

THE CHRONICLE

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
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 T. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

HONOUR WHERE HONOUR IS DUE

"Honour thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord Thy God giveth thee."

This is the first of the Commandments which concern our duty towards our neighbour and is a very important one for we live in an age when there is very little respect on the part of many young people for their parents.

One does not wonder that so many show no reverence for Almighty God when they show so little respect for their God-given parents. Such an attitude is to be deeply deplored. What a treat it is to see a boy or girl grow up respectful to their parents. Surely there is something nice and refined and admirable about children who treat their parents as they ought.

Many are very critical about youth today and I am sure there is a lot of room for criticism in some quarters. But a careful analysis of the position surely reveals that many children are what their parents have allowed them to be. I am fully conscious of exceptions where parents are God-fearing and have done their very best to bring up their children in the right way and have met with little success. However, in the vast majority of cases it would seem that the children are to be pitied having had parents who were too lazy to set a good example for their offspring. The world is half full of baptised pagans today; children whose parents were satisfied to take them to the font and then allow them to shape their own destiny. When one considers how poor an example many parents set for their children spiritually, one does not wonder that the 5th Commandment is almost held in contempt by many children.

Many parents do not deserve to be held in honour when one considers how they have failed their God-given responsibility towards their children. One can visit hundreds of beer gardens six nights a week in this State and see many married couples wasting their time and substance whilst their children are locked in cars or roaming the streets. Recently several children were burnt to death in a car whilst their parents were on the race course. To my mind such parents should be charged with murder — at least I feel they will be held responsible in the Day of Judgment, even if they escape man's judgment.

If there is a God-given command for children to honour their parents, there is also a duty for parents to prove themselves worthy of their God-given responsibility to their children.

FELLOWSHIP

At Fellowship on 12th February we had an Amateur night at which everyone had their turn at giving an item. On the 24th February we had our Fellowship Tea, the next will be on 24th March, we have the tea on the fourth Sunday of every month. As yet, the programme for this year has not been arranged. We invite all young people of Confirmation age to join — a very hearty welcome awaits them.

On Tuesday, 12th March, at 8 p.m., we are having an open picture evening, please make a note of the date and come, it is open to young and old. The programme will be supplied by the British and Foreign Bible Society, the title of the film is "The Living World." A collection will be taken for the Bible Society.

GWENDA SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

YOUNG MARRIED'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Young Married's Club will be held in the Y.V.I. Room, Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 12th March, at 8 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present that night, as it will be our Annual Election of Office Bearers for 1957. We would be very happy to welcome new members at this meeting.

The Y.M. Club propose to hold a Street Stall in front of the Church on Saturday morning, 6th April. Donations of cakes, jams, vegetables or fancy goods will be very welcome.

Later in the year a Fancy Hatters Party is to be held in the Parish Hall. Watch the "Chronicle" for the date of this function, come along and wear a fancy hat to represent a song or nursery rhyme.

We wish to remind parishioners that the Stove Fund is still open, and that we are still a long way from our objective.

We regret to announce that our Tennis Club, which has run for seven or eight years, has had to close because of the shortage of players.

I. BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

LADIES' GUILD

Ladies' Guild meetings resumed on Tuesday, 12th February. We were pleased to welcome a new member and would like to see more of our ladies come along and join our activities and enjoy with us the very happy afternoons we spend together. We have made a slight alteration in our meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of each month will be our business meeting and the 4th WEDNESDAY a Social Afternoon.

Wednesday, 27th March will be our Annual Luncheon, commencing at 12.30 p.m., and our Guest Speaker will be Miss D. Mitchell of the Australian Board of Missions who has recently returned from overseas. Please make a note of the date and we trust we will have the support of the ladies (gents not barred) of our own congregation, as well as visitors from neighbouring parishes.

Our February Street Stall was again well worthwhile, the next one will be on Friday, 15th March. Please note that the Street Stall in April will be on the second Friday, 12th, as Good Friday comes on the third Friday. We are most appreciative and say thank you to all who support our Stall with donations. of cakes, jams, pickles, etc., and may we be permitted to say a special thank you to Mrs. Yarrington who, although not able to attend our meetings, is a keen worker behind the scenes and her pickles always find a very quick sale.

