

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

STANMORE ROAD, PETERSHAM

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OCTOBER, 1983

Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye
lands.

Sing forth the honour
of His name: make
His praise glorious.

Memorial Window

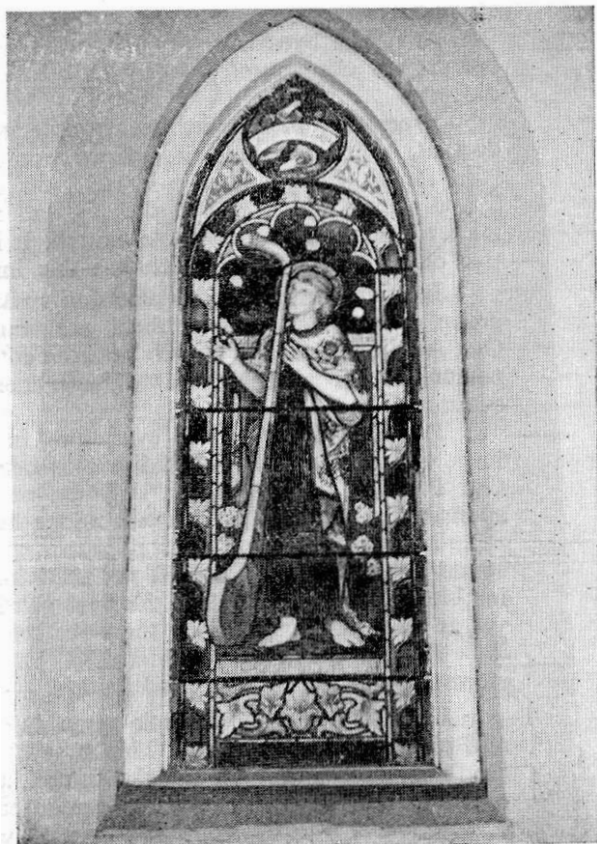
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ARTHUR
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choristers who lost
their lives in a
boating accident.



The Rectory,
Petersham, 2049
22nd August, 1983

Dear Friends,

The month of October always seems full of church activities — perhaps it's the fact that winter is by then fully over — perhaps it's that Christmas is coming upon us too quickly — perhaps it's time for the Annual Fete — perhaps it's Synod time again — or, perhaps it's all four put together.

Synod is the parliament of the church. In our diocese, each parish has three Synodsmen. Two are elected by the parishioners at a special meeting called for that purpose. The other representative is the Rector of the parish. It is a very democratic structure.

The Synod is the body that makes the rules for the running of our church — both the local congregation and the diocese.

From time to time we hear people say: "Our church doesn't do that, or it does this. The Rector won't let us" — or perhaps "the Parish Council won't let us". So often this is not true. Synod spends much time discussing and making decisions about matters which affect the whole church. It is this body representative of all the parishes which has this important task.

In many organisations decision making is left to a small group of people, so often "they" are blamed for what happens. Our Anglican form of church government gives the greatest opportunities for all members to have their say and help make decisions.

Personally, I try to do everything in the parish along these lines, to see matters are fully discussed before decisions are made. Our Parish Council has not only the privilege but also the responsibility for financial matters and other areas of parish life.

We all have a responsibility to see our church is run on sound business lines. There is the need for planning, for budgeting, etc. We need to obtain the best value for money spent and yet at the same time to pay the right price for a job well done.

This is good stewardship. The Lord reminds us that as stewards we are to be found faithful — trustworthy — diligent.

Unfortunately, many look upon business meetings, budget and planning as un-spiritual. This is sad because we need, under God's guidance, to plan for the future, and to seek to involve others in fulfilling Christ's work here on earth.

Pray for the business meetings of your church, especially for the coming Synod, ask about the things that are being dis-

cussed — make us feel that we are not alone and that we are accountable to the congregation as well as to our Heavenly Father.

Yours sincerely, **BRUCE WOOLCOTT**, Rector

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CHRONICLE

\$4—Mr. Hugh Quelch on behalf of Mrs. R. J. Webb.

\$5—Mrs. W. Dingle (Coffs Harbour).

\$10—Mrs. N. Horton (for Mrs. D. Calver who is now in a rest home).

If you have friends who would appreciate resuming contact with All Saints, why not make a subscription to enable us to post it to them every month. It would be an unusual Christmas present.

