

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

Confirmation is the Service provided by our church where people, who have made up their minds that they want to commit their future life to following and serving Jesus Christ, can publicly declare this fact (Romans 10:9, Matthew 10:32, and Luke 12:8) and have their local congregational family pray for them (James 5:16). There is truth that in the Confirmation Service both the one being "confirmed" and the local congregation enter into a solemn vow to support and encourage one another with a view to the building up and maturing of the "Body of Christ" locally. Jesus calls the true church His "Body"—of which He is the Head! He is referring to true believers who are trusting Him as Saviour and Lord—not a building, nor a religious group that has taken the name "church". He wants believers to fellowship and work with other members of His spiritual body in growth and service. (1 Corinth. 12:12; Ephesians 4:16; Hebrews 10:25).

So Confirmation is the time when those who "mean business" with God make a start on adult church membership. Really, the Church is God's Army—the local congregation is the local Battalion. Obviously, any soldier in any army must train and work with his fellow soldiers if their cause is to be victorious and not defeated. I can't imagine any army succeeding without respect for discipline—nor with each soldier parading only when it pleases him! Can you?

Confirmation then is for the "fair dinkum". To help us know at least something about what is expected of a soldier of Jesus Christ we hold Preparation Courses. During these, we help people understand what the Christian Faith is all about and what the Church of England is all about. Following the Course the individual can honestly and intelligently make the decision to enlist or to pass up!!

Our Parish Confirmation Course is to start after the May school vacation. I am calling a gathering of any over the age of 14 years who are interested in considering the possibility of enlisting in Our Lord's Church, following the 8 a.m. Service on **Sunday, 25th May (about 9.15 a.m.)**. This invitation is extended to both adults and young people.

A number of both juniors and seniors have already made enquiry. I look forward to many joining me on 25th May. This is part of the real business of the Church of God.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING.

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OUR RESOURCES

"Be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—HEB. xiii. 5.

Such things as ye have—plus! The Greek literally means that there is within us an undeveloped power only awaiting the call, and there will be enough. I may be speaking to people who wish that they had more money, or more brains, or more influence. They dream of the lives they would live, of the deeds they would do, if only they were better circumstanced. But God says No! You have present within

the narrow confines of your own reach the qualities that the world is wanting. Use them, and be content with the things that you have. You have never explored the resources of your own soul.

"Such things as ye have"—Moses had only a rod, but a rod with God can open the Red Sea. David had only five pebbles, but these with God brought down Goliath. The woman had only a little pot of oil, but that pot of oil with God paid all her debts. The poor widow was scraping the bottom of the barrel, but with God the handful of meal kept her child, herself, and the prophet until the rain came. The boy had only five tiny loaves and two small fish, but with Jesus they were enough for five thousand men, beside women and children. Estimate what you have got, and then count God into the bargain! He never lets go your hand. He will never leave nor forsake those that trust in Him!

Therefore be content! The most glorious deeds that have blessed and enriched the world have not been done by wealthy men. Our Lord had none of this world's goods; the apostles had neither silver nor gold; Carey was only a poor cobbler; Bunyan a travelling tinker; Wesley left two silver spoons. It is not money, but human love and God that is needed. Therefore do not be covetous; do not hoard, but give! Be strong and content. With good courage say: "The Lord is my Helper; I will not fear"—for life or death, for sorrow or joy!

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THE GOD OF HOPE

"Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in Hope, in the power of the Holy Ghost."

Rom. xv. 13.

We all need to abound in Hope. Hope is the artist of the soul. Faith fills us with joy and peace, which brim over in Hope. When Faith brings from God's Word the materials of anticipation and expectation, Hope transfers the fair colours to her palette, and with a few deft dashes of her brush delineates the soul's immortal and unfading hope. Faith thus excites Hope to do her fairest work, until presently the walls of our soul become radiant with frescoes. Our faith rests on God's Word, and hope rests on faith, and such hope cannot be ashamed. It is the anchor of the soul, which enters that which is within the veil, and links us to the shores of eternity (Heb. vi. 18, 19).

Faith rests on the promises of God. She does not calculate on feeling, is indifferent to emotion, but with both hands clings to some word of promise, and looking into God's face, says; "Thou canst not be unfaithful." When God has promised aught to thee, it is as certain as if thou hadst it in hand. Faith not only takes the Word of God, and rests her weight on it, but often when hard-pressed goes beyond the Bible back to God Himself, and argues that God is faithful and cannot deny Himself. Because God is God, He must ever act worthily of Himself.

