

The Chronicle

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The Rev. R. A. JOHNSON,
Sixth Rector of All Saints'.

The Rectory,
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Petersham.
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Dear Friends,

We are often told that becoming a christian is a simple act of faith. This is of course quite correct. A christian is a person who acknowledging his own sinfulness seeks forgiveness in Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord. Yes the christian believes Jesus loves him so much that He died for him on the cross.

The formula of Repentance, Faith and Obedience is all that is required. However too often we are ready to follow the Repentance and Faith parts but conveniently forget the third part Obedience. It is not difficult to acknowledge our sinfulness, and we are only too happy to accept the forgiveness that Christ freely offers, but when it comes to Obedience then that is an entirely different matter.

Recently we have had stories on the media of one or two of our leading club football stars failing to turn up for practice sessions. Their absence has lead to them being dropped from the big game the following weekend. They have broken the rules and so they have suffered the consequences.

It is a reflection on the present standard of church discipline that we don't take action against members who fail to keep the promises made at confirmation or baptism. That matter will no doubt be decided by God and perhaps is even now being decided by the community in which we live.

God expects us to be more than hearers of the Word. He expects us to be doers of the Word as well. That will demand Obedience, and our obedience will be seen not so much in what we don't do but in what we do.

Jesus reminded us, "Not everyone who saith unto me

Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven".

Pray that we might be obedient servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott
RECTOR.

A PERSONAL NOTE.

Many thanks to all my friends of All-Saints' and the Chapter for all the flowers, sweets, Get-Well cards, letters, etc. I received while was in hospital and convalescing at home, Each one meant so much to me. Again many thanks to you all.

Please accept this as personal. Signed...Ida Barrett.

MULTIPLICATION BY DIVISION.

TWO NEW DIOCESES CONTRIBUTE TO CHURCH GROWTH IN TANZANIA.

The Diocese of Central Tanzania is about to divide again, and everyone is delighted. The Church in Africa continues to grow at a dramatic pace, and it is real growth, that is people becoming christians who have not been so previously.

As new congregations are formed there is the need for more pastors and teachers, and for back-up ministries. Administration also increases. So new dioceses are needed to cater for the growth. Each new diocese creates its own strategies for evangelism and generates a new energy. So as well as being a response to church growth, these divisions help to foster more growth.

In June two new dioceses will come into being in Tanzania. the Diocese of Mpwapwa on 23rd June, and the Diocese of the Rift Valley and week later.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERY SUNDAY

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth and 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 and Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am 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.

CIVIC SERVICE.

On Sunday August 4th we plan to hold another Civic Service similar to the one held last year.

Invitations have been sent to a number of groups and individuals in the community to join us at All Saints' on that day.

Last year's service was a great success and we look forward again this year to a good time of friendship and fellowship.

Most important is that parishioners and their friends attend.

C.M.S. Australia is sending Bishop Ken Short as our official representative to the two inaugurations. His wife Gloria will accompany him.

From - CMS UPDATE (June)

OVERSEAS NEWS

NEWS FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

10,000 teenage Bible guides are being printed in Poland and the Polish Scripture Union Committee hope to have finished translating **ALIVE TO GOD** soon ready to print for January 1992.

PERU.

For several years, SU Peru has been working with street kids in the capital Lima, offering friendship and sharing the love of Christ. Now SU Peru is opening a centre in Iquitos for fifty boys. Most will come from the streets. But some will come from the women's prison because in Peru women who are sent to gaol take their children under twelve to prison with them. The project is aiming to help boys to start with. As it develops, SU Peru hopes to start a similar programme for girls.

From - SU NEWS (Winter 1991)

WHAT TO SAY TO A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS.

I admire your zeal in trying to forward your beliefs. I am sure you are a sincere person. But I cannot accept your literature. You preach a cruel and unreasonable god who is going to sweep most of his children away in a horrible battle of Armageddon while witnesses stand aside and look on.

I don't believe that you will really like to look at such a wicked thing. You are too kind for that. Yet you make out that God is not good and kind. He destroys his own children, not because they are morally bad, but rather because they do not join Jehovah's Witnesses. You would not treat your children like that. So you are better than the god you preach. For ages he has known, according to you, that he was going to have this horrible battle of Armageddon, and yet he has gone on making more children to be destroyed. I want nothing to do with such a god. If you go on preaching him, you will get to be like him, cruel and unreasonable. Your witnesses consider this world hopeless and so you leave it to perish. You make no effort to help the suffering by supporting hospitals, orphanages, or other works of mercy. You take no part in seeing that we have good honest government.

I believe in the true God, the God of love. Not in your old god of hate. I believe in the Gospel, that means the good news that God loves us and cares for us. I do not believe your message of bad news. I know what the true God is like. Jesus is the true picture of what God is like. Your unreasonable god is not one bit like Jesus who went about doing good, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and Himself died for us on the cross instead of destroying us. You are too good a person to be a Jehovah's Witness. Be a witness for Jesus and the God of Love. Spread His good news of the gift of eternal life here and hereafter.

Thank you for calling and for listening to me. I shall be pleased in you will read this. Good-day and God bless and convert you.

FLOWER DONATIONS.

- JULY 7TH** - In memory of Aileen from Bill and family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- JULY 14TH** - In loving memory of my parents from Allie Nisbet.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- JULY 21ST** - No donation.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- JULY 28TH** - Frank, happy memories, Edith.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.



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LIVING IN A CHRISTIAN HOME.

I'M A MOTHER.

"Charity begins at home. Home is where the Master first learned to serve. Being a christian should make an immediate difference to the quality of our family life. It is important to realise that grace, courtesy, good temper, helpfulness and service are needed more, and not less, if we are to live the christian life with those we know so well. The christian mother has a wonderful opportunity to serve God in the upbringing of her children.

The following points will sum up briefly the main factors in being a christian mother.

Be thankful the privilege of being a mother.

Love and enjoy children without excessive worrying about managing them.

Bring them to the Saviour, by talking to them about him - having daily Bible-reading and prayers. Don't leave it to the Sunday School teacher.

By the mother's example the children will learn to love and serve God naturally and unashamedly - as part of living - and what an important part. The character of our children is formed at an early age.

Make worship a joyous family occasion and include your child in it. See that it is never allowed to become boring or meaningless to him. Show him the beauty of its substance, not merely its outward form. Bring up your child in an atmosphere of faith, hope and love.

Proverbs 22: 6 says "TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT."

This places a big responsibility on those who are mothers.

"Grace"