

THE CHRONICLE OF All Saint's Church of England, Petersham

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Rector Rev. S. W. Gissing, Th.L. — Phone: 569-4735

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READ IT TODAY

A QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". I had (up to this time) closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study it and faith has been growing ever since."

—Dwight L. Moody.

PLEASE NOTE!!

From JUNE 1, the Evening Service will commence at 5 p.m.

From your Minister's Desk



My dear friends,

It wasn't possible to include in the last issue the Annual Statement for 1979 and the names of those elected as Wardens and Parish Councillors for the next twelve months. That omission is corrected this month. We welcome some new members to the Parish Council and welcome back some others. Mr. Steve Yewdall has accepted for the first time the responsibility of being a Warden. I am sure you'll join in praying that it will be a rewarding experience for him — I know we will appreciate his contribution.

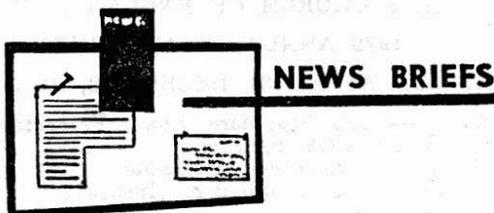
By the time you are reading this my wife and I will be half way through our week's holiday down the South Coast. But I do want publicly to thank Rev. C. J. Letts for taking the three services that will make our short break away possible. Our eldest daughter and her husband will be resident in the Rectory during this time to receive messages.

Early in April we tried holding the evening Sunday Service at 5.30 p.m. However, as the days draw in it becomes more obvious that we'll have to resort to 5 p.m. as last year. We always guarantee people that we'll take them home — all they have to do is get here themselves — so we like that to be possible in reasonable light. We cannot change back to 5 p.m. until the first Sunday in June, as certain commitments in May have already been entered into. But from 1st June the evening service will commence at 5 p.m.

I recently learnt of the existence of a group known as "Petersham Residents' Group". One of its aims is to encourage better provision of recreational areas to meet local and youth needs. This has long impressed me as a pressing local need, and so I commend the Group to your sympathetic and interested support. Their other aims are also well worth while, of course. But one thing that particularly concerns me is the lack of open and free spaces where young people can find opportunities for healthy and creative games. Most of the present "open space" is in the form of parks, which are unsuited for such games — and deliberately so designed. And there are not many homes in this area with adequate yards for the spending of all that pent-up energy. I am including in this issue a statement from the Group giving further details. You may care to attend their meetings and support their efforts.

May you share also in the "risen life" of our conquering Saviour of the Resurrection is the prayer of your friend and Rector.

S. W. GISSING.



THE CAMERA AND DR. BARNARDO

An exhibition of historical photographs of destitute children admitted to Dr. Barnardo's, London, between 1874 and 1905 will be held in the Exhibition Hall, Sydney Opera House, April 19 to May 18, 1980. Admission is FREE. Times are: Sundays to Fridays, 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. As Dr. Barnardo was the first social welfare reformer ever to record, photographically, admissions to "The Largest Family in the World", it is to be appreciated that this exhibition is of considerable historical, sociological and photographic importance and interest. The exhibition will embrace a collection of 37 frames of historical photographs of destitute English children admitted to Dr. Barnardo's U.K., and 3 frames of early arrivals of Barnardo migrants in Australia. The Australian Gallery Directors' Council, with the assistance of the Visual Arts Board of the Australian Council, in association with Dr. Barnardo's in Australia, present the exhibition.



AN OLD QUESTION

Question: Can I be a Christian without going to Church?

ANSWER: Yes, it is possible. It is something like being:

- A student who will not go to school.
- A soldier who will not join an army.
- A citizen who doesn't pay taxes or vote.
- An explorer with no base camp.
- A seaman on a ship without a crew.
- A football player without a team.
- A scientist who does not share his findings.
- A bee without a hive.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR OUR MAY SERVICES

- Sunday, 4th — 5.30 p.m., Holy Communion — Rev. C. J. Letts.
- Sunday, 11th — 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion — Rev. C. J. Letts.
- 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer — Rev. C. J. Letts.
- Sunday, 18th — 9.30 a.m., Family Service.
- Sunday, 25th — 9.30 a.m., Annual Order of the Eastern Star Service — followed by Morning Tea.
- 5.30 p.m., Annual 33 District Lodge Combined Service — followed by Supper.

