

The Chronicle

Of All Saints' Petersham

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*Archbishop & Mrs. Goodhew with Paul & Diane Watson
at the 125th Anniversary Celebrations November 1995*

From your Minister's Desk



Dear Friends,

I recently met a Christian man whose enthusiasm for the Lord was very inspiring. His primary focus in life is Jesus, his Saviour and Lord. His eyes shine with an inner peace and passion which is built on a faith in the God who can do the impossible. This man's favourite saying is "God is good, all the time". He says it, and you have to repeat it; God is good...all the time". He really believes it.

Here at All Saints we have truly experienced the goodness of God in many ways. We have seen our church coming alive with new growth. God has brought to us people with a wide variety of gifts, and from a range of backgrounds. God has moved in the hearts of some people and brought them to faith in Christ. We have seen the Holy Spirit working in amazing ways in our members. Our Sunday morning services are awash with little babies and young children. There is noise and activity and we love it. Financially, we praise God that for the 3 months ending March this year, our total income exceeded expenditure.

I am very excited at what God is doing, not only in our church, but also in many churches in the inner west region. At a meeting with our leaders early in January, I set out four areas that I believe we need to be focussing on at All Saints over the next year. In brief, these are:-

Helping people to experience God at work in their lives. Through prayer and appropriating the work of God in our lives so as to develop a passion for Jesus, to be filled with the Spirit, and thereby serve God and one another.

Continue to develop the Small Group network. This will be a key area in the building of community in our church.

Working hard in reaching out with the gospel. That is, evangelism that flows naturally in the context of our personal relationships. It stems from a passion for Jesus and a heart broken for the lost. The church's role is to

provide encouragement, stimulation, training, and opportunities. Many of the activities we conduct during the year will be aiming to make contact with non-believers.

To develop a church leadership team to initiate, co-ordinate and monitor the ministry of the church.

All of this needs to be strongly undergirded by prayer. Therefore we place a high priority on praying together. We have many opportunities to join with one another to pray, including the 3 Sunday services, the Tuesday evening "Oasis" gathering, the monthly "Power Connection", in Small Groups. And of course, we pray as individuals in our own times with the Lord. .

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good. . . all the time.

May God Bless You.

Paul Watson.

Financial Summary

as at 31st March 1996

Total Income. \$16,994

Total Expenditure \$15,203

Cash Surplus \$ 1,791

The Parish Pulse

Sunday Services - 8-30am, 10am, 6-30pm

Sunday School & Teenagers 10am

Youth Fellowship - Fridays 7-30pm to 9-30pm

"Playtime" for pre-schoolers - 10am to 12noon

TLC Groups (small groups) Monday, Friday nights, Wednesday morning.

"Oasis" Healing Service, Prayer, Praise and Worship - Tuesdays 7-30pm in the Church Building.

News from the Lennox Family.

Paul, Ann, Mark and Claire have settled well in their apartment in Los Angeles. Paul has been busy out in the Grand Canyon studying the particular geological phenomena that is present in that part of the world. Ann is busy teaching the children via the correspondence system, but also gets some time to enjoy the new environment. The last postcard we received was from Las Vegas, where they were having a sight seeing holiday. We miss them all and are looking forward to their return in August. If anyone would like to write to them, please contact Paul Watson for the address or E-mail number.

Confirmation.

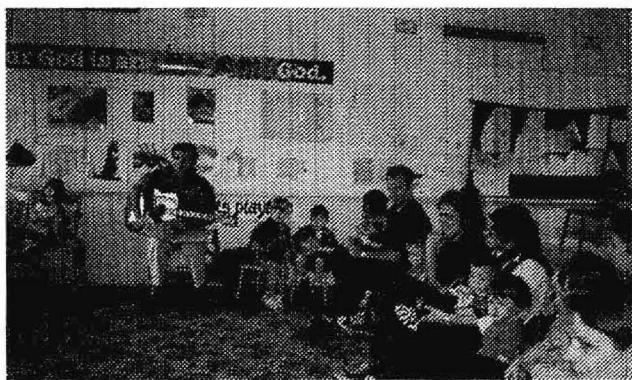
The service of Confirmation will be held at 10am Sunday 29 September 1996. Church members who are 14 years and over who wish to present themselves for confirmation, please contact Paul Watson.



"Playtime"

Playtime News.

The All Saints Playtime playgroup has had a wonderful year. Many new parents/carers and their children have joined. Each Tuesday morning there are usually 15-



"Playtime"

20 children present, accompanied by 10-12 adults. The group held a stall at the recent fete and raised enough money to purchase an indoor/outdoor activity centre. We meet each Tuesday (in school terms) from 10am to 12 noon. This is a great outreach opportunity, and we are always keen for our All Saints members to join us.

