

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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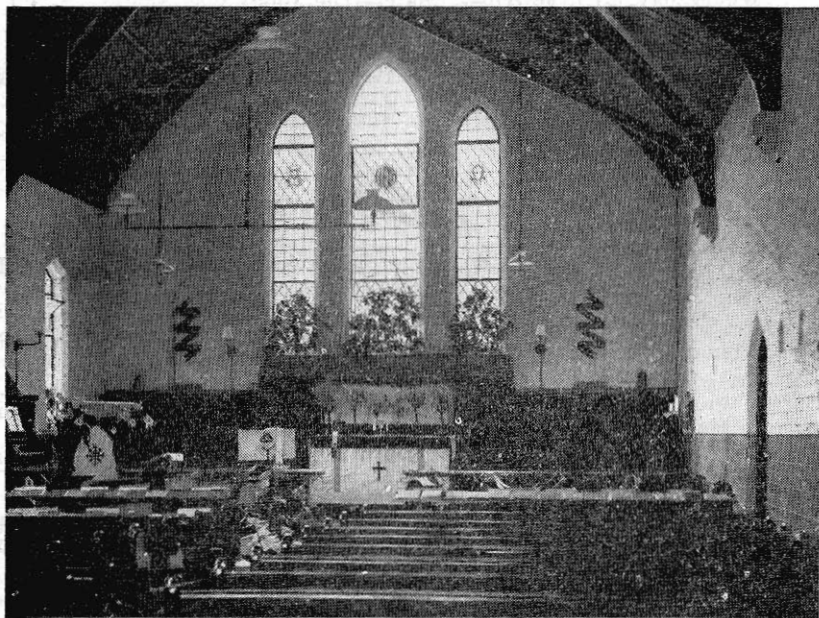
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THE FORMER MISSION CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS'

1963 CONFIRMATION

During this month, the Rector would like to hear from both the adults and young people of the Parish who wish to be confirmed this year. Classes will then commence after Easter, and will probably be held in conjunction with the 11 a.m. Services.

The Confirmation Service at All Saints' this year will be held immediately following our Patronal Festival, on Tuesday, 5th November, at 8 p.m. The Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Right Reverend R. C. Kerle, B.A., Coadjutor Bishop of Sydney.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

Our usual mid-week Services will be held throughout Lent. A Celebration of Holy Communion will be held at 7 a.m. on each Wednesday morning this month, and on 3rd and 10th April.

A short Devotional Service will be held at 7.30 p.m. each Wednesday, except on one occasion, when the Service will be held on a Thursday night, March 14th. On the latter occasion, the address will be given by Bishop R. C. Kerle.

During the other weeks, the Rector will give a series of special addresses on the topic "The Men who Crucified Christ." Including Ash Wednesday, the full list of subjects to be dealt with is as follows:

Wednesday, 27th February—"The Teachers Who Hated Him."

Wednesday, 6th March—"The Priests who Bought Him."

Thursday, 14th March—Address by Bishop Kerle.

Wednesday, 20th March—"Judas—The Traitor who Sold Him".

Wednesday, 27th March—"Pilate—The Judge who Sentenced Him".

Wednesday, 3rd April—"Caiaphas—The High Priest."

Wednesday, 10th April—"The People who Cried for His Blood."

We confidently look forward to the support of all parishioners for these Lenten Services.

OUR CURATE ARRIVES

We are pleased to extend a cordial welcome to the Rev. John B. Green who has come to us from Gilgandra to be our Curate. Ours is now a "double Parish", of course, as we have joined with Christ Church, Enmore, and Mr. Green will reside in the Rectory at Enmore and look after things at that end.

He will, however, help with the schools and visiting in the All Saints' Parish, and we look forward to him giving us a message from time to time when it can be arranged.

Incidentally, the Rector's official title is now "Rector of All Saints' Petersham, with Christ Church, Enmore."

As a member of the Bush Brotherhood, Mr. Green formerly had charge of the Parish of Gilgandra, in the north-western part of the State, and he has known our Rector very well for several years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

With all of the pupils now back at school after the holidays, attendances are back to normal once again and teachers are working from a new teaching book, "The Trowel", which has been re-introduced into the Sunday School as its course this year provides a good background of Bible Study with missionary lessons every month. Catechism and Prayer Book study is also being stressed in pre-Confirmation classes to assist those who intend to be confirmed this year.

