

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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"RESTORATION ALMOST COMPLETE—



—THANKS TO THE LAST FETE"

ORGAN REBUILT

The Rector is happy to announce that all necessary repairs have been effected to the hundreds of component parts of our organ. The Contractor is now engaged in the task of restoring these parts to their correct positions and if all goes well, the instrument should be fully completed and ready for our services early in October.

This has been a mammoth task, as anyone who has studied the many complex parts that have been stored in the Parish Hall over the last couple of months will have realised. It has cost the Church over £1,000, an amount which has been available to us only as a result of last year's splendid Fete.

We all look forward to hearing the restored organ once again and hope that its beautiful music will inspire us all to greater heights at All Saints' Petersham.

PERSONAL

We extend our sincere sympathy to Miss Davies of Albert Street in the passing of her Sister, Miss Elsie Louise Davies, at the end of August, and also to the members of the family of the late Mrs. Adams of Railway Street, whose funeral service was conducted by the Rector on 16th September.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Dyason and family of Napier Street in the passing of Mr. Dyason. A Memorial Service for the late Mr. Dyason was held at All Saints' on 22nd September.

We also wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bosward in the passing of her sister at Maclean.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

● **Teachers' Meeting:** A special meeting of the staff of the Senior Sunday School was held on Tuesday, 25th August in the Rectory, to discuss, among other things, the organisation of the Sunday School with regard to planning of new Order of Service form for the Sunday School Opening and Closing Services.

The present Order of Service sheets had been in circulation for some time, so a committee was formed to draw up new Orders of Service. The committee is at present working on the new forms which will be based on the Church Year. They hope to have the first service orders ready for the Season of Advent. As well as this matter, some rearrangement of classes has taken place in the Main Hall to bring all scholars right into the service, as some classes were a little scattered previously.

● **Rural Deanery Meeting:** All Saints' teachers were well represented at the Quarterly Meeting of the Petersham Rural Deanery held at St. Nicholas' Croydon Park on 15th September at 8 p.m. The meeting was addressed by Mr. A. Mason, who spoke on the Motivation of Interest in Sunday School work. Supper was served by members of the St. Nicholas' staff.

● **Fete Stall:** A reminder that on Saturday, 21st November the Grocery Stall will be in full swing at the Fete once again, and donations of jams, groceries, etc., will be very welcome to supplement pupils' own donations and some donations by Sydney firms. Donations may be left at the Rectory. We would like very much to beat our last year's figure of £59 and can only do this if we have the goods to sell.

JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, 1st November

This year, November 1st, which is All Saints' Day, falls on a Sunday. As a result, we will be holding our All Saints' Day Patronal Festival Services on All Saints' Day itself for the first time since 1959.

Special Services will be held to mark the occasion and although we cannot give details of special preachers yet, please watch the Weekly Notices and the local paper, "The Guardian" for details.

SCRIPTURE IN THE SCHOOLS

Christians need to be fully informed upon the attacks being made upon religious instruction in the public schools. This summary prepared by the Anglican Board of Education will therefore be of interest to parishioners.

Ever since 1848, provision for religious instruction has been made in state schools. Since 1880, each successive syllabus has included the teaching of scripture as a subject and stories based on the Scriptures have been issued by the Education Department to assist teachers.

Following the 1959 syllabus which joined Scripture with Social Studies, a vocal but very small group of parents pressed the Minister for Education to withdraw the syllabus. The Minister agreed to do this in 1961 and promised to provide a new Scripture syllabus within a few weeks. However, no syllabus was issued, nor was any instruction given to teachers.

During the period that elapsed up to the recent publication of the revised curriculum, the Church of England has sought to have the matter clarified, and has urged that a syllabus similar to the 1959 one, but separated from social studies be reintroduced.

The Church feels that by the time a pupil leaves school he should have firstly an understanding of the place of Christianity in the cultured heritage of the community of which he forms part, secondly an intelligent understanding of the Scriptural background to and the basic teaching of the Christian faith, and thirdly a knowledge of the ethical and moral teaching of Christianity.

The latest syllabus does not seek to achieve these aims; in fact it is not strictly a syllabus but a statement "of principles" from which teachers could secure only "broad outlines."

