

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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*From your
Minister's
Desk*



The Rectory,
Petersham.

Dear Friends,

From time to time people ask, "What is the most important thing that the Church does?" I think everybody at some time asks that question either to themselves or of someone else. It is a good question in fact; if it is not asked by members of congregations from time to time then they must be a pretty dead crowd of people.

Easter, with the emphasis on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ gives the answer to this question. The most important work the Church does, is to proclaim that God in Jesus Christ died on the Cross to forgive our sin and rose again on the third day to show that Satan's power over our lives has been broken. Hallelujah!

Good Friday and Easter Day are the essence of the message of the Christian Church. Christ, the sinless Son of God was crucified not for the evil He had done but rather for the evil we have committed and continue to commit. A Christian is a

person who has accepted Christ's death on the Cross for him. We don't deserve it, certainly we are not good enough to expect it, but God's love is so great that He gave His only Son to suffer for us — to accept the punishment for all the things we have done wrong.

“Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, should'st die for me!”

(Charles Wesley, 1707-1788.)

Easter Day brings to us the certainty that Jesus was not only able to suffer for us on the Cross, but also was able to break the hold that Satan — the Evil One — held over all mankind — over you and I.

What is the most important thing that the Church does?

The Church is in the business of rescuing men and women from the power of the Evil One. Its message gives men and women hope — never-ending hope. Death and hell are not God's plan for mankind; rather He plans New Life and Eternal Bliss. This is the all-important work of the Church — to proclaim the Gospel, and to urge men and women to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

On behalf of my wife, the boys and myself, I would wish you a Happy and Holy Easter. Happy in the knowledge of Christ as your Saviour and friend; and Holy in the life you now live in the power of the Risen Lord.

I trust that we shall all meet around the Lord's Table on Easter Day to remember Christ's death for us and to celebrate the victory He won for us through His Resurrection.

May God bless you,

Yours sincerely,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

WORSHIP TIMES

9.30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.)
SUNDAY SCHOOL.

9.30 a.m. KINDERGARTEN

7.00 p.m. EVENING PRAYER.
(H.C. on 1st and 3rd Sundays.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

A decision has been made for the Kindergarten to commence at 9.30 a.m. instead of 9.55 a.m. The 9.30 a.m. start commences from Sunday, 7th March.

The Sunday School Prize-giving was held on the 21st February. I would like to congratulate all pupils who received a prize.

The Sunday School is still seeking teachers for the senior Sunday School. This is one of the finest ways by which dependable parishioners can perform a Christian service. If you are interested in helping please contact the Rector or Noel Cragg.

We are very thankful for the assistance given to the Kindergarten class by:

Joanna Freeman, Kim Granger Toni Sheppard

The Kindergarten class is flourishing, but so far there is nowhere for them to go as they get older, so they become lost to the Church.

This year the kindergarten will be making crosses for Palm Sunday, a custom which appears to have been allowed to die out at All Saints'.

NOEL CRAGG,
Superintendent.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE LIST

Class 2:

- 1st Prize—Stacey Sheppard.
- 2nd Prize—Naomi Smith.
- 3rd Prize—Matthew Egan.

Class 3:

- 1st Prize—Stuart Hitchcock.
- 1st Prize—Andrew Hitchcock.
- 2nd Prize—Debbie Granger.
- 3rd Prize—Genevieve Freeman.

Class 6:

- 1st Prize—Kim Granger.
- 1st Prize—Joanna Freeman.

Class 7:

- 1st Prize—Toni Sheppard.

KINDERGARTEN PRIZE LIST

Extension Class:

- 1st Prize—Sarah Essam.
- 2nd Prize—Nicole Scott.
- 3rd Prize—Selene Cure.
- Special Prize—Sasha Jensen.

Class 3:

- 1st Prize—Karma Greig.
- 2nd Prize—Raechel Scott.
- 3rd Prize—Scott Sheppard.

Class 2:

- 1st Prize—Emma Kate Essam.
- 2nd Prize—Cameron Scott.
- 2nd Prize—Matthew Lea.
- 2nd Prize—Michele Lea.
- 2nd Prize—James Ritchie.

