

*The Chronicle
Of All Saints
Petersham*

The Friendly Church

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Festival Thanksgiving Service on 15th August at 10 a.m.

BEGINNING FROM 15th AUGUST ALL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL BE AT 10 A.M. — 11A.M. SERVICE IS DISCONTINUED.

RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear friends,

As I write I am conscious of a T.V. programme I watched earlier. It was fascinating—an amazing account of the advances medical science has made in the field of artificial replacements in the human body. It included some information on neuro-surgery also. As my companions and I watched we were overcome by a solemn feeling as to the tremendous advances that have been made—and of the awful possibilities for manipulation that have been opened up. The programme echoed in even clearer ways the terrifying prospects of that disturbing film “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest”.

One of my companions commented on the terrible possibilities and the threat in this new knowledge—and my mind immediately saw the **great spiritual challenge that lies in these advances. One cannot but be impressed with the technical progress—and progress it undoubtedly is.** But one can only hope that we can produce men who will be able to administer these skills with the right wisdom. Indeed that was the desire expressed by one of the leading surgeons interviewed. He said he felt a need of some appropriate peer guidance about the correctness of his decisions.

This sort of thing presses home the urgency of the need for a revival of real Christianity in our society. Love of our fellow men must be the motivating force behind our dealings with one another—and must be based on a right understanding of man’s true being and needs. That brings the challenge right home to those of us who have taken upon themselves the name of Christian.

There can be no revival of Christianity until there is a re-awakening among Christian people themselves. Too much we Christian people are not presenting to the world a way of life which is sufficiently distinctive and attractive. Jesus’ question still has point—“What do ye more than others?”

The acid test of Christianity is not my attendance at worship, nor the saying of my prayers, not even my willingness to help others in need, but the inner quality of my life. A Christian who is touchy, easily offended, sharp-tongued, resentful, is simply denying the faith he professes. Any Christian who has enmity in his heart against a single other person should cease to describe himself as a Christian till that enmity be replaced by love. “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples”, said Jesus, “that ye have love one toward another”.

When we are careless about the way we speak of another’s reputation—or are indifferent to the sufferings of others—or are censorious and carping in our judgments—then we are denying love its place in our hearts.

A far higher quality of life is demanded of the follower of Jesus Christ than can be attained by self-effort. To live His quality of life we need His wisdom and His power. We can live His life only when His Spirit rules and reigns within. All of which means that the greatest contribution we each can make to our day and generation is the surrendering of ourselves more fully to The Lord and the following more closely of His revealed truth in His Word.

That’s the challenge facing us at All Saints’.

Your sincere friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING.

ALL SAINTS' C. OF E. PETERSHAM

Receipts and Payments—June, 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT—

RECEIPTS

	\$
Offertories	359.81
Hall Rent	99.00
Sale of Church Histories	2.00
District Visitors	53.50
Donation—Mr. le Roy	10.00
Deposit Interest	7.87
Re-Crediting of lost James & James cheque	55.20
	<u>586.88</u>
Deficit for June	380.26
	<u>\$967.14</u>

PAYMENTS

Stipend, Superannuation, Travelling Allow.	608.32
Parish Superannuation Contribution	16.25
Organist	35.00
Cleaning	56.00
“Chronicle”	55.20
Repairs and Maintenance	3.90
Telephone A/c.	185.67
Insurance on plate doors	6.80
	<u>\$967.14</u>

Balance of General Account 30/6/76—\$1915.97.

Balance of General Account at end of each month:—
 4/1/76 \$4097.03; 31/1/76 \$3665.59 29/2/76 \$3463.75;
 31/3/76 \$2764.69; 30/4/76 \$2500.62; 31/5/76 \$2296.23;
 30/6/76 \$1915.97.

Bank Reconciliation:—

Balance as per Statement	\$1939.97
Less O/S Cheques—	
005 \$2	
844 \$6	
845 \$8	
847 \$8	
	<u>24.00</u>

Balance as at 30/6/76 \$1915.97

OTHER ACCOUNTS as at 30/6/76—

Organ Fund Account	701.75
General Misions Account	198.71
(incl. Offertories for Trinity Sunday—\$90.41)	
Capital Reserve Fund	513.72
Plus—	
Commonwealth Bonds	1000.00
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I.B.D. at C.T.B.	1024.56
	<u>\$2524.56</u>
Columbarium Trust Account	<u>\$335.20</u>

The following article is reprinted from S.A.M.S., the South American Missiary Society Magazine. It provides some new thoughts on giving for parish and missionary work. In addition it refers to the death of a fete and its consequences. We at All Saints know that time is reducing the numbers of faithful warriors and that there is no influx of younger people to do the work required to keep the fete buoyant. Is it now time to be begin to change our outlook from a money raising fete to direct giving so that we will be prepared in the event of the fete failing?

The Editor.

AUSTRALIAN PARISH PUTS POOR CHILEANS BEFORE LOCAL NEEDS

Learning of the desperate need of some Chilean Christians, a Sydney congregation recently gave their special Thanksgiving offering to finance selfhelp projects in the Valparaiso region and also to a lesser degree to assist national pastors.

