

The Chronicle

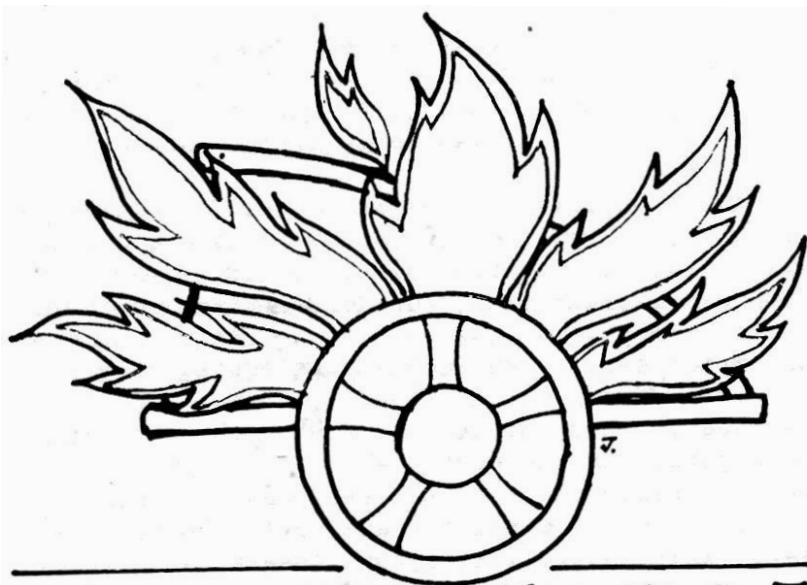
Of All Saints
Petersham

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MAY 1990



ASCENSION

The Rectory,
All Saints' Church.
PETERSHAM. 2049.
17th April. 1990.

Dear Friends.

I am writing this letter to you after a very busy but satisfying Easter.

Our services on Good Friday and Easter Day were well attended and it was good to see some new faces among the congregation.

In all I took no less than eleven Communion Services in the week finishing on Easter Day. These were in hospitals and nursing homes as well the usual church services. In all it was an uplifting experience.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting a small committee was set up to look at the life of the parish and suggest ways and means of improving our ministry. Already this group has met and plans further meetings in the near future. One outcome was to plan a picnic in Petersham Park after service on Sunday 29th April.

We see as long term aim to double the size of our congregation in the next few years. One of the pleasing features of this Easter was that numbers at services have remained the same over the past few years. This in itself is good, however what is even more encouraging is the age of our congregation is continuing to drop. This looks good for the future, but we still have much to do.

Your support in prayer and in attendance is needed. Every church needs a praying and active congregation and there is a place for you in this work here at All Saints' Petersham.

Bruce Woolcott.

ASCENSION DAY

It is because the apostolic church knew of the Ascension of Christ that it was able to declare so uncompromisingly the doctrine of the sovereignty of God over all His creation, as well as over His Church. Hence its ability to face persecution, failure, and even the extinction of its witness in various places without loss of faith. It knew that such things happened not despite God's desperate efforts, or because of his lack of foresight in choosing to use weak human instruments. They happened because it was his will that they should happen. The early church did not need to be reassured that "God is still on the throne", despite what happened. It knew that God was on the throne, and saw his sovereign hand in everything that took place.

The fact that Ascension Day is not a public holiday is not an excuse for relegating the doctrine of the kingship of Christ, based as it is on the visible, public ascension of Christ, to the sphere of allegory and promise. God is not a God of attitudes only; He is a God of acts. 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.' (Rev. 11:15)

"Jesus, the conqueror, reigns,
In glorious strength arrayed,
His kingdom over all maintains,
And bids the earth be glad."

"Ye sons of men, rejoice
In Jesu's mighty love,
Lift up your voice,
To Him who rules above."

Taken from St. John's Sutherland Parish News.

Ascension Day falls on 24th May.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Freindship will be held in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th May at 1-30 p.m. To make a little change in our meeting Mr. Woolcott has suggested we all give a short talk on our early days at Sunday School and Church. So girls see what you can remember. I'm sure we will have a very interesting afternoon.

At our last Jumble Sale we made \$170. That was a bit lower that usual, but very good considering it didn't stop raining all day. Our next Second-hand Clothing and Jumble Sale will be on Friday 4th May. Thanks once again to all our wonderful helpers.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Senior Parishioners' Club has survived all the wet weather, but we hope the rain doesn't go on much longer. I don't think we have had a dry day this month which means our attendances have been affected.