Sunday, January 20th, saw the last Children's Service for Mr. Ivan Ransom, who has left us to begin studies at Moore Theological College. We wish him every success in his studies throughout his course.

Kindergarten News: During January, Mrs. Quelch took a well-earned rest visiting her daughter in Cooma. In her absence, the Kindergarten was carried on capably by Miss Judith Williams.

JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

NEXT CLOTHING SALE

Donations of used clothing, curtains, bedspreads, quilts, shoes; d'oyleys, etc., are urgently needed for our Sale on Friday, 5th April, and Saturday, 6th April.

Parcels may be left at the Rectory, or you may ring either Mrs. Shaw, LM 3052, or Mrs. Clark, LM 6368, and we will arrange to pick your donations up.

Proceeds from the Clothing Sale go to the Church Funds.

FAITHFUL SERVICE

For some seventeen years, Deaconess E. M. Hodges has been helping the Clergy of All Saints' with the regular Religious Instruction given at Stanmore Public School.

Deaconess Hodges has now moved on to other Schools, where she will continue her work as a member of the staff of the Board of Religious Education.

We would like to express our appreciation for her faithful help in this important work in our Parish over this number of years.

CLUB NEWS

Ladies' Guild:

It was very pleasing to have a good attendance of members at our first meeting of the year and to find all keen to get back into action.

Our Annual Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 20th March, in the Parish Hall. Mr. W. S. Mottram, Secretary of the Pocket Testament League, will be our Special Guest Speaker.

We extend an invitation to all Ladies of the Parish to join with us on that date. The donation for the Luncheon will be 4/-.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

Physical Culture Club:

Our Club resumed classes on Monday, 4th February, and we were very pleased to welcome new members as well as our old members and we hope that they will all enjoy the facilities which we offer them each Monday night. There is always room for more girls, whom we are glad to enrol from the age of five years. Classes commence at 6 p.m.

We are very sorry to have to accept Mrs. Collis's resignation as pianist after twenty years' service with our Club. Mrs. Collis feels it is now time to have a break, and so while taking this opportunity on behalf of all the members of the 'Physie' Club to thank Mrs. Collis for her wonderful help, we would also like to welcome Mrs. Holden as our pianist.

We also give a big welcome to Mrs. Anderson and Miss Lyn Anderson, our "Instructresses" under the direction of Bjelke-Petersen. We are looking forward to more interesting displays of our girls' work, which is so entertaining to all who come along to our Competitions and Concert.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Indoor Bowls' Club.

February saw the start of the Inter-Church Competition. We played Holy Trinity, Dulwich Hill, in the first round but both our teams were unfortunately defeated.

We wish Holy Trinity the best of luck in this their first attempt at the competition. Our teams were very much out of form, but I am sure that we will be there at the finish.

Our membership is still open and if you are looking for good companionship plus an interesting game, we invite you to come along and join us any Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You will be most welcome and we will teach you the game.

H. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Visitors are always welcome to our Club!

Every Thursday at 1.30 p.m. or 2 p.m., we meet in the Parish Hall at the rear of the Church.

Come along and bring a friend.

D. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Cricket:

In their first match after the Christmas break, the "D" Grade team played well and were unlucky to be defeated by All Souls', Leichhardt on the first innings. In the last round, we were defeated outright by Rozelle Methodist Club. In this match, the lads played well, but on the second day we were hampered by the lack of players, only five players taking the field for All Saints'.

We would like to thank Mr. Fenton for coming along to umpire our matches, and also Mr. Rixon and Richard Cornford for providing transport whenever possible.

N. KENNEDY, Hon. Secretary



The "E" Grade team met with their second defeat of the Season when they went down to Gordon and Gotch No. One by seven Rubbers to four in the semi-final of the summer competition.

However, our team were minor premiers in their Division, and as such, have the right to challenge Caltexian, the winners of the Final. This should be a hard fought match, because in our two previous matches against Caltexians, All Saints' won the first 7-4, and were defeated in the second, 8-3.

With some of our young players showing great improvement we hope to have a team of youngsters in the winter competition.

The Club is looking for new players, and we invite all boys interested in playing table tennis to come along to the Parish Hall on any Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

R. MOORE, President

Fellowship:

Fellowship resumed on 29th January, and we hope to have an interesting and varied programme for 1963. All young people of Confirmation age and over are welcome to our meetings, which are held on the second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays of each month.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th March, and all members are requested to attend.

