

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

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Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

MARCH, 1955



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs R. F. ATKINSON, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, D. COOKE, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. T. SAYERS, E. HALE, E. QUELCH, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M., L.T.C.L., F.I.G.C.M.

Verger: Vacant.

The Rector would be pleased to receive immediate notification of any bereavements or sickness in the parish.

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals by arrangement with the Rector. LM 4735.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This year has opened with the same old tensions and crises which point to the fact that Man's heart and human history are tragically divided by evil, in the spiritual and the material realm. The Devil works effectively in both realms, and he is a real strategist, who leaves his mark on human life and history. He leads the revolt against God. This is the problem that confronts mankind, a giant problem, that of disorder, that man has sought down the ages to solve. The ancient Greeks with their philosophy, the modern scientist with his discoveries, the way of power as expressed by a Napoleon, an Alexander or a Hitler, and the modern theory of Marxist, Communism as a world Crusade, all have been in vain. Only God can solve the problem of man's disorder.

The Head of Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. John Mackay, in his Croll Lectures has put it this way, the Divine solution which he calls "God's unveiled Secret." The Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For it is in Christ that God has disclosed His will for the world. His will is that we should be a community, not founded on the Marxist theory of a classless society, but a fellowship of love, a fellowship not founded by the ingenuity of sinful man, but upon the Divine Love of God as revealed in Christ, and therefore by the intervention of God. The answer to the problem of the world's disorder is in the person of Christ. Communion with a living Lord is the secret of a true community. It is a spiritual order and its watch words are as Dr. Mackay puts it, "by grace, through faith, unto peace." It is interesting to note that Dr. Mackay sees the Church as the "New Divine Order," as he calls it, it is the transcendental community because it comprises the complete number of God's elect, it is also an historical community because it determines the life of mankind in time and space, the Bride of Christ, and the Body of Christ. There are seven things which make the Church one, one Body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.

How is the unity of the Church to be achieved? Here Dr. Mackay has a forthright statement which should really make us sit up and take notice. He says "by gifted men, by an effective ministry, and by Christians everywhere growing up into Christian maturity." That means, my friends, that we have to face up to what the good Doctor calls four imperatives, and every Christian should seek earnestly to act on them. They are, "Walk in the light," "Copy God," "Learn Christ," and "be filled with the Spirit." The call today is to action, to put on the "whole armour of God, and to use that most effective part of that armour all prayer." The social and individual aspects of the Christian Faith are very well summed up in these words, words which I trust we will all take to heart, "We become related to Christ singly, but we cannot live in Christ solitarily." Dr. Mackay says that "today is the great era of the Christian layman." That I believe is profoundly true, the whole Church is called to action, not merely the officers, but the N.C.O.'s and the troops. During this season of Lent may we discover afresh our relationship to Christ and through that relationship, our relationship to our fellowmen. Let us take courage and witness for God, for our Master said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me."

The Harvest Festival was very successful from the point of view of gifts and we are very grateful to all who sent goods, they were sent to the Home of Peace, Matron was most appreciative of the gift. The services were well attended. While I am on the subject of attendance, I do feel that we at All Saints' could still do better. It has been most encouraging to see an improvement, but it could be better. Will all who read this please endeavour to interest someone else in their church.

At the last Parish Council Meeting we had placed before us a budget for the financial year 1955-56, the estimate was very carefully prepared by the Financial Sub-Committee, and taking everything into consideration we need approximately £2,000 to run the church and pay our way. The budget

was accepted by the Parish Council and will come into operation as from the 1st April, 1955. We need to increase our giving, get more subscribers to the Duplex Envelope System, and we do need more volunteers for the very important task of District Visiting.

The Parish Council also decided on the form which the Memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Adams should take. A Rector's Stall and Prayer Desk is to be placed in the Sanctuary, this will be a fitting memorial to one who laboured so long and faithfully in this parish. It will cost approximately £130 and we will need another £15 to cover the faculty fees, and inscription. We have at present in hand £100—if anyone has not given towards this memorial yet and would like to do so we shall be glad to receive their donation.