Although the Act has not been changed, the new scheme is completely different to any previous syllabus; it had not been examined by the Department's own committee, nor by the Churches, nor by Parliament; it covered ethics and morals but not religious knowledge; and placed many restrictions on teachers on one hand, but gave much licence on the other.

Following Church representation, the new syllabus has been temporarily suspended but there is still need for continual watchfulness on the part of all Christians.

WALTERS & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—LM 1676
390 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—UL 4227.

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.
People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

THIS YEAR'S CAR DRIVE

Saturday, 17th October

This year's drive leaves the Church grounds at 1.30 p.m. for Coal and Candle Creek and the northern beach suburbs, a round trip of 60 miles. Tickets may now be purchased at 6/- each, the proceeds going to Fete funds. However, we have not yet got as many cars available as last year, so that the number of seats available for sale is somewhat limited. We therefore suggest that interested parishioners should buy their tickets early.

The charge includes a cup of tea and admittance to the Kuringai Chase. The Y.C.I. will provide tea, sugar, milk and cups, but not the "eats" which parishioners are asked to bring for themselves.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Alan Jones (LM 5218) who would be most pleased to hear from any further car owners who could come.

FETE SUCCESS PREDICTED

A very successful meeting was held on 14th September when representatives of most Fete Stalls met with the Parish Council Fete Committee to review plans made for the Annual Parish Fete to be held on Saturday, 21st November.

Several new ideas were propounded, and a number of improvements upon the past arrangements were suggested. The attendance at the meeting, and the keen interest shown, augur well for the biggest and brightest Fete ever.

The aim this year is naturally to surpass the amount raised last year—this is always a stirring challenge. The sealing of the churchyard will have first priority on the funds raised. As parishioners well know, this area, between the Church and the Stanmore Road fence becomes a veritable bog in rainy weather, and as well as being unpleasant to squelch through, carries through on to the valuable carpets in the Church.

Any funds remaining from this project will be used on other urgent maintenance works on the Church, Parish Halls and Rectory.

Let us all do everything in our power to achieve this goal.

You Can Help Now

If you can donate books, toys, stamps, or art jewellery please ring Mrs. Millarey LM 1643 and she will only be too pleased to call for your gift. If you have any brass, lead, or copper, ring Mr. Bert Hall LM 1127, and it will be collected and sold at top market prices in aid of Fete Funds. Your old clocks or watches will be welcomed by Mr. A. Cook and may be left at the Rectory.

Extra-special Fete Attractions

The lads of the Fete Committee have been working overtime securing attractions for the Fete. First, the Sydney Thistle Highland Band of 20 members will play and march in the grounds throughout the afternoon from 1.30 p.m. They are expected to draw a big crowd. James Bell's outstanding Puppet Theatre, as featured on Channel 7, will perform at 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m., while there will be pony and merry-go-round rides all day.

A poultry dinner will be given free to the lucky person who signs the Fete Visitors' book.

CLUB NEWS

Senior Parishioners':

Make an effort to drop in at the Senior Parishioners' Club any Thursday at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at the rear of the Church. Anyone interested in playing bridge or other such games is invited to call or ring LM 3052, as we have some vacancies at present.

We have found that many of our members are folk who live alone and seek companionship. The opportunity of joining our Social Club is open to any adults in the district.

DOT SHAW

Indoor Bowls:

Interest this month is in the Association Champion of Champion Singles. Our representative is Ossie Olofsson and we are sure that he will acquit himself well.

Mr. Jack Gorman who is in Marrickville Hospital is progressing well, and we all look forward to seeing Jack bowling with us once again. We are also pleased to see our Rector, the Rev. Eric Champion back again after his illness.

Our membership is still open to all men. You can be sure of a good welcome any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.; we will only be too pleased to teach you the game.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):

Last month we had two successful meetings; a night of coloured films from the N.S.W. Film Council was held on 4th September, while on 18th, our annual Ladies' Night was attended by 35 members and guests. An Indoor Olympic Games was organised by Phillip Dingle and a number of the well known ladies of the parish proved to be star "athletes" in the games played. Gold silver and bronze ribbons were awarded to the winners of all the contests, and a good time was had by all. We are grateful to all who came and helped to make it such an enjoyable time.