At our last meeting on 26th February, we had an enjoyable evening playing Indoor Bowls.

We are hoping to make this a successful year, and this can only be achieved with all members' support.

JAN. SAYERS, Hon. Secretary

Young Marrieds' and Friends':

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 12th March, at 8 p.m.

All members are asked to make a special effort to be present as this is our Annual Meeting.

We would be pleased to welcome new members or visitors at any meeting; these are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m.

On the first Monday of each month, our club members serve afternoon tea to the patients at the Home of Peace. If there is any lady who could come and help us on this afternoon, we would be very grateful. Please contact Mrs. Champion, The Rector, or any club member.

We are again collecting papers and would be pleased if those saving clean newspapers for us would bring them to the Hall or contact us re picking them up before the third Thursday of each month.

This year, we propose to hold two Street Stalls instead of the usual Annual Luncheon. Saturday morning, 6th April and 7th September, are the dates set for these stalls.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

Basketball Club:

The Annual Meeting of our Club will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 7th March, at 8 p.m. Any girls wishing to join our Club are invited to attend the meeting, and all our members are requested to be present.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank all who helped to make our Presentation Night so successful.

M. McPHERSON, Hon. Secretary

Baseball Club:

This is a special message for all the young lads of the Parish. The 1963 Baseball Competition will be starting soon, and we would like to hear from all boys who would like to play with All Saints' during the season. The lads, or their parents, are invited to contact Mr. R. Miniter, Mr. J. Miniter, or Mrs. J. Gorman as soon as possible.

We have had good success in recent years, and we meet very good competition in the Bankstown-Sydenham Association in which we play.

N. KENNEDY, Hon. Secretary

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOLS

Because of the recent publicity given by the Press to the statement on this subject by the Minister for Education, Mr. Wetherell, we felt that a short comment in "The Chronicle," from the Church's point of view would be of value.

"General religious instruction" is, of course, the instruction given by teachers employed by the Education Department. Since 1959, the syllabus for this subject has incorporated the Social Studies Syllabus for Primary Schools, but the Minister has now decided that "the position will be put back to where it was prior to 1959."

The attitude of the Council for Christian Education in Schools, representing the various Churches, is that if Mr. Wetherell's decision means that general religious instruction is again to stand as a separate subject, as it was before 1959, there can be no objection to the decision provided the content of the instruction has not been "watered down". The Council is seeking clarification from the Minister on this point.

It should be clearly understood, however, that despite Press reports to the contrary, general religious instruction, i.e., the teaching of Basic Scripture Stories of the Christian religion, either by the use of special books, or by supplementary instruction by the teacher, has been provided for in the schools since the inception of the system in 1848.

Mr. Wetherell also announced at the end of January that general religious instruction would not be extended into secondary schools. The Council for Christian Education, however, views this announcement as covering only the 1963 school year, as it believes that the 1961 amendment to the Public Instruction Act provides that such instruction shall be given. It will, therefore, continue to press for the full implementation of the Act.

These questions of religious instruction in primary and secondary schools are of great importance to individual boys and girls and to the nation as a whole. Christians everywhere are urged to pray that God will overrule in the decisions made as to future action by the State Government.

This "General" instruction is additional to that given in all schools, within our Parish, both primary and secondary, by the Rector and his helpers.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Mch. 3rd—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Howarth; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
- „ 10th—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. Sopwith in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sopwith, Senior; arranger by Mrs. Sopwith.
- „ 17th—Donated by Mrs. Challenger; arranged by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ingoldsbey-Brown.
- „ 24th—Donated by Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Winchester in memory of Mr. Butt; arranged by Mrs. Champion.
- „ 31st—Donated by Mrs. Craigie in memory of Mr. Craigie; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- Apl. 7th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Taylor in memory of her Mother.

The Church flowers on Sunday, 20th January, were donated by Mrs. Mavis Thorn and Kim in memory of their Husband and Father, Mr. Rex Thorn.

"The English Bible—a Book which, if everything else in our language should perish, would alone suffice to show the whole extent of its beauty and power."—Macaulay.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **Rev. Peter Wellock:** We welcome to All Saints' the Reverend Peter N. Wellock, B.A., B.Ed., who will be helping the Rector at our morning Services for a few months.

Mr. Wellock comes to us from the Parish of Mildura, in the Diocese of St. Arnaud, Victoria, and during 1963, he will be undertaking further training at the A.B.M. Training College, The House of the Epiphany, in preparation for the work on the mission fields.

