

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

Rector: Rev. R. A. JOHNSON, Th.L., Rural Dean of Randwick.

SEPTEMBER, 1954



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs R. F. ATKINSON, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, D. COOKE, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. T. SAYERS, E. HALE, E. QUELCH, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M., L.T.C.L., F.I.G.C.M.

Verger: Vacant.

The Rector would be pleased to receive immediate notification of any bereavements or sickness in the parish.

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals by arrangement with the Rector. LM 4735.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Consecration Festival Services and Festival Tea and Concert were a great success, and all who helped are to be congratulated on the success of the function. The Tea Meeting was very well attended and it was indeed good to see so many sit down to the meal in the Parish Hall. The friendly spirit manifested by all made the Tea a very happy event. The ladies again did a marvellous job, and they were helped by the men folk, and members of the fellowship. The Fellowship lads did a splendid job in preparation and clearing up. I know that you will be happy to learn that there will be a profit of over £40 which will help the general funds of the parish considerably. The Organ Recital in the Church by Mr. Rowland Eagar, assisted by Mrs. Frank Gunner, was enjoyed by a large congregation. Evensong followed with the sound film, "The Man Born to be Blind." This picture gave a very faithful portrayal of this Biblical incident, and was appreciated by all. The Concert in the parish hall afterwards was very good, and we are grateful to Mr. Eagar, Mrs. Sayers, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Gunner, and Mr. Ron Thurgood for their splendid items, and also for the gift of their services; indeed a good donation to our funds. The amusement caused by the screening of an old silent film of Charlie Chaplin, in the "Stage Hand," brought a memorable evening to a close. I do want to say to all who helped by taking tables, boiling water, sending in donations, in money and kind, and preparing for this Festival in many ways, how grateful Mrs. Johnson and I are to you all and will you please accept our thanks.

During the evening opportunity was taken to express our thanks to the Rev. H. Linton, and to the Rev. Bert Gardener for their work in the parish during the vacancy. It gave me great pleasure to present them both with a book as a small token of our esteem, and thanks to them both. It was also good to see Mrs. Adams present. Mr. F. W. Johnson, of Johnson's Bakery, donated all the bread rolls, and Mr. E. Brooks donated the milk: we are grateful to these gentlemen for their interest and for their gifts.

We must now work on and endeavour to interest more people in our Church and in the Kingdom of God. What a wonderful difference it would make if every Church of England person in Petersham came to church and made an effort to bring at least one person with them. There is no reason why our Church cannot be filled each Sunday. Surely we could meet once a week as we did on Wednesday of the Festival and as we did at the Services on the Festival Sunday. We need to worship together more frequently, to strengthen our spiritual life, and in these days of crisis to know how we stand with God; in our worship, especially the worship of the Prayer Book, we have a wonderful opportunity of seeing what the true spirit of prayer is; we see the best kind of worship offered to God, in the liturgy of our Church we are all called upon to take our part, with the clergy: as we do so we discover that our Prayer Book is thoroughly Scriptural. On Sunday mornings, at 8 a.m., I am giving a series of talks on the Holy Communion service, and shortly, in the evenings, I hope to begin a series of addresses on what might be termed a Modern Pilgrim's Progress: we need to know more about our Bible, our Faith, and Church. What does the Christian Faith mean to you? Will you come and find out. A very warm welcome awaits you at All Saints. A special service for young people will be held at All Saints on Sunday, 26th September, at 11 a.m.: a special invitation has been extended to Rovers, Scouts, Cubs, and Girl Guides to attend. I trust that all parents will endeavour to attend with their children.

With best wishes, Your sincere friend and Rector,

Ronald A. Johnson.

PARISH PARS

We record with regret that the following parishioners have passed away: Mr. Herbert Cecil Webber, of 63 Douglas Street; Mr. Walter Augustus Brown, of John Street; Mrs. Lily Buckley, sometime parishoner of this parish, and mother of Mr. Maurice Buckley, a member of our Y.C.I.; Mr. Hubert Spencer, of 28 Marshall Street, and Mr. Eugene Clement Byrne. To their loved ones our deepest sympathy is expressed, and we pray that God will comfort and sustain them in their sad loss.