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KINDERGARTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten numbers are slightly lower this year due to two families moving from the district. However, on the credit side, we have a welcome increase in teachers. Ian ———, who instructs the older group and accompanies their singing on his guitar, and Toni Sheppard who assists with the younger children.

MICHELE ESSAM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

FETE GROCERY STALL. We now have enough bottles for the honey and jam. I would like to thank all who have saved the bottles over the past few months.

Now we are planning to make the jam. We are seeking your help with donations of sugar, or if you are willing to make jam for us please contact me on 560-9972.

Letters have been sent to the grocery companies, and we have had a reasonable response.

Once again this year we will have lucky dips on the stall.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

By the time this Chronicle reaches you our second-hand Clothing and Jumble Stall will be over. Thanks to all who con-

tributed in any way. The next stall will be held on the 25th November, the Friday night after the Fete. I will put the financial result of the stall on the 30th Sept. in the next Chronicle.

The next meeting on Tuesday, 4th October at 1.30 p.m. in the Guild Room will be a Business Meeting. Mainly fete business. Please, all members, make a special effort to attend.

Our guest sepeaker last meeting, Mrs. Patricia Spencer, who is expecting to go to the mission field early in the New Year with her husband, was most interesting. Please remember Pat and her husband in your prayers as they go to face the big task ahead.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

It is lovely to see so many of our members turning up again, now that the days are brighter. Keep it up, girls! It's great to see the tables full. But there is always room for more. Every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A happy afternoon is always waiting for anyone who is lonely or just has Thursday afternoon to fill in. 60 cents covers everything, and we are anxious to put another table up.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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FETE NEWS

I am happy to report that since our last month's article re the Fete and the Jewellers' Stall, two good things have come our way. Mrs. Millarey and Miss Hunt have offered to supply enough jewellery to stock the stall and some of the mothers interested in the Kindergarten Sunday School, and Mrs. A. Joyce, are willing to run it.

There is also the possibility of practical advice in the running of the painting competition coming our way in the near future.

Now, with God's help, if we continue to put our shoulders to the wheel, we will once again have a successful Fete.

F. G. HEARN, Fete Chairman.

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NEW LOOK FOR OP SHOPS

When people enter the new Op Shops at Blacktown and Fairfield, they'll find themselves in the most modern shops of this type in Australia.

They'll be greeted by a striking interior decor of red, white and blue stripes, with all the garments displayed in a highly attractive way.

Plans are also in hand to give the Bankstown, St. Mary's, Cabramatta and Liverpool shops the same kind of colourful new look.

The decor was designed by Arthur Middleton, in conjunction with Op Shop manager, John Dring.

"We want to give our shops a new, updated image and to make them fun places to shop", Mr. Dring said. "With this new decor, I believe we are succeeding".

In another recent Op Shop development, a counselling service staffed by Care Force is now available at the St. Mary's shop.

Courtesy of "Pulse"



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER

- Oct. 2—In memory of Hilder Baker from Bill Williams.
In memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Jones,
from Mrs. E. J. Beatty and her brother Colin.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- Oct. 9—By Clarrie & Arthur Richardson in memory of Marge Cole.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- Oct. 16—By the Senior Citizens Club in memory of Mrs. R. Woolcott.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- Oct. 23—By Mrs. Hitchins in memory of her husband, Percy.
By Mrs. Dulcie Reid in memory of her parents.
Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.
- Oct. 30—Donation by Miss Perry.
Donation by Mrs. Carr, Julie and Alison in memory of Alan Carr.
Arrangement by Mrs. Michele Essam.



KEEP ON CARING THROUGH YOUR WILL

Archdeacon R. G. Fillingham

One of the most important sources of income for HMS is legacies from thoughtful folk who want to extend their concern for people in need far into the future.

Legacies, in fact, have provided the means for many of HMS's new ministries over the last few years. Ordinary income from donations and the like is used up in the maintenance of existing programmes. Legacies provide the extra capital needed to get new ventures off the ground or to provide permanent income for existing work.

The Society has just released a new leaflet that explains how a legacy or bequest may be left to HMS. Copies are avail-

able now from the HMS office: or, if this very practical way of helping the Society's work appeals to you, the former HMS general secretary, Archdeacon R. G. Fillingham, would be very happy to visit you at a convenient time and to discuss the whole idea with you.

If you would like Archdeacon Fillingham to contact you, please phone the Rev. Allan Whitham on 269 0642.

