

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
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Dear Friends,

Recently we have heard much about 'getting back to basics'. It is an expression that the government likes to use about what should be happening in our schools. I guess most of us would say 'Here, Here'.

I wonder if we ever think about getting back to basics in our church life? It certainly deserves a thought or two.

There are probably two reasons why we talk about 'getting back to basics'. The first is a recognition that we have lost our direction and that our efforts are not achieving anything. The second and often the most compelling reason is that we are running out of resources (people and money) and just cannot continue the way we are going. The thing to do is to act for the first reason before we are overtaken by the second.

What does 'getting back to basics' mean for a christian congregation? Why do we exist?

Individually and collectively we exist as christians for only one purpose - to witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Everything else that we do or say must be brought in line with this aim.

This should not constrict our life-style, rather it is a positive approach. It is found in giving ourselves over to Christ; allowing Him to free us from 'the things of earth' and let His love flow through us.

Jesus has freed us from the bondage of sin and self.

**Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.**

BECOMING A CHRISTIAN.

A Christian is a person who has come into a living, vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian is far more than following the golden rule, than mere church-going, than mentally accepting a series of doctrines. A Christian is one who, by a deliberate act of faith and trust, enters into continuing, inner fellowship with the living Person of Jesus.

Three steps must be taken if this relationship is to come into being.

First there must be a desire for it; second a deliberate act of will, acceptance of the fact of Christ is necessary; third, determination to continue on in the Christian way must be shown.

How do you become a Christian? By wanting to be one. No one has ever become a Christian against his will.

It all begins with a question, a yearning for a better life, a setting out in search for it.

God respects human freedom, and has never yet forced His way into a resisting life. We must begin the process by asking Him to come in.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

4-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

FAREWELL SERVICE. On Sunday 28th June there will be a Farewell Service for the rector and his wife. The rector will be going on holidays and long service leave prior to retirement early next year. The Archbishop and his wife will be attending the service which will be followed by a morning tea, also it is hoped that the Rev Walter Collier our locum during the rector's absence will be present.

The service will commence at 9-30am and everyone is welcome

SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. At 3-00pm on Sunday 7th June the Marrickville - Petersham Ministers' Fraternal will be taking part in a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be held at Hurlstone Park Uniting Church.

This is an opportunity to meet with Christians in worship and fellowship. Take the opportunity to come to the service.



FLOWERS DONATIONS.

JUNE 7 - No donation.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

JUNE 14 - Stone of Remembrance (Anonymous)

In loving memory of Ella Sopwith and Beatrice
Nance from Dulcie Reed.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

JUNE 21 - In loving memory of my mother Ivy and mother-in-law
Rose from June Hadley.

Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

JUNE 28 - J. Merlett in memory of my mother Stella
Williams and brother Jack Williams.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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Offices and Chapels:

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

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

KEEP THE FLAG.
by an un-named Qld
Ex-Serviceman.

The flag bears the stars that blaze at night,
In our southern sky of blue
And a little old flag in the corner

That is part of our heritage too.
It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish
Who were sent to the ends of the earth,
The rogues and the schemers, the doers and dreamers

Who gave modern Australia birth.
And you who are shouting to change it
You don't seem to understand,
It's the flag of our law and our language
Not the flag of a faraway land.

(Though there are plenty of people who'll tell you
How when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner
Was the symbol of freedom and light.)

It doesn't mean we owe allegiance
To a forgotten imperial dream
We've the stars to show where we're going
And the flag to show where we've been.

PROTECT HISTORY.

Over the past couple of weeks I have had several people looking at the church from a architectural perspective.

We have a church which many say is unique in Sydney. This seems to be the view of people who have some knowledge about these things.

One of these people, who has chosen to do a research paper on our church, told me that she discovered some photos of our church in the Marrickville Council Archives. She said that these photos had been saved some years ago, from the council's rubbish tip. The council values these photos.

A few days later, I had a call from a architect who wanted a look at the church because he is trying to restore the Anglican Church at Leura. This church had been gutted by fire a year or two ago. The congregation is fortunate that insurance will cover the cost of the restoration work. Money is not their trouble, but restoring the church to what it was is an almost impossible task. There are few photos of what existed before the fire.

This raises the question, what would happen if someone wanted to restore our building? We need copies of photos of our church, not just as it is now, but also old photos of what it was like in the past.

It would be good if we could collect as many photos as possible in order to preserve our church's history. Have YOU any old photos at home?

**Bruce Woolcott.
Rector.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - APRIL 1992

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	2,274.03	Rector's Net Stipend	2,147.33
Transfer of Funds		Rector's Trav. Allowance	649.84
All Saints' Endow	514.00	Organist	67.50
Capital Reserve	600.00	Church Cleaning	200.00
District Visitors' Collection		Hall Cleaning	200.00
Mrs. Carr	60.00	Telephone Account	168.30
		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
		Flowers	60.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	17.84
		Cleaning Items	18.03
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	10.00
		Hall Gas Account	32.30
		Church Electricity Account	320.08
		Three Duplicate Keys Floodlights	7.50
		1000 Plastic Hot Drink Cups	25.00
	<u>3,448.03</u>		
Deficit for Month	564.52		
	<u>4,012.55</u>		<u>4,012.55</u>
		Surplus for Month	0.00
BALANCE 1-4-92	1,712.40		<u>4,012.55</u>
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	564.52		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	0.00		
BALANCE 30-4-92	<u>1,147.88</u>		

ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH PETERSHAM
RESTORATION FUND