The services during Holy Week will be announced in this month's "Chronicle" and I trust that everyone will do their best to come and share with us the spiritual uplift of these services.

May God Bless you all,

Your sincere friend and Rector,

RONALD A. JOHNSON.

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PARISH PARS

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, on the celebration of their Silver Wedding. We wish them many years of happiness and God's Blessing.

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We are sorry to lose two splendid church families by removal from the district. Mr. and Mrs. Sayers, and family, although they are not so far away, living now at Croydon, they intend to still keep in touch with All Saints' although they naturally have had to give up some of their activities. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gunner are living for a teaching appointment at Cooma; we shall miss them both. Mrs. Gunner has been a great help to the Choir, and Frank has been our Assistant Organist; we shall miss them, and take this opportunity of saying thank you for all the help given to All Saints'. We wish both families God's Blessing in the days ahead.

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Many thanks to Mr. Eric Olofsson for making a stand for the Movie Screen and presenting it to the Church.

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We regret that Mrs. Calver has had to resign from the District Visiting, and take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to Mrs. Calver for her help and loyal service. We welcome Mrs. Pullen, who is taking Mrs. Calver's place and will continue to collect in Cavendish Street.

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Our sympathy is expressed with Mr. Reg Minter in the loss of his brother recently. Reg's brother was an old digger and his passing was a result of war injuries.

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The projector purchased recently is now in commission. A religious film is being shown each Wednesday during Lent. Do not miss these very excellent films, which make the New Testament live and they help us to understand the Bible, too.

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A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Bosward tells of interesting journeys taken in the island of Tasmania. Mr. Bosward has been collecting ideas from the various churches he and Mrs. Bosward have been attending. We look forward to their return.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Our Church Grounds are causing us a great deal of concern. We have endeavoured to get the grass cut, but so far no one has been willing to

tackle it. It means that we must get a motor mower, and a few working bees will soon make things look much better. We have the opportunity to make our grounds quite attractive but we need money to buy the mower, and then volunteers to work it—the volunteers are forthcoming. Can anyone help us to get the mower?

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ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

On Thursday, the 24th March, at 7.45, His Grace the Archbishop will visit All Saints' in connection with the Bishop Barker Centenary. Our Church is a Barker Church. The Archbishop has planned to visit all the Barker Churches in the diocese during Lent. Will you please remember this date and come to the Church to welcome His Grace, and hear the history of your Church.

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THE PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little children to come unto me."

February 13—Wendy Joan Johnson (at St. Jude's, Dural).

February 16—Bruce Cecil Smith.

February 20—Terrence John Carter.

HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

February 19—William James Perry to Fay Patricia Causer.

February 25—Keith Lawrence Flynn to Ruby Merle Watson.

BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

February 7—Harold Alexander Kennedy (Woronora Cemetery).

February 17—Percy Hitchins, aged 78 years (Rookwood Crematorium).

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COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS—FEBRUARY

	General Fund	Missions	Total	Com'cant
February 6	18 5 6	2 13 8	20 19 2	53
February 13	17 8 7	2 15 6	20 4 1	67
February 20	16 13 10	3 2 11	19 16 9	66
February 23		2 12 9	2 12 9	22
February 27	16 9 7	8 11 11	25 1 6	85
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DISTRICT VISITORS

February

Per: Mrs. Barrett, £3/15/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/10/-; Mrs. Craigie, £6/10/6; Mrs. Mitchell, £2/6/-; Mrs. Humphreys, £6/13/-; Mrs. Furnell, £3/8/-; Miss Bayley, £2/16/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/11/6; Mrs. Thomas, £2/19/-; Mrs. Taylor, 15/6; Mrs. Milarey, £1/3/-; Mrs. Robertson, £5/3/-; Mrs. Olofsson, £1/15/-; Mrs. Smith, £1/18/3; Mrs. Grant, £1/0/6. Total: £46/4/3.

