

The Chronicle

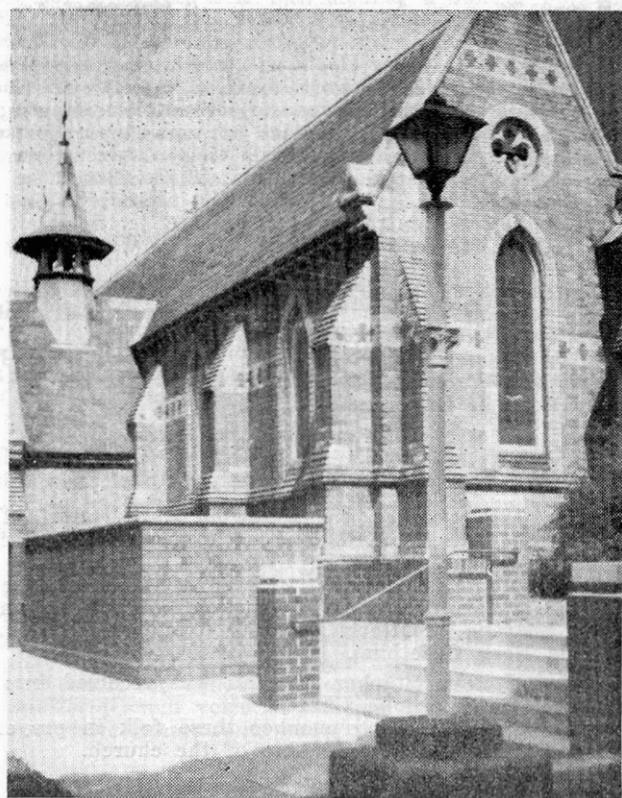
Of All Saints
Petersham

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NOVEMBER, 1975



THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

These are days of Women's Lib and Men's Lib—days when all people have longings to be free—liberty is the great cry. So I guess that if I were to ask a person if he or she was dominated the answer would be a hasty denial. Yet most of us are—and need to be! Being dominated provides the best motivation.

It may be my business—my home—my social hopes—my pleasure—my fears—and so on, that dominates me. Whatever it is that dominates, it ultimately determines my fundamental values in life. A man who is dominated by business ambition finds that his relationships, his moral values, his use of time, money and abilities are all governed by how they will benefit his "getting on" in the business world. He becomes what we call a business man! The dominating principle colours his very being.

So the Christian is one who is distinguished by the one fact that the dominating interest in his life is his relationship to God through Jesus Christ. His primary concern is to know God's Will and to endeavour by all means to translate that Will into life in his own person.

A Christian is not a person who tries to work for others. A Christian is not a person who tries to work for the Church. A Christian is not even a person who tries to work for God! A Christian is a person who first seeks to know God's will and then tries to put it into action. It's so much easier to work for God than to do God's work!

To be able to do the latter we have to become increasingly dominated by the Spirit of God—and diligent that not one single obstacle comes between us and the revelation of His Will. When we become dominated by God's Will for us we find ourselves lifted above the fret—the worries—the fears of life. As God's Will fills us there is just no room for these things to find entrance—not even concern about how our church activities can be held together!

To be dominated by God is to live in Him!

There's no doubt many of us feel we can't claim to have reached that wonderful relationship. There's also no doubt that His call to each of us is to press toward that mark!

When that becomes our "one eyed" aim, we'll find His cause advancing here at Petersham—and I believe not before!

With greetings in His wonderful Name,

Your minister and friend,

S. W. GISSING.



On Sunday, 12th October, the following were confirmed into the membership of the Church of England at All Saints' by Bishop A. J. Dain the Senior Assistant Bishop of Sydney:—

David Anthony Barclay; Richard Charles Carter; Martin Osmond; Warren Russell Steedman; Deborah Leanne Hunter Hill; Sharene McMinn; Kim Judy Mangan; Olive Mangan; Janelle Rose Cheetham.

At the same Service Stephen Yewdall was received into membership from the Roman Catholic Church.

Parishioners are asked to remember these folk in prayer as they seek to live for Christ in the fellowship of the church.

On Thursday, 6th November, at 8 p.m. a Tupperware Party will be held at the Rectory. Mrs. Gissing extends an invitation to any interested to attend. The proceeds of the evening will be devoted to the Bamu River Mission in Papua.