TLC Groups.

Last year there were six TLC Groups meeting at various times during the week. These are invaluable for our growth as Christians, as well as for the growth of our church as a whole. TLC Groups allow us to get to know each other at a deeper level, to share our life's experience, to study the Bible together and help to apply it in our day to day lives. We pray together and we enjoy times of fun and ministry

In 1996 we aim to grow some new groups. Why not join one and see how good they are?

The Power Connection.

This is the most important gathering of the month. Members of All Saints meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month to pray. We pray for all sorts of things. We do this because we are called on by God to pray without ceasing. We pray because we know that God hears us and answers us. We pray because we know that it is

by prayer that souls are saved, disciples made, lives changed, sicknesses healed, and needs met.

"OASIS"

What does this word bring to your mind? Refreshment, cool shade, fresh water in the midst of a hot dry desert. A place to rest, to recover, to enjoy.

In the midst of our busy lives, with many pressures and struggles, and perceived failures to hack it in the Christian walk, we can feel like we are drying up and in need of refreshment. In need of a spiritual oasis. Well, "Oasis" is on each Tuesday night. This is an informal gathering for Christians to come to worship Jesus, to read from his word, to pray for one another, and be prayed for. To seek healing, forgiveness, restoration. To ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and move in your life in a new, revitalising way. To testify as to the work of God in your life.

Oasis is held in the church building, from 7-30pm onwards. It is not a structured or formal evening. Come when you want to, and leave when you wish.

Lending Library.

Have you borrowed a book from our lending library yet? Thanks to Debbie Harrop we have a great selection of contemporary books for loan ranging from books about spiritual warfare, to books about being a single person, to family issues, and growing as a Christian.

The Fete.

Three cheers went up in November when it was a fine, sunny day for our fete. With lots of goodies for sale on the stalls, many helpers on the day, a bouncy castle, live music, drama performances, and brilliant BBQ salesmen, the day was a success. Financially speaking, we raised around \$3,600 which will be used in the extension of God's kingdom here at All Saints.

The Parish Council has decided that there will be no fete this year. Instead of the fete a houseparty will be held at Grace Lodge at Yarramundi (near Richmond). See the Weekly Bulletin for future details of the houseparty.

New Babies.

Congratulations to Alice & Rob Jamieson on the arrival of Moses Benjamin on the 21st February, and to Rita & Michael Cook, for the save arrival of Timothy, born on 11th April.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE...



CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY CELEBRATION 1996

**INCORPORATING A CELEBRATION
OF 50 YEARS OF POST-WAR MIGRATION**

WHEN? SATURDAY, MAY 11 AT 2.30PM

WHERE? ST. ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SUMMER HILL
CNR. HENSON & SMITH STREETS

WHO? CHINESE, PERSIANS, TURKS,
ITALIANS, VIETNAMESE, MAORI,
ANGLO-CELTS: ARABIC, SPANISH,
AND TAMIL SPEAKERS AND MANY
MANY MORE



WHY? TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS BEEN DOING
THROUGH CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY
TO CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE
DURING THE LAST 50 YEARS OF
POST-WAR MIGRATION

HOW? TESTIMONIES / DRAMA / "A THOUSAND (?) TONGUES"
SINGING OUR GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE

- PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD. AFTER THE SERVICE WE WILL ENJOY A BANQUET OF DELICIOUS FOOD FROM DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS
- PLEASE BRING THOSE TO WHOM YOU MINISTER. THEY WILL FIND THIS AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE. [POSSIBLY ARRANGE TO TRAVEL TOGETHER]
- THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS
- ENCOURAGE FOLK TO WEAR NATIONAL CLOTHING IF THEY SO DESIRE

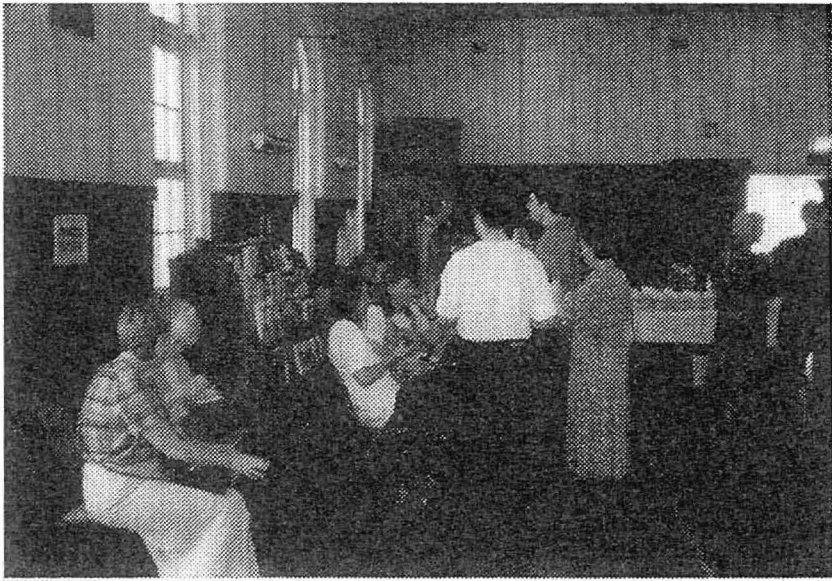
Any Enquiries? Please don't hesitate to ring Mike Wilson: (02) 261-9541 OR (02) 587-7904