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PETERSHAM

1979 ANNUAL STATEMENTS

1978	ASSETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1979	1979
70,000.00	Land — 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham at V.G's, UCV 9/3/79	70,000.00
306,000.00	Buildings (Insurance Valuations)	390,000.00
40,100.00	Furnishings & Equipment (Insurance Valuations)	59,000.00
8,286.70	General Account Balance	10,966.28
118.81	Organ Account	178.42
2,735.70	Capital Reserve Account	1,595.83
1,939.95	Columbarium Account	1,826.04
6,397.67	Endowment Account No. 1	6,399.07
10,983.67	Endowment Account No. 2	12,498.05
1,089.58	Special Purposes Account	1,186.31
1,046.73	Sunday School Account	940.05
1,044.69	Kindergarten Account	991.80
449,743.50		555,581.85

LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER, 1979

Special Assessment Arrears 5,340.50

Total Assets 555,581.85

LESS Liabilities 5,340.50

NET TOTAL ASSETS 31/12/79 550,241.35

B. A. LIVINGSTON, Treasurer and Rector's Warden

N. CRAGG & H. SPILL, People's Wardens

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR

ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1979

1978	GENERAL ACCOUNT	1979
7849.	Offeratories	7916.50
325.	Donations	1025.27
318.	District Visitors	262.30
734.	Deposit Interest	555.14
5335.	Fete Proceeds	5814.61
993.	Hall Rents	1820.00
36.	Adv'g in Chronicle (Walter & Son)	36.00
69.	Memorial Flowers in Church	47.50
160.	Insurance Claims	
	Annual Dinner	33.97
	Re-Cycling:—	
	Aluminium Cans	1172.70
	Newspapers	365.23
	Bottles	486.02
		2523.95
	Profits from Bookstall	36.09
15.	Miscellaneous	26.50
15834		20097.83

LESS PAYMENTS:—

8560.	Stipend	9144.96
1516.	Travelling Expenses	1705.98
254.	Parish Superannuation Contribution	270.00
400.	Organist	280.00
1410.	Synod General Assessment	1505.00
253.	Synod Special Assessment	448.00
	Synod Special Assessment — Arrears	150.00
500.	Repairs and Maintenance	318.37
607.	Chronicles	609.20
334.	Printing and Stationery	87.99
314.	Telephone	261.45
452.	Water and Sewerage Rates	361.44
130.	Church Electricity	140.70
429.	Insurances	233.00
440.	Church Cleaning	233.00
453.	Building, Furnishings and Equipment	202.80
152.	Organ Tuning and Maintenance	283.00
70.	W. A. Flick — Annual Maintenance	77.00
66.	70 sets of Freewill Offering Envelopes	66.50
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32.	Annual Dinner Deficit	
90.	New Prayer Books	
359.	New Hymn Books	
50.	Prayer Books for Book Stall	
20.	Donation to Rainbow Choir	
71.	Donation of Bibles to Petersham Primary School	
64.	Coffee, Hot-drink Cups, Tea Bags	133.15
28.	Carol Service Expenses	
	Relieving Ministers	77.00
193.	Offertories donated to Home Mission Society	239.90
	Levy to Rural Deanery of Petersham	10.00
46.	Miscellaneous	41.43

HALL EXPENSES:—

379.	Cleaning	161.32
180.	Electricity	193.35
64.	Gas	64.00
61.	Insurance	42.90
779.	Repairs	
68.	Miscellaneous	21.30
18626.		17413.25
2792.	Excess of Payments over Receipts	2679.58
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	BALANCE of General Account as at 1/1/79	8286.70
	PLUS excess of receipts over payments	2679.58
		<u>\$10966.28</u>

Represented by:— Bank Balance at 31/12/80 \$1373.27; Savings Investment A/c \$6093.01; Interest Bearing Deposit \$3500.00.

Women-in-Friendship

Our last meeting was spent making arrangements for our Annual Luncheon which, of course, will be over by the time you read this. Following the meeting Mrs. Sue Ritchie, one of our members, entertained us with a very vivid description of slides which she and her husband had taken of the South African Game Parks. By the time she had finished, we all felt we had been there ourselves.

Following our next meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, at 12.30 p.m., there will be a Bonzai Party which I'm sure will be very interesting also.

The next second-hand clothing and jumble stall is to be held in the Parish Hall on Friday, 20th June. Please remember we need help to stock this stall. Any unsold goods will again go to the Home Missions.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary



SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

This club is always a happy gathering, so if you want to fill in a Thursday afternoon — 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — come and join us.

Spend the afternoon playing cards or housie and chatting over a lovely cup of tea. All for 50 cents. No qualifications needed.

One of our members, Mrs. E. Robertson, reached 90 years of age this month; we have several others, too — Mrs. V. Brashington and Mrs. M. Cox. There could be others that I don't know of, but we wish you all many more happy birthdays.

