

# THE CHRONICLE

of

## The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

**Rector:** Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

**Hon. Assistant:** Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

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AUGUST, 1956

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

**Churchwardens:** Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

**Parish Council:** THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. L. C. CALVER

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. W. SOPWITH

**Organist and Master of the Choristers:** Mr. E. WARR—LX 3285

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RECTOR'S LETTER

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My Dear Friends,

Many of you who have attended Church lately will have noticed, and I am sure have appreciated, the four electric radiators in the Church. Our thanks are due to Mr. Eric Olofsson and his two helpers Mr. K. Grant and Mr. B. Taylor who worked one Friday night to a very late hour to install the power points. I am sure the atmosphere was much more pleasant on recent cold Sundays because of these heaters.

On 15th July we had as our special speaker at the 9.45 Family Service, Miss Davies, Warden of the House of the Epiphany, Petersham. Miss Davies, who was a missionary in the Solomon Islands for some time, gave a very interesting talk to the children. As it was Medical Mission Sunday, the children were asked to bring suitable gifts such as soap, bandages etc., and we are pleased to say we received 255 different articles to pass on to the missionaries.

On Sunday, 22nd July, we had the Rev. E. A. Wood, State Secretary for the A.B.M. in Tasmania as our special preacher. Mr. Wood was for many years a missionary in New Guinea and he gave a much appreciated message to those attending the 11 a.m. service. At the close of the evening service we had a social hour in the Parish Hall when a good number of Parishioners enjoyed a cup of tea and saw an inspiring film entitled "Rolling Stones." The title could have been "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." Every fourth Sunday in the month we have a movie film with a spiritual message after Evensong.

On Sunday, 5th August, we are having a special Youth Service which will also coincide with Education Sunday. This is an annual event and we expect all youth societies will be represented.

Our Consecration Festival will be held on Sunday, 19th August. The special preacher at 11 a.m. will be the Rev. Dr. F. R. Arnott, of St. Paul's College, and at night, Archdeacon Robertson, Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions.

The Festival Tea will be held on Wednesday, 22nd August at 6.15 p.m. There will be an Organ Recital at 7 p.m. Shortened Evensong at 7.30 and a Grand Concert at 8 p.m. Please come and make this function a success. Tickets are now on sale 3/- each.

May I remind you of the Youth Fellowship Revue which will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th August, 8 p.m. A good time is assured.

As we desire to bring the Parish Roll up-to-date we invite parishioners to sign their names in the book provided for that purpose, in the Church Porch.

For some years the basement under the stage in the Parish Hall has not been in use because of water which collects there. (Now, however, thanks to the members of the Y.C.I., an electric pump has been installed and it is hoped to be able to use the basement for storage of surplus chairs and tables.

With kindest regards to you all.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

### WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The White Elephant Stall that the Y.C.I. is conducting as part of its effort for the Parish Fete is well under way; we have received quite a number of articles and wish to thank those who donated them, we have already found buyers for some and hope to continue to sell goods as we receive them.

If you have any articles about your home for which you have no further use we would be grateful to receive them, articles may be left at the Rectory, or we would gladly call and pick them up if you notify the Rector, Churchwardens or any Y.C.I. member.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month we held our family service at which we heard an interesting talk by Miss Davies, a missionary from the Solomon Islands and also Warden of the A.B.M. Hostel in our district. This was also our Medical Mission Appeal Sunday and the scholars responded very well with their gifts of soap, bandages, safety pins etc.

On the third Sunday in August we will be screening another film to which we cordially invite all parents.

The first Sunday in August will be a Youth Service. On this day there will be no Sunday School at 9.45 but all scholars and parents are invited to the eleven o'clock service.

Finally a big thank you to all the parents who are attending the family services and film screening. We feel that the Sunday School is benefiting by the increased attention of parents in its activities.

K. GRANT, Secretary

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### FELLOWSHIP

We are holding our Annual Revue "Let's Laugh" on Tuesday, 14th August at 8 p.m. Admission: Adults 3/-, Children 1/6. We can assure you of a good time so come along and help us pack the hall.

