

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

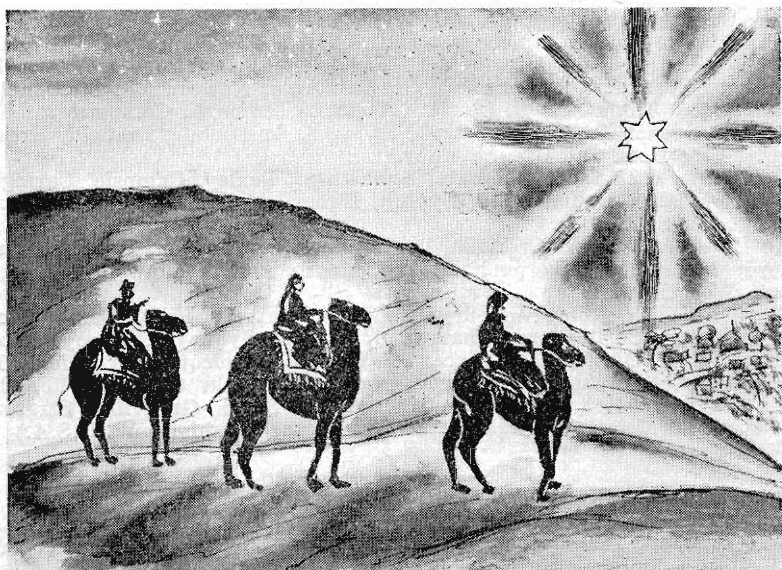
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JANUARY, 1965



“AND WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED
WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY”.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Survey of Fete Publicity

The success of our Fete advertising can be gauged from study of the Visitors' Book that was located at the front entrance of the Hall on the Fete Day, 21st November.

200 more people signed the book this time than in 1963, most of them representing an increased attendance. There were, however, a few who came in 1963 but who didn't sign the book then, in case there was a catch in it! This small group having seen the folly of their ways, we achieved a grand total of 1064 signatures from people who came from no less than 84 different towns and suburbs, as far scattered as Woonona, Mudgee, and even Washington, U.S.A.

The wide area from which our kind customer came, is partly due to the widespread advertising campaign used this time. There was an announcement on the 2GB news session the night before, with ads, and news items in the following papers for up to four weeks beforehand: "The Guardian", "Western Suburbs Courier", Ashfield "Aeroplane", "Free Weekly" and "Westgate Weekly News". Over 120,000 copies of these papers are delivered each week, and the area they cover extends from Concord and Flemington to Earlwood and Tempe.

In addition, we had large posters in the Church grounds, while 5,000 handbills were distributed by the Fellowship.

Our "visitors" came from the following districts: Petersham 492, Marrickville 139, Stanmore 98, Dulwich Hill 29, Summer Hill 27, Lewisham 25, Croydon 17, Ashfield 13, Earlwood 12, Burwood 12, Campbelltown 9, Greenacre 9, Leichhardt 9, Enmore 8, Newtown 8, Strathfield 8, Concord 7, Homebush 6, Concord West 6, Tempe 5, Camperdown 5.

Four each from: St. Peter's, St. Ives, Annandale, Belfield, Erskineville, Five Dock and Green Valley.

Three each from: Balmain, Bankstown, Bexley, Campsie, Caringbah, Croydon Park, Drummoyne, Epping, Haberfield, Hurlstone Park, Moorebank and Sefton.

Two each from: Cronulla, Darlinghurst, Darlington, Fairlight, Guildford, Hurstville, Liverpool, Loftus, Moore Park, Villawood Waverton, and West Ryde.

One each from: Ashbury, Ashcroft, Beverly Hills, Bexley North, Canterbury, Carlingford, Chatswood, City of Sydney, Collaroy Plateau, Dover Heights, Dundas, Kirrawee, Kogarah, Lidcombe, Lilyfield, Lurnea, Mascot, Mortdale, Mudgee, Naremburn, Old Guildford, Paddington, Padstow Heights, Portland, Prestons, South Granville, Strathfield West, Thornleigh, Toongabbie, Turramurra, Washington (U.S.A.) and Woonona.

NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teachers' Meeting: A meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st December, to discuss, among other things, promotion of scholars for 1965. Classes were worked out so that no teacher was overloaded, and a new marking scheme was introduced. The new scheme, suggested by the Rector, places more emphasis on the learning of lessons and the bringing of necessary books to Sunday School each week. The distribution of marks will now be: Attendance 4; Lessons 3; Conduct 3; Books 2. Another matter on which the Sunday School has "tightened-up" is being absent due to illness or attendance at another service somewhere. It was agreed that a note must be supplied in all instances explaining the absence if the full marks for the Sunday concerned are to be given.

Registrar: At the meeting we were pleased to welcome into our ranks Mr. John Reid, who has taken up the position of Registrar of the Sunday School. Mr. Reid has taken over this position from Mr. Alan Jones.

Fete Thanks: The following is a full list of firms who assisted our Fete effort by either donating goods free of charge or selling goods to us at reduced prices: Arnotts Biscuits; Kelloggs Cereals; Eta Nut Foods; L.X.L.; Mothers' Choice Flour; Aunt Mary's Products; Aeroplane Jellies; Sanitarium; Westons Biscuits; Cottees; Foster Clark.

Teacher Sought: We have a pressing need for a lady teacher to take the top class of girls, aged 13 years. The class is a fairly small one, with confirmation next year, and it is important that we secure a teacher for them urgently. The Rector, Mr. Jones, or myself would be most happy to hear from anyone who could help us.

— JOHN NANCE, Hon. Secretary

CLUB NEWS

Senior Parishioners':

Just a brief recess, and then we begin again on Thursday, 14th January.

Our weekly social afternoon is held each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Afternoon tea and prizes add to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Make a New Year's Resolution to come along to our Club and bring your friend or neighbour.

— DOT SHAW

Physical Culture Club:

Our Club Competition and Christmas Party were held on 23rd November and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Val Harris, Beverley Cheesewright, and A. Smart were the recipients of the Senior Awards while Kim Thorn, K. Hodda, and K. Kable were the winners in the "11 Years". Also in this group, Judith Carroll, Christine McPherson, Elizabeth Salakas and Janet Loughman were awarded medals for their yearly work.

Lynne Archer gained first place in the "9 Years" and Susan Harris, Judith Evans, Kathryn Granger, and Jennifer Bickerstaff earned their awards respectively.

Jo-anne Vardy was first in the "7 years", Debbie Olofsson second, and Sharon Austin, third, while Antone Kennedy and Mary-Ann Booth were given awards for their work throughout the year. The lucky little girl who won the beautiful Baby Doll donated by Mrs. Champion, was Judith Evans.

Mrs. Collis won the bracelet and earrings, and Susan Harris won the necklace and earrings donated by Mrs. Joy Smith and Miss Lynette Sanderson.

We are very grateful to our pianiste, Mrs. Collins for giving us her services throughout the year, and we would like to thank all the girls who "stuck to their Club" although numbers in their Sections were so very few. We also thank the Mums and Dads who are so willing to give a helping hand at all times.

We look forward to a bigger Club in 1965, and take this opportunity of wishing all our good friends a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

— F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

Ladies' Guild:

On Tuesday, 8th December, we spent a very happy afternoon, the occasion being our Christmas break-up party. We were pleased to have with us a number of ladies who had helped on our stalls at the Fete, so that we could have the opportunity of saying thank you to them.

There will not be a Street Stall in January; our first for 1965 will be on Friday, 19th February. Guild meetings will resume on Tuesday, 9th February at 2 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary

Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):

The Y.C.I. will be getting down to business early in the new year, and all members are reminded of the Club Room Games night on Friday, 8th January and the Corporate Communion on Sunday, 10th at 8 a.m. The next issue of our "Manuscript Journal" will be released on Friday 22nd instant.

Briefly, may we say a sincere thanks to John Shaw and his company for their highly successful "Night of Operetta" at the end of November; it was a colourful and fully professional effort and acclaimed by all present as the group's finest show to date. Our Bucks' Party in December was also a very happy gathering, and we are indeed grateful to the Social Committee and those other members who made it the success it was.

