

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B.

HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK, A. JONES.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Before this letter comes to you we shall have begun again the usual activities and the holidays will be behind us. I wish to thank the Rev. Arthur Rutter of All Saints', Ballarat, who took our services on the first three Sundays of January, for his much appreciated help! and to my colleague the Rev. A. Gardner for taking the services on the last Sunday in January. Although the Chronicle was published for the month of January, it was, as usual a smaller paper, and did not contain references to all the events which took place in December, because it was printed the week before Christmas. However, I would like to thank the organist and choir for the special Christmas music given on Sunday evening 15th December. On Sunday, 22nd December, we had Carols by Candlelight. Both these services were well attended and made one feel they were a good preparation for the festive season. The services on Christmas Day were very well attended—in fact the attendances were a record. At the 8 a.m. service on 15th December the Chairman of the Australian Board of Missions commissioned four missionaries who were going to the Mission Field. Two of these were Mr. and Mrs. W. Bailey, well known to us at All Saints', and who have since gone to the Lockhardt River Mission in North Australia. In December we formed the All Saints' Social Service Committee, which undertook the task of helping needy cases in the parish and of giving a small gift to the sick at Christmas. The Rector assisted by Mrs. H. Shaw and Mrs. A. Cook spent four hours on Christmas Eve distributing gifts to six different hospitals in the parish and to a number of parishioners confined to their homes. The small gifts brought tears of joy to many who thought they had been forgotten. About one hundred gifts altogether were distributed in the name of the Church. Our sincere thanks are offered to those who gave money to purchase the gifts and to Mesdames Shaw and Cook for distributing them and to the ladies who helped to wrap them.

On the last day of 1957 two parishioners homes experienced sorrow Mr. and Mrs. Ken Grant lost their little daughter Sonja after a short illness and Mr. Bryce lost his Mother, who had been ill for over a year. Our deepest sympathy is offered to our friends in their great loss but we know they cherish the Christian hope that they will see their loved ones again.

I have arranged for the Harvest Thanksgiving Services to be held on Sunday, 16th February. In addition to the 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. services there will be a Children's Service at 9.45 a.m. Suitable gifts are asked for and may be left at the Rectory or the Church on or before the 16th. The gifts will later be given to the Home of Peace.

Although our Annual Fete is not held until the end of the year many suitable gifts may be passed on to Mrs. Millarey during the year. Our good friend has asked me to include her S.O.S. Appeal in this issue, and I will gladly do so. Also in this Chronicle will appear the first report of the General Chairman of Promotion. It is a splendid report and merits earnest reading.

I hope 1958 will bring every blessing to you and our Church.

Your sincerely

ERIC CHAMPION

FLOWER ROSTER

Feb. 2nd—No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

„ 9th—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Colburt.

„ 16th—No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

„ 23rd—Donated and arranged by Miss Turner.

Mar. 2nd—No donation. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

On January 19th the Sanctuary Flowers were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Worthy in memory of their little daughter Helen.

Ladies are reminded that Guild will resume on Tuesday, 11th February.

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Rev. LAURENCE LOVE of the U.S.A.

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MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Fuller details will be announced next month

YOUR WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH

In a day when men and women are seeking God, and there is in the hearts of many an earnest longing for the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus, it is imperative for Christian men and women to bear effective witness to their Faith.

The Good Friday Procession of Witness presents to Church members a powerful and unique way of bearing testimony to their Faith, a Faith which has been secured for us through the Perfect Sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As in past years, the Procession will assemble in the Domain and will move off sharp at 4.15 p.m. Church Members are asked to pray that this year's Procession will bring inspiration to many, and provide a stirring challenge to those, who as yet have not responded to the claims of Jesus Christ upon their lives.

Rev. A. H. FUNNELL, Hon. Organiser

S.O.S.