This was a decision spontaneously taken by each member of the congregation who marked their offertory envelope accordingly when advised of the need.

The following letter from the Rector of that Parish gives some interesting background and further details relating to this gift which could inspire other Christians.

'I have great pleasure in enclosing a further cheque for \$265 for the church in Chile. Praise the Lord!' (This made a total of \$1370 Ed.)

You ask me to put in writing the circumstances leading up to the giving of the money so here goes. First of all when I came here we changed the name of Temple Day to Thanksgiving Day. My idea was to move the motive for giving from the needs of the church, i.e., our huge building debt to giving out of gratitude to the Lord. The money still went to the same purpose but the motive has changed especially over the last 3-4 years. I have also consistently taught blessing through giving together with tithing (for the upkeep of the building and the ministry) and offerings (after we have tithed) to missions, etc. as the Lord leads individuals. Four years ago we began tithing as a church with the aim of increasing the percentage. The first year we gave away 10% the next two years 15% and this year—well probably 20 to 25%.

The week before our Thanksgiving Day I preached from 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 and as I read these chapters before the service the Lord showed me the context of this teaching was the giving by the Macebonian church to needy brethren. During my sermon I felt led to point this out and raise the question as a matter of prayer as to whether we should be really giving away this money to needy brethren rather than to pay off our building overdraft. We are already paying the bank \$20 a month more than we are obligated to so there was no moral reason why we should not I might add that before the Fete died a few years ago it was looked to as the source of money to pay off the debt (and also get us out of trouble with running expenses) and the Thanksgiving Day offerings were only about \$150 to \$200 at the most. When the Fete went the Thanksgiving offerings rose to \$900 which was of course all direct giving. Since then I taught giving on the sowing and reaping principle and in the last year or so many of our people have proved this truth in their personal lives. I believe we have also now proved it as a church.

On Thanksgiving Day our general offering was over our budget of \$250 and again last week it was over. Today we received \$350! What more proof do we need?"

You are invited to join us in our

CONSECRATION FESTIVAL

Friday, 13th August at 6.30 p.m.—ANNUAL DINNER.

Speaker: Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir.

Music Programme: Meriden C. of E. School Choir.

Adults: \$1.50; Children 50c.

Sunday, 15th August at 10 a.m.—THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Preacher: Rev. Eric Champion (former Rector).

Soloist: Mrs. Wendy Wark.

Morning Tea in Hall to follow the Service.

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CONSECRATION FESTIVAL TEA, AND "BACK TO ALL SAINTS" SERVICE

Two notable events are linked this month to emphasis the need for togetherness in church social life and worship.

On the 13th August we have the Festival Tea and on Sunday, 15th a "Back to All Saints" service at 10 a.m.

Neither of these occasions can be a success unless they are well attended.

To use a modern idiom, we have two star attractions. Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir will speak at the Festival Tea and our well loved Eric Champion will address the congregation at the Sunday morning service. These are unique occasions and are not likely to be repeated. Make sure that you attend both functions.

For the "Festival Tea" the ladies of the Parish are providing an excellent hot meal with all the extras normally expected at All Saints'; the Meriden Junior Choir numbering about 40, will entertain.

The organisation of the catering has taken a big step forward by relieving the ladies of the washing up chore. This year it will be done by outside help so that the ladies can enjoy the full program.

Morning tea will be served in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service on 15th August.

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PARISH NOTES

Organ Repairs:

Mr. Welby made an inspection of the organ on 17th July and we are now awaiting his recommendation on urgent repairs.

Public Risk Insurance:

This matter came up for discussion at the July Parish Council meeting and the secretary advised that anyone injured whilst within the Church Boundary is covered by this policy.

Parish Hall Piano:

A strong-arm group of Parish Council members lifted the piano onto the stage after the Parish Council meeting. It will stay there permanently.

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CLUB NOTES

Sunday School News:

Sunday School Teachers Meeting: A Sunday School teacher's meeting was held after the Family Service on the 18th July. At the meeting we decided that a \$50 dollar donation be made to the Organ Restoration Fund.

From the 2nd Sunday in August the Sunday School and Kindergarten will be commencing at 9.55 a.m. and finish at 11.05 a.m. This action has been taken to bring the Sunday School into line with the

change in service time. Also this will allow the parents to bring their children to Sunday School and to attend the morning service while the Sunday School is in progress.

Fete Grocery Stall: Letters have been sent to various grocery firms asking for donation of their products to stock our stall. Commencing from this Sunday we are asking the parishioners for donations of sugar for jam making. This call for your support will serve to supply sugar also to the ladies on the Cake & Sweet Stall who intend to make sweets. Donations may be left at the back of the Church or if a message is left with the Rector arrangements will be made to pick your donation up.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.

Senior Parishioners Club:

We continue our happy Thursday afternoons' Senior Parishioners Club meeting each week. Cards, Housie and afternoon tea, all for 25c. Come and join us, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you come once, I'm sure you'll come again.

Our members all extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Waring and family in the loss of Mr. Waring. We hope to see Mrs. Waring back at the club soon.