— A. JONES, Hon. Assistant Secretary

ANNUAL DONATIONS TO FLOWER ROSTER

The following are the regular annual donations of Sanctuary flowers that are shown in our records. The monthly lists in "The Chronicle" and also the details shown on the weekly Church Notices are taken from this list.

It would be appreciated if parishioners would kindly check the particulars shown below, as we are most anxious that the donations should be correctly printed, and listed on the right dates.

If you wish to make any alterations or additions to this list, would you kindly let the Rectory know after the Rector and Mrs. Champion return from their holidays, towards the end of this month.

List of Regular Donations

January:

First Sunday: Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams.

Closest to 9th: Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister.

Closest to 20th: Mrs. Thorn and Kim in memory of Mr. Rex Thorn.

Last Sunday: The Quin family in memory of their Mother.

February:

Closest to 23rd: Mrs. Butt and Mrs. Winchester in memory of Mrs. G. Butt.

March:

Closest to 18th: The Sanderson family in memory of their Mother.

Closest to 18th: Mrs. Mervyn in memory of her Husband.

Closest to 22nd: Miss M. McPherson in memory of her Grandmother Mrs. Slocombe.

Closest to 29th: Mrs. Craigie in memory of her Husband.

April:

First Sunday: Mrs. Taylor in memory of her Mother.

Closest to 21st: Mrs. Hayes and family in memory of Mr. Hayes.

Closest to 22nd: The Misses Street in memory of the Rev. C. E. Madgwick.

Anzac Sunday: Mrs. Ayrton in memory of her Son, Ted.

May:

First Sunday: Miss Cole in memory of her Mother.

Second Sunday: Mrs. E. Jones, Janice and Alan in memory of Mr. H. F. Jones.

Closest to 12th: The Jenkins family in memory of their Father.

Closest to 26th: Mrs. Hoseason and Miss Speight in memory of Dick Hoseason.

Closest to 26th: Miss White and Miss Quin in memory of Miss Doreen Belford.

June:

First Sunday: Miss King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of their Father and Mother.

Closest to 3rd: Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Clark, and Miss McKenzie in memory of their Mother and her Sister.

Second Sunday: In memory of Martha Quin, donated by her Sisters and Brothers.

Closest to 20th: In memory of Mrs. V. Bredon from her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Craven, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

Fourth Sunday: Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Brother, Mr. J. Oliver.

Fourth Sunday: Mrs. Quine and Mr. Bryce in memory of Mr. Bryce senior.

July:

Closest to 11th: Mrs. Ayrton and Ron in memory of their Husband and Father.

Second Sunday: Mrs. and Misses Nisbet in memory of their Husband and Father.

Fourth Sunday: The Quin family in memory of their Father.

August:

First Sunday: The Rector and Mrs. Champion in memory of Mrs. Champion's parents.

Second Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Everett and family and Mrs. G. E. Sharp in memory of their Mother, Mrs. V. E. Pryor.

Second Sunday: Miss Dobson in memory of her Sister, Miss Doris Dobson.

Second Sunday: Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Husband, Mr. P. Jones.

Closest to 15th: Miss Butt in memory of her Sister.

Closest to 17th: Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale in memory of Mr. Nightingale senior.

Closest to 17th: Mrs. Clark of John Street in memory of her Husband.

Last Sunday: Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Husband.

Closest to 30th: Mrs. Dickson in memory of her Husband.

September:

First Sunday: Miss Pearce in memory of Miss Darke.

First Sunday: The Jones family in memory of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.

Closest to 14th: Mrs. Bryce in memory of her Parents.

Closest to 12th: Mrs. Humphreys and Allen in memory of their Husband and Father.

Closest to 16th: Mrs. Ditchburn in memory of her Husband.

Closest to 22nd: Mrs. Sumner and family in memory of Mr. A. Sumner.

Closest to 23rd: Mrs. Quelch in memory of her Parents.

Closest to 29th: Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents.

October:

Closest to 6th: Mrs. Jones of Chester Street in memory of her Husband and Son.