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EVERY SABBATH

Joseph Howe

Not quite two thousand years ago, in a small village of Judea, a poor carpenter's wife was blessed with a son, who grew to manhood beneath his reputed father's roof, who wrote nothing which has been preserved, who died young, and who but for four or five years appeared conspicuously on the stage of public life.

This divine man so lived, for that short space of time, that by the dignity of his person—the grace and fascination of his manner—the purity and simplicity of his life—the splendor of his eloquence—the novelty of his doctrines—the miraculous power which he displayed, he so alarmed the hierarchs and bigots of his day, that they put him to death, to extirpate what they conceived to be a pestilent heresy dangerous to existing institutions.

A few short discourses—one new commandment—some exquisite parables—a few noble bursts of righteous indignation—a fervent prayer here and there—two or three touching lamentations—some simple reproofs—and a few beautiful illustrations of his courtesy to women and children, and of his sympathetic consideration for the wants and weaknesses of his fellow-men, are all that remain to us of the biography and recorded speech of this poor youth.

Yet every Sabbath, all over the Christian world, millions of people assemble to do honour to this person, to repeat his words, to ponder upon his life, and to endeavour to mould the growing generations by his example. We, in view of the miracles he wrought and of the wisdom of his teaching, acknowledge his divine origin and attributes; but millions, who regard him as a man, are yet won to daily and weekly recognition of the holiness of his life, the wisdom of his words, and of the self-sacrificing spirit in which he died for the redemption and security of his fellow-men.

How many emperors, kings, conquerors, tyrants, have lived and died within these two thousand years, for whom no festivals are kept, whose example no man quotes, whose wisdom no man ponders. Their mailed figures, as they appear in history, seem to shake the earth, their pride to flout the skies, their policy to cover the globe. Yet there they lie, the best of them with their marble or bronze hands folded on their stone sarcophagi, looking up to the heaven they outraged, and challenging from the earth which they devastated but scanty notice or recognition. From all which we gather, shutting divinity out of the question, that the world knows and will ever know its benefactors from its oppressors—that the beauty of holiness outlasts mere earthly splendor—that the still small voice of wisdom will go echoing through the hearts of successive generations, whom the hoarse command of authority cannot stir.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- November 2: Donated by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son and Daughter, Charles and Elsie; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- Novmeber 9: Donated by Mrs. Calver and Family in memory of Mr. L. C. Calver and Son Robert; arrnaged by Miss Nisbet.
- November 16: Donated the by Craigie Family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- November 23: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- November 30: Donated by Mr. Bill Williams and Family in memory of Aileen Williams; also Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and Family in memory of Mother and Grandmother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- December 7: Donated by Mr. Minitier, John and Margaret in memory of Mrs. Minitier and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their Daughters; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Shaw and John wish to express their sincere thanks to our Rector, Mrs. Gissing, members of the Parish Council, and their many friends at "All Saint's" for the lovely evening spent at the Rectory recently, after Evening Service.

Our thanks also for the much appreciated gift and last but by no means least to the Ladies who provided a most appetising supper.

Although moving to another suburb we hope to keep in touch with the activities at "All Saint's" whenever possible.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

With the Fete only two weeks away we are still seeking your support to stock the grocery stall. A few of the companies that usually give us a donation, have discontinued this practice.

I would like to thank all who have donated bottles, sugar for the home made jam, cash for the lucky dips and groceries.

Our thanks especially to Mrs. Jones for coming to the Parish Hall on each of the Saturdays in October to make the mulberry jam and to the folk who are making jam at home.

It is very disappointing to see that only a small number of Sunday School pupils are attending Family Service. I appeal to the Parents to see that the boys and girls attend this service as it is a part of their religious education.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies' Guild:

Our November Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th November, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope all members will be present to arrange our December "get-together", the final meeting for 1975. Please watch for the date in the December Chronicle.

E. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Women's Evening Group:

The next meeting of the Women's Evening Group will be held on Tuesday, 11th November, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is only four days before the Fete at which we will be conducting the cake and sweet stall.

Donations of cakes or sweets will be gratefully received.

We propose to hold another second-hand clothing sale about February next year. We will announce the details in future Chronicles.