It was thus that Moses argued, when he was with Him in the Holy Mount—to do thus, would not be worthy of Thyself! (Num. xiv. 13-20). We may be assailed with a hundred questions of doubt in the day, but must no more notice them than a barking cur. A business man once said that when he is convinced of the rightness of a certain course, he is sometimes assailed by doubts which arise like the cloud-mist of the

valley, or the marsh gas from the swamp; but when thus tempted, he turns to the promise of God, often reading three or four chapters of the Old Testament. This brings him in touch with the eternal world, filling him with joy and peace and abounding hope in believing, through the power of the Holy Ghost. They shall not be ashamed that hope in Him!

—F. B. MEYER.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- May 4: Donated by Mrs. J. Dark in memory of her Husband Mr. Eddie Dark; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 May 11: Donated by Misses Nisbet in memory of their Mother and by Miss Cole in memory of her Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 May 18: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
 May 25: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Thomas in memory of Jack and Marg; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 June 1: Donated by the Craigie family in memory of brother Don and by Miss K. King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

The extra flowers on Easter Day were in memory of Mr. D. Colbert from his wife and family, and from Mrs. D. Reid.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Parish Family Picnic:

The picnic was held on the 12th April. About 40 parishioners and Sunday school pupils attended. Although this was not as many as the last picnic, everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.

I would like to thank Mr. D. Taylor for arranging a donation of bread from Fielders Bakery and Mr. Frank Hearn for the ice creams, and all the people who made a cash donation to the picnic.

Overhead Projector:

We have been using the Overhead Projector since the beginning of Lent for the opening and closing services in the Sunday School. It has also been used by the teachers for lessons. We also intend to put words of hymns on transparent film.

NOEL CRAIG, Superintendent.

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CLUB NEWS

Ladies' Guild:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20th May, at 1 p.m. in the Guild Room. We are always pleased to welcome any visitors who may care to drop in and join us for afternoon tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Women's Evening Group:

The first meeting of the Group was a very pleasing and entertaining evening. Mrs. Joy Hanson gave a very interesting talk on the Bamu River Mission, which she illustrated by the use of slides and a movie.

Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 14th May, and should prove just as interesting. It will take the form of a Memory Night, and we invite any lady of the parish to attend.

Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way to our "Jumble Stall" held last Friday. We propose to hold another similar stall later in the year.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

If you would like to join a happy club, which doesn't cost much then just come along to our club any Thursday Afternoon between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We always meet in the Parish Hall, play cards and "Housie" and have a pleasant chat over a cup of tea. The donation is 20 cents.

All denominations are welcome so please come along, we would love to have you.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

Weekly attendances are pleasing and we are all enjoying the play very much. However, we would like to welcome a few more new members. We meet every Wednesday night in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

We were very pleased to greet Mr. Shaw after his holiday and have missed Mrs. Wilson who, due to a back ailment has not been able to play.

B. SEE, Honorary Secretary.

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THE HISTORIC CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, LIVERPOOL

St. Luke's Church at Liverpool is the oldest existing Anglican Church in Australia. Its historical associations date back to the early days of settlement in Australia.

Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of New South Wales and its dependencies from 1st January, 1810 to 1st Decmeber, 1821, founded Liverpool, the first of the "Macquarie towns". On 7th November, 1810, whilst on a tour of inspection, he selected the site upon which the town

was to be built and personally marked out in the centre thereof a square which was to be the site of the Church.

In 1815, Governor Macquarie gave orders for the erection of the first Parsonage. This, according to our historian, Mrs. Havard, was in Macquarie Street, on the north-east corner of its intersection with Elizabeth Street.

In 1817, Macquarie wrote to Earl Bathurst telling him of his proposal to build a church at Liverpool. William Stone surveyed the site for a fee of £1/10/- and Francis Howard Greenway designed it. Nathaniel Lucas and James Smith contracted to build the church for £1,750.

"Tuesday, April 7th, 1818, Mrs. Macquarie and our dear boy went in a carriage from Parramatta to Liverpool with Secretary Campbell and Major Antill on horseback. Breakfasted and accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Rev. and Mrs. Youll and principal inhabitants of the town, proceeded to the spot and after the ceremony I layed the foundation stone." So wrote Governor Macquarie in 1818. In another letter he adds, "This morning . . . I went through the ceremony of laying the corner foundation stone of the church naming it 'St. Luke's Church'. My dear son, Lachlan (aged 4), assisted me in a very active and manly manner to lay the foundation stone of St. Luke's Church."