Closest to 9th: The Misses Street in memory of their Parents.

Closest to 14th: Mrs. Davis in memory of her Husband and Son.

Last Sunday: Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Parents and Nephew.

November:

Closest to 14th: Mrs. Calver in memory of her Husband, Mr. L. C. Calver and her Son, Robert.

Closest to 15th: Mrs. Dingle in memory of her Parents.

Closest to 15th: Miss D. P. Brown in memory of Robert and Louise Brown and Rachel Peddlesden.

Closest to 30th: Mrs. Archer and family in memory of Mr. C. Archer.

December:

Closest to 8th: Mr. G. R. Minter and John in memory of their Wife and Mother.

Closest to 14th: Mrs. R. Butt in memory of Mr. John Winchester. Sunday before Christmas: Miss Meyers in memory of her Sisters and Brother.

Last Sunday: Mr. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of their Mother.

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Ezra

The end of the Books of Kings and Chronicles left the Jews, broken and defeated by the great empires, as exiles in the land of Babylon, with little or no prospect of ever recovering their identity as a nation or returning to the land of their fathers.

However, within seventy years of the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonian army, the Babylonians themselves had lost their empire to the new world conqueror, Cyrus the Persian, under whose rule the exiled Jews now came. Cyrus adopted a completely different policy to the Babylonians and encouraged and assisted exiles such as the Jews to return to their home and practise their religion.

At this point in history, 536 B.C., the Book of Ezra begins its story. The Jews had settled in Babylon and some had prospered both as merchants and farmers, when an edict of Cyrus gave permission for the Jews to return to Palestine. At first, a small party only returned and began the work of rebuilding their demolished city and especially the temple. However, they lost heart and, as described by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, the work languished. The second temple was not completed until 516 B.C. and the finished building was, to outward eyes, a poor record compared to the glory of Solomon's temple.

Then for the best part of a century, our knowledge of the tiny community of Jews living in Jerusalem is almost nothing. However, about 450 B.C., Ezra himself came into the book that bears his name. A priest, living in exile in Babylon, he travelled across to Jerusalem with a second migration of Jews back to the homeland. Deeply religious, with a strong sense of his nation's high calling in God, he was appalled by the failure of mission and sense of discouragement that had overtaken his fellow countrymen in Jerusalem. Intermarriage with the pagans around about and neglect of the Law had weakened the life of the whole community and the beginning of Ezra's work was to re-emphasise the separateness of the Jews from the nations around them.

The book itself is not an easy one to read. Much of it is taken up with lists of names and families who joined in the migration and long descriptions of religious ceremony in the style of the Books of Chronicles. The story of Ezra is completed in the book of Nehemiah which follows, and in this book he does not really emerge as a clear personality.

The major theme of the book itself is that of the faithfulness of God restoring His people to the land of their inheritance and the conflict of the Church and the World, the people of God and the secondary influences always seeking, but never succeeding, to envelop and put out the light which God has lit in history.

"ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS APPEAL"

Many many thanks to all the kind, generous people who made contributions to this annual appeal. It would gladden your heart to know the happiness and joy a little Christmas gift from All Saints' brought to the many sick and aged people whom we visited.

Over 300 gifts were distributed, thanks to your generosity.

For gifts of money, we thank: Mrs. Nisbet, Mrs. Teal, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Ayrton, the Misses Bayley, Mr. R. Miniter, Mrs. Perritt, Mrs. Osborne, Anonymous, Mr. Brodie, Miss Street, Mr. J. Gorman, a friend, Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. Watt, Miss Slocombe, Mrs. Taylor, Anonymous, Miss Fry and Mrs. J. Wilson.

We also say a special "thank you" to Mrs. Willis of Albert Street, for her generous donation of toilet articles.

NEWS BRIEFS

● **Candlelight Services:** Once again, our "Carols by Candlelight" Service held on Sunday evening, 20th December, was a most inspiring occasion. We are grateful to the Choir, the Organist, the Lesson-Readers, and all others who worked in any way for the success of this Service...

