

All Saints' Anglican Church, of Australia Petersham

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THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF EASTER WE
HAVE AN ENDLESS HOPE INSTEAD
OF A HOPELESS END.

RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE VESTRY MEETING

"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2

1985 was a rather difficult year. Congregation wise we had many sick and not a few deaths, the winter was harsh and the ministry to the sick and sorrowing quite demanding. Opportunities for outreach seemed to dry up and generally it was a year without much prospect.

It was midway through the year we decided to seek a student worker to encourage an outreach to youth. This took much prayer and planning. It didn't appear possible even at the end of 1985, but the Lord's plan was different from ours and we are thankful to have the services of Peter Janda for this year. We also welcome his wife Sue and their family too. The truth is that they sought us. Their rector suggested they worship at Petersham while they studied at Moore College in preparation for missionary service.

This year I have felt the need of directing more attention towards the hospitals and nursing homes within the parish. This attention has been further encouraged by subsequent events.

All Saints' Petersham, will maintain its ministry to people with special emphasis towards youth and the aged-sick. Prayer support will be essential for this work to be successful.

It will be necessary for our church services to be vital and relevant to the needs of people. Age or strength of limb is no restriction to sharing in worship which is alive and personal. A prayer life should be the aim of every parishioner. It will be hard work to begin but I can promise it will achieve much more than any other activity you have ever taken part in.

"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

I challenge you! Will you be a faithful steward in prayer for the ministry here at All Saints'.

LOST AND FOUND

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

In the time we have been collecting newspaper etc, we have come across a variety of objects, not counting the cockroaches, mixed in with the papers.

We still have on hand a piece of unfinished knitting that nobody has claimed. From the collection on the 7th & 8th March we retrieved a collection of books and a clip board for which we have been able to locate the owner.

We also came across money for which there are no clues as to ownership. Anyone who lost money at that time is welcome to claim it provided they can tell the treasurer, Mr. Bruce Livingston, the total amount, the notes and coins, etc. that are involved.

Mr. Livingston's phone number is 569-5057.

N.B. We have since received one dinner plate and seven toilet rolls. We are still waiting for the owner of the books to repossess them.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday 9th March following the morning service. The annual report to the vestry meeting was presented to the meeting.

The following donations to missions were approved:-
C.M.C.- \$20; H.M.S.- \$20; B.C.A.- \$20; SCRIPTURE UNION - \$20; DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES - \$20.

Also at this meeting it was decided to rearrange the classes on Palm Sunday. A separate meeting was organised for Sunday 16th March to discuss classes.

As a result of the meeting it was decided to arrange classes as follows:-

in the Kindergarten there would be two classes, pupils up to 5 year olds and the second class up to 7 year olds. In the senior Sunday School there are to be three classes, 8 year olds; 9 year olds; & 10 - 11 year olds.

We welcome Sue Janda to the Sunday School. Sue will be taking the 8 year old class.

The prize-giving was held at the Family Service on the 16th March. We congratulate all who were awarded prizes.

KINDERGARTEN : Class 1.- 1st. Raymond Allan; 2nd Rebecca Yeend; 3rd Alice Dallow. Class 2.- 1st Matthew Lea, Rebecca Edwards; 2nd.- Steven Brown, Alexandra Yeend. Class 3.- 1st. Allison Carr; 2nd Michelle Lea; 3rd Daniel Edwards. Class 4.- 1st Corrinne Khoury, Nathan Edwards.

SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL: 1st Prize - Sarah Essam, Sarah Forsyth, Emma Essam, David Woolcott, Stuart Hitchcock, Andrew Hitchcock, & Jason Hitchcock. 2nd Prize - Kelly-Ann Lea, Camweron Forsyth. 3rd Prize - Bertie Dallow, Stacey Sheppard, & Scott Sheppard.

Special Prizes - Carl Engel, Alessia Engel, Ava Janda Kate Janda, Emily Janda, Nathan Janda, Mark Khoury, Tom Dallow. - Noel Cragg Superintendent.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th April at 1-30pm.