SUPPORT OUR STALLS

ART JEWELLERY; TOYS; GAMES; FOREIGN STAMPS; MARBLES;
COMICS; ALL CHILDREN'S BOOKS; ALL ADULT BOOKS
(DON'T FORGET THE "WHO DUN-ITS")

Our Stalls at the Fete last year were a fine success, thanks to everyone who helped to make it so.

As all of the above takes quite a lot of preparation and work, It is necessary to make a start for our next Fete very early in the New Year and that is why I am making a very early and special appeal to all our readers to support our Stalls in any way they can.

If you have any of the above articles (and you may also have some ideas which would be very much appreciated) and no longer need them do give me a ring, Mrs. Millarey—LM 1643—or ring the Rectory—LM 4735—and I will come any time, any place and pick up anything you can give. It is surprising what one can accumulate over the years in drawers and cupboards, and those very things you do not need are exactly what someone else would love to have.

Girls and Boys of our Sunday School, and also all who read this article. Haven't you quite a lot of toys and games and books you no longer need. Don't worry if a coat of paint is needed or something to be done, that can be fixed. How about asking Mum to give me a ring, or bring them up to Sunday School and give them to your Teacher or the Rector. Just think of all the fun you use to have with them, and imagine what lots of fun they will be giving to other little children, and see, also, how much you will be helping your Church and Sunday School.

We want to bring lots of boys and girls to our Sunday School, and what a wonderful help you can give to bring others to Church. Our boys and girls who give their gifts of toys and books, etc., show a wonderful spirit of unselfishness, because sometimes it really is hard to give away something we have had for years, even if we don't really want it now.

Our books for adults is growing steadily in popularity year by year, and to all those who helped we are grateful. Mysteries, Romances, love stories in fiction and pictures, westerns, and all the books most people like to read we are hoping to receive them all from you again this year.

Don't forget the telephone number—LM 1643—and please contact me early as I need to start early.

Many many thanks for your help in the past, and looking forward to the same wonderful help from you once again.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Feb. 2nd—Septuagesima Sunday

" 9th—Sexagesima Sunday.

" 16th—Quinquagesima Sunday (Harvest Services).

" 19th—Ash Wednesday—7 a.m. Holy Communion

During Lent there will be a short devotional service in the Church each Wednesday evening at 7.30. Bible studies based on the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Mch. 30th—Palm Sunday.

Apl. 4th—Good Friday.

" 6th—Easter Day.

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PROMOTION REPORT

126 Crystal Street,
Petersham
9th December, 1957

The Rev. Eric Champion and Parish Councillors,
All Saints' Parish,
Petersham.

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the Promotion Committee I would submit this Report on the first year's promotion work in the Parish.

Achievement

At date of writing signed Pledges for specified amounts each week have been given by 342 parishioners from approximately 310 families, while 30 more parishioners have requested envelopes for unspecified amounts.

The weekly specified amounts total £59/2/- and allowing for unspecified amounts at the average pledge rate of 3/7, the present weekly amount should be approximately £65 or £3510 per annum. Allocations to missions included are £4/12/6 or £249/15/- per annum.

These envelopes have been accepted by people in Divisions 6—9 and those who attended the Loyalty Dinners, that is, from approximately 66% of the Parish District.

Canvassers hope to complete Division 5 before Christmas and to resume canvassing in Divisions 1—4 in the New Year and the completed canvass should increase the amounts above stated quite considerably.

When it is considered that parish collections in 1932 were approximately £9/5/- p.w., in 1946 £12 p.w. and last year £17/15/- p.w., the Parish Council may well feel justified in having adopted promotion.

Thank the Canvassers

When it became apparent that we only had some 25 canvassers instead of 100, the promotion team faced its biggest hurdle.

It was the loyalty, perseverance and devotion to the cause shown by the small team of canvassers that made the whole campaign a success. Only this pulled us through.

Not to mention names, I feel that none will begrudge a word of thanks to Mr. T. Bosward who as Canvass Organiser worked tirelessly to make promotion a success.