IDA BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary



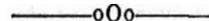
FLORAL MEMORIALS

Flowers have been supplied to decorate the Church as a remembrance on Mothers' Day, 11th May, by:

Misses Nisbet, in memory of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Norden, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Barron.

Those who would appreciate the opportunity of thus marking a treasured memory — or perhaps marking an occasion of thanksgiving to God for a particular blessing received — are asked to contact the Rector as early as possible — say by six (6) weeks prior to the appropriate date if "in memory". This makes it possible to organise the details and record the memorial in the relevant issue of "The Chronicle."



RESULTS OF ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Churchwardens — B. A. Livingston (Rector's), C. Cragg and S. Yewdall (People's).

Parish Council — Mesdames Barrett, Hitchcock, Livingston, Steed and Yewdall, and Messrs Barrett, Hearn, Sheppard and Swankie (elected members), together with Mesdames Nance and Reid as the Rector's appointees.

Quite a number of the members attended the Diocesan Commissioning Service at the Cathedral on Tuesday, 22nd, and very much appreciated the whole occasion.

PETERSHAM RESIDENTS' GROUP

Petersham Residents' Group has been formed this year in order to improve the quality of life for residents young and old in our municipality.

To do this we would like to be able to work with council and other existing bodies, as we feel more is gained by consultation than confrontation.

Our main areas of concern at present are:

1. Transport in and through the area.
2. Adequate housing for all groups within the community.
3. Better community relationships.
4. Utilization of recreation areas.

Meetings are held third Wednesday of the month in the Alderman's Room at Petersham Town Hall at 8 p.m.

CONTACT PEOPLE:

Loretta Butcher: 560-6598; Cathy Hitchcock: 569-5550;

Joy Connor: 560-2048; Judy and John Wilson (publicity).

More people are needed to follow through specific issues.



A BUSY MAN'S PRAYER . . .

Slow me down, Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quietening of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations — of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift — that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow towards the stars of my greater destiny.

WALTERS & SON

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890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

YOUR CO-WORKERS IN MELBOURNE

Dear friends,

This month, as we write to you, there seems to be so much to say and share. For some, you have not heard from us for quite a while, others have seen us recently and heard about our time in the Philippines, plus our plans for this year, while still others of you are receiving this as your first newsletter from us and are interested to learn and know a lot more about us and our ministry.

Well, with that introduction, we greet each of you with a hearty, warm "Greetings from Melbourne!" our new home.

I have much pleasure in reporting our excitement of discovering what God has in store for us down here. I will be ministering at both Monash University and Swinburne Institute of Technology, plus of course we are both keen to be involved in our local church. Annette, Mary and I are looking forward to sharing with you throughout the year just what is happening with us and on Campus through our monthly newsletters. We will covet your continued prayer, support and encouragement as we step into the spiritual battle on these campuses in 1980.

So far I have met Phil Coghill, Peter Steel, Peter Murphy and Leighton Wade from Swinburne, and Allan Lee, Lawrence Lee and Sieow Pooi Ching from Monash. These are the key students I will be spending time with as we begin to build the Student Life Movement at these places.

You may be interested to note that we have joined the ranks of 103 other organisations on campus at Monash, but no matter how inconspicuous we seem, we represent the King of Kings, and as His personal ambassadors (II Cor. 5:20) I am excited at what God is going to accomplish in and through us this year.

Let me hand over to my wonderful wife to say a few words:

How great it is to finally be in our new home. We had to do a lot of looking — accommodation was not easy to get, but the Lord has provided us with a unit that perfectly suits our needs. It's unfurnished, two bedrooms; even has a yard and garden and is in walking distance from a good shopping centre. We had a lot of fun unpacking (many things we'd even forgotten we owned!) and setting up.

God also led me to a Christian doctor and good hospital as soon as we arrived. I am well but finding pregnancy becoming more 'uncomfortable', so I am eagerly looking forward to the arrival day!

We praise God for how He has provided for all our needs for the baby and for our own furniture needs.

I have met with three girls, Merran Keir, Sue Davies and Anne Herbstrict, who are the key girl leaders on Monash and Swinburne. They will be coming to our place each week for a bible study with me, and I will be encouraging them and helping them as they lead their own bible studies and go witnessing with other students. I am also looking forward to getting to know our neighbours and sharing Christ with them.

Till our next letter,

Love in Christ,

ANNETTE XX

To those of you who were able to attend our "special nights" throughout February, we would like to thank you for coming and for your encouragement and love. Just three words remain to be said,

WE LOVE YOU,

ANNETTE & RICH.

Richard and Annette Small, 2/3 Wreford Road,
Blackburn South, 3130, Victoria.