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Of All Saints

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THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 1988

9-30 a.m.

The Rectory.
Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM. 2049.
22nd January, 1988.

Dear Friends,

Adolescence is a difficult time for all of us. We think we are grown up, our parents think we are children, whilst others just stand and look on smiling and shaking their heads.

Our country thinks two hundred years has brought us to "the age of discretion" (a good Prayer Book expression); but older cultures may still see us as a young, very young society. In reality we are only teenagers - adolescents. A nation not yet mature. A nation not yet sure where we are going.

I don't think we should regret our immaturity, nor should we seek to accelerate the process of growing old and wise. Both of these attitudes could well lead us down the wrong path, a path which may lead to much hurt and sorrow.

We are who we are. We are what we are. To pretend otherwise is to deceive ourselves rather than others.

Our song "Advance Australia Fair" could be better named "Advance Australia Where?"

Shall we become a fun loving people who won't work, leaving work to either the latest migrant or a contract worker from another land? Shall we shut our eyes to the needs of the nations so close that they are nearer to us than Perth is to Adelaide, or to Canberra? What of the ethnic, religious, coloured, economics, aged or uneducated minorities in our country, do they get a fair share of our wealth; or do some receive privileges but not take up the responsibility of their Australian citizenship? Are we just a selfish, intolerant, greedy,

perhaps lazy country? Worst still have we just lost our conscience?

These are all questions that need to be thought about especially in this Bi-centenary year.

We can if we wish hold great discussions; make impassioned speeches; accuse each other; or, start a new political party, if we are really into that. I doubt the effectiveness of all these things because our country really finds its direction from the individuals who make up its population.

If as individuals we are selfish, or lazy, or intolerant, or just plain thoughtless, then collectively that will be the character of Australia. Nothing in the world can change it.

What will be our character as a nation? In what direction shall we go? That depends on us!

The writer of the Book of Proverbs gives some good advice to us as individuals and collectively as a nation.

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THY HEART
AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING
IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM
AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH"

Sound advice to a person seeking a direction in life, and equally sound advice to a nation of people wondering what will be their role in the world.

God has a plan for our well being. Let us seek it and follow it.

**Yours Sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.
Rector.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School has now commenced the first term classes for 1988, in the Parish Hall and the Kindergarten Hall.

At the Family Service in December 1987 the Sunday School presented carols and also a tableau of the Christmas Story during the address by the rector. I would like to thank all who helped organise the pupils participation in the service.

Harvest Festival will be held at the Family Service on 21st February, 1988 9-30 a.m. The Harvest Festival Service is held on this day so that the Sunday School may attend. The Sunday School pupils are asked to bring a thanksgiving offering of fruit, vegetables or tinned goods to the service. After the services, the harvest offerings are distributed to local Anglican hospitals.

The Sunday School prize-giving will be held at the Family Service in March.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

FETE '88

The Parish Council decided that this years fete would be held on Saturday 19th November.

All Saints' is in need of more workers and new ideas. Now is the time to work on it.

If you have an idea that you think is valuable please produce it soon.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

I hope all our club members are ready to start the 1988 year with our Secondhand Clothing and Jumble Stall on Friday 19th February. The week following to our first meeting on Tuesday 9th February at which I hope to distribute the letter-box dodgers not already given out. Last year we managed to have the best year yet, with these stalls, being able to contribute to the church \$1700. Thanks to all the help from all our friends too numerous to name. A wonderful joint effort.

The March meeting on Tuesday 8th will be our Annual meeting, followed by the Annual Happy Home Party Demonstration by Mrs. Molly Sainsbury. Please keep that date in mind and come and help make the numbers worth demonstrating to.

A Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club recommenced on Thursday 4th February and looks forward to another year of Happy, Helpful Fellowship.

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. Play Housie for small useful items, such as fruit, vegies, jellies, matches etc. Then about 3 p.m. have a chat over afternoon tea. We finish at 4 p.m. but you may leave when you like. The door charge is 80 cents.

Do come along if you are lonely or feel you would like a someone to chat to. Looking forward to seeing you.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.



FLOWERS DONATIONS



- FEBRUARY 7TH - Donation by Mrs Willis in memory of her mother Mrs. Sheriff:
Arrangements by Mrs. E Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- FEBRUARY 14TH - Donation by Mrs. Hitchins in memory of her husband.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- FEBRUARY 21ST - From Joan & Bruce Livingston in memory of Ella Sopwith.
Arrangement by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- FEBRUARY 28TH - In memory of Mr. B. Young from wife Hilda & daughter Denise.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

The accounts for December show a surplus of \$1808, due to receipt of interest from The May Ruhle Endowment Fund and The All Saints' Centenary Endowment Fund. Some of the interest is added to these funds so that the interest will grow to compensate for the increased cost of living.

If money from these funds were to be used for repairs to the floor or other jobs it would be very soon used up and the church would not have enough income.

You are invited to attend the Annual Vestry Meeting (21st. March, 1988 8 p.m.) and discuss these matters.

ELLA MARY SOPWITH

It is my sad duty to record the sudden passing of Ella Sopwith as a result of an accident on the 21 January, 1988.

I have been closely associated with Ella both personally and through the many avenues of All Saints' since I first attended the church in 1937.

She possessed outstanding qualities of character and integrity of the highest order.

All Saints' have lost one of their staunchest supporters despite her attendance at St. John's Ashfield over the last several years.

I will always remember her great zeal of spirit to further the development of all persons who were fortunate to come under her influence.

She worked tirelessly for the Choir, the Sunday School and was an efficient member of the Parish Council during the later years of her long term at All Saints'.

Ella married William Sopwith at All Saints' in 1952 and we were privileged to have such a fine husband and wife team supporting our church.

A large number of All Saints' parishioners were in attendance at the funeral service held at St. John's Ashfield on Monday 25 January 1988.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing sincere sympathy to Bill on the passing of his dear wife.

Bruce Livingston.

DECEMBER ACCOUNTS

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - DECEMBER 1987.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,734.04	Rector's Net Stipend	1,548.75
DISTRICT VISITORS COLLECTIONS		Rector's Trav. Allowance	446.42
Mrs. Carr	32.00	Organist	60.00
Miss Nisbet	35.00	Church Flowers	55.00
Mrs. Fishburn	5.00	Church Cleaning	80.00
O.E.S. Members	3.00	Hall Cleaning	80.00
DONATIONS		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
Senior Parishioners Club	300.00	Machine Service	237.74
Women-in-Friendship	200.00	20 Rms A4 Paper	144.50
Mr. Bembrick	5.00	Telephone Account	85.15
Bible Donations	106.00	Voluntary Workers Insurance	120.00
Recycling - Cans	3.00	12 Toilet Rolls	3.66
1987 FETE		Parish Supn. Contribution	228.75
Grocery Stall	2.60	Rector's Supn Contribution	228.75
White Elephant Stall	6.80		
Chronicle Advertising from			
Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd.	50.00		
Church Flowers	105.00		
Deposit Interest	130.14		
Rector's Telephone Contrib	30.00		
INVESTMENT INTEREST			
May Ruhle Endow Fund	1,507.61		
All Saints' Centenary Fund	960.70		
	5,215.89		3,407.55
Deficit for Month	0.00	Surplus for Month	1,808.34
	5,215.89		5,215.89
BALANCE 1-12-87	5,019.77		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	1,808.34		
	6,828.11		