Some of our members have been in hospital and others laid aside at home, we wish each a speedy recovery and hope soon to see them once again joining in our meetings and socials.

E. M. BOSWARD,
Hon. Secretary.

L.H.M.U.

A meeting of the L.H.M.U. will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 19th March, at 2 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to attend.

FLOWER ROSTER

- March 3rd—Donated and arranged by Miss Speight.
 10th—Donated by Fellowship, arranged by Mrs. Colburt.
 17th—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.
 24th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.
 31st—Donated by Y.M.C., arranged by Mrs. Champion.
 April 7th—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.

OUR TROUBLES

They are the grime that comes from fear,
 From fretting and from worry,
 From what we do or do not hear —
 We'll lose them in a hurry.

May happiness come as a soap
 To make the laughter bubbles.
 And wash away with cheer and hope
 Each one of all our troubles!

Wilbur D. Nesbit.

CRICKET CLUB

Since our report in last month's "Chronicle," both of the All Saints' cricket teams have continued to meet with success. The "C" Grade side, which is still running second, has had outright wins in the last two rounds, in each case batting only once to its opponent's twice. Top scorers in the last round were G. Howlett (78) and Ken Locke (58 not out), whilst Les Watkitts and Don O'Sullivan secured the best bowling figures. Also, Don O'Sullivan captured his 50th wicket for the season.

Some close matches are expected this month, as we will be meeting the first and fourth teams in a re-draw.

The lads of the under-15-years "D" Grade side continue to win games frequently, the performances of Peter Whalan with both bat and ball being outstanding. He has scored one century this season, and in the last two rounds has made scores of 90, 67, 45 and 28, as well as taking 6 for 47 in the last round. Able support has been given by the other members of the side, especially in the batting by Alan Humphreys, and in both batting and bowling by Neil Moore.

Competition rounds will conclude on 30th and semi-finals and finals will be played before Easter.

A. JONES,
 Hon. Secretary.

Y.C.I.

Another milestone in Parish history was reached on Friday, the 15th February last, when the 46th Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I. was held in the Club Room. The Y.C.I., which is the Men's Club of the Parish, was formed

here on the 21st November, 1910, and has functioned without interruption since then. Judging by the enthusiasm shown at the 46th Annual Meeting the Institute should show further progress in the years that lie ahead. The Rector, who is President of the Y.C.I., occupied the Chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The 46th Annual Report, which was presented by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. L. C. Carver), disclosed a very satisfactory year. The various meetings and social gatherings were reported on, and special reference was made to the Institute's successful effort for the Parish Fete, and the Y.C.I. members' participation in the responsibilities of Parish administration as well as their work in the Sunday School and in the Church Choir. The hope was expressed that members would continue their work for the Parish and at the same time do their utmost to build up Church attendances. The Report was supported by the President and several other members after which it was adopted. The Financial Statement was then submitted by the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. B. Pullen) who showed a credit balance despite our very low subscription rate, and members were amazed. Other reports were placed before the meeting, and the election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of practically all officers of the year just closed. The Executive will shortly draw up the new Syllabus for submission to the Institute, and NOW is a good time for new members to be enrolled. Any men of the Parish who have not yet joined up with the Y.C.I. may obtain full particulars of membership application from the Rector or from the Church officers.

L.C.C.

CONFIRMATION NOTES

(Continued from last month)

Outline of Baptism Service. The Minister says, "This child is now regenerate and grafted into the Body of Christ's Church." The word "Regenerate" is interpreted in different ways by different people. It really means this child has now commenced a new life by help of God's Holy Spirit and the help of His parents and Godparents. We are not baptised into the Church of England but into the Holy Catholic Church (Universal Church) or Christ's Body. This is a Spiritual Church made up of all true Christians. The Lord's Prayer follows as a model prayer of thanksgiving for the child's adoption into Christ's Holy Church. Then the Minister addresses the parents and Godparents as to their solemn duties concerning the child and how the child is to be brought up to what he must learn before he comes forward for Confirmation.