The Rector also regrets that our sympathy was omitted in last month's Chronicle with Miss Spear, in the sudden home call of her sister, Miss Emma Frances Spear. Miss Rebecca Spear herself has since been ill in hospital, and we not only convey our sympathy with her in her sad loss, but also pray that she will herself soon be restored to health and strength.

It was good to see pupils from the Stanmore Home Science School present on Education Sunday, and one of their number read the Second Lesson. Miss Smith, the Headmistress, accompanied the girls. We thank her sincerely for her interest in this service.

Mr. Harold Jones and Family have been away on the Southern Highlands for their holidays. Unfortunately Mr. Jones' mother has not been well and they were recalled. Mrs. Jones, Sen., is 86; a grand score and up to the present she still retains a lively interest in her visitors.

Mr. Albert Carruthers has moved to Northbridge. We shall miss Albert; but he has promised to come and see us at All Saints from time to time.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Miniter has left hospital and is well on the road to recovery.

The Rev. A. Gardner, it is rumoured, is roaming around the country somewhere with a Geiger Counter whilst the school holidays are on. Someone said we hope he finds something and then the Church Roof will be fixed. We wish him a happy holiday.

His Grace the Archbishop will return from U.S.A. on Sunday, September 6th. We look forward to an account of his Grace's journeyings, and an account of the two Conferences he has attended at Minneapolis and Evanston.

A Clergy School will be held at Moss Vale in the second week of September; the Rector hopes to attend some of the sessions. Mrs. Johnson will be helping Mrs. Cameron and a band of ladies who cater for the school.

The Guild are holding a stall in the Church grounds on September 17th. They will be glad of gifts, and, of course, a goodly number of patrons to buy.

DO NOT FORGET THE FELLOWSHIP "LET'S RAISE THE ROOF SHOW" on 14th September at 8 p.m. A riot of fun and laughter. Come and enjoy it and swell the funds. Tickets 3/-, Children 1/6.

We give a hearty welcome to our new Archdeacon, the Ven. R. C. Kerle, B.A., and assure him of our prayerful support; and we are happy to welcome him and his good lady as our neighbours.

Many thanks to Mr. J. Carroll and his helpers for the splendid notice board. We hope to have a weekly message on it in the first part of the week, and then the Sunday notices.

THERE IS TO BE A WORKING BEE IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS ON SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER. WILL YOU HELP? WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO MAKE OUR GROUNDS LOOK NICE.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SUNDAY WILL BE OBSERVED ON SUNDAY EVENING AT 7.15 p.m. SERVICE. ALL EX-SERVICEMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS SERVICE.

The Rector will be taking the prayers at the Special Air Force service in Martin Place on **WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER. SERVICE COMMENCES at 11.45 a.m. IF YOU ARE IN TOWN, COME AND JOIN US.**

THE Y.P.U., a young people's missionary organisation, is growing, and a special speaker for this month will be the Rev. D. Muston, Assistant Secretary of C.M.S. The Y.P.U. meets every Friday at 4 p.m. under the leadership of Miss Hanna.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

(Saints Days)

Sept. 21. St. Matthew.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sept. 29. St. Michael and All Angels.—Holy Communion, 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

A FILM NIGHT

The G.P.O. Film Unit will visit the Parish on October 6th at 8 p.m. A splendid programme has been arranged in conjunction with the Y.C.I. All Parishioners, it is hoped, will join us. Admission is free: a donation is suggested.

PARISH REGISTER.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

BAPTISM

August 1—Judith Anne Turner.

August 15—Alan Hutchison; Julie Margret Edmonds.

August 22—Robyn Maureen Haines.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

August 14—Joseph David Neil to Hazel Brenda Gordon.

August 18—Richard John Radford Bowen to June Inez Mobberley.

August 20—Norman Leslie Gordon to Noelle June Taylor.

August 28—Geoffrey Leslie Alcock to Yvonne Graham.

CREMATIONS AND BURIALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

August 10—Herbert Cecil Webber, of 63 Douglas Street, Petersham.

August 11—Lily Buckley, late of Stanmore.

August 18—Hubert Spencer, 28 Marshall Street.

August 24—Eugene Clement Byrne, 153 Albany Road, Petersham.

A PRAYER

Lord, every morning may my opening eyes
Look for a gleam of sunlight in the skies,
And in the work I must do each day
Help me to seek for what is brave and gay.
Lord, when at night I kneel beside my bed,
Let me give thanks for blessings you have shed,
That my whole life may never cease to be
Joy in the goodness You have showered on me.

