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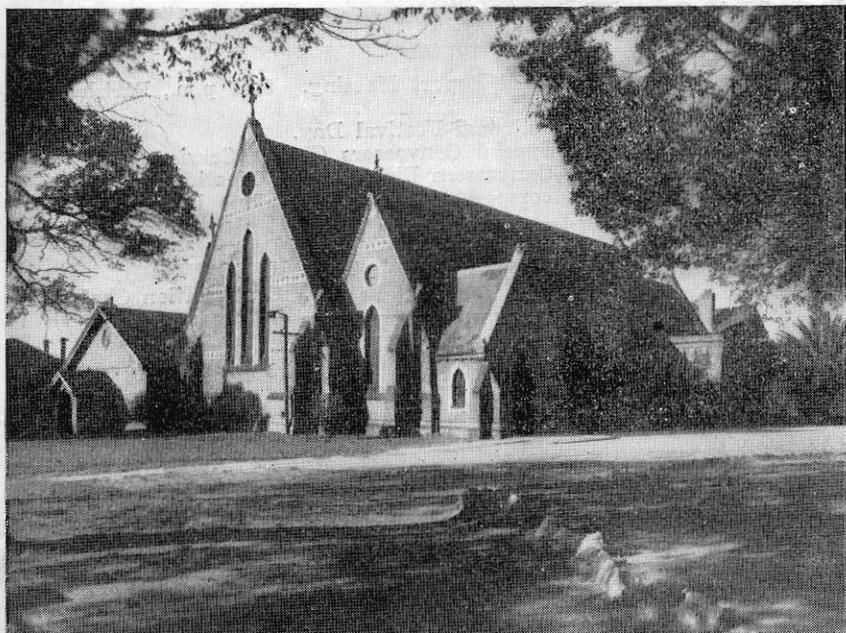
Of All Saints

Petersham

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PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

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, A. COOK,

A. JONES.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH PROMOTION, 1957

Programme for Canvassers

October:

Wed., 2nd—First Training Night for Canvassers. 8.00 p.m. Parish Hall
Please make a special effort to attend this meeting.

Wed., 9th—Second Training Night. 8.00 p.m., Parish Hall

Tues., 15th and Thurs. 17th—LOYALTY DINNERS.

Invitations to these dinners will be posted soon.

Friday, 18th—Third Training Night. 8.00 p.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, 20th—Stewardship Sunday. 8.00 p.m., Holy Communion

Start of Canvassing.

Wed., 23rd—Canvassers First Report Meeting. 8.00 p.m., Parish Hall

Sunday, 27th—Canvassers Second Report Meeting. 8.30 p.m., Parish
Hall.

Wed., 30th—Canvassers Third Report Meeting. 8.00 p.m., Parish Hall

November:

Sunday, 3rd—All Saints' Patronal Festival Day.

7.15 p.m.—Special Canvassers Church Service

8.30 p.m.—Canvassers Final Report Meeting

Any canvassing not completed can then be done by personal ar-
rangement.

Supper will be provided at all Training and Report Meetings.

T. H. H. BOSWARD,
Organisation Chairman

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TABLE TENNIS

The members of the Table Tennis group are progressing steadily and it has been decided to enter two teams in the summer competition of the New South Wales Table Tennis Association.

Players are now in solid training for the opening of the competition during the last week in October. The teams will play in "E" grade and the traditional Church colours of navy blue and white have been included in the uniform which features a shield, consisting of a laurel wreath crossed table tennis bats and the lettering "ALL SAINTS' PETERSHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND".

The following teams have been selected to represent the Church: No. 1 team; P. Whalen (Capt.), A. Humphreys, C. Hemmings and N. Moore; No. 2 team: R. Lumby (Capt.), C. Lumby, H. Ellis, E. Faram and N. Cragg; reserves: E. Grainger, J. Rowe and W. Rowe.

Y.C.I.

