

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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JOIN IN OUR GREAT FETE



Saturday, 16th November

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
18th September, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks I have heard an in-word that seems to be on the lips of nearly all young people. That word is "boring". No matter what preparation others have put into some bit of work or entertainment the response so often is "boring".

I hear it in homes. I hear it in the street: I hear it in the classroom at school and in the Sunday School and Youth Group. It is certainly the word. No wonder the suicide rate among young people is increasing. No wonder drug addiction is high and alcoholism increasing among the young. If every thing around is either boring, or, if their peers are continually telling them everything is boring then I guess there is only one way. That way is out. The way out is achieved either by taking one's own life or by just freaking out by drug taking or by drink.

This is not a problem confined to non-religious people or the alternative society. This problem is in our midst. If not dealt with when children are young then later will be too late.

I guess I see and hear about it mainly from Sunday School and Scripture Classes. We have dedicated Sunday School teachers who have created worthwhile programmes for the young people. Instead of thanks or interest they are faced with the response - "boring". This is discouraging, but when linked with a lack of parental interest or call it what you will, one is deeply concerned for these young people and the society they will create.

When parents show no concern about this behaviour I begin to wonder if they too have anything worth living for; if life for them is likewise "boring".

I guess at this point you expect me to quote a verse from the Bible or to spiritualize the matter. No! I am not doing that I am just sounding a warning. The word "boring" may in fact mean - "I fail to see any purpose in life". And that can lead to the saddest thing that a parent can suffer.

I pray for you as you try to make life, however simple, worth living and not boring. It will no doubt require some firm discipline and may be costly in time and example, but the alternative is far, far more expensive.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Our Annual Fete will be held this year on Saturday 16th November.

Again we look to our parishioners and friends for their assistance. As many of our members are getting older and unable to put the work into stocking the stalls we will be depending more on the contributions from other sources. There is a need for all types of saleable items.

We would appreciate you assistance.

RETIREMENT.

The Archbishop reaches his 70th birthday on November 9th, 1992. The episcopate of Donald Robinson has been a very caring one. Many will be sad to see him leave office.

The date of the Archbishop's retirement will be January 31st, 1993 and the synod to elect a new archbishop will be held some time in March or April following his retirement. Please remember in your prayers this important time in our church life.

Incidentally our own rector will be retiring the following month, that is at the end of February 1993. Clergy retire at 65.

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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.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room, of 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 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER.

During the months of September and October we will be supporting the Church Missionary Society by our gifts through the "missionary side" of our offertory envelopes.

On Sunday 27th October at the 9-30am service we will have as our guest speaker Miss Jenny Hazell who will be leaving soon for Pakistan.

Jenny has already worked in the Northern Territory and has spent this year in preparation for going to Pakistan.

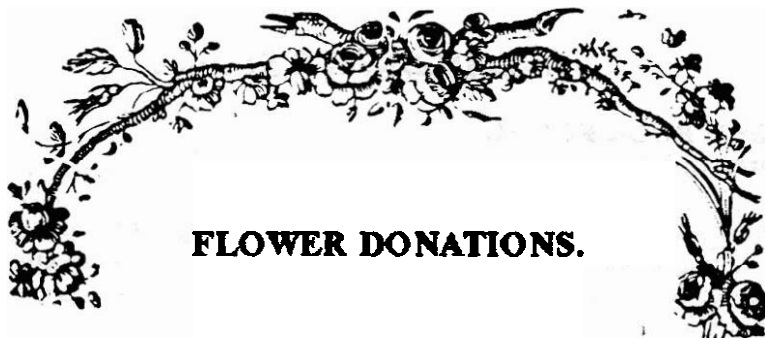
PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

Sunday 3rd November is the closest Sunday to All Saints' Day. We hold our Patronal Festival at 9-30am on that Sunday.

After the service we are again planning lunch in the park at Petersham Oval. These have been happy informal gatherings where we bring our own lunch and spend a relaxed hour or two together.

THE 1991 FETE.

We have already begun planning. The fete will be held on Saturday 16th November. Keep the date free.



FLOWER DONATIONS.

OCTOBER 6TH - In memory of the Jones family of Chester Street Petersham from Mrs. E. Beatty.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.

OCTOBER 13TH - In loving memory of David Lennox from Ann, Paul & Betty.
Arranged by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam

OCTOBER 20TH - In memory of Alan Carr from Mrs. Carr, Julie, Wendy & Alison.
Arranged by Mrs.E. Hearn & Mrs.M. Essam

OCTOBER 27TH - In memory of Dad from Pat & Ross Hitchins.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

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Offices and Chapels:

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

A CHILDREN'S STORY.

