

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

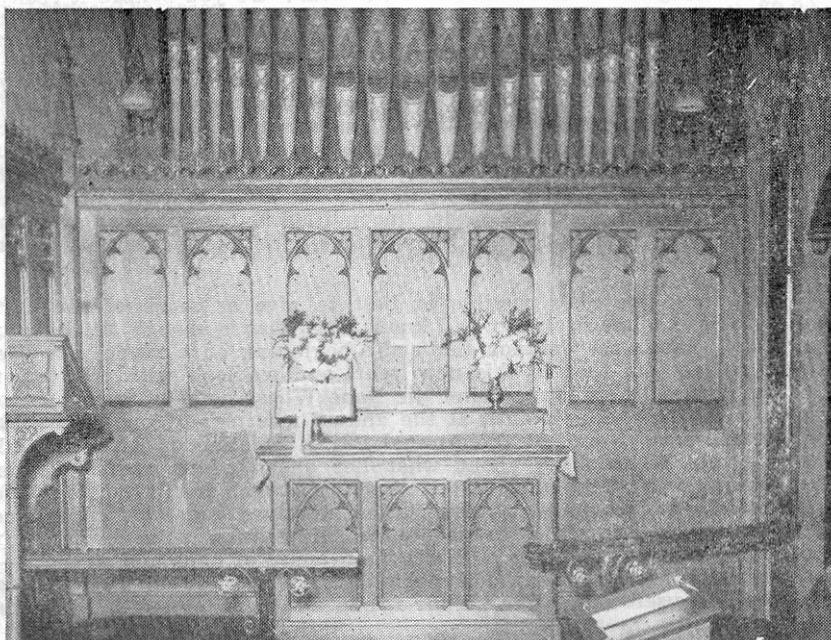
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FEBRUARY 1977



THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear friends,

Well, we missed on a January issue — so you've all had a rest !!! Sorry about that, but even at this point we are still very conscious of the New Year.

I hope for you all Christmas was fun again. I guess its's one of the best times in the year. A certain 'magic' seems to associate with it - and put away our problems, our fears, our hang-ups, and our squabbles in a very real way for at least a day or two.

Now it seems to me that it is a happy feature that the Festival of the Babe of Bethlehem comes just prior to the commemoration of the New Year. The former gives some solid support in promise to the hopes and longings of the heart of man. Who hasn't at one time longed to make a fresh start? The promise of being able to begin again is the amazing message of our Christian faith. No matter what your life has been —no matter how you've missed your opportunities—wasted your talent—impoverished your resources—YOU CAN BEGIN AGAIN. Life can become new—everything can become different.

Jesus Christ came to re-make men and women. He's been doing it all down the centuries. He's doing it today. He can re-make you—no matter who you are—a prodigal dissolute, a disillusioned professor, or a Christian gone stale! If you are dissatisfied with your life—if you feel it can never be worthwhile again—to you Jesus Christ comes with this astounding offer—NEW LIVES FOR OLD! Do you believe it really? Do you know that you can have new life the moment you're willing to meet the requirement?

The uncertainty and unwillingness are always on our side you know, not on His. "You will not come to Me that you might have life". Most of us are afraid of a new life—a new road. If the old road were patched up here and there we wouldn't hesitate—but, a new road! But that's what it means. Am I willing to put this life of mine, with its preferences and prejudices, its rights and its privileges, its masks and its shame, its pomps and its pride, unconditionally at the feet of Jesus Christ, allowing Him to do with me what He wills? It means cutting out self altogether.

Of course it's only possible at best to give as much of me as I can you see to as much of Him as I know. And that is enough—if I really mean it. That is the decision that's the beginning of a whole new life. As we review the past in this new year, and we look with trepidation into the future let's keep in mind the Babe Whose coming among us we love to celebrate. This month at the annual meetings of our organisations in the parish—and at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 14th March—we'll be thinking about what lies ahead of us at All Saints. May we not only as individuals, but also as a church family, put our life unreservedly at His feet and disposal, so that we can with confidence tackle the task committed to us—to be His witnesses in serving our generation and our community. He is the promise of hope and strength—He is the confidence we need for the days ahead. Wishing you all a fulfilling and useful New Year, Your friend and minister in Christ Jesus.

S. W. GISSING.

APOLOGY

Your editor wishes to apologise to all readers and parish visitors for the non appearance of the January, Chronicle.



FINAL FETE RETURN

	\$
Receipts from Stalls	5163.88
Less Expenses.....	213.00
Nett Return	4950.88



ORGAN FUND ACCOUNT

Previously Acknowledged	3498.24
Anonymous	10.00
Mr. Trevor Thompson	30.00
Mr. Harry Spell	40.00
Total to Date	3578.24



DONATIONS TO THE CHRONICLE

	\$
Mr. D. Calver	5.00
Mr. G. Sharp	1.00



ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday, 14th March, in the guild room at 8.00 p.m.

