

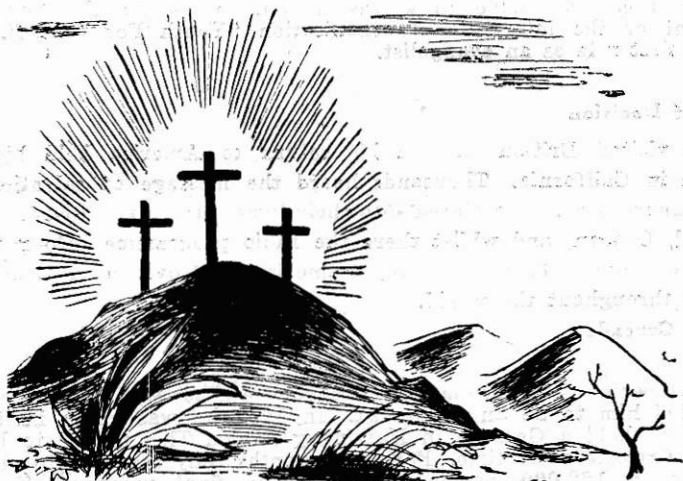
The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

Rector: Rev. S. W. GISSING, Th. L.

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Rd., Petersham, 2049—569-4735

APRIL 1979

Easter Services



GOOD FRIDAY — 13th APRIL, 1979

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9.30 p.m.—Family Worship.

3.30 p.m.—DIOCESAN UNITED SERVICE at
Sydney Square.

EASTER DAY — 15th APRIL, 1979

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.—Family Communion.

7 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

DR. BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE COMMENCES
SUNDAY, 29th APRIL

Billy Graham

A PROFILE



The son of a farmer, Billy Graham was born in 1918 in North Carolinian, U.S.A. At the age of 16 he committed his life to Christ at an evangelistic meeting. Later he entered Florida Bible College and whilst there commenced his preaching ministry. At 21 he was ordained. In 1942 he married Ruth Bell and in the same year became the Pastor of a little church in Western Springs, Illinois.

A short time later he took over a radio programme called "Songs In The Night" and it was there he met George Beverley Shea who still sings with the Crusade and makes a tremendous impact on audiences. Through this programme Billy was invited to become the first Vice-President of the international organisation "Youth For Christ". This was his first role as an evangelist.

Hour Of Decision

He visited Britain and on his return to America held his first Crusade in California. Thousands heard the message of salvation and many hundreds accepted Christ into their lives. His next Crusade was in Portland, Oregon, and whilst there the radio programme "Hour of Decision" was born. Today this programme is heard over more than 1,000 stations throughout the world.

London Crusade

By this time Billy Graham knew beyond a shadow of doubt that God had called him to be an evangelist. In 1954 he was again invited to England to hold a Crusade in Harringay Arena. This proved to be the greatest Crusade of all time. For three months Billy preached to capacity crowds with 122,000 people attending the final meeting. Tens of thousands responded to the appeals made at the conclusion of each meeting inviting people to accept Christ.

This success has led to Crusades the world over and April 1979 will mark his third visit to Sydney. (He led Crusades at the showground in 1959 and 1968).

Billy, and Ruth Graham have several children and a host of grandchildren. Now 60, Billy is a mature man with a mature message but he is still vigorous and his preaching has lost none of its power. He is a good-looking man and stands a lanky athletic 6'2". He has always looked after himself physically and still runs daily.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING REPORT

1978 — a year of change

In his report to the Annual Vestry meeting held in the Guild Room on Monday, March 12, the Rector, the Rev'd S. W. Gissing said that the year had seen an unusually large number of changes to the life of the Parish.

As far as Worship is concerned 1978 saw the introduction of the new Australian Prayer Book, the Australian Hymn Book and in addition New English Bibles have been placed in the Church pews.

Perhaps the most far-reaching change has been the recent decision by the congregation to combine the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. At this stage, he said, the effects could not be evaluated fully. "Perhaps we will know more about this at this time next year", he said.

Combining the morning services has enabled the possibility of fellowship after the morning service over a cup of tea or coffee. (This began once a month after 8 a.m. service).

Changes to service times was initiated by the congregation following recommendations by a sub-committee appointed by the Parish Council to investigate ways in which the work of the Parish could be done more effectively. The Parish Council has set itself the continuing task of discussing and where appropriate adopting this committee's recommendations.