AN OLD BOOK FOUND.

(Source unknown)

How would you like to be a king? It is not always easy, as King Josiah found. He was only eight years old when he became king and there had been fighting and trouble in his country. As Josiah grew older, he saw his friends were sad.

"Very few people remember God now," they said, "most people care nothing about doing what is right." Josiah listened and he promised God that he would always love Him.

But it was very difficult for people to know what God wanted them to do, because the book in which His laws were written had somehow been lost in those dark, unhappy days of trouble. It should have been safe in the big Temple church, but now no one knew where it was. Because it was not a book like ours, but more like a roll of very thick paper, it was more difficult to find.

When King Josiah grew to be a young man, he arranged for the Temple to be repaired. One day, the king's secretary, named Shaphan, went there with a message. Just as he arrived, there was great excitement. The lost book had been found at last! The king must see it at once. Shaphan carried it back very carefully. King Josiah became excited, too. He couldn't wait to read it quietly himself, but said, "Read it to me now, Shaphan."

At first he listened happily, but soon he became very upset. For the word of God told the king that many things his people did were wicked. Some had worshipped figures of wood and stone. Some had said that the sun and moon were gods. Some had even killed others saying that was what their gods wanted. There was wrong-doing everywhere.

When Shaphan finished reading, King Josiah sat thinking. "What can I do for my people?" If I tell them they are doing wrong, they might be angry. They might even kill me," he thought. But then he remembered the promise he had made to God, and he knew God would keep him in safety.

He asked everyone to come to the Temple, on a certain day. Slowly and clearly, so that they could all understand, King Josiah read God's law from the book. Then he said, "I can see that you know you have been doing wrong. I am going to promise God again that I will always love Him and keep His laws. Will you do the same?"

King Josiah was not afraid to stand firm for God, and the people listened to their good king. King and people bowed before God, and said, "Thank you for the book that has been found. We are sorry we have done wrong. Please forgive us, and help us to do better in the future. Amen."

"LOG'D INN" - AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

(From S.U. News - Spring 1991)

Earlier in the year the Council reviewed Scripture Union's camping strategy. One of the things to emerge from that review was the urgent need for a resident site that would be used by small groups. Most residential sites were looking at minimum numbers of 20-30. A lot of ISCF groups, mission sections, camp teams needed somewhere they could sleep up to 16 or so people. As we prayed about this need, God heard and answered. A donor who wishes to remain anonymous rang me to share his vision for an interdenominational site that would meet the needs of our work. As we spoke together his vision and our need coincided and subsequently he made the funds available for us to purchase and equip a site for small groups.

We have purchased a four bedroom log home at Faulconbridge overlooking the National Park. It will be equipped to sleep about 16 people. It has huge decks, a large lounge and dining room, a small swimming pool and a half size tennis court. The double garage will take a table-tennis table and other indoor sports equipment. It also has a small flat to house a caretaker. The site will be self catering and available from the end of the year.

Our prayer along with donor's is that it will be a place young people will come to Christ and also where people of all ages will learn about their faith and develop skills to share that faith. The home is "Log'd Inn", a great name for a computer literate generation, and a good description of the place.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - SEPTEMBER 1991

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	1,948.11	Rector's Net Stipend	2,110.80
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allowance	587.57
O.E.S. Members	5.00	Catechist Stipend & Trav Allow	358.50
Sale Tickets for Hawkesbury		Organist	75.00
Church Tour	150.00	Church Cleaning	200.00
May Ruhle Endow	3,000.00	Hall Cleaning	200.00
Investment Interest		Telephone Account	88.75
All Saints' Endow Fund	1,512.30	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.89
May Ruhle Endow Fund	533.84	Flowers	75.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	27.50
		Cleaning Items	40.69
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	22.00
		Parts for Brush Cutter &	
		spark plugs	48.00
		Visiting Preacher	133.40
		Postage & Phone Calls	12.14
		General Assessment Sept Qtr	924.75
		Organ Tuning	135.00
		Parish Supn Contrib	325.20
		Rector's Supn Contrib.	325.20
		M. Vile Bus Company -Tour	380.00
		Printing & Stationery	75.00
	7,147.25		
Deficit for Month	0.00		
	7,147.25		8,241.14
		Surplus for Month	906.11
			7,147.25