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What Keeps YOU Going?

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Streamlined modern cars glide swiftly and smoothly along the highways, carrying men and women to business or pleasure — but only as long as the car has petrol and oil.

Without regular visits to the service station, the car becomes useless. Without fuel, it won't go, and without attention to its complicated mechanism it becomes a danger both to its users and to others on the road.

Some of us look after our cars, but neglect our souls. The result is that we try to go through life without any spiritual fuel, and with our mechanism all haywire.

Your church can be your spiritual service station. Attend it regularly, and let God have His way in your life.

From your Minister's Desk



Hello there!

In the early 1960's my wife and I were in the Rectory at Lithgow. We spent some five years in that parish. I well remember one evening when, in response to a ring at the front door, I found a young man standing outside. As I later came to realise it was with characteristic candour and directness that he went, after the preliminary greetings, to a request to be able to join the Study Group that was advertised as meeting in the Rectory that night. I'd never seen him, to my knowledge, before that — but we came to know him, and love him and respect him. He is one of those most valuable men who are open and honest and uncomplicated. Tom Williams gradually came to exercise a much appreciated contribution in the parish. Later he moved to Sydney to equip himself better by doing a course at Croydon Bible College. Then, after some time back in the parish of Lithgow, he went to England. The next time I saw Tom he was standing at our rectory door at Petersham garbed in clerical street dress — he'd studied in England and been ordained to the Anglican ministry.

Now he is on his way to serve the Australin Church as a missionary with the Bush Church Aid Society in the West Australian "outback" at Parrabadoo.

Tom will be our visiting preacher at both services on Sunday, 21st October — a down-to-earth servant of his Lord with a real experience of the Gospel. I hope our people will be here to welcome and encourage him and his family as they set out on this new ministry.

Your friend in Jesus Christ,

S. W. GISSING.

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HYMN FOR BLUE DOME WORSHIPPERS

I have no use for stuffy Church,
My worship lies outside,
Beneath the dome of heaven's blue sky,
With Nature, fair and wide;
Away from morbid introverts
Who moan about their sin,
And, though my pants
Are full of ants,
I feel at peace within.

The sermons of the stones and brooks,
The music of the trees,
The incense of my primus stove,
Wafted upon the breeze;
No human preacher made me drowse
With such refreshing zest,
And, on my sod,
Nor man, nor God,
Disturbs my Sabbath rest!

I hate the world of sweating men,
I see it every day:
And, on my Sunday, week by week,
I like to get away.
No need to "love my neighbour" now,
And all that sort of rot;
While preachers prate
I lie in state,
And love MYSELF a lot.

You say, my selfishness will lose
The prize of heavenly Peace.
And yet, I don't anticipate
A premature decease.
Too many other interests
Preoccupy me now,
But in the end,
Don't worry, friend,
I'll wangle in, somehow.

—S. J. FORREST.

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AT ALL SAINTS

MORNINGS at 9.30 a.m.:—

Holy Communion on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Morning Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

(Family Service is the 3rd Sunday)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN is at 9.55 a.m.

EVENINGS at 5 p.m.:—

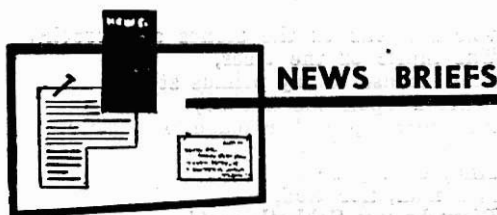
(This changes to 7 p.m. during summer months.)

Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Evening Prayer on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.

Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals by arrangement with the Rector.

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BRAESIDE HOSPITAL EXTENSION

Friday, 28th September, saw the Service of Dedication that culminated many months of all that's involved in an extension of buildings. Bishop D. W. B. Robinson (the Bishop of Parramatta) dedicated a new room in the name of the late Rev. N. Barwick, a long-time member of the hospital board. The extension involved as well a very much needed improvement to the Nurses' Change Room.