Other changes reported by the Rector included the relocation of the Festival Dinner to All Saints time, the introduction of a Parish Book-stall (with stand, memorial to the late H. James Mills), the provision of a new porch notice-board, removal of Parish records to the Diocesan archives at St. Andrews House and the decision by the Parish to accept responsibility for Diocesan special assessments.

He also reported that as a result of requests from the Petersham Primary School, a donation of Bibles for use in Scripture classes had been made.

On the Financial side All Saints reported its first-ever deficit. A fall-off of mission commitment was also apparent. A slight increase in income resulted from moves to rationalise the Parish's endowment account with the sale of stocks and shares.

One reason for encouragement is the continued financial success of the fete and an upturn in offerteries.

During 1979 the Parish is faced with extensive repairs both to the Church and Parish Hall. Electrical work is required for the Parish Hall and the Church's roof and guttering is in need of immediate repair.

The Rector paid tribute to a long list of people who have worked hard during the year to ensure the smooth running of the Parish.

ELECTIONS

WARDENS: The Rector announces his intention to re-nominate Mr. Bruce Livingstone as Rectors warden. Messers H. Spill and N. Cragg were re-elected as Peoples Wardens.

PARISH COUNCIL: Those elected were Mesdames I. Barrett, J. Livingston, S. Martin, D. Reid, A. Steed, Messrs V. Barrett, F. Evans, R. Evans, and R. Swankie. (The Rector is still to advise his nominations).

PARISH NOMINATORS: The Wardens with Mrs. S. Martin and Mr. R. Swankie.

AUDITORS: Mr. W. Sopwith and Mr. W. Ritchie.

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PETERSHAM

1977	ASSETS as at 31st December, 1978	1978
70000.00	Land — 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham — at V.G.'s U.C.V. 9-3-77	70000.00
306000.00	Buildings (Insurance Value)	306000.00
40100.00	Furnishings & Equipment (Insurance Value)	40100.00
11078.59	General Account	8286.70
114.82	Organ Fund	118.81
2440.51	Capital Reserve	2735.70
1631.66	Columbarium Trust	1939.95
6396.34	Endowment No. 1	6397.67
6476.51	Endowment No. 2	10983.67
1385.43	Special Purposes	1089.58
958.95	Sunday School	1046.73
1048.86	Kindergarten	1044.69
<u>\$447631.67</u>		<u>\$449743.50</u>

LIABILITIES — NIL.

B. A. LIVINGSTON (Treasurer and Rector's Warden)

N. CRAGG }
H. SPILL }

(Peoples' Warden).

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the books, records and vouchers of All Saints' Church, Petersham, for the year ended 31st December, 1978, and report that:—

- In our opinion the statements of receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities for the year have been properly drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the parish's assets and liabilities and of monies received and expended.
- The statements comply with the provisions of the Sydney Church Ordinance 1912 — 1975 and the Accounts Ordinance of 1975.

28th February, 1979.

W. Sopwith } Hon.
J. Martin } AuditorsSTATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1978

1977	RECEIPTS	1978
6386	Offeratories	7848.73
1042	Gifts & Donations	325.00
338	District Visitors	318.70
594	Interest	733.77
6102	Fete Profit	5335.16
1184	Hall Rent	993.00
72	Walter & Son — Adv. in Chronicle	36.00
—	Flowers in the Church	69.50
—	Payment of Insurance Claims	160.00
34	Annual Dinner	—
177	Workers Comp. Refund Overpayment 1976	—
49	Miscellaneous	15.00
<u>\$15980</u>		<u>\$15834.86</u>