New members, or visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Now that the more pleasant weather is here it is very pleasing to see so many of our members attending our Thursday social afternoons.

I am sorry to report that some of our members are still on the sick list and pray they will soon be back with us enjoying the fellowship of our happy little club.

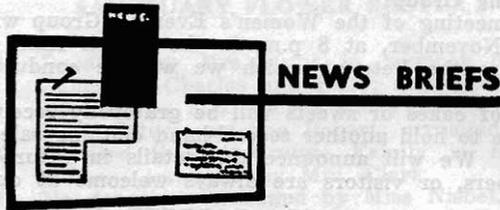
Our Christmas Party this year will be held on Thursday, 11th December. We hope all our members will be well enough to attend. The Club then goes into recess until 15th January, 1976.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

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THE DAY'S WORK
GOETHE

Use well the moment; what the hour
Brings for thy use is in thy power;
And what thou best canst understand
Is just the thing lies nearest to thy hand.
Art thou little, do that little well, and for thy
comfort know
The biggest man can do his biggest work no
better than just so.
Like the star
That shines afar,
Without haste
And without rest
Let each man wheel with steady sway
Round the task that rules the day,
And do his best.



● The Rector asks the men of the parish to help him set up the **Hall for the Fete**. The stalls will be put up on Thursday night, 13th November, and decorations such as flags and coloured lights on the night of Friday, 14th. The Rector looks forward to receiving practical help from all the menfolk of the Parish on these nights, and also from 9 p.m. on the Saturday night, when everything must be cleared away.

● **"White Elephant"**: This is the famous stall that sells what other people don't want, and which has achieved remarkable sales figures in past years by disposing of articles donated by parishioners. We will have two tents in front of the parish hall, and urgently need your help, to stock them full of goods. There must surely be a few things around your home that are no longer needed: just drop them along to Mrs. Humphreys. Every little helps.

● Articles for the December "Chronicle" are due no later than Sunday, 16th November, 1975.

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CHURCH FINANCES

General Fund—September, 1975

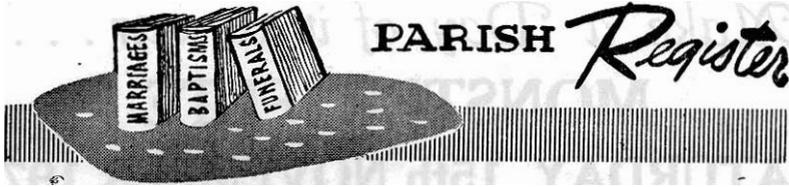
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Cash Receipts	633
Cash Payments	958
Deficit	325

Deficit for period 1st January to 30th September, 1975 3593

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"CHRONICLE" DONATION

Mrs. H. Underwood—\$2.00.



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

- October 5th—Ryan Griffin of 351 Sutherland Avenue, Albury.
 October 5th—Kane Daniel, c/- 58 Princess Avenue, Rosebery.
 October 9th—Sharene McMinn of 45 Station Street, Petersham.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

- October 4th—Dennis Yee (Westmead) and Julia Ann Yuen (Marrickville).
 October 11th—Timothy Mark Bray (Wilton) and Kaye Narelle Smith (West Ryde).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

- October 15th—Edwin Francis Fisher of 2/23 Livingstone Road, Petersham.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m., 3rd Sundays at 7 p.m.
 MORNING PRAYER—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m.
 EVENING PRAYER—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.
 FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.
 BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECTOR.
 CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.
 PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. Arrowsmith, J. H. Bretherton, N. Cragg, E. Dryden, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston, H. E. Quelch, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie, J. Williams.
 SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.
 HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. HON. SECRETARY: Mr. H. E. QUELCH.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.
 KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.
 PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).
 ORGANIST: Mr. J. Birkett.
 CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.

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SATURDAY, 15th NOVEMBER 1975

9 a.m. — 8 p.m.

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- "White Elephant" — Terrific Bargains
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- Pottery and Chinaware
- Toys
- Vegetables
- Plants and Flowers
- Lucky Dips

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● **TRAIN AND PONY RIDES**

HOT DOGS, COLD DRINKS, ICE CREAM, HOT PIES
MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS

COLD SALAD LUNCHES

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WALTERS & SON

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