The building was in progress when Macquarie laid the stone, for in the "Sydney Gazette" of 24th February, 1818, there is a notification of a payment of £330 to Mr. Nathaniel Lucas, "being the first instalment of the contract of erection of a church at Liverpool".

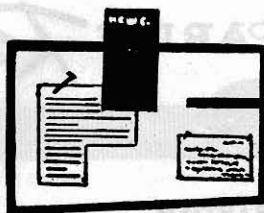
Mr. Lucas died before completion of the church and was buried in the first cemetery (now Apex Park), corner Copeland Street and Elizabeth Drive). The headstone of his grave now stands at the north-west corner of the church.

The church was built by convict labour. The architect, Francis Greenway, received 3/- per day and when the foundation stone was laid, the contractor and workmen were given three gallons of rum as a present from the Government. The foundations of the church consist of 14 layers of sandstock bricks, eight bricks wide, laid with mortar. The church is built of famous Liverpool sandstock bricks. (not convict made, as some people believe). Woodwork is mainly cedar.

Prior to the erection of St. Luke's Church, Divine Service was conducted in Liverpool by the Rev. Samuel Marsden, the official Chaplain for the Colony. From 1816-1819 spiritual oversight was given by Rev. John Youll. The schoolhouse (in Bigge Street), erected in 1811, was used for Divine Service until the arrival of Rev. Robert Cartwright in 1819. The Rev. Cartwright, the first incumbent of St. Luke's arrived in Sydney in 1810, and was at Windsor until he came to Liverpool. The old schoolhouse did not appeal to the Rev. Cartwright who commenced Services in St. Luke's Church on St. Luke's Day, 1819. Services have been held regularly in the church ever since. Although the furniture for the official opening of the church was borrowed, it must have been substantially completed at that time.

The church, however, was not consecrated until 1956 when the centenary of Moore Theological College raised the question of the date of consecration.

(Reprinted from the official history.)

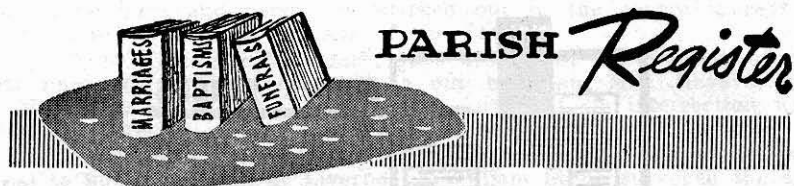


NEWS BRIEFS

- Mrs. Clark would appreciate gifts of wool or material to assist her in fete preparation.
- Articles for the June "Chronicle" are due no later than 18th May, 1975.
- Tuesday, 6th May—12.30 p.m. Women's Luncheon at St. John's Ashfield—Lady Eileen Yeo on "Portugese Times"—\$1.50.
- Sunday, 18th May—11.15 a.m. Parishioners' Meeting to consider use of Trial Church Services.
- Friday, 23rd May—7.45 p.m. Parents and Friends of Sunday School meet to plan social activities.
- Sunday, 25th May—9.15 a.m. Meeting of those interested in CONFIRMATION.

PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays after Evensong.
MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. LITANY—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.
EVENSONG—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, B. Dryden, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston,
H. E. Quelch, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie, J. Williams.
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HOLY BAPTISM

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

- February 23: Matthew Ian Ball of 6 Alkira Road, St. Ives.
 March 16: Danielle Mae Sweet of 3/28 Albert Street, Petersham.
 April 20: Amber Leigh Sharp of 33 Burwood Road, Concord.

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

- March 15: Craig Ellis Akins (Alexandria) and Robyn Joy Healy (Kingsgrove).
 April 5: Alejandro Enrique Rodriguez (Dulwich Hill) and Cheryl Jean Verrey (Dulwich Hill).
 April 5: James Robert Colbert (Canterbury) and Dianne Joy Buckland (Canterbury).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

- February 24: Ettie Palmer of 17 Hunt Street, Enfield.
 March 12: Edith Alice Baskin of 42 Crosky Court, Newton Street, Alexandria.
 March 13: Clarice Eureka Mary Williamson of 32 William Street, Petersham.
 March 21: Arthur Alfred Steed of 1 Church Street, Petersham.
 March 22: Edith Mary Meaker of Windermere Hospital, Summer Hill.
 April 14: Frederick Nelson Lee of 4 Stanley Street, Stanmore.
 April 8: Laurel Iolene Packer of 54 Margaret Street, Petersham.
 April 21: Ernest Leonard Fisk of 128A Newington Road, Petersham.

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