Mr. W. Williams has informed the Parish Council that he is not taking office this year and Mr. David Barclay is leaving for an extended stay in the United Kingdom in February. Parishioners are requested to consider these matters and seekout replacements prior to the meeting.

ORGAN WORK

Mr. Welby started work on the organ repairs on Tuesday 18th January. The Parish Council trusts that Parishioners will be tolerant if the music is not quite up to standard for a few weeks.



ROUND THE CHURCH

Senior Parishioners Club.

The club resumed its Thursday meetings at the normal time of 1 p.m. on Thursday, 27th January. Members were very Happy to renew acquaintances are looking forward to a very enjoyable year. For 25c everyone can enjoy card playing, housie and afternoon tea, be in it. Ida Barrett, Hon. Sec.,



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes resumed on 30th January and the Prize Giving will take place on 20th February during the "Family Service". The Sunday School Teachers meeting will be held on Sunday 20th March, after the "Family Service".



LADIES GUILD

A very happy social afternoon was held at Mrs. Swankie's home on the 30th of November. Proceeds of afternoon \$20.81 and for competition for rug given us at our Tupperware demonstration \$25.20.

At our Christmas party on December, 14th Mrs T. E. Champion was our guest speaker and Mrs R. Champion accompanied, community carol singing. We were pleased to have present a goodly number of friends, who helped us on fete day and those who supported our many functions during 1976. Guild resumes on Tuesday 15th February at 1 p.m. This will be our annual meeting and we will also be arranging for our annual luncheon being held on Tuesday 29th March. We hope all members will be present.

E. M. Bosward, Hon. Sec.,



WOMENS EVENING GROUP

This group will hold its annual meeting on February 8th at 8 p.m. and afterwards will prepare for its next clothing and jumble stall for Friday 11th February.

The programme for the year begins with a speaker from the Festival of Light in March and a Stanhome Party in April.

These functions are open to all.

Ida Barrett Hon. Sec.,



BOWLS CLUB

The bowls club resumed play on 12th January and hopes to be fully operational by the time this issue comes out. Anyone seeking a social evening with a lot of laughs and good bowling is welcome to join us on any wednesday night.

FLOWERS

We gratefully acknowledge flowers on 19th December given by Miss Cole in memory of her Father and for Christmas Day, from Mrs Cragg and Noel in memory of Mr. H. Cragg from Mrs. Cheetham and family in memory of Mr. C. Cheetham and from Miss A. Jones Gordon Street, in memory of her Parents, Brother and Sister.

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FLOWER ROSTER

- January 2nd:—No donation arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January 9th:—Donated by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her sister and by Mrs. Kent in memory of her son and daughter Charles and Elsie arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 16th:—No donation arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- January, 23rd:— No donation arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- January 30th:—No donation arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 6th:—Donated by Mrs. I. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs Sheriff arranged by Mrs Clark.
- February 13th:— No donation arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 20th:—No donation arranged by Mrs Clark.
- February 27th:—No donation arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 6th:—No donation arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 13th:—No donation arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- March 20th:—No donation for Sancturary flowers. An anonymous donation for War Memorial, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 27th:—Donated by the Craigie family in memory of their Father arranged by Miss Nisbet.

Your Editor draws attention to the lack of donations for flowers during January and February and March and suggests that flowers be donated as a thanks offering for Gods goodness as well as in memoriam. We all have friends and relatives about whom we worry and who are returned to us safely by gods grace. Can we not give flowers in thanks offering?

Editor.

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RETURN OF THANKS

Mrs. R. Swankie wishes to thank all the ladies who helped on fete day and during the year in preparation. It is regretted that in our report on fete takings, December issue, Mrs Swankies name was omitted as stall holder of the guild stall.

SO LONG AS THERE ARE HOMES

So long as there are homes to which men turn
 At close of day,
 So long as there are homes where children are,
 Where women stay,
 If love and loyalty and faith be found
 Across these sills,
 A stricken nation can recover from
 Its ills.
 So long as there are homes where fires burn
 And there is bread,
 So long as there are homes where lamps are lit
 And prayers are said;
 Although a people falter through the dark
 And nations grope
 With God Himself behind these little homes,
 We still can hope.

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

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DREAM

I dreamt death came to me one night
 And Heaven's gates flew wide.
 With kindly grace St. Peter came,
 And ushered me inside.
 There — to my great astonishment —
 Were friends I'd known on earth;
 Some I had labelled as unfit,
 And some of little worth.
 Indignant words flew to my lips,
 Words I could not set free,
 For every face showed stunned surprise.
 No one expected me!