Finally, the Minister commands the parents to take care that the child be brought to the Bishop to be Confirmed by him, as soon as he can say the Creed, Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments in the vulgar tongue (mother tongue) and with further instructions set forth for that purpose.

Holy Communion Outline

First of all we have rubrics or instructions as to the conduct of the service. The first one tells us that those who partake of the Holy Communion should inform the Minister at least the day before. Changed conditions make this rubric no longer necessary. The second rubric gives the Minister the right to refuse the Holy Communion to anyone who openly lives in sin.

The third rubric permits the Minister to refuse the Holy Communion to people between whom there is hatred and malice and who refuse to be recon-

ciled. When we come to the Holy Communion we are supposed to be at peace with God and man. This service is not for perfect people, but for those who, knowing themselves to be sinners before God, confess their sins and ask to be forgiven. The next rubric tells us where the Holy Communion Table is situated and where the Minister should stand, and how the table linen and vessels should be arranged.

The first two prayers in the Holy Communion service are said by the Minister **alone**, because originally they were said by the Minister in the vestry as part of his preparation for the service. The people say the second "Amen" but not the first. The second prayer is called the Collect for Purity. The Ten Commandments or our Lord's summary are read by the Priest so that we might examine ourselves as to whether we are keeping God's Law. When the Minister says the shortened form of the Ten Commandments the correct response is "Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law." After the Ten Commandments we pray for the King or ruling Monarch as the one whom God has set over us in a position of authority. Then follows the Collect of the day, this Collect is a prayer which summarises the key thought for the day such as love, power, mercy, etc. The Epistle and Gospel remind us of God's Word to us as advice of how to live the Christian life. This is followed by the Nicene Creed which is said by all standing as a statement of faith or of what we believe. As in the case of the Apostles' Creed we all turn the one way as an outward symbol of unity and oneness of purpose. Then comes the sermon which is an explanation of God's Holy Word, after which the offertory or collection is taken up for God's work as an expression of thanks to God for His many mercies and blessings.

We have a number of verses of scripture which are called the offertory sentences which may be read in lieu of a hymn sung, while the collection is being taken up. They remind us of our duty towards God and to give liberally to the support of our Church. The old Jewish custom was to give one tenth of their income to God's work which was called tithing. Many Christians observe this custom even today. Then follows the Prayer for the Church Militant (Active Church). In this prayer we pray for those who are set over us in civil and religious life and for those in trouble, need, sickness or any other adversity. We also thank God for all the faithful whose earthly life is over and who are now safe with God and pray that we may be faithful followers in their steps.

The three next long sections which begin with "Dearly beloved" are called the long canon and are declarations about the wisdom of being earnest Christians and how we ought to come regularly to the Holy Communion after due personal preparation. The old custom was to read one of these portions on the Sunday before the Holy Communion was given. Up to the end of the third one is known as the preparation and is called the Anti-communion.

The Holy Communion proper begins with the invitation prayer, (Ye that truly and earnestly repent you of your sins) which is to call us to draw near with faith and take the Holy Sacrament to our comfort. The next prayer is called the General Confession and said by the Minister and people kneeling. Then follows the Absolution Prayer said by the Priest (or the Bishop if he is present). Then we have a few verses of scripture called the Comfortable Words which prove to us from Holy Scripture that it is Christ's will that we should come and partake of the comfort which He gives in this service. Then follows the Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts). Then follows the Sanctus in which we have the words Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. The prayer of Humble Access begins with "We do not presume to come to this Thy Table of merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies."

After this we have the Consecration Prayer in which the Priest blesses the Bread and the Wine as our Lord did at the last supper. We do not believe that there is any material change in the bread and the wine after consecration, but they become unto us as the Body and Blood of Christ, Christ is present in a special way at that service, for it is His own service. His command is "Do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me." The words used by the Minister as he gives the sacred elements to the Communicants are called the Words of Administration, then follows the Lord's Prayer as the Thanksgiving Prayer which in turn is followed by the Prayer of Oblation and the Gloria (Glory be to God on high). The service finishes with a Prayer of Blessing in which the Priest (or Bishop, if he be present), stands while the people kneel. At the end of the service there are six Collects, any one of which may be used before the blessing or on some other suitable occasion.