We were pleased to help the organ repair appeal with a donation of \$50.00.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

After a short business meeting on Tuesday, 10th August at 8 p.m. there will be a talk on Shells to which we invite all ladies of the Parish and their friends.

Many thanks to all who donated in any way to our recent Jumble Stall. The proceeds of this stall was \$90.00.

Please keep saving anything saleable for our next effort, which we hope to hold when the weather gets warmer.

Our club has been pleased to donate \$50.00 towards the organ repair fund.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Ladies Guild:

Ladies Guild next meeting, Tuesday, 17th August, at 1 p.m. in the Guildroom. Friday, 18th August, Consecration "Festival Dinner", at 6.30 p.m. Preparation for the dinner will commence at the hall at 10 a.m. We hope all members will come along and help some part of the time. Some members will be there all day.

E. M. BOSWARD, Secretary.

Bowls Club:

The cold wet evenings and increasing age have played havoc with the attendance this month. However we look forward to better things with the coming of spring.

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THE FETE

The Stallholders met with the Fete Chairman on Saturday, 17th July to review progress and forward planning.

All arrangements are under control with the exception of band music. So far we have not been able to obtain either attendance of a boys band or of the Ladies Pipe Band. In view of this it was suggested

that an ethnic group might be available to perform for us, and Mr. Williams will be making inquiries about it.

The absence of Miss Hunt who is in Perth and the demise of the Boys Club and Fellowship presented problems. It appears that we will not have Hoop-la this year and will not have a Jewellery Stall this year. The situation regarding the Book Stall is not clear.

It was agreed therefore that the Guild Stall move to the area on the southern wall and this would provide more room for Mrs. Jones Stall and Mrs. Rule's Stall.

The following verses have been extracted from the weekly news sheet put out by the Cronulla Presbyterian War Memorial Church. The origin of the subject matter we have all heard many times but this variation is new to me.

1. A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town,
He laid a festive table, and wore a wedding gown,
He sent invitations to his neighbours far and wide,
But when the meal was ready, each of them replied:
CHORUS: I cannot come. I cannot come to the banquet.
Don't trouble me now;
I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow,
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum,
Pray hold me excused—I cannot come.
2. The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name,
Said: "Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,
Fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed,
My banquet must be crowded and my table must be filled.

PARISH INFORMATION

Holy Communion—Each Sunday at 8 p.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m., 3rd Sunday 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 Sunday 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.
Church Wardens—Messrs. B. Livingston (Rectors and Treasurer),
F. G. Hearn, W. Williams.

Parish Council—The Church Wardens and Messrs. D. Barclay, N. Cragg, F. Evans, H. Quelch, R. Swankie, H. Spill, J. Williams.
Mesdames I. Barratt, J. Gorman and E. Sopwith.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. B. Livingston.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. H. Quelch.

Sunday School Superintendent—Mr. N. Cragg.

Kindergarten Leader—Mrs. Freeman.

Organist—Mr. J. Birkett.

Chronicle Editor—Mr. F. Hearn.

Publicity Officer—Mr. H. J. Shaw.

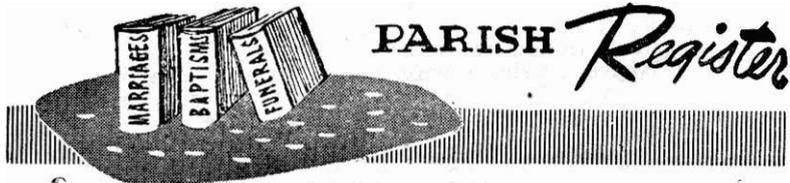
FLOWER ROSTER

August 1: Donated by Mrs. Champion in memory of her Parents; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

August 8: Donated by Mrs. D. Jones and Family in memory of Mr. P. Jones and by Mrs. R. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. W. J. Roberts; arranged by Miss Nisbet.

August 15: Donated by Mrs. J. K. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott and by Miss Butt in memory of her Sister and Brother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

- August 22: Donated by Mrs. Waterfield and Family in memory of Mr. Waterfield and by the Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hunt; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 29: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Husband and by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mr. Bertram Hillery; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 5: No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 12: Donated by Mrs. M. Humphreys in memory of Mr. Jack Humphreys; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- September 19: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Swankie and Family in memory of Mother and Grandmother and by Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Sheriff; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 26: Donated by Mrs. Pullen in memory of her Parents and an anonymous donation; arranged by Miss Nisbet.



HOLY BAPTISM

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

July, 4th—Erin Marie Cornish of 46 Winbourne Road, Hazelbrook.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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

June, 20th—Linda Jane Smith of 55 Searle Street, Petersham.
 June 29th—Phoebe Lucy Cantwell of 34 Andreas Street, Petersham.
 July 6th—Thomas Bellis of 4 The Avenue, Petersham.
 July 7th—Edward Ansell of 7 Bishop Street, Petersham.

COLUMBARIUM DEDICATION

July 11th George Albert Henry Clarke.
 Fanny (Gray) McIntosh
 Linda Amelia Annie Barron.
 Jess Ellen Hope.
 Ruby Vera Wallis.

WALTERS & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.