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**BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES
UPON YOU - Acts 1:8.**

The Rectory,
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22nd April, 1986.

Dear Friends,

Over the past ten years or more Christians all over the world have given great emphasis to the work of the Holy Spirit. This emphasis on the third person of the Godhead has enlivened the Church.

Christians believe that God is three persons in one Godhead. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. As we read the Bible, especially the New Testament we meet all three persons acting in various ways, sometimes together, sometimes individually, and separately.

It was God the Holy Spirit that came upon the disciples of Christ some fifty days after He (Jesus Christ) had risen from the dead. The Holy Spirit changed the defeated followers of Christ into an outgoing enthusiastic group of people keen to witness to their experience of God. Neither the cunning of the Jewish hierarchy, nor the military might of the Roman army, was able to crush the new faith which was changing peoples' lives.

We continue to celebrate the Gift of the Spirit each year. We call that special day, Whitsunday or Pentecost. This year it falls on Sunday 18th May.

Our understanding about the Holy Spirit, its person and its work can be quickly summed up by saying: The Holy Spirit is God at work in the world to-day. the hymn writer puts it this way -

"And every virtue we possess
And every victory won
And every thought of holiness
Are His alone."

It is important for every Christian to understand that his or her "new life", or changed character, is the result of God the Holy Spirit living within them. The same Holy Spirit makes us conscious of our sin, the need we have of forgiveness and the love of God - love that sent Jesus Christ to die for us on the cross.

The knowledge of God and the certainty of our new relationship with God are both the result of the Holy Spirit's activity.

Many Christians leave the matter there. If the disciples gathered together in that Upper Room didn't do more than rejoice at their new found realisation of God's presence with them, we then, would never have found peace with God. The Holy Spirit caused those early believers to go out and share the Good News with others. Praise God!

God is still active in the world to-day. He, in the person of the Holy Spirit, is able to do the same mighty works that are recorded both in the Gospels and in the Old Testament. The power of God is available - available to us.

Wherever there is sickness, want, oppression and need, there are opportunities for God to show His power. There is only one thing to stop us seeing God's power at work in our world to-day and that is our own failure to believe and to pray for Him to do things which we cannot do - call them miracles if you like.

"You receive not because you ask not."

May this Whitsundaytide remind us again of the Divine power that is available in our world to-day, and that that power is there to overcome evil both in our lives and in the lives of others.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT, Rector.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

The sound financial position of All Saints' church has been strengthened as a result of legacies received from the Estates of the Late May Ruhle, Elsie Hillery and John Douglass.

The money received which totals in the vicinity of \$60,000 will be invested and interest from the investment will be credited to the general fund to ease the strain of meeting normal running expenses.

The recycling effort allied to the fete and second-hand bargain sales has enabled the income to meet expenses each year has maintained asound financial position.

The benefit of interest payments will not be felt immediately but in due course should be sufficient to enable consideration of discontinuing the recycling effort.

In addition those many donors of years ago with admirable foresight of the present financial strain have enabled the Endowment fund to increase to the vicinity of \$40,000 and this money is held in reserve for use in case of need.

Bruce Livingston - Hon. Treasurer.

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

PETER JANDA

Peter & Sue & their three young children came to Sydney to train for missionary service probably in East Africa. They chose to worship at All Saints', Petersham. Both offered to help in anyway possible.

Peter became Youth Leader & Sue a Sunday School teacher. They were young and enthusiastic. Immediately they captured the hearts of the young teenagers. Peter's love of Christ his saviour was so real & uninhibited that people could see he was for real. Sue shared that faith & supported him in the work.

On Sunday 6th April Peter died suddenly. His death was a great loss to Sue & the Children, & to all of us at All Saints', Petersham.

ALL SAINTS' ON FILM

Those of our readers who were in the vicinity of the church on Wednesday 16th April will no doubt have seen the array of cars and trucks that totally filled all our available parking space and the full up signs on both gates.

The film "The Challenge is a documentary on the America's Cup Yacht Race. We will all have to wait until the film comes on T.V. to see how the hall was decorated but the front of the stage is now a nice green colour. The hall was full of equipment and people and presumably results were satisfactory. A catering truck was on site and tables were set up for meals. It was all very well done and after the break-up crew left we were able to immediately set up the chairs and tables for the Senior Parishioners and the trestles (etc) for the Jumble Sale.

Editor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School is now in recess for the school holidays for the first two Sundays in May. We will recommence for the second term of 1986 on Sunday 18th May, at the 9-30am Family Service.

Our sympathy goes out to Sue Janda, Nathan, Kate and Emily, at the sudden death of Peter Janda in April. Sue and her children have now returned to live in Bowral.

Noel Cragg - Superintendent.

WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

The next meeting of the Women-in-Friendship on Tuesday 13th May at 1pm in the Guild Room of the Parish hall will be followed at 2pm by Miss Alison McCann, from the Board of Education Diocese of Sydney, speaking to us. I'm sure we will all be very interested in what she has to say. We would be delighted to see you. Afternoon tea will follow.

The Secondhand Clothing and Jumble Sale on the 18th April netted \$280. Thanks to all who helped in any way. The next sale is set again for Friday 30th May. We again look forward to your help.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

The Club still meets happily on each Thursday afternoon at 1pm. Come and join us in a game of "Housie", the prizes being small useful gifts, such as a piece of fruit or vegie, jellies, matches, etc. A lovely afternoon tea, is provided for everyone and all for 80 cents.

On Thursday 10th April our Club was 28 years old. We marked the occasion with a few extra door prizes.

Several of our members are still in hospital, others sick at home. Don't forget them in your prayers. We look forward to the day they are all with us again.

Ida Barrett - Hon. Secretary.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR MAY

MAY 4TH - By Mrs.J. Hadley in loving memory of her Mother-in-law, Rose.
Arrangement by Mrs.A. Steed.

MAY 11th - By the Misses Nisbet in memory of their Mother.
By Mrs.Carr in memory of her Mother.
Arrangement by Mrs.E. Hearn.

MAY 18th - Donation by Miss Perry.
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PENTECOST PEOPLE

On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit helped people from all over the world to believe in Jesus. Peter said the Holy Spirit would come to all kinds of people, everywhere.

Even today the Holy Spirit is helping people to become Christians.

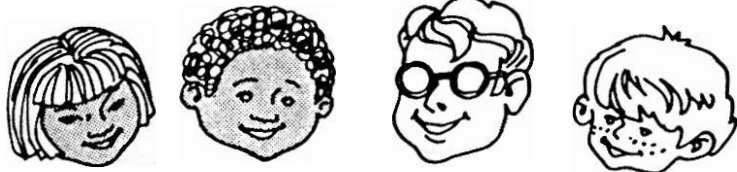
Rearrange the letters of this Bible verse and write it inside the circle of people from all over the world who follow Jesus.

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Acts 2:21