Saturday night, 14th July, we held our "Barn Yard Hop" which was quite a success socially as well as financially. Many came dressed to suit the part as farmers cowmen, cowgirl and of course we had Davy Crockett.

New members are always welcome at our meetings held each Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. and our Fellowship Teas on the 4th Sunday in each Month at 5.15.

Please do not forget "Let's Laugh"—14th August, 8 p.m.

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### PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Bjeike-Petersens Competitions will commence in September for the Western Suburbs Zone. Our girls have been working hard and as there is always keen interest shown in their display we would like to take this opportunity of wishing Miss Piercy and the girls every success in the forth coming events.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

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### ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Suitable accommodation is sought by a lady, who is a worshipper at our Church, for herself and a son aged 19. Anyone knowing of such accommodation is asked to inform the Rector.

### ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

On account of the inclement weather the meeting for the election of officers of the Petrsham and District Centre of St. Luke's Hospital which was to have been held on 11th July did not take place.

The Treasurer has forwarded £43 to the hospital and all the members are pleased with the effort for the year.

On the next meeting day, 8th August a Cooking Demonstration will be held at David Jones, George Street, store at 1.30 p.m. We are looking forward to welcoming as many ladies as can possibly attend and we hope to see and welcome new members.

### S.O.S. FOR OUR BOOKS, TOYS, AND RECORDS STALL AT THE PARISH FETE

We would so like to obtain a supply of Comics and Children's Books as they have been so popular previously. Have you any to spare? Also, any books you could let us have—Mysteries; Murders; Romances; Westerns; Short Story and Sports Magazines; Carter Browns; Phantoms, etc.—in fact any book you do not need will be sure to give much pleasure to someone else, and also help the donations to our Church.

Also If you have any OLD TOYS or OLD RECORDS, for which you have no further use, we would be very pleased to have them.

If you have any of the above, how about giving Mrs. Millarey a ring—LM 1643—at any time, and she will be only too pleased to call and pick them up, or if you are anywhere near 1 Miller Street, Peter-sham, do drop them in.

Lets make our combined BOOKS, TOYS and RECORDS Stall an outstanding one this year. **Please help us. Don't forget the number—LM 1643.**

### YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the Young Marrieds' Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Clubroom of the Church Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th August.

Our House Party, held at Mrs. Norman's home on 22nd June was a social and financial success. We thank Mrs. Norman and all who helped us by donations and attendance.

We thank Miss A. Turner for £1 donation to open our "Stove Fund," also to those who have already answered our appeal for 2/- per family towards the same fund.

We hope that all ladies of our Parish and their friends are keeping in mind our luncheon to be held on 19th September in our Parish Hall commencing at 12.30 p.m. Mr. George Ardill is to be our guest speaker.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Street Stall on Saturday, 7th July. Home made cakes, jams, fancy goods, etc., were in great demand. We hope to hold another stall in the near future.

The Richard Hudnut Home Perm Demonstration on the 18th July was most interesting. Mrs. Stewart was the demonstrator supported by Mr. Langford. We were very pleased it was so well attended and would like to thank the ladies for their support. Mrs. Stewart proved, that although her model had been in all health for sometime (which of course affects the hair) the Richard Hudnut perm was still successful.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

## LADIES' GUILD

The Ladies' Guild held another very successful afternoon on 10th July, the Exhibition of Fancy Work and Handcrafts proved most interesting. We would like to say thank you to Miss O'Neill for her music and hope she will come again and play for us. The next Social Afternoon will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 14th August, please come and enjoy it with us. We would also like to say thank you to Mr. G. R. Winn, of Oxford Street, for the lovely display of fancy work and to Nurse Brown for getting it and displaying it for us on the afternoon of the 10th July.

The Street Stall was a great success, the total being £11/10/-. We say a big thank you to all who helped in any way. The next stall will be on 17th August, please keep this date in mind. The money from the stalls will go towards putting new floor covering in the Vestry.

