

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

The Friendly Church

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AUGUST, 1977

Join us in our —

74th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION
OF ALL SAINTS.

BY COMING TO THE —

FESTIVAL DINNER

6.30 p.m. FRIDAY, 12th AUGUST
PARISH HALL.

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WILL BE —

Ald. JOHN GILLROY of St. Peters
Mrs. MAUREEN SMEE of Leichhardt.

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE —

ADULTS \$1.50 & CHILDREN 50c.

Rector's Notes

My Dear Friends,

Last month I promised to supply more details of the Festival Dinner. The date as you'll remember is Friday, the 12th of August — the Friday nearest 15th August, which is the date of the Consecration of All Saints' Church back in 1903. That means that we are marking the 74th Anniversary of that event. Our Dinner has for some years been one of the highlight of the year in the Parish.

This year we'll welcome as our special guest, Ald. John Gillroy of St. Peters. Mr. Gillroy is not only a very active local resident involved in community and welfare affairs, but is also a responsible member of our mother church — St. Peter's Cooks River. He plays an active part in the Church's Committee which has concern for relating the Christian Gospel to the Inner City Area in which our parish exists. So he comes to us with close associations and considerable experience of the kind of situation we at All Saints' find ourselves involved in.

Also at the Dinner we'll have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Maureen Smee (interestingly from our daughter church of All Souls' Leichhardt) whose singing has charmed and delighted several of our people who have already heard her.

Tickets for the Dinner are available from members of the congregation — \$1.50 for adults and 50c for children. Just ask—and bring your friends along with you! I do appreciate the encouragement of your support.

It is with joy that I can report that the Lord has been blessing our faithfulness in not closing the evening service. At the new time of 5 p.m., our numbers have about doubled since the change. It's a confirmation to me of the way in which our Lord honours those who honour Him.

The theme for August at All Saints' then may well be The House of the Lord. Back in the Bible we find that the conclusion of man's work in building the Temple was the beginning of God's work. Men have lavished means and muscles on building a beautiful majestic structure—but they didn't stand off viewing their handiwork and say "We have created a glorious Temple".

No—it was the house of the Lord. God must move in. So the Ark of the Lord, symbolising God's meeting with His people on the ground of atonement, was brought in by the priests. When the ark had been placed the glory-cloud filled the house. It was the same when Moses erected the Tabernacle in the wilderness. "The cloud abode thereon and the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle".

Today do you go to church ONLY because the building is beautiful —or ONLY because it is your custom or duty — or ONLY to hear a popular preacher? Or do you go there because there, away from the noise and nuisances of life, you behold His glory and hear His voice? As you leave God's House are you able to say "Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us . . . and . . . opened to us the Scriptures?"

Your sincere friend in Christ.

S. W. GISSING, Rector.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PETERSHAM
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS—MAY, 1977

GENERAL ACCOUNT		PAYMENTS	
RECEIPTS	\$		\$
Offeratories	596.08	Stipend, Trav. Allow.	712.50
Hall Rent	268.00	Long Service Leave Cont'n	36.00
Donations	18.00	Parish Super'n Cont'n.	19.15
Wedding Reservations	8.00	Organists	33.50
Refund Credit balance		Cleaners	56.00
of Education, Sydney		Chronicle	55.20
Diocese	1.92	Telephone Account	166.81
		Gas A/c. Hall	16.00
	892.00	Insurance Hall	31.14
Transfer from Savings In-		Electricity A/c. Hall	21.19
vestment A/c.	1000.00	Electricity A/c. Church	9.77
		Insurance — Kindergarten	
		Hall	4.63
		Church	228.65
		Rectory	43.20
		W. A. Flick Annual	
		Maintenance	64.00
		Surplus for May	394.26
			<u>\$1892.00</u>
	<u>\$1892.00</u>		
Balance of General A/c.			
31/5/77	\$954.38		

GENERAL ACCOUNT

JUNE, 1977		PAYMENTS	
RECEIPTS	\$		\$
Offeratories	442.56	Stipend & Trav. Allow.	712.50
Hall Rent	50.00	Parish Super'n. Cent'n.	19.15
Donations	3.00	Gen. Assessment, June Qtr.	245.25
District Visitors	32.40	Organist	46.00
Bank Interest	30.34	Chronicle	55.20
Organist's Fees — re-cred-		Cleaning	70.00
ited following Rabt's re-		Insurance on Plate Glass	6.80
signation	44.00	Repairs to paling fence	3.06
White Elephant — Fete		Repair Material, Hall Windows	16.29
Mrs. Humphrey's	180.00	Padlock for Hall Back .. Ent.	3.10
		Organ Tuning	30.00
	<u>782.30</u>		
Deficit for June	424.55		
	<u>1207.35</u>		<u>\$1207.35</u>