Described as the "Church's Christmas present to the Parish", a revised Order of Service was used, again featuring the nine Lessons read by parishioners from all walks of All Saints' life, and many beloved and well known Carols.

● **Church Decorations:** Once again, the Church and Parish Hall decorations were organised by Mr. H. J. "Bert" Shaw and the Parish is indeed grateful to him and to his small band of helpers for their initiative and enthusiasm. These decorations help greatly to set the scene, not only for our Christmas Services, but also for the numerous functions with which the organisations of All Saints' end their year at Christmas time.

Mr. Shaw has asked us to record his thanks to his assistants, Robert Champion, Mr. J. Gorman, Alan Jones, Mr. Ray Gordon, Robert Carroll and his friend, for time and effort that they all put into the decorating work.

● **Mr. Jack Gorman** wishes to thank all who remembered him during his recent illness in Marrickville District Hospital.

● **John Nance's Appointment:** At the end of January, we'll be saying farewell, for a while only we hope, to Mr. John Nance, who has accepted appointment in charge of the Public School at Roto. This town is situated on the main western railway line, some 439 miles from Sydney, at the junction of the lines to Broken Hill and Leeton, and we wish John well in his new job.

As well as having taught the top class in the Sunday School for some years, John has been our Sunday School Secretary and the Carillunist at the 11 a.m. Services, and will be sadly missed from these posts.

● **Rector's Vacation:** During January, the Rector and Mrs. Champion will be vacationing at Katoomba, where we trust they will have a restful and pleasant holiday, and recover from a year in which they have both had more than their fair share of illness.

● **Welcome to Rev. E. Bennett:** During the Rector's absence, the Rev. and Mrs. Bennett will be in residence at the Rectory with their family. Mr. Bennett, who is Chaplain of the Army Camp at Kapooka (near Wagga), will be taking our Services on Sundays 10th, 17th, and 24th January, and we express the wish that they will have a most happy time amongst us at Petersham.

● **The tar-paving outside the main entrance of the Church** is proving a great boon. Until the tar has "seasoned" however, ladies sporting stiletto heels are urged to keep to the concrete paths on hot days, in both their own and the Church's interests.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me".

- November 22nd: Joanne Faye Elizabeth Hathaway.
 November 22nd: Judith Annalis Liehr.
 November 22nd: Lynette Waclawek.
 November 28th: Mark Raymond Brown.
 November 29th: Michelle Arlene Young.
 December 6th: Grant Robert O'Keefe.
 December 12th: Guy Robert Trent Henningham.

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life".

- November 27th: Owen Mervyn McBride to Darrell Margaret Brown.
 December 1st: Gordon Lindsay McVey to Laraine Ann Castelli.
 December 5th: Roger Mervin Burns to Patricia Anne Newton.
 December 11th: Herbert Godfrey Bourne to Madge Campbell Brown.
 December 11th: James William Rayner to Julie Clare Henfry.

FUNERALS

- November 17th: Dagmar Rae.
 November 20th: Jessie Violet May Cousins.
 November 18th: Cuthbert Louis James.
 December 3rd: Mary Josephine Hocking.
 December 10th: Stanley Richardson Clark.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- January 3rd—Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams; arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 January 10th—Donated by Mrs. Jones of John Street in memory of her Sister, and by Mrs. Nellor in memory of her Husband, Mr. H. Nellor; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 January 17th—Donated by Mrs. Mavis Thorn and Kim in memory of Mr. Rex Thorn; arranged by Mrs. Ingoldsbey-Brown and Mrs. Clark.
 January 24th—No donation; arranged by Miss Speight.
 January 31st—Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
 February 7th—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

On Sunday, 6th December, flowers were also donated by Mrs. I. Clark and the McNeill family in memory of Mrs. Ruth McNeill, and on Sunday, 13th December, the flowers were the gift of Mrs. R. Butt in memory of Mr. John Winchester.

Looking ahead, we do not have any donations of flowers yet for Sundays 7th, 14th, or 28th February, or for Sunday, 7th March. We would welcome offers of donations for these days.

We are grateful to all who gave flowers for our Christmas Services.

WALTERS & SON

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.
 People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.