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THE CHESALON CENTRE — A NEW WAY OF CARING

The Chesalon Centre is located in a special area of the Chesalon Nursing Home at Beecroft.

It has been open now for six months. Up to eight men and women in their 70's and 80's spend two days a week in a happy, relaxed atmosphere.

To the visitor, the Centre could be any social club, with the members enjoying a cup of tea in the living room or chatting in the sunshine in the fenced garden. The difference is that each of these people is suffering from a hidden, but serious, disability: dementia.

Dementia is a progressive loss of mental function, affecting memory, reasoning ability and personality. It is most commonly caused by Alzheimers' Disease, for which there is no known medical treatment.

The failing memory of a dementia sufferer causes many problems, such as leaving the gas on or unlit, wandering away and getting lost, and difficulties in personal hygiene, dressing and bathing. The person is often bewildered by their own inability to cope and may become moody or aggressive. Their spouses and families are put under tremendous strain.

The Chesalon Centre provides a safe, home-like atmosphere for these people, where their special problems are understood and any help they need can be given tactfully by skilled staff.

Activities are kept very simple so that even severely confused people can join in without feeling a failure.

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Their families greatly appreciate having some relief from their care, as they would like to look after them at home for as long as they possibly can.

The Centre has aroused a lot of interest in the health and welfare field. It is probably the first in the State to offer specialised care to physically active dementia sufferers.

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AMAZING GRACE

This is the title of a well known hymn whose tune and words have become popular in recent years.

John Newton lived in the 18th century. He had a very varied life. His mother died when he was 7. Prior to that she had taught him much of the Bible and how to pray. He turned away from God and became very degraded in his behaviour whilst being involved in the African Slave Trade. He turned to Christ during a storm whilst at sea in his mid-twenties. A great change came over his life.

This hymn (just one of many which he wrote) describes the change —

“Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see”.

He was once wretched, lost and blind. He did not know or care about God. But God, out of His great love, saved him. This salvation, Newton describes as “amazing grace”. God’s amazing kindness shown to him became the driving force of his life.

Why should God save him? Only because of His kindness. Newton knew that there was nothing good enough in him to merit God’s kindness. But God, who is very kind, showed His love for Newton, by causing him to turn to Christ for forgiveness. God then enabled Newton, over his lifetime, to change from one who was disobedient to one who gladly obeyed Jesus as his Master.

This “amazing grace” is necessary for all of us if we are to be right with God, for in reality, although the exact details may be different to Newton’s, we are in God’s sight, wretched, lost and blind.

What great benefits then follow and become ours. In life God will continue to work in us and change us. Newton once said: “I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be, but by the grace of God, I am not what I was”. Here is the key to changed behaviour.

And in death the Christian has great assurance, based upon the certainty of sins forgiven through Christ.

On his death bed at age 82 in 1807, he was reported as saying: "I can never forget two things; first that I was a great sinner, and second that Jesus is a great Saviour".

— The Church Record.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, AUGUST 1983

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	859.47	Rector's Net Stipend ..	1,126.25
RECYCLING:		Rector's Trav. Allow. ..	327.56
Cans	170.50	Organist	135.00
Bottles	3.37	Church Flowers	60.00
Papers	296.95	Chronicles	65.20
B.B.Q.	97.30	Church Cleaning	270.00
DONATIONS:		Plumbing • Repairs in	
Women-in-friendship		Rectory	30.00
100		Urgent Repairs to	
O.E.S. F'light 2.00		Church roof	260.00
Chronicles .. 1.00		Min. Gas A/c, Hall	16.00
Miss G I. Norman		Church Elec. A/c	58.31
200	303.00	Stationery	92.50
Rector's Phone Cont.			
7/83	3.86		
	1,764.45		
Deficit for Month ..	796.33		2,560.78
Balance 1/8/83			2,163.01
Less Deficit for Month			796.33
Balance 31/8/83			1,366.68

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT, AUGUST, 1983

Fresh Flowers Pty. Ltd.—July Flowers	60.00
James & Parnes, August Chronicles	65.20
Paul Macbeth, Plumbing repairs in Rectory	30.00
Paul Macbeth, Repairs to Church roof	260.00
A.G.L. Co., Minimum Gas for Hall	16.00
Sydney County Council, Church Electricity	58.31
Tower Business Equipment Pty. Ltd., Stationery	92.50

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

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