This month, Mr. P. R. Tranter of St. John's Ambulance will be our Guest Speaker on 2nd October, on 16th we will release the 212th issue of our "Manuscript Journal", while on 30th we have a "General Quiz!" The Y.C.I. is the Men's Club of the Parish and menfolk of all ages are welcome.

We regret to record of the passing of one of our members, Mr. B. H. Hillery, whose funeral service took place in the Parish Church on 29th August. We are particularly sorry that Mr. Hillery's illness had prevented him from being with us at our meetings.

Popular member Jack Gorman has been having a well-earned recuperation in Marrickville Hospital for the last month, and we hope that he will be home again soon. Jack is always "on the ball" so far as Y.C.I. matters are concerned, and the chairmen and members have missed his advice and reminders at the last few meetings. We are pleased that our President, the Rector, is back with us after his operations.

We wish to take as many parishioners as cars permit to the Coal and Candle Creek on 17th October, please see the special article in this issue of "The Chronicle" for the full details.

Finally, don't forget our "White Elephant" Stall at the Fete; we urgently need stocks; if you have anything at all around your house that is no longer wanted, send it to us or ask any of our members to arrange collection. We made £53 last year and with your gifts we hope to topple this figure in 1964.

A. JONES, Hon Assistant Secretary

Physical Culture Club:

Preparations are in progress for a Mannequin Parade and Club Competitions to be held at a future date instead of our usual Annual Concert. Please watch for the date to be announced in the Weekly Church Notices and in the November "Chronicle".

A good evening's entertainment is assured as our girls can always be relied upon for a display of their work. My sincere thanks go to Val Harris for deputising for me during the five weeks that I was away from the Club.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Baseball Club:

The Baseball Club held its presentation night on Thursday, 3rd September and an enjoyable night was had by all. The evening began with two very interesting films followed by a very nice supper.

During the night, Mr. Roy Atkinson presented the "Harold Jones Memorial Trophy", an award for the best and fairest player, to Chris. Dingle for his wonderful effort as pitcher for the All Saints' team.

Mr. Alan Jones presented the "J. M. Boyle Memorial Trophy" for the most improved player to Ron. Perkins for his great batting throughout the season.

Mr. R. Minter presented the remainder of the players with a small gift each, and the boys then presented Mr. Minter with a gift in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

On behalf of the side, I would like to thank Mr. Minter, John Minter and Richard Cornford for their efforts as coaches, Mrs. Waterfield and Mr. Parkins for providing transport and all those who have helped us in any way throughout the season.

J. GORMAN

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**Summary of the Second Book of Kings**

This book carries on the history of Israel from the preceding book, I Kings. The period covered runs from about 850 to 560 B.C. and includes the reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah until the end of their dynasties.

The opening chapters deal with the life and activity of the prophet Elisha who following Elijah carried out a great work in calling back the people to God, of healing and provision among the poor and distressed of his own land.

Against these glimpses into the daily lives and troubles of the great bulk of the people there is set the major theme of the book, the rise and fall of kings, and the wars and invasions which ravaged the whole land. In the northern kingdom of Israel the revolution which brought an end to the house of Ahab and Jezebel left the country weak and poor but within a generation the wheel of fortune had turned and extension of territory gave Israel control of trade routes which brought new wealth pouring into the country. The prosperity that followed was restricted to the commercial classes and deepened the divisions between poor and rich.

The luxury and oppression that followed was the subject of fierce attack by the first of the prophets whose words were committed to writing in a separate book, Amos, and later by Hosea. The end of this Kingdom of Israel was sudden and within three generations of this period of great wealth and power, the armies of Assyria had conquered the whole northern kingdom and taken the bulk of the people into slavery.

In Judah, the final tragedy was postponed by its greater isolation. The Assyrians besieged Jerusalem, but encouraged by the prophet Isaiah, the people's spiritual and national morale was stronger and the intervention of God preserved the land as plague overtook the Assyrian armies. A further respite came when the great military power of Assyria finally fell in 609 before the new world empire of Babylon.

The men of Judah made mixed use of their last opportunity. Repentance and violence seemed almost to go hand in hand but the outcome became all too clear as idolatry, violence and pagan religious rites involving human sacrifice became all too common.

