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Of All Saints

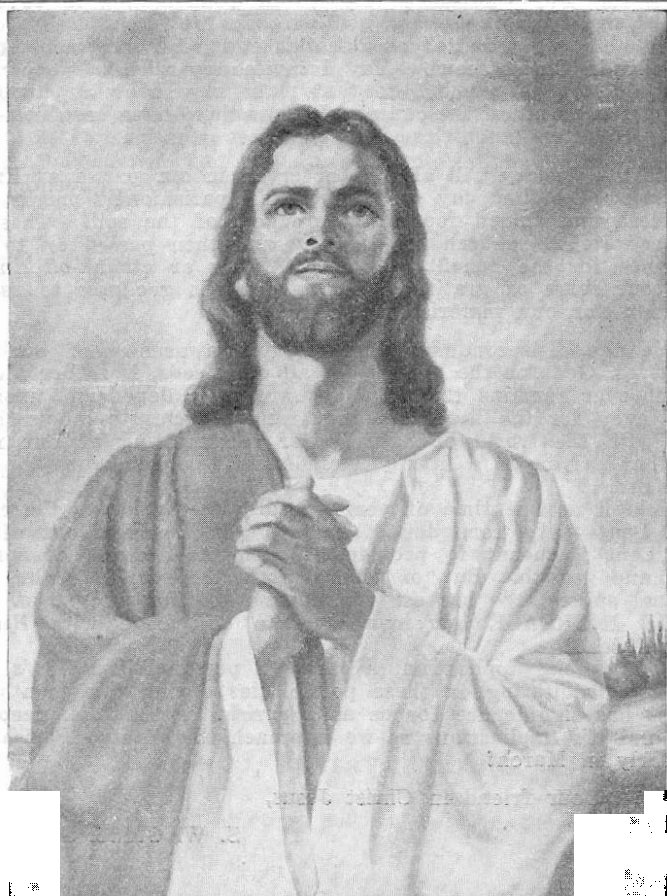
Petersham

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FEBRUARY, 1976



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THE RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

This month on the third Sunday (15th February) we will be holding the Sunday School Prizegiving in association with the usual Family Service (10 a.m.). We hope that all the families with children attending the Sunday School will make a point of worshipping with us on that occasion. We extend a warm invitation for others to share in this less formal act of worship as well.

The older boys and girls of the Sunday School will be forming a Confirmation Preparation Group this year which, I expect to be leading. This means that any who are interested in Confirmation in 1976 will be asked to share in preparation at this time each week. Frequently there are adults who wish to consider this step of commitment to God through faith in Christ Jesus. May I invite any such to contact me, direct and as soon as possible, so that plans may be made about the date of commencement of the course. I know there have been some who have made tentative enquiries over the past months.

The 15th February will also be observed in our parish as Harvest Thanksgiving. On that day we suggest all parishioners might bring gifts of fresh and tinned foods and products of the soil. These are used to decorate the church for the day and then passed on to local church homes for the benefit of others. They are thank-offerings to testify to our sense of gratitude to God for His goodness to us, and His provision for our material well-being.

In this age of secondary industries, the awareness of our basic dependence on God for the gaining of all our needs, is rather blunted. However it ever remains true that we are very dependent upon His provision (even for the health, strength and abilities to labour in co-operation with the world of nature) for the meeting of our needs. Harvest Thanksgiving is a fitting reminder of this fundamental reality of human life.

We hold it at this time of year—usually just prior to the church season of Lent—as a reminder of how to get the most out of such periods. Lent is meant to provide us with the harvest of spiritual deepening and growth. But, of course, as in the natural realm, so in the spiritual sphere, the harvest will depend on the seed sown. GOD GIVE THE INCREASE but invites us to co-operate with Him by sowing good seed!

This has special application in our own personal lives—let's spend some time in meditating on these possibilities during this month!

It also has significance for us as a parish. Let's think deeply on that line and its implications as we approach the Annual Parishioners Meeting early in March!

