

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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Dear Friends,

From time to time a clergyman meets a person who says, "I am a Christian, but I don't"

At other times, particularly in times of personal crisis one is told, "I believe you know, even if I don't"

The words Christian and Believer mean lots of things to lots of different people. Some unfortunately mean little more than that they accept the christian standard of ethics. Such people may really be Humanists. Remember Humanists don't believe in the existence of God.

Other people when they use the word Christian or Believer mean someone who has a conversion experience and is living a life wholly consistent with the teaching of both the Old and New Testaments. Strangely enough very few folk who live such a life find it necessary to tell others that they are Christians or believers. The love and power of the Risen Lord can be seen in their life. This however does not mean that it is unnecessary for them to witness to their Lord.

Of course anyone can call his or herself anything they like. It may be true but it may be untrue. It may be that they are only deluding themselves. Self deception is something we are all guilty

of at times, I guess the seriousness of it depends on what we are deceiving ourselves about. To think and say that I am a good singer when I am not may give me and possibly others a lot of enjoyment.

There are things however that are very important and it would be very foolish to delude ourselves about them. One of these is our standing before God. We can call ourselves by whatever name we like Follower, Disciple, Believer, Convert, Christian, etc., etc. It really is not important what we call ourselves.

The important thing is what God calls us. Does He call us His child? Does He call us this because through His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ we have been born again to eternal life? Have we sought and found the forgiveness that is found in the Cross of Christ and do we now live by Christ's power within?

Call yourself what you like. What matters is the name by which God knows you.

Your sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott

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FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MAY

- May 1st:—No donation.
Arrangement by Mrs A. Steed.
- May 8th:—From the Misses Nisbet in memory of their mother.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- May 15th:—Donation by Mrs. J. Grainger.
Arrangement by Mrs A. Steed.
- May 22nd:—No donation.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- May 29th:—Donation by Mrs E. Champion. Arrangement by Mrs F. Hearn.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

At a Sunday School teachers meeting in March a decision was made concerning the High School pupils in the Sunday School.

We decided that the High School pupils would remain in the Sunday School for the rest of this year.

Noel Cragg
Superintendent

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

Our Silver Jubilee Birthday Party is over. What a lovely day it was. We did not play the usual "Housie," instead Mr Paul Maybury, accompanied on the piano by Mr John Shaw and Mr Ken Rowlands, provided us with a first class concert program. I'm sure our members were still hearing Paul Maybury's voice the next Thursday, in fact, they provided it by ordering 5 records and 5 cassettes of his singing. What a pity we don't turn 25 every year.

We are still anxious to enroll new members. Our numbers are slowly dwindling owing to our members all growing older and finding it harder health wise to continue. Only 60 cents covers a very happy afternoon every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and pay us a visit and I am sure that you will want to join.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Did you enjoy our Luncheon? I'm sure you did and thanks so much for coming and helping make it such a happy day. Thanks to our wonderful friends of the Salvation Army who entertained so well. Thanks to all who donated so generously towards the luncheon itself. To all who helped in preparation in any way, and thanks to all who attended from so many churches and organisations from near and far. The profit of this function was \$235.

The next meeting of our club is Tuesday, 3rd May, at 1.30 p.m. We would love to see you for our July meeting, we plan to have a Byron Parker Presentation. Details next month.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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EASTER GIFTS TO RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES

Mrs M. Willis is very happy to report that operation "Easter Gifts" was most successful. Parishoners support by donations of talcom powder, perfume and cash totalling \$126 was very generous. In addition a friend was able to obtain three cartons of cigarettes at cost.

In all 267 gifts were made to the residents of Armon, Ardrossan and Braeside and there still were some left to make available as birthday presents.

Our thanks are due to the ladies who packaged these gifts and to the ladies who delivered them.

The matron, nursing staff and patients take this opportunity of thanking Mrs Willis and friends for this most worthwhile effort.



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

At its last meeting the Parish Council decided that it would seek an architects advice before engaging in any restoration work.

The areas primarily of concern are the stained glass windows, the church floor and a beam over the pulpit.

Only by obtaining professional advice can we be sure that money funded for restoration is being used to the best advantage. The restoration fund is at present not very big, and remains open for donations.

A further report will be issued after the architects recommendations are known.

Council also decided to move the visitors book and table out into the porch, in the hope that casual visitors to services might be persuaded to leave a record of their visit and address, so that if newly arrived in this area they might be contacted and become regular parishioners.



APPRECIATION NEEDED FOR "LUCKY COUNTRY"

Australians don't appreciate their "lucky country," says Jim Glazies, East Africa Director for International Christian Aid.

Jim Glazier visited Australia from March 13-19, en route to Africa, at the request of the local International Christian Aid office.

He spoke at several functions while here.

In his gruelling job of recent years, Jim has had every opportunity to compare Western lifestyle with those of the under-developed countries of East Africa.

"The insatiable quest for material possessions passes unnoticed in our western countries, yet it is almost unbelievable in context with the world situation. Where I work children by the hundreds die daily of starvation, malnutrition and related diseases, while in Australia and America, two of the richest countries in the world, we press for more and more money to spend on "things." We don't appreciate the wealth we have.

"Many Christians have entered the fight against hunger in the Third World, through support of the various agencies working in those areas. At ICA, we are grateful for our many Australian supporters because without them we must simply watch people die. In some parts of East Africa we are turning the tide, but the need is yet enormous."