PERSONAL HINTS

1. We should never come to the Holy Communion Table to receive the elements wearing gloves.
2. Always remember to make a cup of your hands, placing the right hand in the left hand to receive the bread. We should never hold our hand flat or attempt to take it with our fingers and thumb.
3. The Chalice should be taken by holding the stem with the right hand and steadied with the left hand. At Christmas and Easter and on special occasions where there is a large number of communicants, we should use extra care when handling the Chalice because of the extra quantity of wine needed for a large service. One is supposed to take a small sip of wine, not a gulp.

NEW PAKISTAN BISHOP

A major step forward in the work of the Church in West Pakistan took place last month with the consecration of the first Pakistani Bishop.

He is the Rt. Rev. Chandu Ray, Assistant Bishop of Lahore. Bishop Chandu Ray is, partly supported by the Church Missionary Society of Australia, and in his new work he will be closely associated with a number of Australian C.M.S. Missionaries in the Sind Province.

More than 1000 people crowded into Lahore Cathedral for the consecration, which was conducted by the Metropolitan of the Church of India, Burma, Pakistan and Ceylon, assisted by 14 other Bishops of that Church. A large number of other clergy were also present.

At the consecration service, which is held within the framework of the Order of Holy Communion, the Epistle was read by the Bishop of Kurunagala, the Rt. Rev. Lakasa de Mel, who visited Australia last year, and the Gospel by the Bishop of Chota Nagpur.

Giving the occasional sermon, the Bishop of Lucknow emphasised the New Testament qualifications for the work and office of a Bishop, and reiterated the words of St. Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things? Our sufficiency is of God".

ONE NEW CHURCH A WEEK IN TANGANYIKA

An average of one new Church every week is being erected in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Alfrd Stanway, gave this Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Australia's special missionary responsibility in East Africa.

The Bishop of Central Tanganyika, the Rt. Rev. Alfred Stanway, gave this and other information when presenting his report to the C.M.S. Federal Council last month.

The Bishop said that in the Kongwa-Mpwapwa Rural Deanery there are at the moment 125 Church Centres. Of this, 48 were built during 1955 and 1956. Very few of these Churches received any outside assistance.

Bishop Stanway said that one of the most significant aspects of these advances was that the work in this Rural Deanery is under African Leadership—the Rural Dean is the Rev. Daniel Lungwa.

The Diocese usually has about 2000 adult baptisms each year, but the Bishop believes this will be much higher when current figures are available. Two parishes alone had 371 adult baptisms during the month of November.

"For some time I have been planning to make Dodoma, Mvumi and Buigiri into one Rural Deanery. Now I find that the development has been so phenomenal that it should be three Rural Deaneries," said the Bishop.

"In 1951 Buigiri District had 27 churches. To-day—without the help of a European missionary—the number has developed to 62, twelve of which were opened last year."

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MINISTRY IN TOWNS IN MALAYA

Emphasis on the significant wide open door for the Christian Church in the cities and towns of Malaya was laid at the recent C.M.S. Federal Council meeting.

It was stressed that there were signs of a very real response to the Christian Gospel in this field.

Much of the work in the towns can be done in English, for a considerable proportion of the Chinese people there are well educated. For instance, most of the work at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, a vigorous evangelistic agency, is in English.

In one housing district of Singapore, with a population of 50,000, a new Church—the Church of Our Saviour—has been built amongst the rows of multi-storied flat buildings. In charge of the work is an Indian clergyman who with his Chinese wife ministers amongst people of many different racial backgrounds and are leading many into a desire to follow the Christian Way.

The main C.M.S. work in Malaya is in the New Village, where the Church ministers to the needs of many thousands of displaced persons who were moved to the village as a result of the Communist terrorist activities.