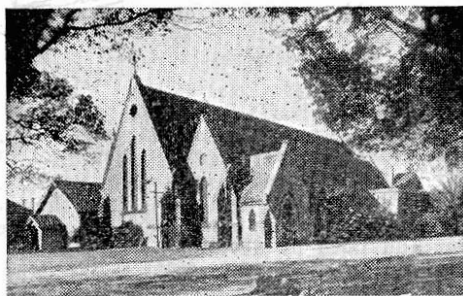


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NOVEMBER, 1979

GALA FETE

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Parish Hall and Grounds

SATURDAY, 17th NOV., 1979

9.00 A.M. — 5.00 P.M.



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From your Minister's Desk



My dear Friends,

"ALL SAINTS" —!!

Yes, that's our name — and it's also this time of the year that we celebrate All Saint's. November 1st is All Saint's Day. Who were these "Saints"? Certainly not the notable ones like Peter, John, Matthew, and so on — they all have their own days. No, they were the many ordinary disciples who, though un-named as far as we're concerned, served their Saviour and Lord by devoted lives and have "departed this life in His faith and fear".

In its name our Church speaks to us of such — and their vital part in the making real of the Kingdom of God. In doing that it calls on each of us to think of whether we are available to God to be used by Him in His purposes.

Many of us are not used by God for His most interesting and exciting work — not because we are unfitted for it, but because we think we are. We know people who have all manner of thrilling experiences coming their way, and we envy them, wishing we were similarly equipped. This is a mistake.

It's true that we aren't all endowed alike. Some have more talents than others. But God does not depend so much on our gifts, as on our readiness to put what we do have utterly at His disposal. The ones who have been used most mightily for God and His Kingdom haven't always been those with the richest endowments. Brother Lawrence was a kitchen-hand; Gladys Aylward was a housemaid. The extent to which God can use us depends far less on our gifts than on our availability.

Whenever God finds a life He can command as and when He likes, He makes great use of it. The whole secret of living adventurously is to have one's life utterly at the disposal of God.

Our gifts may be limited, our situation very prescribed, our time heavily mortgaged, but if God has the right to command our talents and our time all sorts of interesting adventures open before us. God begins to use us as we are and where we are, whenever we put ourselves unreservedly under His control.

There alone lies the way for us to join that great band of "All Saints" who are the channels of God blessing our day and generation.

Yours in the Name of our Lord,

S. W. GISSING.

LOVE IS A MIXED-UP WORD

No doubt I've lived a very sheltered life, but I did not realise until recently the extent to which the word "love" has been wrenched out of its true context in accepted English usage. I was ready at first to blame the down-market tabloids and less reputable paperbacks for this malpractice, but to my chagrin I found they have no less an authority than Chambers' Twentieth Century Dictionary on their side. We should not allow even so distinguished a source to get away with it, however. Why should we accept the word "lover" to describe someone's current or previous sexual partner — as distinct from their husband or wife — when lust more than love is what often cements such a relationship?

And what are we to say to the concept of "making love" — a misnomer if ever there was one, as a euphemism for sexual intercourse? In the context in which it is all too often written about, it has more to do with casual sexual satisfaction than with true love.

Worst of all is the description of an illegitimate child, not as a bastard, an ugly though accurate word, but as a "love child". Are we to assume that children born to a husband and wife are thereby deemed to be sub-standard, conceived not in love but for other less worthy reasons; that couples who do not regularise their sexual liaison with a marriage contract enjoy a quality of love not experienced by those who do? Marriage as an institution may have its faults but it remains the only relationship capable of sustaining love in all its aspects, one of the more enjoyable of which, but not the only one, is sexual fulfilment. In short, sex is not love, and love is much, much more than sex. Chambers notwithstanding, it is time we stopped selling love short.

—JOHN CAPON, in April, 1979 "Crusade".