Beatrice Gibbs.

IRRESISTIBLE POWER

Two thousand years ago there lived a Man. In a small, unimportant country He lived His simple life, never in contact with the world leaders of His day, almost unnoticed by the historians of His time. What can He have to do with us in our driving, 20th-century, mechanised world of today, in our high-pressure offices, at our noisy ostentatious cocktail parties, in the stress and worry of trying against rising costs to make a living or support a family?

That Man—Christ—manifested with convincing force, as nobody else in history has ever been able to do, what God—the great God who made the world—is like. He revealed God, the all powerful, as a Being of supreme love—all gentleness, as understanding as a human Father, Prophet souls before Him had coupled God with supreme power, but never with supreme tenderness and love, as Christ did. Profound insight—or audacious folly!

This revolutionary conception has upset kingdoms and changed the course of empires. It has generated more irresistible power than any other force in history. Great armies, incomparable arrays of material strength, have not been able to withstand it. Today, twenty centuries after His death, His unforgettable words still ring across the world with resurgent, revitalising power.—Francis B. Sayre.

ST. LUKE'S CENTRE

A meeting of this committee was held on 11th August, when the attendance was small, and the secretary absent through illness. The meeting took the form of an American Tea.

We appeal for more members. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, excepting December and January, when the Centre goes into recess. The next meeting will be held on 8th September. On Friday, 17th September, we are having a Radio Preview in 2GB's Macquarie Auditorium, when we shall see and hear a Quiz Kid's Session, and the Gladys Moncrieff Show. Tickets at 2/6 each may be had from members of the centre. Children are permitted to attend, if paying full price, and patrons must be in their seats before 7.45 p.m. We hope many friends will join us that evening.

B. CADE, Hon. Sec.

A FAMOUS HYMN: "ABIDE WITH ME"

For 25 years the fishing port of Brixham, in South Devon, had for its Rector a man called Henry Francis Lyte. He was always in poor health and when a little more than 50 years of age he realised that he was dying of consumption. He felt the sadness of having to leave his work unfinished and prayed that, before he died, he might be able to write something that would live on after he was dead. In one of his poems called the "Declining Days" he wrote:

" O Thou Whose touch can lend
Life to the dead, Thy quickening grace supply,
And grant me—swanlike—my last breath to spend
In song that may not die."

Never was a prayer more wonderfully answered. The Sunday came when he was to minister to his people at Brixham for the last time; on the advice of his doctor and friends he was about to leave the country for a warmer climate, and was extremely weak. He preached his farewell sermon to a congregation of broken hearted friends—the fishermen of Brixham and their families—begging them to put their hope and trust in the Sacrifice and Death of Christ. When the service was over, he went back home. Later the same evening—his daughter tells us—he put into the hands of a friend the words of a hymn he had written which began "Abide with me." He meant it to be a prayer of preparation for death, not an evening hymn, as many suppose it to be, as can be clearly understood in the following verse:

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O, Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS, AUGUST, 1954

August 1st	£19 9 5 (A)	51	Communicants
August 8th	£14 5 6	76	"
August 15th	£56 17 11	73	"
August 22nd	£25 0 7 (b)	59	"
August 29th	£13 7 0	36	"
Saints Days and Private H.C.		22	"
House of the Epiphany and St. Margaret's Hostel		43	"
	£129 0 5	360	

(A) B.C.A. Boxes £1/15/1. (b) Roof Fund (Jubilee) £4/12/-;
C.E. A. Mem. £3/1/-.

DISTRICT VISITORS' COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST

Mrs. K. N. Oldfield, £3/16/6; Mrs. Smith, £1/3/- (July), £2/9/-; Mrs. Humphreys, £7/6/6; Mrs. Taylor, 16/-; Mrs. Furnell, £3/1/-; Miss Bayley, £2/13/-; Mrs. Grant, £1/3/-; Mrs. Craigie, £4; Miss McLean (annual), per Rector, 12/-; Mrs. Barrett, £2/4/-; Mrs. Milarey, £1; Mrs. Cook, £2/8/6; Mrs. Robertson, £5/1/-; Mrs. Mitchell, £2/5/-; Mrs. Thomas, £2/3/-; Per Rector, 2/-; Miss Sanderson, £1/10/6; Mrs. Calver, £1/5/6. Total, £44/10/6.