At the meeting held on Friday, the 13th September, we had our "Experience Evening". Many experiences, strange but true, were related, and, as with most Y.C.I. Meetings, the proceedings were not without humour. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members who were present. The Y.C.I. is glad to report the enrolment of additional members but there is room for more men in the Y.C.I.—the Mens' Club of the Parish. To avoid a clash of dates with Sunday School Concert and the preparations for the forthcoming Parish Fete, the Y.C.I. Syllabus of Meetings has been amended. The revised list for October-November is as follows:

- Oct. 6—Corporate Communion. (8 a.m.)
- " 11—Lecturettes.
- Nov. 1—"Manuscript Journal"
- " 15—Commemoration Night.
- " 24—47th Commemoration Service (7.15 p.m.)

We look forward to seeing a good attendance of members at these and subsequent gatherings of the Y.C.I.

 WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The Y.C.I. is again conducting the "White Elephant" Stall at the forthcoming Parish Fete, and we would appreciate any donation towards stocking this Stall; goods of all description will be gladly received. In every home there are articles which have been put aside, for which no further use can be found, but which may be something that someone else is looking for, so we would be glad to have such things as odd cups, saucers, plates, or any sort of crockery, cutlery, glassware, silverware, kitchenware furniture, tools, sporting goods, toys or indeed any sort of goods are welcome. We will arrange to pick up your donations if you will notify the Rector or any member of the Y.C.I. Do not forget the date of the Fete 23rd November, 1957.

 CRICKET CLUB

Activities for the 1957-1958 season commenced on Wednesday, 14th August, with the Annual Meeting, at which there was a representative attendance of players from both senior and junior teams. The Annual Report of the previous seasons play was presented, and in view of the success of the "C" Grade side last year, it was decided to enter the team in "B" Grade this time. Members also expressed keen interest in securing team caps with the "All Saints" monogram, and it was decided to investigate the obtaining of a suitable blue cap.

Another pre-season meeting was held on Friday, 6th September, to discuss the season's programme, and to serve as the occasion for Mr. H. J. Shaw to present his trophy for the best fieldsman of the previous season's "C" Grade side. This cup was awarded to John Miniter, who secured the highest number of points awarded by the panel of judges who had watched our games during the year. The players are very grateful to Mr. Shaw for his interest and generosity in this way.

The "B" Grade season started on September 7th, against Drumoyne Baptist, who beat us by 26 runs on the first innings. Batting for All Saints, D. O'Sullivan scored 40, and T. Morris 25. In the second round, an "all-day" match, All Saints' were handicapped because several players had to work in the morning; nevertheless, they put up a creditable performance, but were defeated once again on the first innings.

The team is settling down well in the higher grade, however, and before very long, is expected to bring home its share of victories.

For boys under 15, we again have the "D" Grade side, which is being looked after by Messrs R. A. Moore and D. O'Sullivan this season. The first round commenced on 28th September. Vacancies may occur in this side during the season, and boys interested are asked to contact either of the above-mentioned managers, or the Secretary.

A. JONES, Hon. Secretary

YOUNG MARRIED'S CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room on Tuesday, 8th October, at 8 p.m. We would like to have the pleasure of welcoming new members.

Our Annual Luncheon held in September was both a social and financial success. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way. We were very grateful for the help given to us by the members of the Ladies' Guild.

Mr. Michael Sawtell, of the Aboriginal Welfare Board, was the guest speaker, and I am sure that those who were present thoroughly enjoyed his most interesting address.

The next major effort will be our cake and sweets stall at the Parish Fete on 23rd November, please watch the next Chronicle for details of our cooking competition. We will appreciate any donations of cakes or sweets towards our stall.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship attended the Combined Churches meeting in aid of the Bible Society this month held in the Methodist Church, Newington College. We also had a visit from the Secretary of the Bible Society, Miss Little, the next Tuesday, who presented the film, "China Harvest" accompanied with a very interesting talk on the Bible Society's work in China. I would like to thank Ken Grant for coming down on very short notice to work the projector for us.

Our next meeting is to be a games night. On 22nd October we will be having our Social Dance "Welcome to the newly Confirmed" and we hope there will be a good roll up of our young people.

Gwenda resigned from the position as Secretary and Lynette Sanderson was elected to the position. We would like to thank Gwenda for her work as Secretary.

We are still looking for new members. Will you come along and join? A warm welcome awaits you.