Balance General Account as at 30/6/77	\$529.83
PLUS Interest Bearing Deposit	\$4924.04
Savings Investment Account	\$2000.00
TOTAL General Account	<u>\$7453.87</u>

OTHER ACCOUNTS:—	
Columbarium A/c.	1597.44
Endowment No. 1	6396.34
Endowment No. 2	5393.18
Capital Reserve	3409.12
Organ Fund	114.32
General Missions	393.55
Special Purposes	1424.77
Sunday School	817.52
Kindergarten	1026.45

PLUS:—Various Stocks and Shares in Endowment Accounts
Chronicle Donation of \$5 from Mrs. Carr.

WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

Our last meeting night was a very bright jovial night with our Beauty Aids demonstration.

I am sure it was enjoyed by all present

The Tupper Wear party at our next meeting on Tuesday, 9th promises to be just as happy. Our demonstration at that party is going to show us how to make something nice for supper. If you can't come and need some Tupper Wear, please let us have your order.

IDA BENNETT, Hon. Secretary

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

We are very pleased to report that Mrs. Rhyder is now out of hospital although she is not yet well enough to join us.

Our Housie Caller Mrs. Meyer has also been very ill at home and it is some weeks since we have had the pleasure of hearing her voice. We all wish both these ladies a very hasty return to health and duty amongst us.

Although the weather has been so cold our attendance numbers are very good. I thank everybody for their regular attendance.

Don't forget only 30c any Thursday makes you a member of this happy Club.

IDA BENNETT, Hon. Secretary.

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LADIE'S GUILD

Our next Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th August at 1 p.m. Being just a few days after the "Festival Dinner" it will be a business meeting. We hope to have something interesting for all ladies in September.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

At the Family Service last month the pupils of the Sunday School sang "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring." The item was the idea of Mrs. E. Sopwith. Mrs. Sopwith spent time after Sunday School for a number of weeks with the pupils and two members of the kindergarten staff to conduct the practice. I would like to thank Mrs. Sopwith, Sharene McMinn, Kim Mangan and the pupils. I would also like to thank John Nance for playing the organ for the item at the last moment.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent

THE CHURCH BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Maintenance of church property was continued during the July month and all the windows in the Parish Hall have been serviced. All can be opened easily with the exception of one which was nailed up at some time in the past. The closing mechanism on the emergency door on the Northern wall now works properly and the roller door is now secured by a bolt and butterfly nut which permits easy but not instantaneous opening. It must be removed when the Hall is in use for a public function. Palings have been nailed back on to the fence and the main door to the Parish Hall repaired.

We have to thank an anonymous donor for the offer of wire screens to cover the kindergarten windows. These will be installed as soon as possible, and the windows mended.

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CLEANING OF CHURCH AND PARISH HALL

We are fortunate in having secured Mrs. Baker of St. Saviours, Redfern to do the weekly cleaning of the buildings and furniture. The present plan is to clean the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and the Church on Saturday, but this is subject to variation according to the circumstances. Our thanks go to Mrs. J. Griffin for the work she has done in the past.

Mrs. I. Clark finds it necessary to severely restrict her activities and we are grateful to her for all the things she has done over many years and look forward to seeing her around doing anything that she wants to do.

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CHURCH ORGANIST

We are happy to have the services of Miss I. Dupre to play the Organ for our Morning Service.

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APOLOGY

Your Editor apologises for not correcting the Month of July Chronicle.

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STORY OF A HYMN

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO:—George Matheson

"Doon the wa'er"—for any Scotsman means a trip down the lovely Firth of Clyde from Glasgow and out to the broader waters that lap the coast of Arran.

All the stopping places for the steamers have their associations and their own special beauty—Kilcraggan, Kilmun, Dunoon, Wemyss Bay, Rothesay, and little Innellan. Just at the point where the Firth begins to widen into the sea loch Innellan stands. It is a memorable beauty spot in summer, and it once had for its parish minister George Matheson, the author of this poignantly beautiful hymn.

George Matheson was blind from childhood. But his student days in Edinburgh, where he graduated in 1862, were brilliant in academic achievement. It was on a summer evening in 1882 at Innellan that he had the sudden inspiration to write the hymn under the stress of a deep personal bereavement. He was in the Manse, and said afterwards that the hymn was composed in only a few minutes. At least it seemed like that to Matheson who said that he was in "mental distress" and that the hymn was "the fruit of pain."

It is one of the most personal hymns in the English tongue, and has ministered to the triumphant sorrow of many thousands.

