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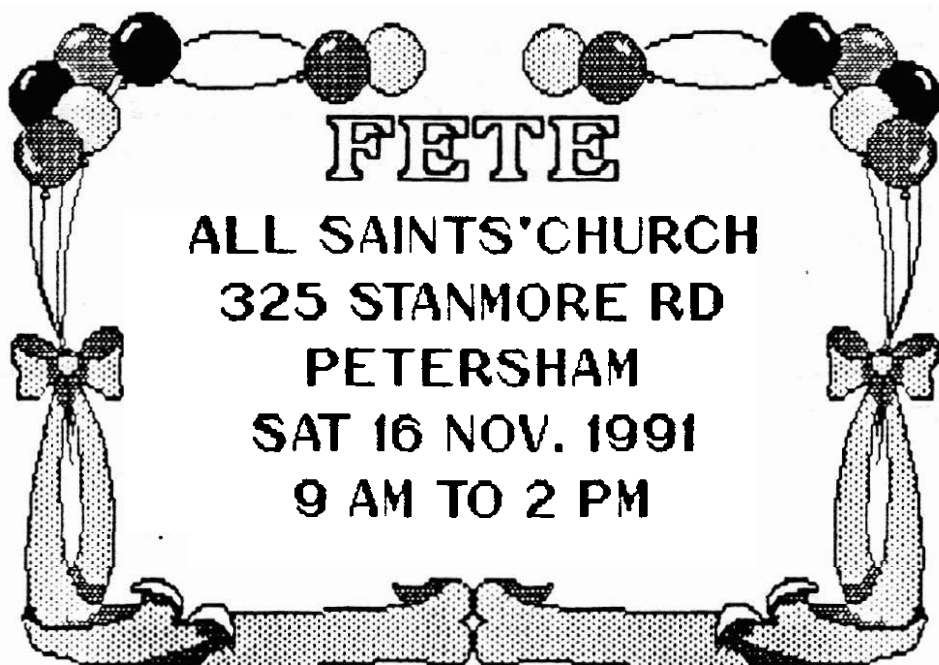
Of All Saints
Petersham

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**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
23rd October, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

The Word 'No' is a difficult word to handle.

There are plenty of examples where the word should be used and is not. However there probably is an equal number of times when "NO" should not be used but it is used. Why?

Our failure to say "NO!" to some line of action reveals our inner weakness or our fears. I guess some fairly obvious situations fall into this category - strong drink, drugs, and immorality. These are face to face situations but there are others that are more subtle and certainly more difficult to handle. We know that our assent to a particular line of action compromises our personal standard of behaviour but we are unwilling to speak out. Basically we fear the consequences. We have not the courage of our convictions.

I don't for one moment suggest that saying "No!" in such circumstances is easy. It is not, but often when done in a gracious manner one discovers one is not alone, other equally fearful souls find in you their strength to speak out.

The other use of the word "NO!", is when we fail to help or assist, not because we do not approve or recognise the worth of a project, but rather through heartlessness and selfishness. The answer "NO!" is too often used because of our own lack of love and care for our fellow man. The standard by which many of us live is - "nobody puts me out I'll only help when it suits me and provided I think I have the time." There is no willingness to sacrifice for another.

How true is the saying "He who lives for himself dies

by himself". In all the situations of life Jesus is our example to follow. He is not just the example he is the one who also gives us the strength and wisdom we need.

'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path." Proverbs 3:5 (A.V.)

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott
RECTOR.

GOSSIP

A PRESENTATION.

At the last Annual Vestry Meeting Vic and Ida Barrett announced that they would not seek re-election to the Parish Council. They had been members of the Council for 33 years and members of our congregation for over 50 years. We certainly miss them at our meetings.

As a mark of our appreciation it was decided to present to them an illuminated address. This presentation was made by the churchwardens at the service at the beginning of October. Needless to say Vic and Ida were surprised and delighted by the gift.

They are still regular attenders at All Saints' for which we give thanks.

MRS. HUMPHREYS.

The outing to Windsor, Richmond and Ebenezer was voted a success though the coach was far from full. We called on Mrs. Humphreys, and after lunch in a park in Richmond, she showed us over the retirement village where she now lives. We look forward to seeing her again at our fete. She cannot stay away.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'?

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room, of the Parish Hall.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

THE 1991 FETE.