K. LOCKE, Leader

BOOK STALL

We are still asking for books, toys, comics and jewellery for the above stall at the forth coming Fete. A phone call to Mrs. Millarey, LM 1643, will bring her to your front door. Please can you help in any way, books etc., can be left at the Rectory.

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

Our sincere thanks to Miss Hayes for her preparation of our girls for the Annual Competitions held recently. Although, up-to-date our teams have not just reached the grade, the congratulations of many folk who saw their work commends the tuition they have received this year. Concert work is the next big item on our agenda and we are all looking forward to a very interesting and enjoyable display of their work early in December.

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

FLOWER ROSTER

- Oct. 6th—Donated by Miss Speight. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 „ 13th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Colburn.
 „ 20th—Donated by Mrs. Sharp in memory of her husband, R. E. Sharp. Arranged by the Y.M.C.
 „ 27th—Donated by Miss M. McPherson in memory of her brother. Arranged by Miss Speight.
 Nov. 3rd—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Mother and Father and Nephew. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 Sept. 29th—Flowers were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Pullen in memory of Mr. Pasley, and not as stated in last "Chronicle".

ACCOMMODATION—The free use of two comfortable rooms are offered by a parishioner in return for a few hours help in the home—three days a week. Apply c/o. The Rector.

LADIES' GUILD

Our next Street Stall will be held on Friday, 18th October. The continued support and popularity and results of this effort are most pleasing.

Our Social afternoon on October 23rd will take the form of a China Display. Each lady is asked to bring a piece of china either pretty or antique, there will be a charge of 3d. for each vote in each section. China for display only. From the month of November we will be returning to the 4th Tuesday in each month for our Social afternoon.

On Tuesday, 26th November, we will be having a special speaker, Mrs. E. Beales, who hopes to show us some interesting slides. We ask our ladies to make a special note of this date and make every effort to attend to hear this interesting speaker. Mrs. Beales as an authoress is better known as Enda Roughley.

CONFIRMATION

The Desire

In this section called the Desire we are reminded that God is the giver of all goodness and because of His love for us He desires that we shall have His best gifts. God is our Father and He has a duty to us, His children, and we to Him—to worship serve and obey Him as we ought to do.

God knows our needs are twofold and is prepared to give us all things needful for our souls and bodies. God is always willing to be merciful and forgive us our sins and protect us from all dangers that may happen to the body or soul.

Man, unfortunately, often makes it hard for God by doing silly things and taking unnecessary risks. In the hour of temptation God will help us by His Holy Spirit if we listen for His voice, but if we refuse and prefer to listen to the voice of the tempter we cannot blame God when we get into trouble. There are many who go nearly through life and say God has not given them a chance whereas the truth is they have not given God a chance. The love and mercy of God are always being hindered by mans' stupidity and selfishness.

Frequently people ask "Why does God allow this or that"? as though man had no free will or choice in life. God has not made us robots or mechanical men. He has given us freedom to choose or refuse the gift of life which becomes ours if we do the things that please Him.

The Sacraments.

We believe that there are only two Sacraments whereas the Church of Rome teaches there are seven. It all depends on what we call a Sacrament. When we speak of a Sacrament we mean a ceremony or rite which was given unto us by Jesus Christ, and which has an inward and spiritual meaning. Rome teaches that marriage is a Sacrament.

We believe it is sacred but not a Sacrament because it was not ordained by Jesus Christ. Marriage was centuries old when Jesus was born in Bethlehem and the only two services or rites which Jesus gave us were Baptism and the Holy Communion. Both these services have an outward sign and an inward or spiritual meaning. In Baptism the outward sign is water in which the person is baptised. The inward meaning is to become a member of God's family. In the Holy Communion the outward sign is bread and wine and the inward sign or spiritual meaning is that we receive spiritual life from Christ. We say that Sacraments are generally necessary to salvation, which means not absolutely necessary where they cannot be had, e.g. a person living in isolation with no chance of having the Sacraments, would not be excluded from heaven if he died. But where people have the opportunity of receiving the Sacraments they should do so. Nominally we are not Christians until we are baptised and so the Church can refuse to bury anyone who dies unbaptised.

Marriage.