Quoting the World Development Report 1980, he said, "At the global level, if income were distributed differently, present output of grain alone could supply every man, woman and child with more than 3,000 calories and 65 grams of protein per day . . . eliminating malnutrition. It would require redirecting only about two per cent of the world's grain to the mouths of those who need it."

One third of the world's population which includes Australia and the U.S. consume two thirds of the world's resources."

"Those who are currently supporting international relief agencies have the satisfaction of knowing that they are achieving positive results for their gifts. At ICA we have taken the Somalian refugees from near starvation to self sufficiency over a period of years. We are battling hunger in Asia, Africa, Central America and Portugal."

— Aust. Church Record

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ABM GRANTS NEAR ONE MILLION DOLLARS

\$932,500 will be made available to overseas churches and to mission projects within Australia through the Australian Board of Missions during 1983.

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

This amount includes \$443,000 for mission grants and projects in the Pacific (including PNG), \$263,400 in Australia, \$83,100 in East Asia, \$15,000 in Jerusalem and the Middle East and \$6,000 in Central Africa. A further \$95,000 is used for mission staff support in these countries.

Of the remaining \$27,000, \$9,000 is used for recruitment and training of mission staff and \$18,000 for new responsibilities, contingencies, specific requested items and the IBM Library.



BASKETBALL BRINGS NEWTOWN TEENAGERS IN OFF THE STREETS

Under the above headline, a story of a positive achievement by Newtown Care Force appeared on the sports page of the "Sydney Morning Herald" on February 8.

It told how Scott Nichol and some of his teenage friends had, until recently, just hung around the streets of Newtown, their inner-city suburb, with nothing to do.

Then they discovered the youth drop-in centre run by Newtown Care Force, and began to spend much of their spare time there.

Soon they had the idea of forming a basketball team. Several obstacles loomed in the way of the plan so Care Force staff asked the NSW Basketball Association for help.

This was provided, swiftly and generously.

The Association donated basketball gear — and Owen Wells, Sydney City Supersonics' coach and a former Houston Rockets player, began to coach the teenagers.

They have since notched up an unbeaten record against other youth centres. Now, looking for new worlds to conquer, they have challenged the local police to a game.

The Newtown drop-in centre has many other activities besides basketball to keep teenagers occupied, including motor mechanic and self-defence classes, pool and table tennis. And Scott Nichol — who is typical of the 30 to 60 teenagers who

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visit the centre each night — is grateful.

"Before this centre started, there was really not much for us to do in Newtown.

"Thankfully, that has changed."

— Ex "Pulse"

ABM's Secretary for Education and Promotion, Daniel McDiarmid, commented that the Australian Anglicans were still not fulfilling their obligations to their fellow Christians in Partner Churches. "Two million dollars" he said, "is a realistic figure to ask of Australian Anglicans. This would allow our Partner Churches to undertake many works of primary evangelism, development works and clergy training that they are unable to do at present."



THE CHURCH AND THE FIRE: THE ANGLICAN PRESS SERVICE REPORTS

"A walkathon by pupils of Arden Anglican School has raised \$4,500 for the victims of the Victorian and South Australian bushfires. This, and other donations, are indicative of the generous response to the Archbishop of Sydney's appeal for aid.

"From the elderly people at Castle Hill retirement villages \$7,000 has been received. Kambala School has given \$2,000 and the Sir Roden Cutler village \$1,350. Over \$70,000 has been donated to the fund.

"In his letter written to all clergy on the day following the disaster, Archbishop Donald Robinson wrote of the appalling loss of life and property.

"In Victoria Mrs Anne Carter, wife of the Rev. Bill Carter, died at Mt. Macedon. Their home was completely destroyed. At Upper Beaconsfield the wife and daughter of one churchwarden died and another churchwarden also lost his wife in the fires.

"In South Australia four church members died in the Diocese of the Murray.

"Countless people have lost their homes, farms and stock and ten clergy holiday homes were burnt down in Victoria.

"Damage to church property has been extensive. In Adelaide the gracious buildings of the Society of the Sacred Mission at Mt. Lofty were gutted. In Victoria, churches at Macedon, Mt. Macedon, Upper Beaconsfield and Airey's Inlet were completely destroyed. The CMS Centre at Belgrave Heights was severely damaged with only the main meeting hall left standing.

"The response to appeals for aid has been generous and immediate. As people begin to put their lives together again, continued prayerful support is called for those who have suffered such grievous losses."

— Aust. Church Record

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS — MARCH 1983

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	\$		\$
Offertories	831.99	Rector's Net Stipend	886.25
RECYCLING		Rector's Trav. Allow.	308.12
Cans	84.80	Organist.	75.00
Bottles	114.70	Church Flowers	67.50
Papers	280.25	Chronicles	65.20
	479.85	Church Cleaning	100.00
Church Flowers	25.00	Material for Repairs to	
1983 Fete — Grocery		Church Floor	3.99
Stall	2.05	Hall Electricity	57.25
District Visitors	36.50	Electrical Repairs in	
		Rectory	18.50
	1375.39	Licence Assn. —	
Deficit for month	226.66	Performing Rights	20.24
	1602.05		
Balance 1/3/83	4153.83		
Less Deficit for Month	226.66		
	3927.17		1602.05
Balance 31/3/83			

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT — MARCH 1983

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd. — February Flowers	\$67.50
Assn. Performing Rights Alas'a Ltd. — Annual Licence	20.24
Nock & Kirby — Material for repair to church floor	3.99
Sydney County Council — Hall Electricity	57.25
James & James — March Chronicles	65.20
Ralf Abraham — Electrical Repairs in Rectory	18.50

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