On April 5th we had ten members present to celebrate our Thirty-second Birthday. We all enjoyed ourselves and had a happy time.

Senior Parishioners' Club meets every Thursday in the Parish Hall at 1-00 p.m.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY

What are some of the special activities at All Saints' during this month?

Tuesday 8th May the Women-in-Friendship Group meets in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall. Ladies are always welcome to this gathering and more details are given in the Women-in-Friendship Report in this issue of the Chronicle.

Friday 18th May the Sunday School will be holding a Games Night in the Parish Hall. This is intended to be a family evening, not just restricted to Sunday School pupils and their parents. Each child will be accompanied by an adult family member or friend and we shall move from game to game around the hall. Supper will be served at the end of the evening. It all begins at 7-00 p.m.

Sunday 29th May is our monthly Family Service. These are always well attended. The children take part in the service. The music is bright and the address always simple and not too long. After the service there is a cup of coffee and a biscuit. Young and old, married or single all are invited to our monthly Family Service.

There are regular Home Bible Study groups held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. New faces are always welcome.

On Sunday afternoon at 4-00 p.m. the Senior Fellowship Group meets. This group is aged from 16 to 20 years and meets for Bible Study, a meal together and the evening service which is often taken by members of the group.

Again new faces are welcome.



FLOWER DONATIONS

- MAY 6TH - From Mrs. Carr in memory of her mother.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.
- MAY 13TH - From Mrs. Mina Crook, Warren Crook & Dick
Evans in memory of their father &
grandfather Harold Percy Evans Snr.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.
- MAY 20TH - In loving memory of Bert Gamble from his
wife Kath.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.
- MAY 27TH - In loving memory of my friend Ella Sopwith
Dulcie Reid.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - MARCH, 1990

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	1,735.88	Rector's Net Stipend	1,897.15
DONATIONS		Rector's Trav. Allowance	527.69
Women-in-Friendship	170.00	Organist	90.00
DISTRICT VISITORS		Church Cleaning	80.00
Mrs. Willis	10.00	Hall Cleaning	80.00
INVESTMENT INTEREST		Flowers	65.00
May Ruhle Endowment	2,237.20	Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
All Saints' Endowment	1,026.26	Telephone Account	78.97
		Cleaning Items	17.01
		Annual License Ann Perf. Rights	33.76
		Morning Tea Expenses	14.00
		Tfr Funds to Rest. Fund	415.50
		General Assessment	961.50
		Rector's Supn Contrib	299.55
		Parish Supn Contrib.	299.55
		Visiting Preachers	28.40
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Deficit for Month	0.00		
	<hr/> 5,179.34	Surplus for Month	4,976.91
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BALANCE 1-3-90	1,913.28		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	202.43		
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BALANCE 31-3-90			

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Offices and Chapels:
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PARISH DIARY

Tuesday	1st.	7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Thursday	3rd.	1-00p.m.	Senior Parishioners' Club
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Friday	4th.	9-00a.m.	Jumble Sale.
Sunday	6th.	9-30a.m.	Morning Prayer.
			Sunday School.
		4-00p.m.	Fellowship.
		7-00p.m.	Holy Communion.
Tuesday	8th.	1-30p.m.	Women-in-Friendship.
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Thursday	10th.	1-00p.m.	Senior Parishioners' Club.
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Sunday	13th.	9-30a.m.	Holy Communion.
			Sunday School.
		4-00p.m.	Fellowship.
		7-00p.m.	Evening Prayer.
Tuesday	15th.	7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Thursday	17th.	1-00p.m.	Senior Parishioners' Club.
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Friday	18th.	7-00p.m.	Family Games Night.
Sunday	20th.	9-30a.m.	Family Service.
		4-00p.m.	Fellowship.
		7-00p.m.	Holy Communion.
Tuesday	22nd.	7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Thursday	24th.	1-00p.m.	Senior Parishioners' Club.
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Sunday	27th.	9-30a.m.	Holy Communion.
			Sunday School.
		4-00p.m.	Fellowship.
		7-00p.m.	Evening Prayer.
Tuesday	29th.	7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.
Thursday	31st.	1-00p.m.	Senior Parishioners' Club.
		7-30p.m.	Home Study Group.

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