

The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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December 1994



Christmas.

Christmas Services

11 December 6-30 pm Service of Carols & Readings
Christmas Day 8-30 am Holy Communion
 10-00 am Morning Worship

**All Saints' Church
Petersham.
December, 1994**

Dear Readers,

It's Christmas again! I find it so hard to believe that we have been here at Petersham for 12 months. We settled in quite quickly, and feel very much at home. The children have adjusted well to their new schools and friends, and love the large home.

Even though it is a hectic time of year, Christmas really is a wonderful event isn't it. Families get together, share gifts, eat too much good food, and many begin their annual holidays. It is warming to see how many people spend their Christmas Day helping others who are homeless or mentally or physically ill enjoy a special day. There seems to be an underlying sense within us that Christmas Day points to how things ought to be. You have probably heard the stories of how, on Christmas Day during the Battle of the Somme in the First World War, soldiers from opposite sides would stop shooting at each other, come out of the trenches and meet together in no-man's land. Here they would share cigarettes and small gifts. A small taste of what life should really be like. Next morning, they would return to the war.

Christmas is a celebration that God understands our deepest desire to get it right. He knows we cannot fix things up ourselves. That is why God became man. The Saviour was born to do for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. That is why Christmas is so special. It brings hope, and joy and life.

May God richly bless you and your families this Christmas.

**Paul Watson
Rector.**

Parish Fete

The results of the fete stalls is as follows:-

	Last Year	This Year
Books & Hoop-La	283.10	173.65
Cakes & Sweets	616.00	460.00
Groceries, Hot Dogs & Drinks	476.10	412.65
Plants	147.80	125.45
Secondhand Clothing	136.95	140.45
Pottery	760.35	875.65
Toys	159.35	267.00
Work Stall	436.30	316.35
White Elephant	278.70	357.50
Refreshments	245.00	271.00
Portrait Sketching	75.00	50.00
Auction	172.00
Donations	210.00	150.00
Total	\$3824.65	\$3771.70

Our annual fete was a great success.

Why?

Well, for several reasons -

We got to meet many of our neighbours

Some people whom we have come to know through the "Playtime" ministry offered to help and joined in the work.

Lots of people who have some connection with the church, but don't necessarily come to Sunday services, were involved, and we got to meet them. (It would be great to have more contact with them during the year).

We raised about \$3800.

“What’s Happening?”

Some Upcoming Events:

- Dec 8 “The Power Connection”
Prayer Gathering in Church 7-30 pm to 8-30pm
Dec 11 Service of Carols & Readings .. 6-30pm
Dec 18 Carols in Petersham Park - (Combined Churches)
Dec 23 Christmas BBQ in Maundrell Park .. 6-00pm

Morning Tea after 10am Service Today - In the Hall: The Parish Council has agreed to a suggestion to have morning tea in the Hall after the 10am service. This will be on a trial basis till the end of December.

Would you be able to assist with morning tea on a roster basis? If so, please add your name to the list on the notice board.

Confirmation 1995: The Bishop has set Sunday 24 September next year as the date he will visit us for the evening service. If there is anyone (over 14 years) wishing to seek Confirmation, please contact the Rector.

Carols in the Park: Please keep Sunday 18 December free for this spectacular event. The Combined churches of the Marrickville area are sponsoring the night. There will be a combined churches choir, band and singers from the Petersham Christian Fellowship Centre, and a Fireworks display at the end of the evening. It would be great for us to go together as a church family. Petersham Oval, 7-30p.m. Its free. There will be no evening service at All Saints' that night, or on Christmas Day.

Christmas Services: 8-30am Holy Communion.
10-00am Morning Worship.

Child Care at 10 am Service: It is fantastic to have more young children in our church family. As such, our creche is growing to the point where is impossible for just one person to care properly for the little ones. We want to have tow people each Sunday ministering in this way. If you feel you could help, please talk to Ann Lennox of Diane Watson.

What's on This Month of Sundays.

Morning Services

Genesis 1 - 11 Series (Cont)

- Dec 4 "Heal the World"
11 "The High Point is the Low Point"
18 "A Covenant Forever"
25 "Christmas Day Again!"
Jan 1 "New Year's Resolutions"

Evening Services

Acts Series (Cont)

- "What do I Feel, See, Say?"
"Six Occupations"
- Carols in Petersham Park
- No Evening Service
"New Year's Resolutions"



The Parish Register

BAPTISM

"We welcome into the Family of Christ's church"

30 October 1994

Emily Louise Harding
Charlie Mae Harding

WEDDINGS

"Those whom God has joined, let no man separate"

22 October 1994

Shane Palmer & Kerrie Speechley

FUNERALS

We extend sincere Christian sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved. To all who mourn, we commend the words of our Lord:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25.

25 July 1994

Mabel Willis

22 September 1994

Thelma Dorothy Kidd



FLOWER MEMORIALS



December 4 In memory of Mrs. Ellen Swankie

December 11 In memory of Mrs. Willis Snr.

Flower Roster

For the:-

First Sunday

Mrs. E. Hearn and Michele Essam

Second Sunday

Ainslie Ivin-Smith

Third Sunday

Debbie Harrop

Fourth Sunday

Fifth Sunday

Mrs. E. Hearn and Michele Essam

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 1994

Summary Only:

Offertories	\$2212.10
Expenditure	\$5499.40