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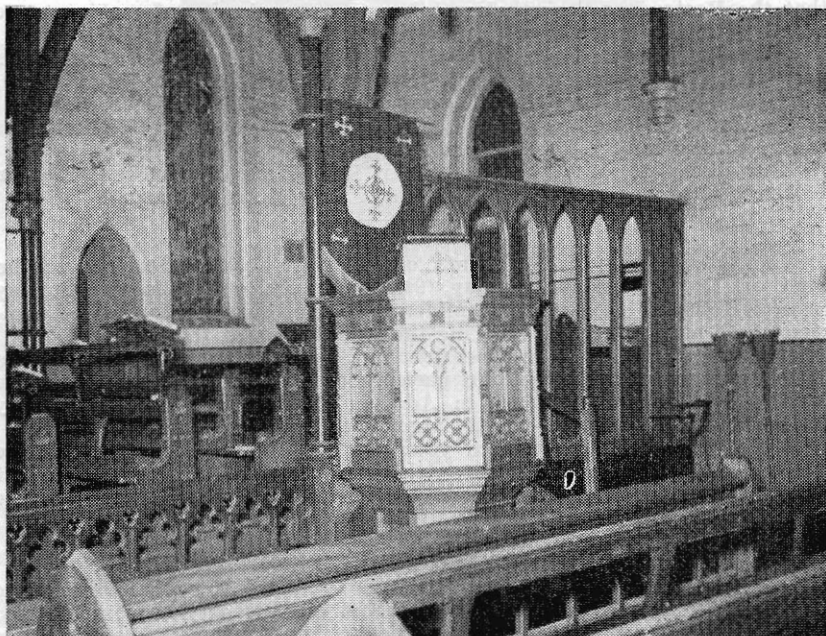
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FEBRUARY, 1964



"THE PULPIT—WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL"

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.

9.45 a.m.—**SUNDAY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND EXTENSION GROUP**

11 a.m.—**MORNING PRAYER.**

7.15 pm.—**EVENING PRAYER**

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR**

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs W. Sopwith (Rector's) and E. Quelch

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs R. H. C. Boots, H. G. Brodie, L. A. Carroll, J. Gorman, K. Grant, W. H. Hall, F. Hearn, D. B. Hunter, M.L.A., N. T. Kennedy, J. E. Minitier, B. W. Pullen, H. J. Shaw and W. R. Williams

SIDESMEN: Messrs R. F. Atkinson, G. Clarke, A. Jones, B. Livingston, and G. R. Minitier.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. R. F. Atkinson.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Mrs. E. Quelch.

EXTENSION GROUP LEADER: Mr. K. Dingle

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Messrs H. J. Shaw—LM 3052, and A. Jones—LM 5218
ORGANIST: Miss K. O'Neill.

RECTOR'S VACATION

During January, the Rector with Mrs. Champion and their family have been vacationing at their holiday cottage in Katoomba. We trust they enjoyed a restful holiday, after all the strenuous events of 1963, which culminated in a heavy round of Christmas services and end-of-year gatherings. Reports from parishioners who dropped in at Katoomba tell that the Rector has nevertheless taken the opportunity of making some additions to his property.

We appreciated the services conducted for us during Mr. Champion's absence by the Rev. Cyril Gundry, Rector of St. Paul's, Kurri Kurri, Diocese of Newcastle, and also by our good friend Canon Elder, Principal of the House of the Epiphany. Mr. Gundry stayed at the Rectory with his family during his Sydney holiday.

Our thanks are also extended to Mr. Reg Wallis of the Home Mission Society for preaching at Evensong on Sunday, 26th January.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As is customary at All Saints' our Harvest Festival Services will be held on Quinquagesima Sunday, 9th February, which is the Sunday prior to Lent. The Rector is confidently looking forward to the co-operation of all parishioners in marking the significance of the occasion.

As usual, the gifts of groceries, fruit, eggs, and vegetables that are so generously donated by our parishioners will be forwarded to the "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road, where each and every item that we can give is greatly appreciated.

We again look forward to your support in our drive to stock the shelves of the Home of Peace at this harvest time. Gifts may be left at the Church or Rectory on Saturday, 8th February, or brought to the Church with you on the Sunday.