The last great Hebrew prophet of this time, Jeremiah, came to his work when the land was too ill for healing. His messages given in the reigns of the last five kings of Judah (626-586 B.C.) held out only prospect of defeat and transportation. His prophecies came true when in 586 the Babylonians captured Jerusalem and a great number of the people were taken captive to Babylon.

Thus ends the nation of Israel as a political force. Faithlessness and compromise had cracked the real strengths of the nation and forfeited God's protection. The end was not final, God's promises were faithful and began to find their immediate fulfilment in the next part of this story as told in the book of Ezra.

(Next month: The Books of Chronicles)

BOOKS, BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS!

BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS is the cry for the Fete on 21st November. Mysteries, Westerns, Science Fiction, Love Stories, Women's Fashion Magazines, Motor Car and Sports Car Magazines, etc. There is a great demand for these. Whether hard or soft covered we will have a sale for them.

The demand for Children's Books and Comics is great and we would appreciate any donations you can make.

Also, we are interested in Art Jewellery. Anything you no longer wear, and any broken jewellery we will be only too pleased to have. If you will ring Mrs. Millarey at LM 1643, she will only be too happy to call and collect any parcel.

Remember the slogan, "BOOKS, BOOKS and MORE BOOKS"!

NEWS SPOTS

● **Street Stall:** Ladies, make a note of the Guild's Street Stall on Friday, 16th October. It will be held at the Church Gates from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and as usual, home made cakes, scones, jams, pickles etc. will be available for your purchase. The Guild would also like to receive donations of these goods from any ladies who can help. All proceeds go to the funds.

● Well known parish councillor and All Saints' identity Jack Gorman has been in Marrickville Hospital since mid-August. By the time this "Chronicle" appears we hope you're back home once again, Jack.

● **Revue Soon:** John Shaw has now casted his 1964 musical presentation. "Countess Maritza" and hopes to announce performance dates soon. Keep your eye on the "Weekly Notices" for the exact time which may possibly be in early November.

● **Home of Peace Fete:** The "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road will hold its Annual Fete on Saturday, 31st October, commencing at 2.30 p.m. This is a Church of England hospital and as such deserves your support. There will be many attractive stalls, and afternoon tea will be available. Parishioners should also seek out ideas for our own Fete on 21st November.

Confirmation: Our Confirmation Service has been brought forward to Monday, 2nd November at 8 p.m. It will be Bishop Kerle's last Confirmation at All Saints' before taking up his appointment as Bishop of Armidale

BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

- Aug. 23rd—Sean Joseph Muir
 „ 25th—Betty Anne Sarina.
 „ 25th—William Ernest Morrison.
 „ 30th—Cheryl Anne Bischoff.
 Sept. 6th—Diane Judith Payne.
 „ 13th—Lee Kristine Rees.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined"

- Aug. 29th—Kevin James Goodhew to Barbara June Darwon
 Sept. 12th—Athol Bell to Ruby Goolmeeze.
 „ 12th—William Ernest Morrison to Betty Ann Sarina.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee O Lord."

- July 6th—Eliza Emma Emerson.
 Aug. 27th—Douglas Arthur Waterfield
 „ 29th—Bertram Henry Hillery
 „ 31st—Elsie Louise Davies
 Sept. 1st—Adeline Rebecca Arnott
 „ 4th—Millicent Vera Hickson
 „ 10th—Joseph Marie De Pater
 „ 10th—Slavomir Andrew Forster
 „ 16th—Louise Allwood Adams
 „ 16th—Edna Myra Robinson
 „ 18th—Henry Windeyer Snape.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Oct. 4th—Donated by the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Furnell in their memory; by Mrs. Bosward and family in memory of Mr. Tom. Bosward; and by Mrs. Jones of Chester Street in memory of her Husband and Son; arranged by Mrs. Cook.
 „ 11th—Donated by the Misses Street in memory of their Parents; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 Oct. 18th—Donated by Mrs. Davis in memory of her Husband and Son, Ted; arranged by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.
 „ 25th—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Parents and Nephew; arranged by Miss Speight.

On Sunday, 9th August, flowers were also donated by Miss Slocombe and Mrs. McPherson in memory of their Brother, and on Sunday, 13th September by Mrs. Davis in memory of her Husband and Son. Additional flowers on Sunday, 6th September were donated by Michele in memory of Don.