Your friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING, Rector.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be celebrated on 15th February, at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Gifts of fruit, vegetables or other food items will be welcome. Home garden produce will be particularly welcome, so those who have a few tomatoes growing or a citrus tree, or green vegetables can help to make the occasion look like a harvest.

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CHURCH GROUNDS ROSTER

The Roster for tidying up the area surrounding the church is still open and this is a typical example of the old saying, "Many hands make light work". It is open to both men and women.

The work covers sweeping up and depositing leaves and soil in the garden bed in the south side of the church where it will do a lot of good, picking up papers, bottles and cans and placing them in a plastic bag for disposal with other church rubbish. Each group of volunteers is free to decide which day and what time is most suitable to it, so that it can be done on a week day, morning, noon or night.

If you cannot conveniently fit in with a group time come along at your convenience and put in a couple of hours picking up the rubbish (bring an old pair of gloves).

EDITOR.

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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The grounds of the church are becoming increasingly popular for unauthorised parking and car cleaning. The Parish Council has decided therefore that the entrance at the western end will be closed off after Evensong on Sunday and will only be opened when required for Parish or Service requirements.

The exact form of closure has been left to the Church Wardens for decision.

The Council have started work on their sand pit project. More next month.

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ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held in the Guild Room on Monday, 8th March, at 8 p.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The biggest problem facing an editor is to determine what to include in a paper and what to leave out. The "Chronicle" in its present form has been unchanged for many years but this does not necessarily mean that some changes are not desirable. As Editor I would appreciate comment or suggestions as to the type of matter parishioners would like to see included.

One change I am proposing to make is to publish the Flower Roster one month ahead so that there will be plenty of time for parishioners to study it and perhaps roster themselves on for any vacant dates, in memory of loved ones deceased.

BOYS CLUB

No news available.

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YOUTH CLUB

No news available.

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WOMENS EVENING GROUP

The Womens Evening Group will resume on Tuesday, 10th February, by holding its Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m.

This will be followed by the Jumble Sale on Friday, 13th, beginning at 10 a.m. Saleable material and clothes may be left at the Rectory or at 59 John Street, Petersham.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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PARISH FINANCES**Receipts and Expenditure for December:**

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Receipts	865
Payments	1155
Deficit on the month	290

Attendances in December:

	1974	1975
Carols by Candlelight	58	100
Christmas Day	143	134

FLOWER ROSTER

- February 1st: Donated by Mrs. F. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Mrs. M. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 8th: Donated by Mrs. Wallis (Holt Street) in memory of her Husband and Brother Tom; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 15th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- February 22nd: No donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- February 29th: Donated by Mrs. Willis; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- March 7th: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

Owing to January "Chronicle" having to go to print early, flowers on 30th November from Joy and Lynette in memory of their Father, Mr. Sanderson, were not acknowledged.

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BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club resumed on the 14th January, minus a few members either sick or on holidays. It is hoped that the next few weeks will see us at full strength.

F. HEARN, President.

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LADIES GUILD

The first meeting of the Ladies Guild will be on Tuesday, 17th February, at the usual time of 1 p.m. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Guild and a good attendance is required so that members can elect officers for the year 1976, hear reports and discuss the programme for the next twelve months.

Will every member please try to bring along a visitor?

? BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS

By the time this "Chronicle" is published the Club will have resumed its weekly Thursday afternoon meeting. Members may look forward to another year of happy sociable meetings with friends and acquaintances. As a New Year Resolution, why not "Bring a friend", so that others may share the good times. Everyone is welcome. If you are lonely help yourself and us by coming along on Thursday at 1 p.m. You can play Housie and enjoy afternoon tea for just 25 cents. Be in it.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Harvest Festival and Prizegiving:

Again this year the Sunday School prizegiving will be held at the Family Service on 15th February to coincide with Harvest Festival.