The first person to consult about the date of the marriage should be the Minister, and as much notice as possible should be given for the ceremony. The Minister will give the young couple a white printed form to be filed in by both of them. If either the bride or the bridegroom are under twenty-one they have to get their parents written consent to be married. This consent form must be signed by both parents, (if they are alive) in the presence of a Justice of the Peace. The minister cannot marry anyone under twenty-one without their parents consent. All information given by the bride and bridegroom must be taken on oath. The necessary arrangements as far as the Church is concerned are made with the Minister as regards the service, the decorating of the Church and the music. Wedding bows put on the ends of the pews should never be put on with nails or pins, but should always be tied neatly.

The problem of suitable solos is a very real one and sentimental songs should not be sung in Church, e.g., "I'll Walk Beside You", and "Because". Whilst these may be sung at the wedding breakfast they are not suitable for the Church. The bridegroom and best man should arrive at the Church at least ten minutes before the service is due to start and take their place in the sanctuary.

There are usually two white cushions and the bridegroom stands in front of the right hand one with his best man on his right. The bride should endeavour to be on time and enters the Church on the right hand of her Father and proceeds down the aisle ready to take her place on the left of the bridegroom. It is often customary for a little flower girl or page boy to go in front of the bride but the bridesmaids should always FOLLOW the bride.

The brides' Father stands beside the bride until he gives her away, then he takes a step backwards allowing the chief bridesmaid to step up beside the bride in readiness to hold the bride's flowers and gloves. The bridegroom and bride are the only persons who kneel for the prayers in the bridal party.

When the first part of the service is over the bride and bridegroom follow the minister up to the Communion rails for the second part of the service. The bride's relations and friends sit on the left side of the aisle and the bridegroom's on the right hand side of the Church. At the close of the service the bridegroom takes a step back and the bride comes around him and takes his left arm and proceeds to the vestry for the signing of the register.

Confetti is allowed at most Churches but should not be thrown in the Church porch. It is bad manners for the guests to go out ahead of the bride and bridegroom.

THE HOLY BIBLE

Bible Reading.

God has revealed His mind and will in the Bible and by our reading it we become instructed Christians. The Bible is not always easy to read or understand but we can use the Scripture Union or Bible Reading Fellowship notes to help us in our reading. When we read sincerely and seek to know the truth God will reveal it to us. A Bible Commentary is always helpful in understanding the Bible.

The Bible is not one book but many. It is really a collection or library of books written by men of various types at different times in history who were inspired by God to record events that happened in their day and generation.

Some of the books are historical, some poetical, some prophetic others are letters containing general Christian teaching.

The first five books of the Old Testament are called the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. The word "Testament" means agreement. The word does not appear in the authorised versions or revised version of the Old Testament but occurs thirteen times in the New Testament. As early as the 2nd century the Old Testament and New Testament were names of the Jewish Scriptures and at the beginning of the 3rd century was made to the Divine Scriptures as the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament contains thirty-nine books in our Bible, but in the Hebrew only twenty-

four. The reason being that 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles, Esther, Nehemiah and twelve minor prophets are counted respectively as one book. The thirty-nine books are grouped as follows:

- (a)—The first five, the Pentateuch.
- (b)—Historical (twelve books) Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.
- (c)—The Poetical Division (five books) Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.
- (d)—The Prophetical Division, which contains the greater prophets which has five books, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel.
- (e)—The Minor Prophets of which there are twelve, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai Zechariah Malachi.

The New Testament is divided into three parts. It has twenty-seven books consisting of two hundred and sixty chapters:

- (a)—The Historical Section Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Acts.
- (b)—Epistolary section containing twenty-one books or letters. Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 and 2 and 3 John, Jude.
- (c)—Prophetical section containing the Book of the Revelations.

The divisions of the books are not perfect since the material is not wholly poetry or historical or whatever it may be. All the subjects vary and over-lap. The division of the Bible into chapters is of comparative recent date, and is usually said to be the work of Cardinal Hugo De Santo who died in 1263 A.D. and who did this work for the purpose of a Concordance. The divisions though useful as an aid to memory, are very often unhappily arranged.

The divisions into verses were not made until 300 years later when in 1551 Sir Robert Stephen undertook the task. This he did in a Greek New Testament.

The Geneva Bible of 1560 published by refugee reformers was the first Bible to contain chapters and verses.

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