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CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

The carols by candle light service held on 19th December, was very successful both for quality and attendance. The congregation was greater than last year solo items and items by the Sunday School staff and pupils, and the kindergarten children were included in the service. The reading of the lessons was much better than last year and all who helped by teaching guidance and rehearsal can take to themselves a measure of the thanks of all of us.

ALL SAINT'S C. OF E. PETERSHAM

GENERAL ACCOUNTS 1/1/1976 to 31/12/76 (PROVISIONAL)

Receipts:	\$	Payments	\$
Balance brought forward 1/1/76	4092.65	Stipend	6780.54
Offertories	6221.15	Travelling Expenses Allowance	799.97
District Visitors	283.00	Parish Super. Contribution	195.00
Donation	857.78	Organists	434.30
Carillon	2.00	Synod Assessment — incl long	
Bank Interest	80.70	Service Leave, Sickness and	
Sale of Church Histories	15.00	Accident	710.40
Hall Rents	568.00	Repairs & Maintenance	163.80
Nett Fete Receipts	4964.74	Donation to Meriden Junior	
Festival Dinner	219.56	Choir	20.00
Wedding Reservations	12.00	Parish Paper	662.40
		Rectory — M. W. S. & D. B.	66.00
		Communion Wine	16.80
		Printing & Stationery	243.31
		Telephone	342.51
		Electricity	143.19
		Water Rates	79.43
		Insurances	391.17
		Cleaning Church	432.00
		Build'gs, Furnishings & Equip.	128.87
		Workers' Compensation	209.30
		W.A. Flick—Annual Service	50.60
		Organ Tuning	60.00
		Floral Tributes	22.00
		Transfer Fees on Shares	3.54
		Transfer to Savings Investment	
		Account	3000.00
		Film Hire	6.83
		Hall Expenses:	
		Annual Reg'n Fee	15.00
		Lincence Fee	10.00
		Electricity	129.18
		Cleaning	318.00
		Gas	64.00
		M. W. S. & D. B.	66.00
		Insurance	31.14
		Repairs	55.00
		Balance as at 31/12/76	1666.30
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THE DUNGEON AND THE PARISH OFFICE

At its December meeting the Parish Council agreed that early in the new year steps were taken to sort out material stored below the stage and in the Parish Office adjoining the YCI room. It is proposed to sort out what ever is there into either of two groups ie., Required and Rubbish and await claimant's to the rubbish pile before disposing of it. Interested parties will be kept informed through the weekly news sheets.

ONE BAG OF SWEETS—FIVE ORANGES

medicine in Argentina

Pablo is thin. He's six months old and only weighs four kilos. "What do you feed him on?" I asked. "Well, I give him a feeding bottle and he does suck the breast." "Do you give him any food?" "No!" The mother looks at me in disbelief. "Food for a six months' old baby, how ridiculous!"

In the Mataco community babies are not given anything other than milk for the first year. This is where my work of health education begins, in this case in the prevention of malnutrition in babies.

Here in Algarrobal, just twenty five miles from the town, the people have now largely lost their hunting skills and rely completely on buying westernised food. Without the protein from fish, caught from the river, they seem under-nourished. Constantly rising food costs means they fill up with bread and spaghetti rather than meat and fish. There is so much to teach.

Our task is to help the Indians to adjust, and cope with a more urbanised way of life. Often the problem is not knowing what to buy, or which foods give best value for money. Even though money is scarce people will spend what they have on the wrong things. Johnny, aged seven, cries for something to eat. His father hands over ten pesos, "buy yourself some sweets." Ten pesos could have bought five oranges. Sometimes the total wage will be spent on a radio or a guitar, instead of keeping some of it for food.

On a recent trip through the Chaco, two missionaries were surprised by the sound of someone brushing their teeth. They had never seen an Indian cleaning his teeth before. The Indian pastor had read about the need for such habits in a Mataco magazine. In this and other ways the Health Education programme seeks to reach all the Indians. Teaching and training nursing auxiliaries is also part of the programme.

This year courses will be held in La Paz, Juarez and Embarcacion. Nursing auxiliaries will learn how to teach others in their villages, how to make visual aids and build up a series of talks on topics like boiling the drinking water, prevention of TB and hookworm, feeding the family. But before this can be done, there is a lot of preparation—drawing the visual aids, checking and printing the talks, organising those who live in the distant villages.

We, as Christians, must care for our bodies. Sometimes the Indian way is best but at others we can help them to make improvements, and prevent sickness. As in Johnny's case, not one bag of sweets but five oranges.

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