Kindergarten Class:

- 1st Prize—Rebecca Edwards.
- 2nd Prize—Daniel Edwards.

Special Bible Prize for Excellent Attendance to:
Alexandra Smith.

**WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP**

Two dates have been set on which we hope you can be with us. The first is the next Second-hand Clothing and Jumble Stall, to be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 26th March, opening at 9 a.m. Don't forget, if you have anything saleable that you no longer want, we would be glad of it, please.

The second date is our Annual Luncheon, on Tuesday, 20th April, 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Ritchie (who some of you have heard before on the melodica), assisted by her husband, will be our entertainers. Donation \$2.00. Do come, I'm sure you will enjoy every bit of it.

Our Club last year undertook to sponser a refugee child through World Vision, jointly with the New Mums Play Group, who meet in our hall. We have decided to carry on jointly again for another 12 months..

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 2nd March, is to be followed by a Stanhome Party at 2 p.m.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

**SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB**

Our Club is in full swing again for 1982, but we are still anxious to enrol new members.

Some of our members are still knocking themselves about. I'm told Doreen Jenkins had another fall — hope to see you back soon, Doreen.

We are all pleased Rev. Eric Champion has come through his operation with flying colours, and we will all be pleased to have Mrs. Champion back with us.

Mrs. Gladys Banser is going to represent our Club at the Government House Garden Party during Senior Citizens' Week this year. We all wish you a happy day, Glad.

Owing to the rising costs (I think you may all have heard that phrase before) we have had to put our door money up to 60 cents from 50 cents., but it is still a cheap afternoon. Do come and see for yourself any Thursday afternoon, 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- Feb. 21 In memory of Bessie Clark, from Mrs. Hall.
 Mar. 7 From Julie and Alison in memory of "Mate".
 Mar. 14 Stone of Remembrance — Anonymous.
 Mar. 21 In memory of Lionel Sharp, of Bathurst.

FLOWER DONATION FOR APRIL

- April 4—In memory of Mr. Beardow, from Mrs. Beardow and family.
 „ 11—No donation. Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
 „ 18—An anonymous Thanksgiving. Arrangement by Mrs. A. Stead.
 „ 25—No donation. Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

During Lent a Communion Service will be held every Wednesday night at 7.45 p.m.

THE BEGINNING OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETERSHAM

(Continued from last month.)

The troubles of the Parochial Authorities were not ended with the laying of the foundationn stone. The contractor did not share the eagerness of the parishioners for the completion of the Church building, and many complaints were made about

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the slow progress of the work, and the people were surprised and thankful when the building was eventually finished.

It will be noted from the "Herald" account of the laying of the foundation stone that it was a large and weighty bit of masonry. It remains the great mystery of our Parish Church, as it is nowhere to be seen these days, and despite diligent searches it cannot be located.

The Church was opened on All Saints' Day, 1st November, 1871. Its total cost, inclusive of Architect's fees, extra fittings, etc., was £1,927, and the debt at the opening was about £1,150. In May, 1873, it was decided that gas lighting be installed in the Church and that the grounds be enclosed with a paling fence, although by this date the kangaroos had been cleared away from Stanmore Road. Many of the present generation of parishioners will remember the gas lighting in the Church, although many years ago the lighting was further improved by the installation of electricity, and recently a portion of the lighting in the Church was altered to the fluorescent type. Many years ago, too, a brick fence, of tasteful design, replaced the paling fence over most of the length.

Twelve months after the opening of the new Church, the congregation had grown to such an extent that an enlargement of the building was seriously contemplated. It was, however, decided to provide decent accommodation for the Rector, and so the Rectory was built.

Prior to this the Rector occupied a small cottage on the south-west corner of Audley Street and New Canterbury Road.

The new Rectory was located in a position to the rear of the present building, and will be remembered by several of our present parishioners. If it is the building remembered by the writer, it was a distinct improvement on the famous bark hut at Sofala. The building was demolished during the Incumbency of the Rev. Canon Goddard, and the present imposing Rectory was built as a replacement.