LENTEN SERVICES

Special Services will be held on Ash Wednesday, 12th February, to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Mid-week Services will also be conducted by the Rector every Wednesday throughout Lent, with a celebration of Holy Communion at 7 a.m. and a Devotional Service at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday this year falls on 27th March, and Easter Day on 29th March.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS

Most parishioners will have seen by now the memorial gates that have been erected in our grounds at the corner of Stanmore Road and Church Street in memory of the late Mr. J. W. Humphreys and Mr. J. B. Ditchburn. The new brickwork which has been laid adjoining the gates is recessed from the street alignment to enable use of the gates by vehicles entering the grounds from Stanmore Road.



MR. J. W. HUMPHREYS

The Rector has announced that these gates will be dedicated at Morning Prayer on Sunday, 2nd February, at 11 a.m. Mr. Ditchburn and Mr. Humphreys were each highly esteemed parishioners of long standing at All Saints' who passed on in September, 1962.

150 NEW PATIENTS

150 new patients are admitted to the Callan Park Mental Hospital each week. About half of these belong to the Church of England. The Home Mission Society's Chaplain endeavours to see all new admissions, talking with the patients, seeking to understand their problems, and offering such spiritual counsel as he feels will help them. In addition, he is engaged in group therapy working in co-operation with the medical staff of the Hospital.

This is exacting work, yet could be of inestimable value in helping people to develop an inner peace which can best come through a personal knowledge of God. Will you pray for the Chaplain, the Rev. G. H. Feltham, in this work.

EXODUS

Continuing the series of articles on the books of the Bible, written by the Rev. Donald Cameron of Moore College.

To a Jew reading his Bible, perhaps there is no book with a profounder message than the book of Exodus, meaning literally, "the going out." For in it, he sees the beginning of his nation, the ransoming of his forefathers from slavery in Egypt, and the beginning of the mighty acts of God which found their finality with the settling of the Hebrews in the rich land of Canaan. To the Jews, this book was the first revelation of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as a saving God, one who looked upon the suffering and slavery of His people and in response to their prayers intervened on their behalf to bring about their deliverance and to effect their freedom.

Exodus tells the story of the oppression of the Jews under one of the Pharaohs of Egypt, who, having embarked on a vast building programme, required slave labour in great numbers and found it in the Semites living on the Nile delta. As the Jews increased in number, a merciless campaign to restrict the growth of this foreign minority was commenced. The deliverance of the Jewish baby named Moses and his upbringing as an adopted son of an Egyptian princess is a familiar story to us all.

Moses's entry into a brawl with the Egyptian overseer in defence of a fellow-countryman, his flight into the desert to become a wandering shepherd all lead to his crucial encounter with God and his mission, unwillingly taken, to lead, as God's representative, the Jews out of Egypt to repossess the land promised to Abraham. The narrative of the plagues, the Jews' final escape and their long wandering in the wilderness, alternating between rebellion and obedience to God, comprise the remainder of the narrative section of the book.

Amongst the vivid descriptions of the Jews' desert movements are interspersed long sections of what was later called "the law", commandments and ordinances of God, setting before the Jews a way of life acceptable to Him, and guaranteeing them social and personal harmony, a way of life to bring peace between man and man, between man and God.

The second book of the Bible thus speaks of redemption and law, freedom from slavery and a way of life given by God. On these two acts of God the subsequent history of the Jews is based.

Next month: Leviticus and Deuteronomy

FEBRUARY'S DIARY

Monday, 3rd—Physical Culture Club resumes 6 p.m.

Parish Council resumes 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 5th—Mother's Union, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 6th—Boys' Table Tennis Club resumes 7 p.m.

Sunday, 9th—Harvest Festival Services.

Tuesday, 11th—Guild resumes 2 p.m.

Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club resumes 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 12th—Ash Wednesday. Special Services at 7 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

St. Luke's Centre, 2.30 p.m.

Friday, 14th—Young Churchmen's Institute, Club Room Games, 8 p.m.

Friday, 21st—Guild Street Stall, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Sunday, 23rd—Social Hour with special film "The Gift" after Evensong.

Friday, 28th—Y.C.I. 53rd Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.

"SOME ARE FALLEN ASLEEP"

This heading, coming from I Corinthians 15, was the text of an address which the Rector gave at a recent 8 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, and is printed in "The Chronicle" in response to requests made by parishioners who attended that Service.

The theme for to-day is the need of Grace, and by that word, we mean unmerited favour. Not one of us can progress spiritually in this life unless we see ourselves first as Christ sees us, that is, as sinners in need of a Saviour.