I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

—Arthur Temple.

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PAUSE A MOMENT

I will always remember a 20-year-old boy who died of leukemia. He was a professional golfer and had many friends. Each week, for three years he came to the city for injections, and never failed to call on me. The thing that impressed me most was his peace of mind, and the way in which he accepted this sickness. He often joked about it, and went out of his way to help others. In fact, even on the day of his death, he asked me to thank all the nurses in the hospital who had taken care of him. What was his secret in life? And death?

He used to say things like this: "Mix up one part of forbearance, two parts of tact, add a concentration of peoples' virtues instead of their faults. Sweeten the whole with plenty of humour, sprinkle words of kindness for flavour and serve hot with a warmth of human sympathy and understanding."

That was the way he lived, and died. Getting along with sickness is difficult for some, and to others getting along with people is even more difficult.

"Lord help me to remember every kindness done to me, every promise made. Let me forget each kindness that I may do, as soon as I have done it. Amen."

—Rev. Father Alfred Rivett.

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START EARLY—POTTERY & PLANT STALLS

Michele Essam needs Pottery, China or Glassware for the Pottery Stall and will welcome the pieces anyone wishes to dispose of. Please ring 569-1852. An early start in planting for the Plant Stall is suggested so that all we offer is well rooted and value for money.

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FETE ARRANGEMENTS

Fete Day this year is November 19 and everything that has to be done by this time has been arranged. At present we need someone to run the Plant Stall and someone to run the Refreshment Room.

F. HEARN, for Fete Committee.

LOVING ALL SAINTS'

When so many people profess to love All Saints', why was the burned remains of the mattress allowed to lie, from the Queen's Birthday to 13th July, close by the front porch?

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FLOWER ROSTER

- Aug. 7th Donated by Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl & Gary in memory of Mr. W. J. Roberts.
- Aug. 14th Donated by Mrs D. Jones and Family in memory of Mr. P. Jones and Mrs. J. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- Aug. 21st Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mr. Bertram Hillery and by Mrs. Waterfield & Family in memory of Mr. Waterfield.
- Aug. 28th Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. Gordon. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- Sept. 4th No donation.
- Sept. 11th Donated by Mrs Humphreys in memory of Mr. Jack Humphreys. Arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- Sept. 18th Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Swankie & Family in memory of Mother & Grandmother.
- Sept. 25th Donated by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff and by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her parents. Arranged by Miss Nisbett.

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FLOWER ROSTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to allow us to maintain a Roster of Ladies willing to undertake the arrangement of flowers for the Church building on a once monthly basis. It is true to say "Many hands make light work" but in this case many hands will produce a roster that will not make excessive demands on anyone, and a labour of love will remain a labour of love.

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HALL BOOKINGS

We have vacancies in bookings for the Parish Hall and Guild Room and will be interested to hear from anyone needing the use of a large hall or a reasonably sized hall. The Parish Hall is now used only by the Bowls Club and Girl Guides as regular meeting nights, bookings so that it is free on Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights. The smaller Room, known as the Guild Room, is usually let for monthly meetings of Clubs and Associations, and we have plenty of spare dates available. For more information please ring, F. HEARN, on 569-1852.

LOST

Hardly a week goes by but one reads in the newspapers of some missing person. It could be a toddler who has strayed from home much to the agitation of the parents; or a school-girl playing truant; or an old gentleman who absent-mindedly wanders from his place of abode. But whoever it is the sympathies of the public are aroused and quite rightly, people rally to the search.

Everything that possibly can be done, is done. No expense is spared, for a life at stake and usually the search continues till the missing person is found. It seems that the whole community is stirred and that they really care.

Yet there are thousands of people every day in our city who are lost—spiritually lost, and so few people care. There are those who wander through life far away from God and from His Church and yet are so near to some members of His Church. As members of His Church are we not followers of One Who came to seek and to save the lost? And if we are to share in His ministry then we must participate in the search.

One of the essential requisites of those who would thus work for their Lord is that love which is the gift of God, and without which one cannot really for others. It is a divinely inspired selfless love which draws one to spend himself in love for his fellowman, in the name of God. Remember the "degree of lostness is not sinfulness but awayness". We all need to be brought home to God.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion—Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 a.m., 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayer—1st and 5th Sundays at 10 a.m.

Famuy Service—3rd Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer), F. G. Hearn, N. Cragg.

Parish Council—The Church Wardens and Messrs. F. Evans, R. Swankie, H. Spill, Mesdames I Barrett, E. Sopwith and J. Livingston.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. J. Livingston.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—Miss I. Dupre.

Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.

Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.