FESTIVAL TEA

Sale of tickets, £39/2/- (still some ticket money outstanding). Donations, £5/10/-. Grand Total, £44/12/-.

C. E. ADAMS MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. G. Clifton Smith, £1/1/-; Anon, £1; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Calver, £1/1/-.

ROOF FUND (JUBILEE)

Mrs. F. Gunner, 10/-; Mr. Hale, 10/-; Mr. Peard, £1; Box 54, £1/5/10; Mr. Thomas, 12/8; Mrs. Hacking, 8/7½; Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, £1; Mrs. Lois Sharp, £1; Mrs. Robinson, Box 87, 7/11; Mrs. Hitchins, £1/1/-; Anon., 10/-. Total £8/6/0½.

CHOIR FUND

Anonymous, £10, per the Rector.

THE SCHOOLS

In our last issue the Rector printed the names of those who assist at the Schools in the parish; unfortunately a name was omitted—that of Miss Atkinson. Miss Atkinson has for many years taken a class at the Stanmore Infants, and the Rector is very sorry her name was left out of the list of helpers. We are grateful for this splendid service. If it were not for the help of these good folk the School work would be impossible.

Fellowship.—The Fellowshippers are still practising hard for our "Let's Raise the Roof Again" Revue which is to be held on the 4th September at 8 p.m. Admission is 3/- adults, and 1/6 children. We hope to see you all there. There will be quite a variety of songs, etc., so! roll up! and let's "Raise the Roof" again. Our open night on 27th July was quite successful and we were happy to see so many new faces. Our Fellowship tea was held on August 22nd, at which we saw a very interesting film of Westminster Abbey. We would like to welcome Peter Weis into our Fellowship, and we hope he will be happy with us.—Joy Sanderson.

Y.C.I.—Our first meeting in August was devoted to Club-room Games, and it proved a great success. It was the pleasure of Y.C.I. members to welcome as guests a number of men from Holy Trinity, Kingsford, our President's former parish. Members and visitors alike enjoyed the games, in which "skittles" predominated. At supper, which concluded the night's programme, our guests expressed their appreciation of the hospitality of the Y.C.I., and their keen interest in our organisation. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, the 10th September, when there will be a debate against the Senior Group of the Sunday School. On the 24th September we are to have a visit from representatives of St. John's, Glebe. It is pleasing to report that the Y.C.I. is building up its membership, and we look forward to the enrolment of more members during September.

ALL SAINTS' FETE
BOOK THE DATE NOW
THURSDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1954

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For children's service we were grateful to Mr. Johnson for his very informative talk on the history of our Church.

It is hoped to re-open the children's library in the near future. We would appreciate gifts of books suitable for children's use.

The children will be making a drive for the roof fund in the near future. Mr. Atkinson has thought of a very good scheme.

The children's junior choir continues to make good progress and has been a great help at 11 a.m.—Contributed.

CHOIR

A severe shortage of books shows that some people have taken them away and have not returned them. If this is true for you, please return them immediately.

Thanks to Miss Browning for her good work of repairing a lot of the anthem books. Please do your share and help to preserve them.

Your presence at practices is expected and desired—7.45 p.m. on Thursdays in the church, please!

Our thoughts are with Mrs. Spencer, of Marshall Street, and we hope that our prayers will strengthen and comfort her in the time of her sadness.

PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS' SERVICES

Holy Communion: 8 a.m. each Sunday; 2nd Sunday (Choral) at 11 a.m.;

4th Sunday at 11 a.m.; on Saints Days at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Matins: 1st Sunday at 11 a.m.; 3rd Sunday at 11 a.m.; 4th Sunday at 11 a.m.

Litany: 5th Sunday, 11 a.m.

Evensong: Every Sunday, 7.15 p.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: 7.45 p.m. Wednesdays.

Children's Service: 3rd Sunday, 9.30 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, by arrangement with the Rector: LM 4735.

L.H.M.U.

The half-yearly meeting of the Ladies' Home Mission Union will be held in the Guild Room at All Saints, Petersham, on Tuesday, 5th October, at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends will be cordially welcome, and there is to be a guest speaker.

CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club's activities were resumed on Saturday, 2nd of September, when our "C" Grade team played St. Andrew's Summer Hill at Campbell Park, Chiswick. This team is included in the Western Suburbs-section of the N.S.W. Churches' Union Competition. An innovation this season has been the formation of a "D" Grade team for Sunday School boys under the age of 15 years. This team plays on Saturday mornings in the Churches' Competition, and any boys interested in becoming members of this side should get in touch with the Hon. Secretary immediately.

The Club's Annual Meeting was held on Friday, 3rd September, when the previous season's report and financial report were presented, and arrangements made for the current season.—A. Jones, Hon. Sec.

SANCTUARY GUILD ROSTER

Sept. 5—Donated by Mrs. Grant, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

Sept. 12—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.

Sept. 19—Donated by Mrs. Sayers, arranged by Mrs. Grant.

Sept. 26—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

October 3—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.

October 10—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Spencer.

October 17—Arranged by Mrs. Grant.

October 24—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.

October 31—Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

Nov. 7—Donated by Miss Speight, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

Nov. 14—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

Nov. 21—Donated by Mrs. Jones, arranged by Mrs. Grant.

Nov. 28—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.

Donations for Flowers: Miss Turner, 15/-; Y.M.C., 12/6; Mrs. Grant, 12/6; Anon., 10/-.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our main activity during August was assisting with the Festival Tea, which proved a tremendous success. September meetings: Tuesdays 14th and 24th at 2 p.m. On Friday, September 17th we are arranging a stall at the main gates of the Church grounds: any donations will be most gratefully received. September 13th, sewing day at the Home of Peace.—E. M. Bosward, Sec.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION

In reply to the question: What can I do?

Are the needs of old people in your neighbourhood looked after adequately? Are there old people living alone who need shopping done? Blind people who would like to be read to now and again? Old folk who would welcome a companion for a 'bus ride or a shopping expedition?

Are the needs of the young people looked after adequately? Are there sufficient clubs? Are youths and girls moping about the streets on Sundays with nowhere to go? It is not enough to say they should have something better to do—see that they have.

What of breaking marriages? Do parents with small children have a chance to get out together, in the evenings? Is there a scheme for "baby-watching" in the district to make this possible?

Are Christians in your district who have children at school playing their part on parents' committees. Are there such committees attached to your schools? If not, why not?

What can be done to reduce the appalling number of road accidents? Isn't it a challenge to Christians that local authorities have to hire paid servants to see school children across the roads?

Is the Christian voice heard at local meetings where important decisions are made? For example, at Trade Union meetings; at party political meetings, etc. What can you do to see that Christians are there on the spot at such meetings and that they play a full part in them?

What is your local newspaper like? Can you stimulate useful correspondence from time to time? Is it being misused—if so, what can you do about it? Are Christians in your district taking full advantage of opportunities available?

Has your local public library a representative selection of Christian books? Have you any suggestions for good books that might be added?

Have you a hospital in your neighbourhood? Is the Management Committee doing a good job? Would the Chaplain (possibly the local vicar) welcome any help? Although visiting the sick in hospital is not a job that can be done by everyone, there are often many ways in which a Christian group can be used for the help and benefit of both patients and staff.

Is there in your district, waste of time and material, which you can help to counter?

CHURCH MUSIC — SEPTEMBER 12 TO OCTOBER 3, 1954

Sunday	Morning	Evening
September 12 Trinity XIII	Holy Communion, Aggatur in 9. Hymns 1, 528, 719, 281.	Hymns 240, 214, 677, 22. Psalm 68. Anthem: "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Wesley).
September 19 Trinity XIV	Hymns 217, 175, 705, 690, 693 Psalm 75.	Hymns 173, 630, 220, 247. Psalm 76. Anthem: "Comfort, oh Lord" (Crotch).
September 26 Trinity XV	Special Service for young people and parents. Hymns 391, 704, 568, 542, 569 Psalm 84. Anthem Gloria (Mozart)	Hymns 424, 550, 753, 29. Psalm 85. Anthem: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Bairstow)
October 3 Trinity XVI	Hymns 542, 421, 690, 232, 513 Psalm 86.	Hymns 355, 424, 704, 279. Psalm 91. Anthem: "An Evening Hymn" (Buck).