Braeside Hospital is a C. of E. Nursing Home for the aged within the boundaries of our parish. It comes under the sponsorship of the Deaconess Institution, and is managed by a Hospital Board and in connection with the Health Commission of N.S.W. It was previously used as a Maternity Hospital, but the use was changed in the late 1960's to serve the needs of ailing elderly people. Since that time it has catered for 58 residents, and has been at full occupancy throughout.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

At this point the Barwick Room will have a dual purpose use — a “quiet relaxation” room for residents, and a Board Meeting Room. A very good ministry is exercised in the name of the Anglican Church at this hospital in Stanmore. The atmosphere is happy and positive, and the nursing standards are very high. Of course, as in many such cases, added support and interest by the public would be of considerable help in enabling even better services and conditions being provided.

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ANNETTE AND RICHARD SMALL

This young couple are progressing in their training in the Philippines. They keep us in regular contact with their situation. This issue carries their latest letter for your interest and to inform your hearts and prayers. They are maintained by the voluntary support of friends—quite a number here at Petersham contribute by designating support through the weekly offering envelopes in the “beyond our own” side. If you haven’t thought to do so, perhaps you’d like to help in this way.

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FLORAL MEMORIALS

- October 7th Mrs. Beatty (Merimbulah) in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jones and brother, Colin (Chester Street).
 Mrs. E. Bosward and family at the Stone of Remembrance.
- 21st Miss Glanville in memory of her parents, William and Mary Glanville.
 Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Cissie and Stanley Walters.
 Mrs. D. Reid in memory of her parents.
- November 11th Mrs. E. Rhodes in memory of her husband (Cecil Rhodes), mother (Mrs. L. Adams), and sister (Phyllis Allwood).

Those who would like to remember their loved ones by contributing towards flowers in our Church are asked to contact Rector about six (6) weeks or more ahead of the desired date.

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SYNOD

Early in October the Diocesan Synod (or Parliament, if you like!) meets. This provides the annual opportunity to review the life and witness of our Anglican Church on a diocesan basis — and to participate in the planning for it in the future. The Synod is the supreme legislative body of our Church, and as such is very important. Its decisions are vital for the effectiveness of Anglican witness to our Lord’s purposes. Representation in Synod is approximately on the basis of two lay people to each minister — and so gives our Church a very “democratic” form. Much time is involved in the practical affairs of church life — but all is reviewed under the guidance of scriptural standards. This underlines the great need to have as representatives those whose hearts and minds are scripturally enlightened and disciplined. Remember to pray that our

ministers and lay representatives will be thus guided. As always this year our concerns will be very much directed to social matters that have such great influence on the day to day lives of all in our community. Pray that your Church will play a positive and redemptive role in the affairs of our nation through its insights, decisions and endeavours.

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SERVICE TIME CHANGE

As you all no doubt know, we adapt our evening service time to the seasons of the year. In the colder months with the shorter days we worship at 5 p.m. When Summer comes with the longer days we change back to 7 p.m. This move is made to coincide with the introduction of Daylight Saving each October. This year our Sunday evening service will revert to 7 p.m. as from 28th October.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

Do you want to spend a happy afternoon each week playing "Cards" or "Housie"? If you do, we are waiting to welcome you any Thursday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Parish Hall—40c covers the lot—Games, Door Prizes and a lovely afternoon tea. Just come along and join in the fun.

I'm sorry to report that Elsie Casterton is in Prince Alfred Hospital after a nasty operation. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you as soon as possible, Elsie. Linda Griffiths has had a long illness, too, we hope to see you very soon, Linda. It's good to see Vi Brassington back after her long illness. I sincerely hope now that the winter is nearly over that all our members who have had the various "wogs" will soon be back with us, sparking on all cylinders.