Don't forget our next second-hand clothing and jumble sale on Friday 18th April in the Parish Hall. Please come along and see us. The proceeds of the last sale was \$202. Thanks to all those who helped in any way.

The Happy Home party following our last meeting was a very pleasant afternoon. Proceeds being \$26.

Ida Barrett. Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

We urgently need more members. Do think about our club if you can spare Thursday afternoons. The club meets every week in the Parish Hall. We play "Housie" for small useful gifts, such as jellies, fruit, vegetables, matches etc., 80 cents covers game prizes, door prizes and a lovely afternoon tea. I know you would enjoy it.

Ida Barrett. Hon. Secretary.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Peter Janda, who has accepted the office of Youth worker initiated the first meeting on Saturday 15th March. Meetings will be held regularly on Saturdays at 7pm beginning on Saturday 5th April.

Mr. Janda is currently working on programmes to interest and entertain the young people of the parish.

MAINLY FOR KIDS**KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE BY Joan Kirk**

Wendy and Peter went to feed the ducks on the pond near their house. A large number of ducks lived on the pond and they knew that people often came to the park to eat their lunch. As soon as people appeared or a car pulled up, the ducks would converge on them, waddling hurriedly up the bank, the latecomers paddling frantically from the middle of the pond trying to catch up. A few flew over the heads of their rivals to arrive first. They all quacked noisily as they hurried towards the children, and Wendy and Peter laughed at their antics as they fought over the scraps of bread the children threw. The old drake always complained the loudest if any of his wives had more than he did.

When the bread was all gone, the ducks waited hopefully for a while, and then gradually returned to the pond.

Amongst the ducks was a mother duck and her brood of ducklings. Everywhere she went the babies followed, tiny balls of fluff scarcely big enough to walk. Wendy wished she could hold them! But mother duck kept a watchful eye on her babies, and when one became too adventurous and strayed from her side, her loud quacking quickly brought it back.

All the ducks had settled quietly, either on the pond or roosting on the bank, when a dog ran in to the park. Immediately the mother duck called her babies and took them into the pond, and instantly they obeyed her, trusting her to keep them safe. They hardly looked big enough to swim, yet they paddled behind her like little boats. When the dog had gone and the danger was past she returned them to her nest in the reeds, where she fluffed out her feathers and settled down to keep them warm and safe.

Jesus wants us to follow Him as the ducklings follow their mother, obediently and trustingly. We cannot see Him, so it is harder for us to follow Him, but like the mother duck, He is always there, loving us.

We can learn about Him at home and at Sunday School, by loving Him, and by trying to do the right and kind things which make Him glad.

Jesus said "Follow me."

ALL SAINTS' ON FILM

For some time Mrs. Joan Livingston has been negotiating, on behalf of the Parish Council, with a film company which is making a film called "The Challenge", for the use of our parish hall. It appears that our hall is very similar to the place in which the, original agreement to challenge for the America's Cup was signed. The matter has progressed to the stage where a contract for the use of the hall is to hand and 16th April is filming day. It is expected that 15th & 17th April will be required for setting up and removing gear and other users of the hall have been advised and these dates cleared with them.

By the time this Chronicle is printed it is expected that it will be all systems go, go, go. If you see unusual vehicles in the church grounds around 16th April you will know what is happening.

P.S. For the period of this hiring the film company has exclusive use of the hall.

Congratulations are due to Joan.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR APRIL

- APRIL 6th - By Mrs. Beardow & Family in memory of Mr. Beardow.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- APRIL 13th - By Michele in memory of Don.
In memory of David Alexander Rodgers from Mavis, Margaret, Alan and Marie.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.
- APRIL 20th - By Mrs. P. Heap in loving memory of her mother and daughter Betty.
In loving memory of Sarah & Sydney Hays from their daughter Vera & son-in-law, Andy.
Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.
- APRIL 27th - By J. Merlett in memory of his mother Stella & brother Jack Williams.
Arrangement by Mrs. E. Hearn.

A donation of flowers to decorate the church as a memorial for a loved one can be arranged by contacting Mrs. E. Hearn on 569-1852. If a particular date is desired, please give as much notice as possible.

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