The natural person has a false confidence. He compares himself with his imperfect neighbours and tells himself he is as good as those around him. The spiritually minded person who is enlightened, compares himself with the perfect pattern Jesus Christ and realises how much he misses the mark.

It is very easy in this life to deceive ourselves, and millions are doing it. Though Christianity is a religion of love, a bit of fear still does us good. I often notice that people who are ill and think they are likely to die, give God and the Church a bigger place in their life. Sometimes one observes that as their health improves, they forget the Church until they have another relapse.

Their character or true self is shown up by such an action. It was the same during the war years; some attended Church and prayed hard when they had a son, husband, or loved one overseas, but as soon as the loved one returned home, they conveniently forgot God. Their religion was very shallow.

The true test of a person's religion is best seen in the days of prosperity when everything seems to be going well, rather than when sorrow or death hang over us. It is easy to cringe and growl and plead God's mercy when we are in great need—that is natural. But when life is very promising and full, and we make time for God and His Church, we are really living on a higher spiritual plane.

The words of our text "Some are fallen asleep" refer to some of the witnesses of Christ's resurrection. At the time when St. Paul was writing not all who had seen Christ after His resurrection were still alive.

Death to the body must come to all, sooner or later, but if the Risen Christ is real to us, death is transformed and will not take us by surprise. It will be a promotion to glory.

I believe that the conscience, if at all active, will be more active in the hour of death than at any time during life. It is said, "As we live, so we die." Some die like animals without a soul—no more conscious of the great hereafter than I am of the South Pole. Others are very conscious of a most pleasant experience, some hearing voices, others seeing visions, but all feeling that they are on the verge of a great and pleasant experience.

What we are at heart, rather than what people think we are, is always manifested in the last great hour on earth. Living faith is always apparent, despite physical infirmity, when we approach the portal gate. Remember God is willing to do His best for us, but if we are weak and shallow in character and neglect Him in **this life, it will be** revealed sooner or later when the great test comes.

We all need God's grace or help but if we try to bluff our way through life and neglect His overtures, we will pay dearly for our neglect **at the end.**

It is true to say, "Some are fallen asleep" spiritually, even now. They are spiritually dead and for them Christ died in vain. God is love to those who recognise His love. But to those who **reject His love, He** must be a Judge demanding an exact penalty.

PARISH NOTES

Indoor Bowls Club: Members of the Bowls Club are reminded of the Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 2nd February, when the new Memorial Gates will be dedicated to our two late members, Jack Ditchburn and Jack Humphreys.

We hope every member of the Bowls Club will be in attendance.

H. J. SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Sunday School: We are grateful to the Rev. C. J. N. Gundry, our Locum Tenens in January, for conducting our Children's Service on 19th January, and also to Mrs. Ashlyn of St. Margaret's Hostel, who played the organ for us at short notice for this Service.

We are sorry to report that our regular organist, Miss Norman, met with an accident, and we trust that she will have a speedy recovery.

Some more cars are still needed for the Sunday School Picnic at Watson's Bay, which we propose to conduct using car transport kindly provided by parents and friends of the School. When all scholars resume in February, we intend to seek cars from amongst the parents, but to allow sufficient time for this to be done, it now seems that the Picnic could not take place until early in March. We will keep in touch with those parishioners who have already offered their cars.

Should any car owners be available for the day, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Nance or I would be glad to hear from them.

R. F. ATKINSON, Superintendent

Senior Parishioners' Club: This Social Club is held every Thursday at 1.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (at rear of Church) and will be most pleased to welcome more new members. Please come along—we invite you to be our guest.

Afternoon tea is provided.



The Table Tennis Club resumes playing Thursday, 6th February after the holiday break. We meet each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m., and we would eagerly welcome more teenage lads wishing to play table tennis. During the year, we enter teams in the various grades on the N.S.W. Table Tennis Competitions, and several of our sides have won premierships in recent years.

Coaching can be given to boys who are new to the game.

R. MOORE, President

The happiest folk are the brave folk, those who've conquered their personal fears, who have fought and suffered, and risen above heartaches and failures and tears.

Those who have found something finer than putting their own safety first. They are God's undismayed ones, because they faced up to, and passed through, life's worst.

PERSONAL

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Cottrill of Palace Street and the members of the Jenkins family in the loss of their husband and step-father, Mr. Robert Cottrill. Mr. Cottrill passed away suddenly in January and the funeral service was conducted by the Rector.

SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

- Feb. 2nd—Donated by Mrs. Nellor in memory of her Husband! arranged by Mrs. Malone.
- „ 9th—Arranged by Miss Nisbet. Donations of flowers and other suitable Harvest Festival decorations would be appreciated.
- „ 16th—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ingoldsby-Brown.
- „ 23rd—No donation; arranged by Miss Speight.
- Mar. 3rd—No donation; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

On Sunday, 19th January, flowers were also donated by Miss Woodward in memory of her Sister, and by Mrs. Locke in memory of her Father.

AROUND THE PARISH

● **Congratulations:** Many of our young people have just received their examination results. We extend our sincere congratulations to all those who were successful in their school, Teachers' College, Technical College and University Examinations. Phillip Dingle scored a good pass in the Leaving Certificate, and gained a scholarship to Alexander Mackie Teachers' College, while Jan. Sayers successfully completed her course at Sydney Teachers' College and the Conservatorium and has been appointed as music teacher at the Nepean High School.

Incidentally, one of our former Church Wardens, Mr. Bill Cooke is now Deputy-Headmaster at this same school, situated at Emu Plains.

● Don't overlook this month's pleasant Social Hour after Evensong on Sunday, 23rd February. A selected movie film, "The Gift" will be screened and we would be grateful if the Young Marrieds' and Friends' Club could organise the supper on this occasion.

This is a particularly good film, and is the dearest one we are hiring during the current twelve months, so we look forward to a large audience on Sunday night, 23rd February.

● **Illness in Parish:** A number of our parishioners have been on the sick list in January, several because of the oppressive weather we have been experiencing in recent weeks. Also, two of our regular men-folk, Messrs A. Plowman and V. Bryce, have had to go into hospital, but we hope to see them back at All Saints' very soon. To all who are ill we extend our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

● The Rector and Mrs. Champion would like to thank the members of the Parish Organisations for the very nice Christmas hamper presented to them at the Parish Christmas Party. The contents were very much appreciated by the whole family

● **Looking Ahead:** Now that just about everyone is back from the midsummer holidays, the organisations of All Saints' are resuming their stride, and plans for the year's activities are taking shape. To newcomers at All Saints', we suggest you keep an eye out for such highlights as the Physical Culture Fancy Dress Ball, the Parish Tea in August, the Y.C.I. Revue about September, and the Fete, probably to be held on Saturday, 14th November. Watch each issue of "The Chronicle," published on the first Sunday of every month, for further news about these and many other big attractions at All Saints' in 1964.

● **Publicise your Activities:** Club Secretaries, don't hide the light of your organisation under a bushel! We urgently seek the support for "The Chronicle" of those clubs that are not contributing accounts of their doings each month. This parish magazine has a monthly circulation of 1,000, so is read by upwards of three to four thousand people. Club Secretaries are asked to let us have brief accounts each month of what they have been doing, and what they are planning for the weeks ahead. Remember, it pays to advertise.

● Items for the March "Chronicle" will be due not later than Sunday evening, 16th February.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Born Again"

- Dec. 15th—Peter Douglas Wallis.
 „ 15th—Timothy Kenneth Jeffrey.
 „ 22nd—Troy Allan Kenny

MARRIAGES

"Those who God hath joined"

- Dec. 23rd—Robert Keith Patterson to Judith Lorraine Purkis
 „ 28th—Peter John Stanton to Noeline Kay Jensen.
 Jan. 3rd—Daniel Bruce Taylor to Annette Gai Young.
 „ 10th—Jon Albert Gardiner and Maureen Anne Absolom.
 „ 17th—Anthony George Field and Joan Elizabeth Kennett.
 „ 25th—Alwynne Rowland King to Margaret Jean Jobling.

FUNERALS

"In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord"

- Dec. 16th—Amy Dangle.
 „ 17th—Doris May Louis.
 „ 18th—John Charles Garvie.
 „ 19th—Lucy Smillie, Henry Sydney Payne.
 „ 20th—William Robert George Quiney.
 „ 23rd—Peter Graham Carswell.
 „ 24th—Edward Henry Owen.
 „ 27th—Gordon Lindsay, Reuben Harold Norris, Philip Donald Cameron.
 „ 28th—Sarah Ann Price.
 Jan. 7th—Victoria Shulgovsky.
 „ 8th—Robert Sydney William Cottrill.
 „ 10th—Else Thomas Rowlands.
 „ 28th—Stanley Raymond Stedman.

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