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RECTOR'S SPECIAL APPEAL—Church Renovation Fund

Previously acknowledged with thanks, £100. February received: Mr. Morton, £5; Miss A. N. C. Winter, £5; Mr. Sanderson and Miss Spiller, £5. Total to date, £115.

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A T.A.A. FILM NIGHT

The Trans Australian Airlines Film Unit will visit the parish on Friday, March 11, at 8 p.m. A splendid programme of films will be screened and an interesting programme is assured. We invite Young and Old to spend the evening with us. The evening is being held under the auspices of the Y.C.I., in aid of Church Funds.

LENT AT ALL SAINTS'

We offer these suggestions to you so that your Lenten season may be helpful to your spiritual welfare:—

1. Regular attendance at the Sacrament of Holy Communion every Sunday, and on Wednesdays.
2. Attend the 11 a.m. service and the 7.15 p.m. service to hear special addresses.
3. Share in the Wednesday Evening "Living Bible Series," at 7.45 p.m. Take a missionary envelope or box, or join the Duplex Envelope system and support your own parish church and missions.

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HOLY WEEK AND GOOD FRIDAY AT ALL SAINTS'**For the Children**

During Holy Week a Special Mission for Children will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, at 4 p.m. (after school), finishing with a Children's Service on Good Friday at 10 a.m.

Adults

A service of Holy Communion each morning in Holy Week at 7 a.m.

Holy Week Service on Wednesday, 7.45 p.m., the religious sound film, "Trial Before Pilate."

Thursday Evening—Commemoration of the Institution of the "Lord's Supper," 7.45 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

8 a.m.—Holy Communion with address.

10 a.m.—Children's Service.

12 noon to 3 p.m.—Three Hour Service—Conductor: The Rector.

4 p.m.—March from the Domain to the Cathedral.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

EASTER DAY

6.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.

7.00 a.m.—Choral Communion.

8.15 p.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Children's Service.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

7.15 p.m.—Festal Evensong.

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Y.C.I.

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Y.C.I. was held in the Institute's Club Room on Friday evening, the 18th February. The Meeting was very successful, a feature being the large attendance of members. The Hon. Secretary's Report disclosed that the Y.C.I. had made marked progress during the period reviewed, there being a large increase in membership and in average attendance at the various meetings. The syllabus for the new period is now being drawn up, and many of the items which proved so popular during the past year will be retained. The commencement of the Institute's year is a good time to enrol for membership, and new members will be cordially welcomed. Whether as applicants for membership or as visitors, men of the Parish are invited to attend any of our meetings, which are held in the Y.C.I. Club Room on alternate Friday nights, commencing at 8 p.m. Further particulars regarding the Y.C.I. will be gladly supplied by the Rector or the Church officers.

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FELLOWSHIP

At our meeting on the 8th February, we held a "Mock Parliament," the subject being, "Should the Government cement the sea-bed to make it easier for Crabs to Walk." Some very good arguments were brought forth during the discussion. The boys who were the government eventually won. On 22nd February, we had various song practices towards our "Revue" which will be held in a few months. Practices will be held on Wednesday nights alternate to Fellowship nights, and all members who wish to take part in the production will have to attend. Remember, look

for "F.F.F.F." We welcome three new members in the Fellowship this month and we are happy to report that at our last two meetings we have had an average attendance of 29. Dates of our meetings for March, are 8th, 22nd and 29th. Fellowship members are reminded of communion on the 1st Sunday of each month. March 8, a documentary Film Night will be held. During Lent the Rector is giving a series of talks on "Every Man's Problems and Difficulties." New members will be most welcome.

—JOY OLOFSSON.

ALL SAINTS' BASEBALL CLUB

Preparations are well under way for the coming baseball season following the club's annual meeting on Monday, 21st February, in the Parish Hall.