The fete will be held on Saturday 16th November. Keep the date free. We need your support - in working for the fete before the day, assisting on the day, setting up and cleaning the hall afterwards or supporting us by coming and bringing your friends to buy.

PRISON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

On Sunday 24th November a member of the Prison Fellowship will be speaking at our morning service.

Mr. Charles Coulson, a one time advisor to President Nixon and a central figure in the Watergate Scandal, was converted whilst in prison and as a result he helped bring into existence the Prison Fellowship. We look forward to hearing about this work.

CAROL FESTIVAL.

The Combined Churches Carol Festival will be held in the Marrickville Town Hall on Friday 13th December. The Guest Speaker for the evening will be Graham Wade a well-known quick sketch artist who has the ability to bring the Christmas message to our ears and eyes.



FLOWER DONATIONS.

NOVEMBER 3RD - No Donation.

Arranged by Mrs. Carr & Julie.

NOVEMBER 10TH - Mrs. M. Willis in memory of
Mrs. G. Garland.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

NOVEMBER 17TH - Mrs. Mina Crook, Mrs. Margaret Castle,
Dick Evans, Harold Evans, Warren Crook,
& Mrs. Ellen Crook in loving memory of
their mother, grandmother & great
grandmother.

Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

NOVEMBER 24TH - In memory of Aileen from Bill & Family.

Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam

WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

SIX THINGS JESUS TAUGHT US ABOUT GOD.

1 HE TAUGHT THAT GOD IS SPIRIT. 'God is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.'

We can worship God according to His pattern, not ours.

2 HE TAUGHT THAT GOD IS PERFECTLY HOLY. He referred to God as 'Holy Father', and showed by His life that God's standard is a perfect standard.

3 HE TAUGHT THAT GOD'S GREAT CHARACTERISTIC IN LOVE. His whole life demonstrated that "God so loved that He gave". To the man who was willing to face the fact that his own life does not reach God's standard, Jesus spoke of the perfect love of God, which has bridged the gulf.

4 HE TAUGHT THAT GOD CAN BE OUR FATHER. This was the outstanding new element in the teaching of Jesus about God. God wants us to trust Him, to be able to say "Our Father".

5 HE TAUGHT THAT GOD KNOWS US BETTER THAN WE KNOW OURSELVES. "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Jesus said. Nothing in us can escape the knowledge of God.

6 HE TAUGHT THAT WE CAN FIND GOD IN JESUS CHRIST. "Have I been all this time with you," he said to one of His disciples, "and yet you do not know me? He who has seen me has seen the Father". Jesus taught that if we genuinely want to find God we can find Him in Jesus Christ.

CAN YOU SAY..."I believe in God the Father Almighty ...and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord."?

GOLDEN GEMS

Dr. Rowland Hill is said to have hired a horse and buggy to take his wife for a ride. He told the livery man: "My wife deserves the best! I want your best horse!"

As the livery man trotted out the horse, he said to Pastor Hill, "this horse is well-nigh perfect. He will obey every order; he is willing, gentle, ready, never balks, anticipates your wishes, and would die to please you."

Dr. Hill listened, and then he said, "Do you suppose I could get him to join my church?" Those are the kind of members God's looking for."

QUOTABLES

There are two main tragedies in the world today: the man who has to live without bread and the man who tries to live by bread alone.

The Bible is not only the World's best seller....it's man's best purchase.

Starving the soul to feed the body makes a lean Christian.

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

Helen Keller.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - AUGUST 1991

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	1,891.03	Rector's Net Stipend	2,110.80
Donations		Rector's Trav. Allowance	566.00
Miss Mary Pullen	50.00	Catechist Stipend & Trav Allow	0.00
District Visitors		Organist	0.00
Collections - Mrs. Carr	71.00	Church Cleaning	250.00
Gate Tickets for Hawkesbury		Hall Cleaning	250.00
Church Tour	120.00	Telephone Account	86.56
		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
		Flowers	30.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	0.00
		Cleaning Items	0.00
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	0.00
		Tuning & repairs to Church	
		Piano	70.00
		Church Electricity A/c	112.63
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Deficit for Month	1,431.59		
	<hr/> 3,563.62		
		Surplus for Month	0.00
BALANCE 1-8-91	3,280.57		<hr/> 3,563.62
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	1,431.59		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	0.00		
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BALANCE 31-8-91			

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