Because I feel the special thanks of the Parish to the Canvassers should be clearly recorded before all others. I am attaching a list hereto of all those who helped in this particular work—the canvassing that “made” the promotion.

Generally

In the beginning, it was envisaged finding a group of laymen outside regular Church activities to be Chairmen of about seven Committees. None could be found.

From this point onwards, we had to fall back on the loyalty and assistance offered by Parish Councillors and regulars; to compromise repeatedly from the desirable to the possible and practicable.

Having the experiences of other Parishes and Promotion Dept. to guide us, it seems looking back, that not a single major mistake was made at any stage. Errors were made in our full knowledge, arising from inability to do otherwise in the shortage of helpers.

The significant decisions made were I think, these—

- 1—Having Mr. Tant's maps available to guide the preliminary census gave everybody a clear picture of the job in hand.
- 2—Deciding to adopt the no-budget form of promotion and putting forward the full story of christian stewardship.
- 3—Deciding to produce and issue cards and literature promoting All Saints Parish in particular.
- 4—Deciding to keep strictly to the time-table laid down by the Promotion Dept.
- 5—The Rector's initiative in using films at the **Loyalty Dinners** to illustrate the addresses.
- 6—Deciding to put all the facts before the parishioners about income and attendances—man to man basis.
- 7—In giving sample letters and pamphlets to all canvassers to show their job was being partly done beforehand. Use of film *One Halo Size 7*.
- 8—Discarding anonymous pledge cards.
- 9—Providing supper at all meetings.
- 10—Having the Dinners catered.

Proposal and Resources

The Proposal drawn up by Mr. Hunter, Mr. Brodie and Mr. Pullen was necessary to show the desired result from promotion and to have them on hand if required during the campaign. That proposal should be retained by Council as a basis for applying funds.

The proposal was not published when it was decided to adopt the no-budget Promotion. It is probably just as well as we did not realise enough of the budget amount to be able to say we were successful. (£3510 out of about £5000).

Census

The Census taken revealed approximately 1250 Anglican families in the Parish comprising some 3500 individuals. A complete index has been compiled for use in other ways.

Our thanks go to Mr. Bruce Tant for leading the Census teams.

Hostesses

Mrs. Champion as Chairman Hostess, and Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Humphreys had a very happy team of Hostesses for the dinner arrangements. Outside catering lightened this work; shortage of time made it impossible for hostesses to do any calling, and I think the Hostesses all enjoyed the occasion.

Dinners

The dinners were the highlight of the Promotion—they will not be forgotten for a long time and Mr. Bert Shaw, who did a magnificent job in every way, will never forget them.

The dinners were the best planned piece of the scheme. They ran to date, time and capacity, and gave inspiration to the whole campaign and gave the canvass team a good start.

They were attended by approx 240 and 260 with about 50 children on each evening.

Publicity

Mr. L. Calver and Mr. W. Sopwith were hampered at being asked late to act in place of assistance from other laymen. However the Parish Brochure was on time and was very well received both at the dinners and by the parishioners who received it later by mail.

Secretarial

There was not really any established secretarial system—volunteers popping in and doing the work when required. For two weeks only, during the dinner weeks, did we employ secretarial help.

Council should realise that had not Mrs. Champion done more than reasonable clerical work for us, paid help costing many pounds would have been necessary for probably two months—as indeed the Promotion Dept. advised.

A Secretarial team should be set up for any future campaigns.

Finance

The Council once again owes thanks to its members who backed the promotion by giving personal guarantee of £600 to the Banker—A.N.Z.—and to the Bank—our thanks also.

The total cost of the Promotion appears to be £750 and with a rebate expected from the Dept. of Promotion of £65, a net cost of approx £700.

In other words it cost approx £700 to build up Parish collections from £1700 to £3510—or costs were 20% of total raised. Costs will be no more if the remainder of the Parish can be canvassed.