The Rev. H. A. Palmer died on the 4th May, 1879, and the Press reported his passing in the following terms:

"In the death of the Rev. H. A. Palmer, Incumbent of Petersham, the Anglican Church in this Colony has sustained a severe loss."

He was regarded as one of the Church's most estimable and valuable Ministers. He certainly played his part in founding the Anglican Church in Petersham. He died at the comparatively early age of 51 years. He had officiated at the Sunday Service and was found dead in his bed on the following morning. In appreciation of his unselfish work it was rightly considered that some memorial to him should be erected, and so a monument was placed on his grave at St. Paul's Canterbury, the Mother

Church of All Saints' Petersham. In the latter Church a stained glass window was placed in his memory.

The Reverend Charles Baber was appointed as successor to Mr. Palmer, and he entered upon his duties on the 6th July, 1879. Soon after his arrival there was a renewal of the agitation for the enlargement of the Church building, and without further delay a tender to complete the building at a cost of £2,750 was accepted.

It excluded the tower and spire, which had figured in the original plans. The following year was financially good, but in addition to the roof there was also a debt on the building. It was in this year, 1880, that a new Parish was created at Summer Hill, and in 1883 a School-Church was opened at Marrickville. The Day School, which had been temporarily closed, was

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, DECEMBER, 1981
GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	847.20	Rector's Nett Stipend	675.20
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	119.62
Alum. cans 62.55		Rev. R. N. Langshaw	395.62
Bottles 106.76		Organist	117.50
Papers 314.35		Organ Tuning and	
	483.66	Repairs	76.00
Church Flowers	135.00	Church Flowers	40.00
Donations	490.00	Visiting Preachers ...	4.00
District Visitors	84.20	Church Cleaning	200.00
Payment of Insurance		Chronicle	65.20
Claim	1,371.20	Adjustment to front	
Fete	92.10	door of Rectory for	
Deposit Interest	86.63	provision of secur-	
		ity door	70.00
		Repairs to Vacuum	
		Cleaner	67.60
		Induction Service Of-	
		fertories to H.M.S.	204.28
		Freewill Envelopes ...	65.60
		2nd Progress Payment	
		Rectory Painting ...	400.00
		Cleaning & Repair of	
		Rectory Carpet	230.00
			\$2,745.93
		Surplus for Month	1,140.55
	<u>\$3,886.48</u>		<u>\$3,886.48</u>
Balance of General A/c, 1-12-81			\$6,507.63
Plus Surplus for Month			1,140.55
Balance, 31/12/81			<u>\$7,648.18</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAMPMENTS, JANUARY, 1982
GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	825.94	Rector's Nett Stipend	1,005.37
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow.	177.12
Alum. Cans 110.15		Organist	50.50
Bottles 92.33		Church Flowers	100.90
Papers 243.34		Half Cost Rector's	
	445.82	Removal Expenses,	
Church Flowers	25.00	Bundanoon/P'sham	312.50
Fete	3.30	Repair to handle Rec-	
		tory stove	36.00
	1,300.06	3rd Progress Payment	
Deficit for month	789.55	Rectory Painting	400.00
		Cleaning Materials	8.12
	<u>\$2,089.61</u>		<u>\$2,089.61</u>
Balance of General A/c, 1-1-82			\$7,647.98
Less Deficit for January			789.55
			<u>\$6,858.43</u>

re-opened on the 15th January with an enrolment of 155, which increased to 276 within a week. In 1886 the Vestry was built in memory of the infant son of Mr. A. E. Jaques, and a new pipe-organ, a beautiful instrument, was built at a cost of £750. In this year, too, additions were made to the Rectory and Holy Trinity Church, Dulwich Hill, was opened.

[**Editor's Note:** The February article on All Saints' Church has raised two points of interest. The original article states: "The walls of the Church are to be built of a superior kind of pressed brick used in two colours on the internal and external faces" It is thought that these bricks were imported from England as ballast, but by a strange coincidence one of the yellow bricks in the Eastern wall is very clearly stamped "Newtown". Has anyone got any thoughts on this?]

(To be continued next month.)

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