

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

The first Sunday in August will bring a considerable change to the services at All Saints. From that day we will join the large number of Anglican churches throughout Australia that are using new or modified services on a trial basis. These new services are endeavours by the Prayer Book Revision Committee of our Australian Church to implement in our own day the same aims that led to the production of the Prayer Books in England in the 16th and 17th centuries. The aim then as now is that the services of our Church might be relevant to the age and people. There were originally five motivating principles—intelligibility, simplicity, dignity, catholicity and togetherness. These same principles lie behind the aim and aspiration of the Australian Church in the achieving of an Australian Book of Common Prayer.

The Revision Committee has, over quite a number of years, been examining services from various lands, ages and sources. They have produced several forms, and asked that they be tried out in the parish churches. In this way our people might experience them and then register their satisfaction with or criticism of these experimental services. The desire is that this will lead to a consensus of opinion which in turn will produce a truly "indigenous" Prayer Book for Australia, which will at the same time reflect all that is best in the long Christian tradition of worship.

Of course, besides our own personal reactions and feelings, we need to have in mind the real purpose of public worship. Many think of going to church only in terms of "what pleases them"! They go when they feel they need to—they like certain kinds of music—they go to get "something" out of it—they wish the services were brighter—they feel the need of inspiration for the week ahead—they like the friends there—and so on. These may to some extent be legitimate longings—and one hopes that they are achieved. But they will tend to put "me" in the centre if we are not careful.

The primary aim of public worship must surely be the honouring of—the acknowledging the worth-ship of—the God Whom we love and reverence. God should be the centre-piece of all that transpires in our Christian life—and not least in our Christian worship. Afterall, the true satisfying of our personal longings can only come as by-products of our being in a right relationship with the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we must first examine these new services to see that they exalt Him and reveal Him as best as possible. The next motivation of our worship must be the proclaiming of this God's Truth and the ministering of that to those around about us. God calls men to discipleship—and for a purpose! Not the selfish one of achieving our own spiritual well-being—but that of making Him known to those men amongst whom He has placed us. His ancient people, the Jews, were called for this purpose—and the Old Testament story reveals how they largely betrayed their privileged vocation. The New Testament follows with His turning from them and calling to Himself a NEW PEOPLE (the Christian Church) that they might fulfil the very same purpose. When we neglect this aim we betray Him—and we must be mindful that we will put ourselves outside His purposes. We must not be surprised in that case if we find ourselves by-passed by God's Spirit in His seeking out and make Himself known to those who are "without

God" in this world. This must be in our minds also as we consider the usefulness of these new services.

And then of course they must also "speak" to us, that we might be "built up in our most holy faith".

This order of priority is the secret of all truly Christian Joy. The old acrostic is as true as ever. J O Y comes from putting J-esus first, O-thers next and Y-ourself last.

Let's approach this experiment with this realisation as our aim—and don't forget to be prepared to express our re-actions after a fair trial, so that they might be passed on to the responsible members of the Revision Committee in due time.

Sincerely, your friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING.

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SANDRINGHAM CHURCH

The first Rector of Sandringham of whom we have record was Robertus Algar de Akenham, who was appointed in 1321 by his patron, the Prior of Westacre. So for many hundreds of years there has been a Parish Church here, though the present building is of a later date. Few records seem to have been kept, though it seems probable it was entirely rebuilt in the 16th century by William Cobbes, whose brass is now fixed to a large slab let into the east wall of the porch.

In 1861 King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, bought the Sandringham estate from Lady Harriette's husband, the Hon. Charles Spencer Cowper, and in 1890 the church was restored and yet again in 1909.

Originally Sandringham Church can have had little or nothing to distinguish it from any other village church in Norfolk, but careful restoration, rich decoration and unique associations now combine to make it one of exceptional interest, and thousands of people flock from all over the world to visit it during the summer months.

As one enters by the south porch, it is worth looking up at the Guardian Angel holding a baby in the niche above the old doorway. In the porch there is a brass inscription to the effect that the church clock was given by King Edward VII and some friends as a memorial to Mr. Christopher Sykes, who was a close friend of the Kings, and who died in 1898.