At Harvest Festival we are asking the children to bring along gifts of vegetables, fruit, eggs or tinned goods. After the services on the 15th February the gifts brought along by the children and parishioners will be taken to the Home of Peace in Addison Road.

Annual General Teaching Meeting:

The Annual General Teachers Meeting will be held at the end of February. Details of the meeting and decisions made will be in next months Sunday School News.

Hymn Book:

Within a couple of months the Sunday School will have a new Hymn Book. This book will incorporate new hymns and hymns that we have sung over the years. There will also be a section for Adults so that the book can be used in the Church.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

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The chap was in a hurry so he phoned the airport and asked, "How long does it take to fly from Perth to Sydney?"

"Just a minute," replied the clerk, reaching for a schedule.

"Gee, thanks," said the chap and hung up.

Mother: "David, why are you pulling faces at that bulldog?"

David: "Well he started it."

Little Patsy was handing round her chocolates to the visitors. "The ones with the teeth marks on them," she explained, "have all got hard centres."

Jane: When is your sister thinking of getting married?

Joan: "Constantly."

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PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sundays at 7 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten
on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH
THE RECTOR.**

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.
Williams.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Churchwardens and Messrs. J. Arrowsmith, J. H.
Bretherton, N. Cragg, B. Dryden, Mrs. Gorman, Messrs. B. Livingston,
H. E. Quelch, Mrs. W. Sopwith, Mr. H. Swankie, J. Williams.

SIDESMEN: Messrs. V. Barrett, G. Clarke and H. J. Shaw.

HON. TREASURER: Mr. E. Quelch. **HON. SECRETARY:** Mr. H. E. QUELCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. N. Cragg.

KINDERGARTEN LEADER: Miss J. Evans.

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ORGANIST: Mr. J. Birkett.

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. F. G. Hearn.

BE HUMBLE

Don't do anything from selfish ambition, or from a cheap desire
to boast; but be humble towards each other, never thinking you are
better than others. And look out for each other's interests, not just
for your own. The attitude you should have is the one that Christ
Jesus had:

He always had the very nature of God,
but he did not think that by force he
should try to become equal with God.
Instead, of his own free will he gave it all
up,

and took the nature of a servant.

He became like man,

and appeared in human likeness.

He was humble and walked the path of
obedience to death—

his death on the cross.

For this reason God raised him to the

highest place above,

and gave him the name that is greater
than any other name.

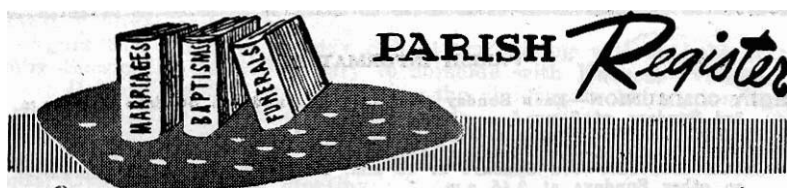
And so, in honour of the name of Jesus,
all beings in heaven, on earth, and in the
world below

will fall on their knees,

and all will openly proclaim that Jesus

Christ is the Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.



HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified".

January 18th—Alexandra May Sommerville of 38 Bay Street, Croydon (by Rev. A. E. C. Gardner).

January 25th—Tegan Lucinda Blamey Brown of Mosman Park, W.A.
Amanda Jane Jenkins of 4/68 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.
Deborah Denise Jenkins of 4/68 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.
Sasha Feddersen of 2/28 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Till death do us part, according to God's holy law, thereto I give thee my troth".

January 24th—Grahame Frederick Beard (Petersham) and Nona Ann King (Petersham).
Gregory Ronald Tebbutt (Marrickville) and Deborah Ann Sweetnam (Petersham).

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

November 27th—Maude Smith of 18 Lewis Street, Cronulla.

December 29th—Alfreda Gertrude Brown of Petersham.

January, 9th—Francis Joseph Maher of 4/225 New Canterbury Road, Petersham.

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