See You At The Top

by Zig Ziglar

You are at the top when

- 1 You have made friends with your past and you are focused on the present and optimistic about your future.
- 2 You have the love of friends and the respect of your enemies.
- 3 You are filled with faith, hope and love and you live without anger, greed, guilt, envy or thoughts of revenge.
- 4 You know that failure to stand for what is morally right is the prelude of being the victim of what is criminally wrong.
- 5 You are mature enough to delay gratification and shift your focus from your rights to your responsibilities.
- 6 You love the unlovable, give hope to the hopeless, friendship to the friendless and encouragement to the discouraged.
- 7 You know that success (a win) doesn't make you, and failure (loss) doesn't break you
- 8 You can look back in forgiveness, forward in hope, down in compassion and up with gratitude.
- 9 You are secure in who you are so you are at peace with God and in fellowship with man.
- 10 You clearly understand that yesterday ended last night, that today is a brand new day - and its yours.
- 11 You know that "he who would be the greatest among you must become the servant of all."
- 12 You are pleasant to the grouch, courteous to the rude and generous to the needy because you know that the long term benefits of giving and forgiving far outweigh the short-term benefits of receiving.
- 13 You recognise, confess, develop and use your God given physical, mental and spiritual abilities to the glory of God and for the benefit of mankind.
- 14 You stand in front of the Creator of the universe and He says to you "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



The 125th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon November 1995

Parish Register

Baptisms.

"We welcome into the family of Christ's Church"

1995.	1996
June 9 John Thomas Kearns	Mar 17 Angus George Bagby
Sept 10 Bernice Howells	17 Sophie Lovella Blacklaw
24 Kresho Sprem (in the Potts' Pool)	17 Alec James Council
Nov 12 Antonia Susan Vial	
12 Charlotte Elizabeth Claire Smith	

Weddings.

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

1995.	
Oct 6 Geoffrey Robert Dickie to Diane Shirley Brown	
Dec 2 Robert Gordon Harris to Gillian Christine Russell	
1996.	
Feb 17 Gil Dvarte to Neide Ramos de Agrela	
24 Patrick Chavez to Megan Bevan	
Mar 31 Rod Bland to Simone Gage	

Confirmation. Received into Membership.

1995	1995
Sept 24 Nathan Thomas Edwards	Sept 24 Thomas Lester Potts.
Paul Lawrence Firth	
Bernice Howells	
Jill Mary James	
Kresho Sprem	

Funerals.

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

1995	1996
Oct 23 Dorothea Jane Playford	Mar 27 Mabel Florence Thornton.



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Word Find

Here is a list of things that you might see when you are on a trip. Can you find them in the word find?

MOUNTAIN	PLANE	BUILDINGS
FOREST	TRAIN	HOUSE
BRIDGE	CITY	RIVER
LAKE	MAP	DESERT
SEASHORE	FARM	

B R I D G E I Q P A S T C U F
 H O U S E H E N A L P R I A O
 R L S G N I D L I U B F T N R
 S E A S H O R E Z O Y A Y I E
 M O U N T A I N S C B R G A S
 A T R E S E D W D X E M F R T
 P R I V E R N J V E K A L T K

Many plants, trees, bushes, and flowers are mentioned in the Bible. Look up these verses to fill in the blanks.

- _____ 1. John 15:1-8. Any slender plant that trails on the ground or climbs some supporting device by means of tendrils. Several are mentioned.
- _____ 2. Matthew 13:24-30. A poisonous weed closely resembling wheat in appearance until it is ripe. Then it can be easily recognised and weeded out.
- _____ 3. Luke 15:16. Sweet pods of the locust tree, used for feeding cattle and pigs.
- _____ 4. 1 Kings 5:6. Tree used for furniture and buildings, grown on snow-capped mountain ranges, north of Palestine.
- _____ 5. Matthew 6:28. Flower that abounds in Palestine.
- _____ 6. Matthew 13:32. Bush 4 or 5 metres high that grows rapidly from very small seeds.