We also extend a warm welcome to all the folk who have come to the House of the Epiphany, and we look forward to their company with us at our Services.

● An Australian Bishop who was baptised here at All Saints' will retire next month. He is the Right Reverend Geoffrey F. Cranswick, Bishop of Tasmania, who has visited All Saints' on quite a number of occasions whilst holding his Tasmanian appointment.

Dr. Cranswick will be succeeded by the Right Reverend R. E. Davies, at present Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Newcastle.

● We are sorry to report that Mrs. Champion, Senior, had to undergo an operation for appendicitis last month. At the time of going to press, Mrs. Champion was picking up well after the operation, and we trust that her condition will continue to improve.

● **Special Devotional Service:** On Thursday, 14th March, Church Officers and parishioners of the other Churches within the Petersham Rural Deanery will join us for our Evening Devotional Service. Bishop Kerle will give the special address.

● **Home of Peace Service:** The wonderful work of the Homes of Peace will be explained to us on Sunday evening, 28th April. The Preacher at Evensong will be Mr. G. C. Menzies, who is Secretary of the Homes, and during the ensuing Social Hour in the Parish Hall, a movie dealing with the hospitals at Petersham and Wahroonga will be screened. Make a note of this date now.

● **Clothing Sale:** There won't be another "Chronicle" out to remind you of the dates of our next big clothing sale organised under the auspices of the Senior Parishioners' Club. So please take this as a last reminder to check over your cupboards and let's have anything you no longer use. Remember, all proceeds go to Church Funds, and stocks are urgently needed.

● **OUR COVER:** Our front cover this month depicts the interior of the "Mission" Church which once functioned as a Branch of All Saints'. Built in 1889, this Church still stands as the Infants' School alongside the Technical College in Crystal Street, Petersham.

● **Girl Guides:** We regret to report that the Leader of our Girl Guides' Branch has had to relinquish her position, and the group has temporarily ceased to meet. The Rector would be pleased to hear from any lady who would be interested in looking after our Branch.

● Thanks to all the Club Secretaries and their helpers for rallying around with their Club news. As a result, this issue of the "Chronicle" covers almost all parish activities.

● **Car Service:** Publicity Officer H. J. "Bert" Shaw can still arrange to bring more of our older or ill parishioners to Church on Sunday mornings. If they could ring Mr. Shaw (LM 3052) or the Rector by early Sunday morning, Mr. Shaw can arrange car transport for the 11 a.m. Service.

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

- Jan. 27th—Steven Edward Walsh.
 „ 27th—David Gordon Whiteman.
 „ 27th—Anthony Fulton Gadd.
 Feb. 3rd—Maureen Joy Cunningham.
 „ 3rd—Katherine Ann Stagg.
 „ 3rd—Justin Peter Jones.
 „ 10th—Vicki Anne Hird.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life".

- Jan. 25th—Albert James Lawrence to June Rosemary Hackney.
 „ 26th—Peter James Makinson to Daphne May McCauley.
 „ 26th—Douglas Hamester to Muriel Agnes Scott.
 Feb. 9th—Paul Clifford Burgess to Shireene Minnie Furner.

FUNERALS

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

- Jan. 29th—Lilys May Spain.
 „ 31st—Ronald David Mitchell.
 Feb. 1st—Agnes Floral Hughes.
 „ 5th—George Frederick Gillham.
 „ 6th—Zoe Zarinna Beegling.
 „ 8th—Horace Charles Wiggen.
 „ 12th—Neville Gordon Wheatley.
 „ 13th—George Granville Gunton.
 „ 15th—Winifred May Burmester.

YOUR MARCH DIARY

- Wednesday 6th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
 Wednesday, 6th—Devotional Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Thursday, 7th—Basketball Club Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Monday, 11th—Parish Council, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, 12th—Young Marrieds and Friends'—Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, 13th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
 Wednesday, 13th—St. Luke's Centre, 2.30 p.m.
 Thursday, 14th—Devotional Service, 7.30 p.m.: address by Bishop Kerle.
 Friday, 15th—Guild Street Stall, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Wednesday, 20th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
 „ Guild Annual Luncheon, 12.30 p.m.
 „ Devotional Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Sunday, 24th—Social Hour and Film following Evensong.
 Tuesday, 26th—Fellowship Annual Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
 Wednesday, 27th—Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
 „ Devotional Service, 7.30 p.m.

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