## Y.C.I.

Our meetings of late have been well attended and have provided great interest to members and visitors alike. Friday, the 29th June, was President's Night, and our President, Rev. T. E. Champion, gave his impressions of the Holy Land. The "Talk" was most informative, and the discussions which followed our President's remarks added to pleasure afforded by this Meeting. We had our Annual Hobbies Night at the meeting held on the 13th July. Messrs H. F. Jones, R. McMahon, K. Grant and B. T. Sayers outlined their particular hobbies, which, to say the least of it, were of a varied nature, and interested the audience as much as these members engaged in them. A slight alteration has been made in the Y.C.I. Syllabus. The Debate set down for Friday, the 10th August, has been deferred. On this meeting night we will have a "Talk" by Mr. C. G. Macartney, the ex-International Cricketer. At the following meeting, Friday, the 24th August, we will have a discussion on books and authors, in accordance with the syllabus. It has been our pleasure to enrol some new members recently but we are still on the look out for more men to share the good fellowship of the Y.C.I.

**Cricket "Talk".**—Mr. C. C. Macartney, a well known figure in Australian Cricket circles, and, in fact, one of the outstanding International Cricketers of all times, has accepted the invitation of the Y.C.I. to attend the Institute's Meeting on Friday, the 10th August. Mr. Macartney will relate his Cricketing experiences, and a very interesting night is assured. The Y.C.I. extends an invitation to all men of the Parish to attend this meeting, which will be held in the Institute's Club Room, Parish Hall, and will commence at 8 p.m.

Further details regarding this meeting or any other activities of the Y.C.I. will be gladly supplied by the Rector or any of the Church Officers.

L.C.C.



### THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Church of England is a branch of the Catholic or Universal Church. It is the National Church, even though many English people are outside it and belong to other branches of the Catholic Church.

**A NATIONAL CHURCH.** We call it the National Church for the following reasons:—

(a) First, every inch of English soil (we are not speaking of Wales, Scotland or Ireland) is in some parish, which is a parish of the Church of England. In every parish there is a parish Church, where a clergyman of the Church of England takes the services. Our Book of Common Prayer is used in all these Churches.

(b) Secondly, the laws of the land recognise the Church of England as being the National Church. Our Kings are crowned in Westminster Abbey, and the service used on that occasion is a Church of England service. Our Bishops sit in the House of Lords, and so are Members of Parliament. In a variety of ways the State and the Church are closely connected, and have been connected all through our history. Because of this connection the Church of England is called the "Established" Church—that is the Church recognised by Parliament as representing the nation on its religious side.

This, however, does not mean that the State created the Church. In England the Church existed long before there was a proper State or Government. Its Clergy are not paid by the State, as is sometimes thought. They are paid out of funds which belong to the Church, and which come by way of offertories, donations and endowments.

#### The Origin of the Church of England

There was an ancient British Church as early as A.D. 300. It existed probably earlier, though we do not know how or when Christianity first reached Britain. When, about A.D. 410 the Romans left Britain because their soldiers were needed to defend Rome, the British Church suffered severely at the hands of heathen invaders. Christianity was practically stamped out except in Wales and Cornwall. In A.D. 597 Pope Gregory sent St. Augustine from Rome on a mission to convert England, and in a short period of seven years he had laid the foundations of the English Church in the south of England. The Church quickly grew. For some time there was friction on various points between the ancient British Church and the bishops who succeeded St. Augustine. The British Church had its own usages which did not always agree with those of Rome. But the quarrel was ended by the victory of the Roman party. Gradually the Church became organised and united. It was in grave danger at the end of the eighth century from the Danes who invaded England. But they were defeated by King Alfred, and many of them settled in England and became Christians. England was now a Christian country. Its Church was modelled on that of Rome.