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WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS

MORNINGS at 9.30 a.m.:—

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

(Family Service is the 3rd Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

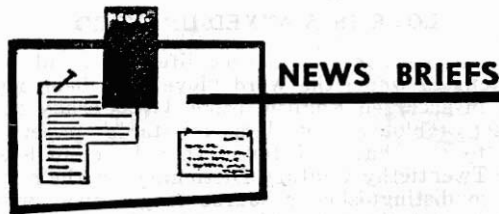
EVENINGS at 7 p.m.:—

(This changes to 5 p.m. during winter months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.



1979 ANNUAL FETE

You could hardly have failed to notice that the Fete is on 17th NOVEMBER. As in each year, this will be a very hectic and exciting day for us. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ALL OUR FRIENDS JOINING US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LABOURS OF OUR LADIES.

We do need the help of the blokes at three special times:

Thurs. 15th at 7.15 p.m. in the hall for the erection of the stalls.

Fri. 16th at 11 a.m. in the grounds for the erection of tents.

Sat. 17th at 5 p.m. generally for the removal of stalls and the clean-up!!!

Can we count on YOU, please.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The Annual pre-Christmas Party for the Sunday School Kindergarten will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 8th December.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 26th November, at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. Miss Deane, from the Uniting Church, Lewisham, will be our guest speaker.

There will not be a meeting in December, but the Rector and Mrs. Gissing are inviting all the ladies of the Parish to a Christmas Party at the Rectory at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th December. Mrs. Colin Ritchie will entertain us.

The "Annual Fete", is the next "Big Day" — on Saturday, 17th November. We hope to see everybody there and please remember, help is needed in so many places in so many ways. If you are willing to help a job to suit you will surely be found.

"Women-in-Friendship" will go into "Recess" in January, 1980.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

FETE "WHITE ELEPHANT" STALL

Mrs. Humphreys is seeking pots and pans and crockery and cutlery—and well anything you no longer need or want, and which she can sell on the White Elephant Stall. Either please leave on the verandah of 29 Chester Street, Petersham, or phone 560-8756 and arrangements can be made. MANY THANKS.

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FLORAL MEMORIALS

- November 4th — Mrs. Maree Doctor in memory of her aunt, Mrs. Stella Gordon.
- November 11th — Mrs. E. Rhodes in memory of her husband, Cecil Rhodes, mother Mrs. L. Adams, and sister Phyllis Allwood.
- November 18th — Mr. Bill Williams and family in memory of Mrs. Aileen Williams.
- December 2nd — Mrs. Mary Rowan in memory of her husband, Les Rowan Snr., and her mother Mrs. A. Bentley.
- December 9th — Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Willis Snr.
- December 25th — Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.

It is a beautiful way of remembering one's loved one — putting flowers in church on a special day. If you would care to do this, please contact the Rector by about six (6) weeks or more ahead of the desired date.

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EVENING SERVICE TIME

With the coming of "daylight saving" we have reverted to the hour of 7 p.m. for the Evening Worship time. When the daylight hours are shorter we hold the Service at 5 p.m. By this changing we always enable our evening congregation to come up in daylight.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Our Club will continue to meet each Thursday at 1 p.m. until our Party Day on Thursday, 13th December. We hope all members will be able to attend on this day. After the party day the Club will go into recess until the last Thursday in January, 1980.

It was lovely to see Mrs. Robertson back with us last Thursday, but I am sorry to report after having a fall she now has another broken arm. We all hope to see you as soon as possible again, Robbie, and certainly at the Christmas Party. Vie Brassington is back, too. That is wonderful, Vie. Keep it up. We are looking forward to seeing Nora Dixon back after an operation on her eyes. Elsie Casterson and Glad Hunt, who have also had long hospitalisation. Marge Garth is ill at her daughter's. We do hope to see you all back for the party.