Looking at the altar one sees a silver tablet on the wall on either side. The north side shows King Edward kneeling at a faldstool with these words inscribed underneath:

"To the beloved memory of Edward the Seventh of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, who for forty-seven years was a constant worshipper in this Church, and entered into Rest the 6th day of May, A.D. 1910. The Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy Glory."

On either side of this tablet are figures of St. George of England and St. David of Wales, and above are three kings—Edward the Confessor, the Lawgiver; Edward the First, Founder of Parliament; Edward III, Founder of the Order of the Garter.

At the west end of the church, outside the tower, is a most unusual and interesting ancient Greek font. This was brought from the Island of Rhodes in 1886 by the Duke of Edinburgh for his brother, then Prince of Wales, and is very probably of the 9th century.

There is a Greek inscription around the upper rim which, translated reads: "In the treasureship of Cyriacus, a deacon, and Calvinus (the) humble, this work was executed: and may the Lord preserve those that erect it. Amen."

There can be no doubt that the object itself is a marble font. There are two other known examples, one a font of the 4th century, excavated at Tyre, which is almost exactly the same shape, though larger; and one of marble in the Museum of Antiquities at Istanbul. In general, however, fonts in the western sense were not used in the east; there was, instead, more often a baptistry attached to the larger churches and a basin of some sort occupied its centre. The most complete example of such a structure is the Baptistry of the Orthodox Church at Ravenna, and the Sandringham font no doubt originally occupied the centre of a similar though smaller edifice.

(Reprinted from "A Brief History of Sandringham Church
by Rev. P. Ashton.)

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- August 3: Donated by Mrs. D. Shaw and Mrs. J. Wilson in loving memory of Mrs. V. Callaghan; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 10: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones, and by Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in loving memory of William John Roberts; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- Aubust 17: Donated by Mrs. I. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. Daph Shaw in memory of Megan Jieffer, St Clair Shores, U.S.A.; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 24: Donated by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield, by Mrs. Hillery in memory of her Husband Mr. Bertram Hillery and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt from their Daughters; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 31: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Husband; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 7: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Crazy Hat night was a great success. A total of 90 people attended which included 40 children in their crazy hats.

I would like to thank Mrs. Quelch and Mrs. Hearn for judging the crazy hat parades, Mr. John Nance for judging the colouring in competition, Mr. David Murada for organising the music and games, Mr. John Arrowsmith for comparing the evening. Also Mrs. Clark and all the Ladies who organised the supper during the evening and all who brought a plate.

The Sunday School has started an appeal during this month for cash donations to buy lucky dip items for the fete stall. Donation may be left at the Sunday School or with the Rector.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.



"WAKE UP"

Came across this statement, "Scientists have invented an earthquake detector that goes off like an alarm clock. What is needed is an alarm clock that goes off like an earthquake".

How easy it is for people to fall asleep in a slumber of indifference and unconcern! How easy just to be content with the way things are! Many of the well-to-do people don't want to be disturbed from the way of life they have carved out for themselves. To a large extent, people have become steeped in materialism and a number of other "isms".

More than that, multitudes of folk have simply turned their back on God and pay no heed at all to the warnings given of the utter futility of life without God. They need to "wake up" before it is too late. God's alarm clock is never out of order—the trouble is so many choose to simply ignore His word and refuse to accept Jesus—the only way.

It is also obvious that there are many Christians who are asleep too, and who need to wake up. We all need stirring, stirring into a life of real faith in Jesus Christ and deep commitment to Him.

Back and Front:

A youngster received a red wagon on his birthday, and afterwards he went nowhere without it. But one afternoon, when he was happily rolling it along the front footpath, his father called: "Take your wagon into the backyard. Remember, it's Sunday!" To which the lad responded in a puzzled way, "Isn't it Sunday in the backyard, too?"