If we pass on to A.D. 1500 we shall still not find the Church of England as we know it to-day. England then recognised the Pope as the supreme spiritual head of the Church. But for centuries before that date Englishmen had been restless under the rule of the Pope. If Rome had been content to exercise only a spiritual authority, there would not have been so much discontent; but Rome claimed the right to interfere in other matters, and the English, who have al-

ways loved freedom, resented this. One cause of the Reformation was the growth in England of a feeling of nationality, a sense that a nation ought to be free to manage its own affairs. At the time when the Reformation began Henry VIII, was King. He was a strong, vigorous king, who was not prepared to see his own authority undermined by that of a foreign ruler.

But there was another reason for the Reformation. Roman Catholicism had become corrupt and superstitious. It had departed from the faith and practice of the Church in primitive times and was teaching things for which there was no warrant in Scripture. Our scholars had for some time past been studying the New Testament for themselves. They wanted to discover what it taught; they were not content to accept without examination what Rome taught. Their study of the original documents of Christianity showed them how much error there was in the teaching of Rome. Also up to this time the Church services were in Latin, which most people could not understand; and there was no general distribution of Bibles. It was resolved, therefore, to translate the Bible into the common speech, and to provide services in English for public worship. The crisis came when, under the leadership of Henry VIII the authority of the Pope was set aside, and the English Church broke away from the Roman Church. The Reformation was not accomplished in a day, nor in one reign.

#### PARISH ROLL

**Baptisms.** Karen Violet O'Rourke, Wayne John McDonald, Susan Joy Starr, Michael John Whittock, Keith Stephen Austin, Janelle Lorraine Smith, Robert William Croucher, Margaret Anne Rich, Russell Craig Bryant.

**Marriage.** Andrew David Shearan to Pamela Ann Gentle.

**Funerals.** Jeannine Alberta Blowes, Milton Apps Grey, John Blane, Sebastian Mortimer Garrard, Albert Cooper Mayor, Elizabeth Anne Chandler.

#### MEDICAL NEEDS IN MALAYA

C.M.S. medical work in Malaya could be greatly extended by the addition to the staff of two new doctors—one missionary and one Asian.

Australian medical workers in the Malayan New Villages are contacting many hundreds of people each day through their clinics.

In a recent report, Sister Kathleen Collett described the work at Jin Jang New Village. She said: "A little church at Jin Jang was opened early this year. It was built by a Chinese member of the congregation and was completed without a penny owing.

"As we gather for the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service or the Evening Gospel Service we look around and see 40 or 50 simple village folk, all young Christians, all living in the surroundings of heathen home village.

"We think of the 16,000 other people in the village who have heard little or nothing of the Saviour of the world.

"God is answering your prayers for this work in the new villages of Malaya. Will you continue daily to uphold God's work in prayer not only here but in every land?"

### C.M.S. NEEDS ITS BUDGET

The record C.M.S. Australia budget for 1955-56 has been met and the Society gives thanks to God and to its many supporters for the successful completion of the financial year.

In N.S.W. there was a surplus of £89 over an expenditure of \$64,816.

In Victoria there was also a small surplus, in addition to a considerable amount received for objects outside the budget.

The latest figures available from South Australia show a small deficit and late news from Tasmania shows that the budget there will be met.

C.M.S. looks forward to another year of work in 13 different countries of the world, confident of the blessing of God and the prayerful support of church people.

### HELPING OTHERS

An old man going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast, and deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The sullen stream had no fear for him,  
But he turned when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your time with building here,  
You never again will pass this way,  
Your journey will end with the closing day.  
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old grey head,  
"Good Friend, in the way I've come," he said,  
"There followeth after me to-day,  
A youth whose feet must pass this way  
This stream that has been naught to me,  
To the fair-haired youth might a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

## ALL SAINTS' FESTIVAL TEA

WEDNESDAY, 22nd AUGUST, 1956

TEA 6.15 p.m. :: ORGAN RECITAL 7 p.m.

SHORTENED EVENSONG 7.30 p.m. :: CONCERT 8 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

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