Sorry to lose Ken Crisp, who is leaving us to live in Tasmania. All the best in your new home, Ken.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

WORLD CHURCH IS GROWING

The Christian Church is gaining 63,00 converts a day around the world, according to figures released by an American research agency. Every week about 1,600 new churches are established.

The information comes from the interdenominational Missions Advanced Research and Communications Centre (MARC) in California, which monitors church development throughout the world.

The figures show a substantial 14 per cent increase in the church's recruiting power in the past two years. In 1977 the MARC estimate was 55,000 new converts a day and 1,400 new churches a week.

If present trends continue the Centre predicts that by the end of this century 60 per cent of the world's Christians will be non-whites. In 1900 most were whites. Areas in which Christianity is making the biggest advances are North and South America, South Korea, and especially Africa, where it is estimated that the Christian constituency will reach 48 per cent of the population by the year 2000, compared with 3 per cent at the beginning of this century.

—quoted from "Crusade" magazine of May, 1979.

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RICHARD AND ANNETTE SMALL WRITE TO SAY:

QUESTION 1: What is very excited, cannot stop putting on weight, has unusual food craving and cannot wait to tell every one her secret?

ANSWER 1: AN EXPECTANT MOTHER!! Yes, you guessed it, we are expecting a baby, and if all goes smoothly we should be having some late nights around April 25 next year. Let's hear from the expectant Mum . . . "contrary to the opening remark I have not put on weight yet . . . however . . . we are so thrilled at the thought of being parents because we really believe that this is the Lord's plan for us. I praise God for the way He is teaching us to trust Him for the development of our baby. Psalm 139: 13 16 shows God's intimate care for us even before birth! Our child is the Lord's gift to us, and we pray that he or she will live to bring glory to God.

Please Pray For Us In These Areas:

1. Join with us in praising God for His promise in Jeremiah 29:11. He really does know the plans He has for us (and you too) and they are for our welfare.

2. Pray that God will keep me in extra good health.

3. Pray that even now God will be preparing Rich and me for our role as parents.

Thank you, lots of love, ANNETTE".

QUESTION 2: What is in Melbourne, has 13,00 students attending, began in 1961, and begins with the letter "M"?

ANSWER 2: MONASH UNIVERSITY!!

Yes, Monash. That's our assignment for 1980 (and beyond).

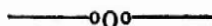
. . . Steve Cooper, the sole staffworker there, began the ministry this year—1979, and has been greatly blessed as students have responded to take a decisive growing stand for Jesus, and commit themselves to boldly proclaim His message of God's love and forgiveness. We expect to be on Campus for Orientation Week (March, 1980). . . .

Please Pray For Us In These Areas:

1. Praise God for His answered prayer in our placement for 1980.
2. Praise God for all we are learning by being at the Great Commission Training Centre.
3. Pray that God will prepare the way for our work at Monash.
4. Pray about our many unclear details — housing, moving, visiting, extra financial needs, etc.

Thanks, we love you and praise God that you are as much a part of this ministry as we are.

In His service, RICH.



CARE FORCE — HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Recently Mrs. Gloria Inman, of Care Force (which is a section of the work of our Anglican Home Mission Society) spoke to a group of our women at All Saints' about this Home Support Programme, and left us all feeling that this was a project which many of us here at Petersham could, and should, be involved in.

This is what it's all about—

"We are getting together a group of people in Marrickville and the areas around and about to be involved in our Home Support Programme.

What YOU can do: depends on what you can do!

We are not looking for degrees or diplomas.

WE WANT PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND FAMILY LIFE.

have you raised a family?

do you live in or close to Marrickville?

have you survived living on a tight budget?

lived through sickness?

beaten loneliness?

Maybe you enjoy kids? love cooking? or talking to people?

**WHAT FREE TIME YOU HAVE WE CAN USE
IF YOU NEED HELP OR CAN OFFER HELP**

or know someone else who would be interested

PLEASE CONTACT:

Gloria Inman, Care Force, 799-5222.

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- ★ **HOOPLA AND
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