In the absence of a secretary, reports of last year's games and progress were submitted by Mr. Graham Kearns for "A" Grade and Mr. Reg. Miniter for "B" Grade. Mr. Johnson was present and was appointed Patron of the Club. President Pat Boyle was re-elected, as were Vice-Presidents Atkinson, Jones, Miniter and Olofsson. Bruce Harrison accepted the vacant position of Secretary and Bob McConnell was elected as Assistant Secretary. Alan Boyle was again re-elected as Treasurer. Delegates were then chosen for the Baseball Union's Annual Meeting set down for Monday, 28th February, 1955.

Would all players intending to join our ranks this season contact the Secretary as soon as possible, so that the Provisional Selection Committee may grade the players for the season's teams.

—BRUCE HARRISON, Secretary.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Harold Alexander Kennedy of Morgan Street, Petersham, who passed away suddenly early in February; the Rector conducted the funeral at Woronora Cemetery. We also extend our sincere sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Percy Hitchins who passed away at the age of 78 years. The late Mr. Hitchins lived at 30 Wardell Road, Petersham.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The Y.M. Club meet in the Y.C.I. Clubroom, second Tuesday each month. The next meeting being Tuesday, 8th March, at 8 p.m. We are arranging a Children's Fancy Dress Ball for Saturday, 16th April, in the Church Hall, commencing at 7.45 p.m. Admission: Adults 2/-, Children 1/6. Tea and biscuits will be served and cordial for the children.

The sections are: Best Dressed, 6 years and under and 7 years and over; Best Pair; Best Paper; Most Comical. We hope we will be supported by all families in the Parish. Please bring as many friends as possible. If you cannot attend perhaps you could still buy a ticket or make a donation towards the prizes.

We still have vacancies for tennis on Tuesdays at 287 Stanmore Road, Petersham, commencing at 11 a.m. Our fee is only 2/- for the day. Tea is provided.—I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH FRIENDLY HOUR—FOURTH SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Come and enjoy a cup of tea after Church on the fourth Sunday evening of each month. The Rector and Mrs. Johnson want to meet you. A film of interest to all will be screened.

CHURCH MUSIC

The Royal School of Church Music (R.S.C.M.)

Under the leadership of the Cathedral Organist, Mr. Kenneth Long, a N.S.W. Branch of the R.S.C.M. has been formed in Sydney. Your Rector is a clerical member of the committee and your organist is a member of the executive committee for N.S.W. What does the R.S.C.M. stand for? Its object is to help choirs to make their musical contribution to worship, the best of which they are capable, and to show them how they can do this. To assist organists, choirmasters and choirs to do a better job, after-

noon courses are being held monthly at the Cathedral. Included in the programme for 1955 are courses for choirmasters and clergy, and of special interest to parishes is the afternoon being arranged for churchwardens, parish councillors and others. This particular course is on Saturday, 24th September, at 3 p.m.

All Saints' Choir

Owing to some departures from the district we have an urgent need for new members for our choir. Can YOU help us maintain the musical tradition of which All Saints' is so proud, by offering your services as a choirister?

The passiontide music for Easter this year is "The Passion of Christ," by Fletcher. It is a most musically constructed work, with interesting choruses and well written solo parts. This will be sung at the Evening Service on Palm Sunday.—R. EAGAR, Organist and Choirmaster.

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WOMEN'S GUILD

Meetings were held on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, at 2 p.m. In the absence of the Secretary, very little business was transacted but the members present were quite enthusiastic about tentative plans for the year including the Fete. New Members would be cordially welcomed. The next meeting on March 8, will be preceded by Intercessions in the Chapel at 2 p.m.

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SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

March 6—Donated by Mrs. Sayers, arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 March 13—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Spencer.
 March 20—Donated and arranged by Fellowship.
 March 27—Donated and arranged by Y.M.C.
 April 3—Arranged by Mrs. Morris.
 April 10—Donated by Miss Turner, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.
 April 17—Donated by Kindergarten, arranged by Mrs. Grant.
 April 24—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Quelch.

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DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Anonymous, 10/-; Mr. and Mrs. Bosward, 12/6; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, 12/6.

