

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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APRIL 1991



Canon R. E. GODDARD,
Third Rector of All Saints'.

**The Rectory,
All Saints' Church.
Petersham.
2nd April, 1991.**

Dear Friends,

On Monday 25th March we held our Annual Vestry Meeting. It was pleasing to see so many parishioners attending. The Vestry Meeting is the annual business meeting of the church and the time to elect office bearers for the following twelve months.

It is pleasing to see so many younger members of our congregation coming to these meetings and being prepared to stand for election to Parish Council. This encourages us as we look to the future.

Two of our older members decided not to seek re-election. They were Vic and Ida Barrett. We don't expect to see any less of them at Church but they felt it was time to take a well earned rest. It will be difficult to imagine a Parish Council without their presence. They have been associated with All Saints' for over fifty years. We sincerely thank them for all they have contributed to our Parish Council Meetings. We know we still have their support and this we greatly value.

It is always good to remember in our christian activities that we have the support of others. We are not alone. Our greatest support comes from God Himself.

Too often christians, be they individuals or a church congregation, act as if they were a powerless and defeated people. The resurrection and the fact that Jesus is alive and active in our world means nothing.

We must start to live out the Gospel. We are with Christ the victors not the defeated ones. Our cause will triumph not fail. We must begin to act accordingly. The Evil One has long held men and women in

slavery and this is perpetuated by our inability to take the offensive in the power of our Risen Lord.

"We are more than conquerors through Christ" -
says the Scriptures.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Woolcott.

TWELVE GOOD REASONS.

Frances Ridley Havergal, whose lovely hymns form a precious part of our sacred music, has these reasons for attending church.

1. God has blessed the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exception for hot or cold or stormy days.
2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home on account of the weather.
3. By staying away I lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon which would have done me great good.
4. My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are fewer than those days when the church is crowded.
5. On any important business, rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.
6. Such weather will show me on what foundations my faith is built, it will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.
7. Though my excuses satisfy myself, they must still undergo God's scrutiny; and they must be well grounded to do that.

8. There's a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name, He will be there in the midst of them.

9. An avoidable absence from the church is infallible evidence of Spiritual decay. Disciples follow Christ first at a distance and then like Peter, they do not know Him. 10. My faith is to be shown by my self-denying Christian life, and not by the rise and fall of the barometer.

11. Such yielding to surmounting difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary, until thousands never enter a Church, and think they have good reasons for such neglect.

12. I do not know how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to slighted my last Sunday on earth.

CHURCH FLOWERS.

APRIL 7TH - In loving memory of Mum and Dad from
Mrs. Alice Hall.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr and Julie.

APRIL 14TH - Michele in memory of Don. In loving memory
of my mother and my beloved daughter Betty
from Phyl Heap.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

APRIL 21ST - In loving memory of Sidney and Sarah Hays
from their daughter Vera and Son-in-law
Andy.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

APRIL 28th - In loving memory of Jack from Joyce and
family.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

WHAT IS ON AT ALL SAINTS'

EVERY SUNDAY.

9-30am Holy Communion on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

Morning Prayer on the First Sunday.

Family Service on the Third Sunday.

3-30pm Bible Study in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall

4-30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Guild Room.

7-00pm Holy Communion on the First & Third Sundays.

Evening Prayer on the Second, Fourth & Fifth Sundays.

DURING SCHOOL TERM.

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

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. For details contact the Rector.

COMING EVENTS.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY FESTIVAL.

The Home Mission Society (the Anglican Church's welfare organisation) will hold its annual Festival and Thanksgiving Service in St. Andrew's Cathedral on Friday 3rd May. The service will begin at 7-00pm and will be followed by a light supper in the Chapter House. The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Michael Cassidy of African Enterprise.

MARKET DAY (CAR BOOT SALE).

The Parish Council have planned to hold another Market Day (Car Boot Sale) on Saturday 18th May. It is to be conducted along the same lines as the one we held last year. The fee for a site will remain at \$15.00.

BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY ANNUAL SERVICE.

On Thursday 23rd May the Bush Church Aid Society will hold their Annual Thanksgiving Service and Rally in St. Philip's Church York Street, Sydney. The gathering commences at 6-30pm and all are welcomed. Supper will be served after the service.

MAN'S EXCUSES. (Across the page GOD ANSWERS)

- A. I'm alright - I lead a good life and never do anyone any harm.
- B. I'm doing alright on my own thank you! I haven't any need for God.
- C. There is plenty of time later on in life to turn to Christ. I don't want to change anything now.
- D. Sunday is the only day I have left for enjoyment and odd jobs.
- E. I can worship God just as well in the open air as in a stuffy church.
- F. God is love and I can't see Him condemning anyone.
- G. There are too many hypocrites in the Church.
- H. We'll all get to heaven in the end. There is more than one road into God's presence, and it doesn't matter very much what you believe as long as you are sincere.
- I. You don't need to go to church to be a christian.

FAITH.

Faith is needed all the way, Faith to toil and faith to pray.
 Faith to learn and faith to teach, Faith to practise, faith to preach.
 Faith to start each day anew; Faith to do our duty, too
 Faith to help the weak along, Faith to bear, in patience, wrong;
 Faith to smile, though sad within' Faith to conquer every sin;
 Faith to ask Him for His car, While we earthly trails bear.
 Faith to smother every sigh, Faith to live - and faith to die.

GOD'S ANSWER...

- A. The Bible tells that we have all sinned and come short of God's glory.
We all need forgiveness.
- B. We cannot escape God's judgement if we ignore His offer of salvation.
- C. St. James says, "You have no idea what to-morrow will bring?" (James 4:14)
- D. Is this really true? God Said, 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy'. To ignore God on His day is suicidal.
- E. But can you? Is not the fellowship of believers an important thing? "Where two or three are gathered together He is in their midst."
- F. John 3:3 'Unless a man is born again he cannot enter the kingdom of God.'
- G. Christ knew what was in the heart of man, but despite that He loved us and gave Himself for us.
- H. Jesus Christ, God's Son said "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by me."
- I The first christians were given this title because they met together for worship. A christian is one who belongs to Jesus Christ.

How can we hope to be with Him and other christians in heaven if we never meet Him with other christians at worship on earth.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - MARCH, 1991

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertories	3,300.61	Rector's Net Stipend	2,068.15
Donations Wedding 9-3-91	30.00	Rector's Trav. Allowance	524.47
Anonymous donation	27.28	Catechist Stipend & Trav Allow	347.00
Fashion Parade Receipts	211.30	Organist	82.50
Investment Interest		Church Cleaning	250.00
All Saints' Endow A/c	1,480.66	Hall Cleaning	250.00
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Transfer of Funds		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
From Capital Reserve	347.00	Flowers	0.00
From Youth Worker A/c	70.00	Morning Tea Expenses	12.89
		Cleaning Items	19.04
		Postage & Phone Calls	11.10
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration Fund	49.00
		Water Board	185.72
		Annual Licence APRA Ltd.	35.71
		Confirmation Offertories HMS	275.67
		Fashion Parade Expenses	68.20
		General Assessment	924.75
		Parish Supn. Contribution	325.20
	7,450.24	Rector's Supn. Contribution	325.20
Deficit for Month	0.00		
	7,450.24	Surplus for Month	5,974.27
			1,475.97
			7,450.24
BALANCE 1-3-91	1,686.56		
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	0.00		
PLUS SURPLUS FOR MONTH	1,475.97		
BALANCE 31-3-91	3,172.53		

WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

433-35 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, DULWICH HILL—560-9999

890 CANTERBURY ROAD, LAKEMBA—759-4044

You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

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RESTORATION FUND

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