LESS PAYMENTS		
7794	Stipend	8560.02
1093	Travelling Allowance	1516.21
229	Superannuation—parish contribution	253.80
329	Organist	400.00
1053	Synod General Assessment	1410.00
	Synod Special Assessment	252.50
156	Repairs & Maintenance	499.70
607	Chronicles	607.20
62	Printing & Stationery	334.13
295	Telephone	313.63
144	Water & Sewerage Rates	452.59
131	Electricity	130.33
429	Insurance	429.46
414	Church Cleaning	440.32
90	Building, Furnishings & Equipment	452.30
90	New Prayer Books	90.00
90	Organ Tuning	152.00
64	W.A. Flick — Annual Maintenance	70.00
84	Signwriting	
320	Transfer Funds to Special Purposes A/c	
250	Purchase of Duplicating Machine	
61	70 sets of Freewill Offering Envelopes	66.00
	New Hymn Books	358.70
	Annual Dinner — excess costs over receipts	32.39
	Prayer Books for Bookstall	50.00
	Donation to Rainbow Choir	20.00
	Donation of Bibles to Petersham (Scripture Classes) Public School	71.10
	Coffee, Hot Drink Cups & Tea Bags	63.37
	Carol Service Expenses	28.20
48	Miscellaneous	46.14
HALL EXPENSES:		
317	Cleaning	379.20
149	Electricity	179.97
22	Water & Sewerage Rates	
64	Gas	64.00
31	Insurance	61.30
16	Repairs	779.14
50	Miscellaneous	63.05
		1526.66
\$14491		\$18626.75
1488	EXCESS of Receipts over payments	
	EXCESS of Payments over receipts	2791.89
	BALANCE of GENERAL ACCOUNT	
	1/1/78	11078.59
	LESS Excess of payments over Receipts	2791.89
	BALANCE of GENERAL ACCOUNT	
	31/12/78	\$ 8286.70
REPRESENTED BY —		
1654	Bank Balance	741.77
4500	Savings Investment A/c	4044.93
4924	Interest Bering Deposits	3500.00
		\$8286.70

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL REPORT—December 1978

During 1978 we held our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday afternoon of each month with an average attendance of eight persons at a meeting.

At the Annual Meeting in February, Mrs. Bosward, who had been associated with All Saints for many years and Guild Secretary for over 25 years, declined re-election and advised us of her resignation and her retirement to Mortdale.

During the year the Guild accepted eight invitations, and members consequently attended various neighbouring parish luncheons, the Salvation Army Women's Rally and the Westside Christian Women's convention. The Guild welcomed to their meetings three guest speakers—the Rev. Theo Hayman, Mrs. Rees, and Miss Ruth Gledhill, also representatives from Byron Parker and the Bamboo Farm, who each gave a demonstration of their products.

The Guild luncheon was well attended and a very happy occasion.

With the help of the Women's Afternoon Group we catered for the Guild Annual Luncheon, the Consecration Festival Morning Tea and the Christmas Party. Together we also arranged the catering for the Parish Dinner.

We commenced the year with a financial balance of \$293.25, being brought forward from 1977. During 1978 we received \$264.00, and paid out \$413.48—being expenses, gifts and donations. Among these were payments to florists and transfer of flower money to the Parish Council which is now responsible for the Church Flowers. The closing credit balance for 1978 was \$143.77.

On behalf of the Guild I would like to thank our President, Mrs. Gissing, members for their co-operation, and Mrs. Swankie and Mrs. Hitchcock for their kind assistance.

D. REID, Hon. Secretary.

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S AFTERNOON GROUP — December, 1978

We started the year 1978 with ten members.

Our membership has now grown to 14. Mrs. Kidd has now become a regular member, Miss Hunt and Mrs. Alice Humphries joined us next, and later Mrs. Hitchcock. We hope our 14 members will continue to work in Christian Love and Harmony throughout 1979, and by the time the next Annual Report is written that the numbers have again increased.

The first function of the year that we helped with was the Annual Guild Luncheon, which was a very happy day and very well attended.

Throughout the year we had a speaker or demonstrator at most of our meetings and a very happy night at the Rectory with Mrs. Pat Yewdall. The Speakers were Mrs. Gwen Ostling who spoke to us on the Biblical character "Hannah". Mrs. Val Powers spoke on "Jesus, family and friends". Mrs. Norma Dumbrell and Mrs. Alison Webb came to us from the Ladies Auxiliary of Moore College. Mrs. Webb spoke about life as the wife of a College student and Mrs. Dumbrell showed us an audiovisual of Life at the College and told us what the Auxiliary does to help.

Three Jumble Stalls were held through the year in April, July and December which netted \$118, 114 and \$66 respectively. Before each, Mr. Barrett delivered dodgers advertising our stall to local letterboxes. These dodgers were printed by Mr. Gissing and I am sure were of great help. Leftovers from the stalls were sent to the Home Mission Society Opportunity Shops.