Hope to see you all next Thursday.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP



Mrs. Blackett, from the Christian Women's Temperance Union, gave us a most interesting demonstration in mixing and serving non-alcoholic drinks for parties, at our meeting in September. I am sure all present spent an informative and enjoyable afternoon. We all hope she will come again.

From now on our meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday each month, instead of the 2nd Tuesday. On 23rd October at 1 p.m. Sue Ritchie—one of our own members—will tell us (and show us some slides) of experiences she and her husband, Bill, shared during their time of living away from Australia—in different parts of the world.

We shall also have a visit from Gloria Inman of "Care Force" at this meeting. "Care Force" is the section of our Home Mission Society that looks after people under stress in our community.

Our Guest Speaker in November—Tuesday 27th—will be Miss Deane from the Uniting Church in Lewisham, who will tell us some of her war experiences whilst serving as a Army Nurse.

What about taking this as a personal invitation to join us—in the Parish Hall—on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We'd love to have you share with us.

IDA BARRETT, Hon Secretary.



LATEST LETTER FROM ANNETTE AND RICH SMALL

. . . From meals together, to evangelistic training and Bible Study, Philippine traffic, Campus, and ministry . . . our experience at the Great Commission Training Centre prepares us for God's work now and in the future.

"Let us introduce you to our trainers, Wilma and Henry Tan. It is our privilege to let them do the writing for us, since they have been the instruments by which God prepares us to help reach Australia for Jesus. Christ.

WILMA . . .

As a Christian, I believe I have a personal commitment to Christ which involves me in a worldwide cause. Being at the training centre provides me opportunities for this. Since the goal of the training is to help build and equip men and women in the Lord throughout the world, God has given me a part in the lives of our staff who will go back to their countries and reach their own people.

At the training centre we have defined specific objectives which we want to meet. To ensure that these are met, we have theoretical check-out sessions (simulating situations and having participants act as if it were) every Saturday. Some of these would be a one to one situation while others are in a group.

In addition to these, Annette observes me in action (evangelism, follow-up, leading a Bible Study, etc.), and I in turn observe her to see how well and how much she has learned. Through her response in various situations, personal guidance is given when necessary. This practical aspect is part of the training centres' normal schedule. What we have learned in class and in check-out session is re-inforced by application in our life and ministry.

—WILMA.

HENRY . . .

I cannot think of a more strategic place to be than at the G.C.T.C. in Manila. Each year God gives us a part in reaching Asia through the trainees who come from the various countries.

The high privilege I have is coupled with the great responsibility of helping equip the trainees for the task God has called them to in their own countries — to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20).

This year I have the privilege to work with Richard, and God is using him to give me a growing picture of what can happen in Australia, for Christ.

—HENRY.

Thank you for your continued prayer and letter support. Please pray for our financial needs, that God will continue to keep all our team faithful and finding delight in serving Him through our lives in this way. All our love.

ANNETTE and RICK SMALL,

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Quezon City, 3001,
Philippines.

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THE SUBTLE DANGERS OF GOSSIP

Gossip is sharing another's sins without his permission. People who protest against the suggestion that they should share their own sins are not always careful to refrain from sharing the sins of others in their absence.

It is easy to get into the habit of gossip. It gives us a pleasant sense of superiority to dilate on the failings of others. We see the motes in the eyes of our fellows more easily than we detect the "balk of timber" in our own. The more we talk of the sins of others, the more blind we become to our own. Gossip is a dangerous thing. It is pleasantly stimulating while it lasts, but it always has a deadly effect upon our spiritual sensitiveness. We cannot be used to help the person whose character we have maligned. We may try to help but we fail. We also leave a deposit of poison in the mind of the person to whom we share another's sin.

Gossip is destructive of all true fellowship, and it is the end of all spirituality. The only cure is to tell the person whose sins we have shared, that we have done so. The humiliation of this confession will quickly cut the root of our gossiping tendencies. Only one attitude preserves fellowship and develops spirituality—love.

"Little children", said the aged St. John, "love one another".

—C. T. RAE, M.A., B.D.