sunday of the month between screenings we will hold family service at 9.45 a.m. This is really Children's Service but we would like as many parents as possible to accompany the children to these short services.

The Annual Fete is drawing near and as usual the Sunday School will have the grocery stall. It is not too early to start sending in donations of tinned goods and we feel sure the parents will support our effort. Remember that the more successful the Fete is the more we will all benefit and success depends on united effort.

Our last item is the Rag Collection. We are collecting old rags, clean or dirty, for funds. One ton of rag will give us £60. If you can help us will you send your donations along and we will do the rest.

KEN GRANT, Hon. Secretary

BASEBALL CLUB—JUNIOR SECTION

The Junior section of the Club's activities is getting along fine. Mr. Kennedy now has some 20 boys at Steel Park, Undercliffe on Saturday mornings, where with the help of Senior players they are taught the fundamentals of the game.

Most of the lads are now in proper uniform and are well turned out, this touch adds to the general set up. The lads are organised into two teams, the "Pirates" and "Giants" and many keen battles result.

All boys of from 9 years upwards are welcome, provided they attend Sunday School and should contact Mr. Jones of the All Saints' Sunday School Staff.

DISTRICT VISITORS

March, 1956—

Mrs. Smith . . . 3 11 0 Gen. Fund

April—

Miss Bayley . . . 2 4 0 " "

Mrs. Grant . . . 1 8 0 " "

Mrs. Oldfield . . . 1 4 0 " "

Mrs. Furnell . . . 3 1 0 " "

Mrs. Humphries 10 11 0 " " 9/- Ass. Clergy Fund 11 0 0

Mrs. Ditchburn 3 16 0 " "

Mrs. Taylor . . . 2 10 0 " "

Mrs. Olofsson . . . 1 6 0 " "

Miss McLean . . . 12 0 0 " "

Mrs. Cook . . . 2 0 0 " "

May—

Mrs. Furnell . . . 3 2 0 " "

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Mrs. Robertson 5 3 6 " "

Mrs. Smith . . . 1 8 0 " "

Mrs. Ditchburn 3 12 0 " "

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Mrs. Oldfield . . . 1 12 0 " "

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Mrs. Cook . . . 2 4 6 " "

Mrs. Robertson 4 13 6 " " 6/6 Ass. Clergy Fund 6 6

Mrs. Ditchburn 4 7 6 " "

Donations—To Chronicle Mrs. Holland . . . 1 4 0

Archbishop's Winter Appeal—Miss Turner . . . 10 0

Mrs. Plowman . . . 10 0

General Fund—Mrs. Woodford . . . 1 2 0

Mrs. Frost . . . 1 1 0

Miss Belfield . . . 1 0 0

Anonymous . . . 1 0 0

Hall Renovations—Mrs. Frost . . . 1 1 0 2 2 0

Mrs. Coles . . . 1 1 0

Mrs. Bryce, Senr. . . . 10 0

Mrs. Binns 10 0

Miss Rainsford . . . 10 0

Mrs. Hogg 1 1 0

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th July at 8 p.m. We would still like to welcome more new members.

On Saturday morning 7th July we are holding a Street Stall in front of the Church, all members are asked to contribute to the stall.

On Wednesday, 18th July at 1.30 p.m. a Home Perm demonstrator from Richard Hudnut will demonstrate the correct procedure in doing a Home Perm. We have to guarantee 35 ladies to be present. As quite a number of our own members are at business during the day, we appeal to the ladies of the parish and your friends to help us succeed in reaching the required number. 2/- donation will also include afternoon tea.

Our next House Party will be held at Mrs. Pullen's home at 139 Cambridge Street, Stanmore. On Saturday, 28th July at 8 p.m. All welcome, 2/- donation.

Our Annual Luncheon is to be held on 19th September. Mr. George Ardill will be our Guest Speaker.

Our Club has been asked to take on the responsibility of buying a stove to complete the renovations of the kitchen in the Parish Hall. We are launching an appeal to every family in our Parish to please donate 2/- towards this effort. The District Visitors will be pleased to collect this donation.

We are pleased to report that a member of our Club, who has been sick, Mrs. Miniter, is now much improved. We hope she will soon be well enough to be back at the meetings.

The Y.M. Club has undertaken to arrange the Sanctuary flowers for the 3rd Sunday each month, any donation of flowers to our Club on those days would be welcome.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.