CLUB NEWS**Ladies Guild:**

Our meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th August, at 1 p.m., when we will be arranging for our "Shopping Spree" demonstration to be held on Tuesday, 16th September. Further details concerning this will appear in the next Chronicle.

E. M. BOSWARD, Honorary Secretary.

Women's Evening Group:

The message given by Mrs. Jarman at our July meeting was most interesting and we thank her for coming.

Our next meeting will take the form of a Stanhome Party, under the direction of Mrs. Sainsbury. Please come along and support this effort, there is no fee, if you are unable to be present but wish to purchase certain Stanhome products please contact one of our members before 12th August. The meeting on that day commences at 8 p.m.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank all those who donated goods for our jumble stall. We hope to hold a similar stall later in the year.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Although the weather has been very cold and wet our Club has continued to meet on Thursday afternoons between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. All denominations are welcome and 20 cents includes afternoon tea.

We regret to report the sad loss of one of our foundation members, Mrs. Vera Callaghan, who was a wonderful worker for this Club for over 17 years. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

IDA BARRETT, Honorary Secretary.

Indoor Bowls Club:

Attendances over recent weeks have been very good, necessitating the use of two mats. The games have been most enjoyable and last week we were happy to welcome Mrs. Steed as a new member. We also congratulate Mr. George Clark, one of our most important members, on his recent birthday.

B. SEE, Honorary Secretary.

**THE WELLS OF GOD**

Draw upon the wells of God for comfort in distress.

Draw upon the wells of hope in faith and quietness.

Fill your thirsting spirit with a draught most wonderful.

The healing waters of His grace are inexhaustible.

The depths of them we cannot drain. We never turn to God in vain.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after

righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6)

THE WISER COURSE

When angry passions in you rise, let wisdom take control. Thoughts of wrath and bitterness work havoc in the soul. You can't afford to harbour them so cast them from your mind—before you launch upon a course unjust, unwise, unkind. Upon your feelings put a rein. Keep cool, collected, calm and sane.

"If you become angry, do not let your anger lead you into sin and do not stay angry all day. Do not use harmful words in talking. Use only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

Ephesians 4:26 and 29.

Patience Strong.

Come and join us at the . . .

72nd ANNIVERSARY

ALL SAINTS' CONSECRATION DINNER

Friday, 15th August, 1975
at 6.15 p.m.

Speaker: MAJOR STELSTRA

Adults: \$1.00

Children: 50c.

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.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. HON. SECRETARY: Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

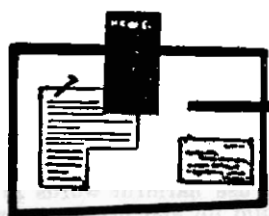
KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Miss K. Cheetham.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mr. H. J. Shaw (797-6967).

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.



NEWS BRIEFS

● **Consecration Festival Dinner:** The Annual Festival Dinner will be held on the Friday night the 15th August at 6.15 p.m. The dinner is to be held in the Parish Hall and the tickets are available from the Rector. Adults \$1.00, and Children 50 cents.

● **Fete Stalls:** The following Stalls are asking for your help to build up the stock for Fete Day:

Mrs. Clark is asking for left over wool or material pieces to make items for her stall. Donations may be left at the Church with Mrs. Clarks name on the parcel.

● **Pottery Stall:** Mrs. Hearn is asking for donations of Pottery or china for her stall. Collection will be arranged by phoning 56-1852.

● **Book Stall:** The Boys Club this year will be running the Book Stall and they are asking for donations of secondhand books. Your donations will be collected if a message is left at the Rectory.

● **Jewellery:** Miss Hunt will be most grateful for any kind of Jewellery you have cast aside as it can be renovated and made attractive for the Jewellery Stall at our Fete. The Jewellery could be left at All Saints, bearing her name, or you may contact her by 'phone—56-2047.

● **September Chronicle:** Items for the September Chronicle are due no later than Sunday, 24th August, 1975.

● The next Fete Stallholders meeting will be held on Saturday, 23rd August, 1975, at 2 p.m. in the Y.C.I. Room.

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.