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RISE OF COLOURED PEOPLES

The rise of coloured peoples will be a major feature of the second half of the twentieth century, predicts the Rev. Keith Cole in a recent report.

Mr. Cole, who is a C.M.S. Missionary and Principal of St. Paul's Divinity School, Limuru, Kenya, said that the rise of the coloured peoples, who represent more than two-thirds of the world's population, would have a tremendous impact on western civilisation.

This impact, he said, would compel the church to review her older conception of "foreign missions." This is clearly seen by the younger churches.

Mr. Cole said that it is imperative that the church face up to the question of its disunity.

He added: "The church in tribulation is inescapably thrown into unity as the dead wood of formalism and disunity is cut away to reveal the true living Church of Christ within. We have seen this in Kenya in the witness of the persecuted Church."

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MUCH BUILDING IN TANGANYIKA

African Christians do a great deal of voluntary work on church buildings in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika.

At Shunga, in the far west of Tanganyika, voluntary labour is at the present time producing a new brick church. All the bricks in the church have been made by Shunga parishioners and the building work is in their hands.

Other buildings at present being erected in the Diocese include a new nurses' home at the C.M.S. Myumi Hospital. The home will accommodate

48 nursing trainees.

A new doctor's house is also being built there.

HOSPITALITY FOR ASIAN STUDENTS

Australian church leaders, in a joint statement, have stressed the need for church people to invite visiting Asian students into their homes.

The church leaders, who include the Primate of Australia, Dr. H. W. K. Mowll, say that, with events moving quickly, opportunities of Christian witness must be grasped while we are able.

They add: "More than 3,000 Asian students are at present in Australia. What kind of ideas will they take to their country in this age of ideological conflict? Will it be a Christian way that they advocate?"

"The answer to that depends actually on the persons they meet, the friends they make here, and where they live. Are YOU prepared to sacrifice that these young future leaders of Asia might share in our heritage?"

The Church of England has been operating a Hostel for Asian students at Drummoyne, Sydney, for some time.

EXCELLENT EXAM. RESULTS AT C.M.S. SCHOOLS

Two girls in Uganda, who were educated at a C.M.S. School, were recently the first girls of the Bagishu tribe to complete a full secondary course and to pass the Cambridge School Certificate.

The girls, Florence Mashaba and Faith Kutosi, are now studying at the Makerere University College, Uganda.

At the C.M.S. Mvumi Girls' School, Tanganyika, all candidates in the standard eight final examinations passed. One first class pass was obtained, 16 second class and four third class.

When the Mvumi School closed at the end of term recently, 15 students left to begin work at higher standard schools and colleges. Missionaries at Mvumi have specially asked for prayer for these girls.

CHURCH MUSIC, MARCH 13 TO APRIL 3

Sunday	Morning	Evening
March 13 Lent III	Holy Communion Choral (Merbecke) Hymns 84, 254, 323.	Hymns 88, 245, 21. Psalm 119, Verses 104 to 120. Anthem: "God So Loved the World" (Goss).
March 20 Lent IV	Hymns 218, 200, 312. Psalm 119, Verses 145 to 160.	Hymns 173, 645, 271. Psalm 39. Anthem: "Bow Down Thine Ear" (Tschaikowsky).
March 27 Lent V Passion Sunday	Hymns 549, 96, 95. Psalm 22.	Hymns 96, 108, 292. Psalm 51. Anthem: "O, Saviour of the World" (Goss).
April 3 Palm Sunday	Hymns 98, 108, 99, 255. Psalm 61.	Hymns 98, 172, 99, 31. Psalm 130. The Sacred Cantata— "The Passion of Christ," by Fletcher, will be sung by choir & visiting soloists.

Services for Good Friday—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion; 10 a.m.—Children's Service; 12 noon to 3 p.m.—Three Hour Service; 7.45 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Services for Easter Day—

6.15 a.m., 7 a.m., 8.15 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.