(At the meeting held on Friday, the 1st June we had, as our guest speaker, Mr. E. C. B. MacLaurin, Lecturer in Semitic History at the University of Sydney. The speaker dealt with "The Dead Scrolls", and his Lecture was of absorbing interest as evidenced by the discussions which followed. There was a large attendance of members, and at the close of the meeting supper was served by a very efficient Committee of Y.C.I. members. On the 15th June, documentary films were screened, this being our Annual Film Night. The success of the meeting was due to the well selected films and the work of Mr. Erik Olofsson as Honorary Projectionist. This Meeting, too, was very encouraging from the attendance point of view, and it is pleasing to report that we are still enrolling new members. Our July Meetings cover "Hobbies Night" on the 13th and the 17th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" on the 27th. The Y.C.I., which is the Men's organisation of the Parish, meets in the Club Room on alternate Fridays at 8 p.m. The Syllabus of Meetings is full of interesting and varied items. A copy will be gladly supplied by the Rector, who is President of the Institute, or by any of the Church Officers. All men of the Parish are cordially invited to Y.C.I. Meetings. The Y.C.I. works for the promotion of the spiritual, intellectual and social welfare of men.

L.C.C.

Y.C.I. STALL

At the Parish Fete in October the Young Churchmen's Institute is running the White Elephant stall: where it will sell the things you don't want to the people who want them.

So if you have anything for which you have no further need, and which may be useful to others, and you would like to give it to the Church, let the Rector know and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

What sort of things? well, old tools, household goods and furniture, sporting gear, old silver plate and crockery, vases, belts, bags and cutlery, or any item that will bring in a few shillings or a pound or so for the Church.

D.B.H.

PARISH ROLL

Baptisms—Vicki Carolyn Gullen, Linda Maree Piggott, Ronald Freeman Hunter-Dennis, Michele Robyn Mason, Peter Bruce Walker, Ruth Fuller, Barry Roy Fuller, Karen McGinnity, Jennifer Lois Kingston.

Marriages—Neville George Jones to Valda Mary Kelly; Edwin Geoffrey Buckman to Marlene June Mellon.

Funerals—William George London; Mary Elizabeth Graham; Elizabeth G. Herring; Sarah Maria Mayor.

C.M.S. BACK IN PERSIA

C.M.S. of Australia is once again at work in Persia. The Rev. and Mrs. David Gurney of South Australia have taken up work in Abadan,

In a recent report, Mr. Gurney described the very warm welcome which he and his wife received on their return to Persia after four years work in Egypt. Mr. Gurney worked in Persia from 1936 to 1952, when he had to leave because of the political situation.

All along their journey to Abadan, members of the tiny Persian Church were out to greet their old friends.

In Abadan, Mr. Gurney has found a number of keen Christians working in the refinery, both amongst the Persian and European staffs. Some of the Persians are those whom he knew as children during former terms of service.

The work involves visiting by air a number of distant out centres.

DIFFICULT WORK AMONGST WOMEN

Difficulties of Christian work amongst African women are emphasised in a recent report from Tanganyika.

Contacts with women are mainly through schools and such organisations as the Mothers' Union. However, the percentage of girls who are fortunate enough to attend a girls' boarding school is comparatively low. So far C.M.S. in Tanganyika has only one such school for girls but the diocese is planning to open four new girls' boarding schools within the next five years. These are sorely needed.

Much effort has been made in recent years to extend women's work through the Mothers' Union which has been in existence in the Diocese for 25 years.

There are many branches scattered throughout the Diocese and each Branch works to a set pattern of teaching from week to week. The pattern includes Biblical and devotional teaching as well as health, child care, hygiene, etc.

A great deal depends on the Branch Leader, who is chosen locally, and who conducts each meeting. An official Diocesan Mothers' Union Worker travels from branch to branch, spending a few days in each centre.

TWO KINDS

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day;
Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood
The good are half-bad, and the bad are half-good.

Not the rich and the poor, for, to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health;
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span,
Who puts on airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each his tears.
No, the two kinds of people on earth that I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes;
And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of over-taxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labour and worry and care?

ALL SAINTS'

PARISH FETE

SATURDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 1956

Please keep this date in mind and give us your wholehearted Support!

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

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