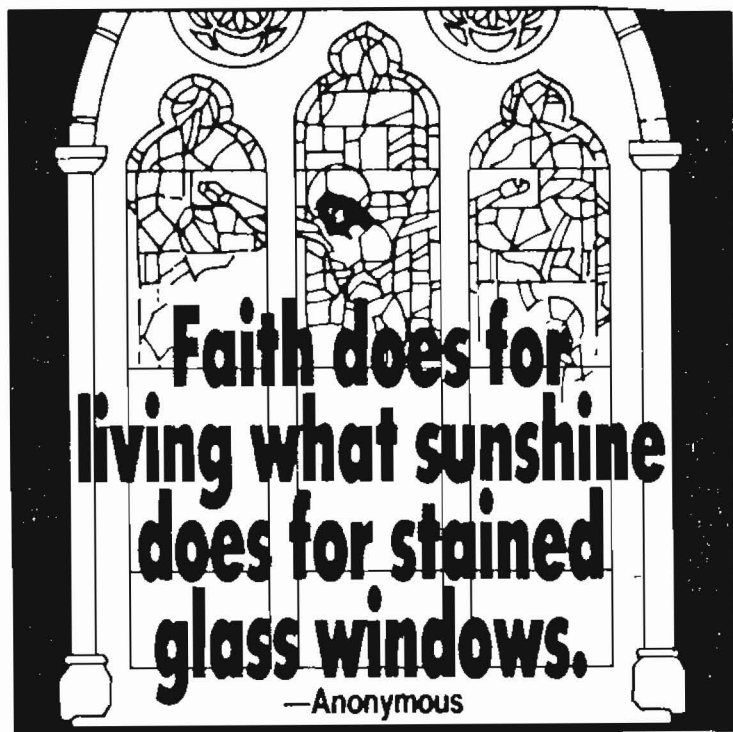


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Letter from Rev. Jim Holmes.

**All Saints' Church
Petersham.
September, 1993**

Dear Friends,

I did not expect to be writing this letter for The Chronicle. Your Acting Rector, Rev. Walter Collier on Sunday 19th September suffered a heart attack, was admitted to Prince Alfred hospital, where successful surgery repaired the mitral valve. He is weak but making good progress and is grateful for the prayers of the congregation of All Saints'.

Meanwhile I am looking after the Parish and would appreciate your prayers and assistance.

Spiritual Renewal

Christ promises that those who assemble together in His name are specially blessed. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst."

Our Lord, when He instituted the sacrament of Holy Communion did so as an opportunity for people to come together. God has set aside one day in seven when you may cease from your labours, lay aside your tools, and be spiritually refreshed.

Your life will be happier, more contented and enriched by joining with a company of people who worship the Lord with thankful hearts for all His Goodness. In this mechanical age, people are suffering from the stress and strain of life. An American psychiatrist says that the symptoms of this strain are seen in the alarming numbers of people suffering from nervous disorders and mental tensions.

The church is the House of the Lord where His people meet to pray, to hear the word of God, to be strengthened by the sacrament of Holy Communion, to sing His praises and to ask for forgiveness and renewal and the peace of God which passes all understanding. Jesus said; "Come to me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

In the fellowship of the church there is spiritual renewal and above all, fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

With best wishes to you all,
Your sincerely,
Jim Holmes,
Acting Rector.

All Saints' Church

ANNUAL FETE

Saturday
20 November, 1993
in the
Parish Hall.
9am to 2pm

Fete Stalls

Books
Cakes
Groceries
Home Made Jam
Plants
Pottery

Toys
Work Stall
White Elephant
Jewellery
Hot Dogs=
Refreshment Room

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERYSUNDAY.

- 9-30am Holy Communion on the First, Second and Fourth Sundays.
Family Service, which is a Service of Prayer and Word, on the third Sunday.
Morning Prayer on the Fifth Sunday.
- 6-30pm Evening Prayer is said in the Side Chapel.

DURING THE SCHOOL TERM.

- 9-30am Junior Sunday School every Sunday except the Third Sunday when there is a Family Service.

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Home Bible Study held at the Home of Mrs. Willis.
All welcome.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING.

- 7-30pm Youth Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 10 October - 2-30pm Organ Recital.
17 October - The second Fete meeting
 following Morning Service
20 November - Annual Fete
15 December - 8-00pm Institution and
 Induction of
 the Rev'd Paul Watson.



**FLOWER
DONATIONS.**



- October 3** - Frank with love from Edith
Arranged Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- October 10** - In loving memory of Clarrie and Marge Cole from Arthur Richardson
In memory of Jones family of Chester Street from Mrs. E. Beatty.
Arranged Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- October 17** - In memory of Alan Carr from Eunice, Julie, Alison and Wendy.
Arranged by Miss D. Harrop.
- October 24** - In memory of Dad from Ross and Pat Hitchins.
In memory of Bill Sopwith from his friends at All Saints'.
Arranged Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.
- October 31** - Donation anonymous.
Arranged Mrs. E. Hearn and Mrs. M. Essam.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

When you quit going to church.

Your condition is a matter of grave concern to God.

Jesus pictured a shepherd, whose concern for a sheep away from the fold caused him to leave ninety-nine sheep in the fold and go out and painstakingly search for the one which was missing (Luke 15:4)

You are depriving yourself of spiritual health.

The failure to worship and serve God results in the shrivelling of the soul. Your spiritual nature cannot survive if you do not feel it. Your absence from church diminishes and weakens you.

Your talents and abilities are being wasted.

Jesus taught that we have all been given the opportunity and ability to serve God in some way (Matthew 25: 14,15). When you fail to do your part as a member of God's work force, then the cause of Christ suffers. You are needed.

You are letting your influence work against God and his church.

Although you do not intend it so, your example says to all who observe your life that the church is not important and that God may safely be ignored. It is especially tragic that those who read this message in your example are often your own children and grandchildren.

Others need you and you need them.

We need the mutual encouragement of one another in living the Christian life. By your absence from church you deprive others of the encouragement you could give them, and you deprive yourself of the strength which they could share with you.

Your separation from God may become a permanent one.

Life is uncertain. We have no guarantee of what the future holds. Though you intend to come back to God, life may end too soon. The emphasis of the Bible is always upon now (2 Corinthians 6:2)

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Just for today.

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appal me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true that "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be".

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study, I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out: if anybody knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do - just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticise not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.

Just for today I will have a programme. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, some time I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the Father will give to me.

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