We had two interesting demonstrations—a Stanhome Demonstration at which we made \$22.50 and a Public Relations Demonstration which was very informative.

The morning tea after the Consecration Service was another happy event, at which we were pleased to help.

The Fete was, of course, the highlight of our year. We were very pleased to hand in \$590.00 after a busy day, and weeks of planning. We had two very happy afternoons at the Rectory, making sweets. We sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. Gissing for all their help and for making their home available for us for this purpose.

Mrs. Gissing was presented with a Birthday cake made by Mrs. Steed in June. Mrs. Gissing from then on made each member a cake as their birthdays fell due for that month's meeting.

Other donations were \$10 sent to the Uganda Refugee Appeal and \$20 to Moore College Ladies Auxiliary.

Each speaker received a small gift from the club or a cake made by Mrs. Gissing.

The year closed with a very happy Christmas Party, held in the Parish Hall in which we combined with the members of the Guild. Patients from the local hospitals as well as the ladies of the Parish were invited to this party, which was well attended and I'm sure enjoyed by all.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary.



ALL SAINTS' SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT—

December 1978

Our Club functioned happily throughout the year, and we managed to keep our 'door money' at 30 cents.

Unfortunately we lost a few of our members, but in any club this must happen, especially a senior folks club.

Throughout the year we enrolled quite a few names, some didn't stay long, others never missed if they could possibly help it. Our average attendance would have been about 32. We hope this will continue during 1979.

The money handled through the year amounted to \$722.95, only \$16.00 different to last year, which was \$738.99. This figure was made up of Door Money, Donations, Sale of Jams etc and Competitions. The afternoon teas and Christmas Party cost \$489.56. Table prizes \$67.28, 'Get Well' and Sympathy cards, and stamps cost \$8.10. The interest at the Bank was \$4.56. The money now stands as—Bank Balance \$154.46 plus Cash on Hand \$3.55.

I wish to thank all those who donated gifts, money, jam or helped in any way. I also would like to thank Mrs. Steed for all her cooking each week, and my husband for his constant help.

I am sorry to report a number of our members have had hospitalisation or long periods in bed at home. I won't mention any names for fear of leaving somebody out, but our leader Mrs. Rhyder was one of these. We hope she is now well enough to carry on as leader for 1979.

The highlight of our year was again our Christmas Party. I am sure everybody who attended had a wonderful afternoon. Each member received a gift and a bag of White Heather chocolates.

The Club then went into recess until Thursday, 25th January, 1979.

We are all sorry to hear that Miss Glad Hunt had a nasty accident and is in Lewisham Hospital. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

No club for Senior Parishioners during Holy Week.

IDA BARRETT—Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

THE CHURCH IS A DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

- ☆ There is no fellowship such as we find in the Church.
- ☆ We all enter it by faith in the Saviour, Who loved us and gave Himself for us.
- ☆ We all read the same Book—the Word of God.
- ☆ The Holy Spirit builds us into a living body.
- ☆ The beauty and mystery of worship uplifts and heals us as we share in it together.
- ☆ The Church of today has work for its dedicated members to do. There is a world to be told about the love of God.
- ☆ "Fellow workers with God" and "Members one of another"—what a double blessing the Faith is!



APPRECIATION

A letter has been received from Mr. K. C. Allerdice, Chief Executive Officer, Braeside Hospital expressing thanks for the donation of Harvest Festival gifts by this Parish.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following donations were received in the First Quarter 1979: Miss Platt \$9.00 (incl. \$5 for C.M.S.); Bowls Club \$55.00 (for Organ Fund); Miss A. Jones \$2.00; Mrs. Price \$3.00 (For Chronicles); Senior Parishioners Club \$100.00; Women's Afternoon Group \$100.00 (to assist with cost of seat covers for Church pews); Mrs. Crittendon \$20. (For Chronicles).



FLORAL MEMORIALS IN CHURCH

- APRIL** 1—Mrs. Beardow and Family in memory of Mr. Beardow.
 8—Miss A. Jones in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. Jones, sister Eva, and brother Walter.
 15—Mrs. Sarah Hays and Family in loving memory of her husband, Sydney Hays.
 Iris and Colin in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Walter.
- MAY** 13—Misses Nisbet in memory of their mother and father.

WALTERS & SON

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

James and James 188 Liverpool Road, Ashfield—798-8325