I should fancy these costs are well below average for a similar-sized Parish.

Completion and Next Year's Campaign

It would be very nice indeed if the Canvassers could finish the whole Parish in the New Year.

The first consideration in planning next year's campaign should be—is it to be a personal or mail canvass—if personal, where and how many are the canvassers.

If the Promotion Dept. or Parish initiative can solve the Canvasser problem well and good. Otherwise, Promotion Dept. should be asked all details of their recommendations for the year, and a Parish plan drawn up that will be a mailing system and caller system combined that will cover—census, canvass and pledge all in one call.

Next year's campaign may be made easier by Stewardship activity beforehand.

Stewardship

The Canvass part of promotion is more or less completed and Stewardship is beginning. Envelopes are arriving, a few new faces are evident. The moneys have to be recorded promptly and the new faces have to be made permanent promptly.

PHYSICS

EXPERT PRIVATE TUITION FOR

Leaving Certificate, Sydney University and
N.S.W. University of Technology apply

A. S. PLOWMAN, A.S.T.C., M.I.E. Aust., A.M.I.E.E. (Lond.)

A.M. Am. I.E.E., Chartered Engineer.

Late Senior Lecturer (Temp.) Electrical Engineering Department,
Sydney University;

Sometime Lecturer-in-Charge, School of Electrical Engineering,
Department of Technical Education and N.S.W. University
of Technology.

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If the Parish wishes to take full advantage of the Promotion, the Council will need to act very quickly and with energy.

It seems to me perhaps, that when Council voted originally on Promotion—there would not have been a very clear picture of what it all meant. The main picture to hand at the time would have been pledges and finance.

The full picture of what promotion can do for the Parish is now revealed to all Councillors. If any assumption above is correct then I feel that a Resolution should be submitted now or at an early future meeting, confirming Council intention of pursuing by promotion the full impact of stewardship within the Parish.

Secondly, either the Council or a Stewardship Committee should bring into active participation every Anglican in the Parish. That should be the ideal.

If it is decided to form a Stewardship Committee and practical difficulties arise, then apply "promotion" to its formation.

The Stewardship Committee might consist the following:—

Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Secretary.

Treasurer.

All District Visitors.

One Representative from every Parish activity and new activities as formed.

Rector and Churchwardens (ex-officio).

Groundsman.

Church Property Representative.

Social Service Officer.

Publicity Officer.

This Committee may either work District by District to bring all Anglicans into participation, or may work on age groups and classifications throughout the Parish, eg., all children, pensioners, etc.

Good work by this Committee could make next year's promotion very easy—and I would guess that this continuing form of promotion through stewardship is allowed to be forgotten too easily. Don't let it happen here!

I would extend my thanks to Mr. Champion and Mrs. Champion for being so patient with me over the last few months and for the unhesitating way in which they hopped in to make the Canvass a success.

I would express my thanks to the Council for giving me the opportunity of doing something for the Parish and for the confidence they showed me at all times.

I would express my humble thanks to everyone who helped in the promotion work for their wonderful co-operation, good humour and their extreme perseverance.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. PETHERBRIDGE, General Chairman

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Mrs. BOSWARD, 11 Denning Street, Petersham.
BERT SHAW, 3 New Canterbury Road, Petersham.
BEN PULLEN, 139 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.
W. BAILEY, 24 Denning Street, Petersham.
Mrs. W. BAILEY, 24 Denning Street, Petersham.
J. BALL, 36 Middle Street, Marrickville.
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Mrs. COOK, Stanmore Road, Petersham.
B. SAYERS, 1 Wellington Street, Croydon.
K. GRANT, Church Street, Ashfield.
KEITH DINGLE, 9 Middle Street, Marrickville.
VIC BARRETT, John Street, Petersham.
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Mrs. HUMPHREY, 68 John Street, Petersham.
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Mrs. MALONE, Audley Street, Stanmore.
BRUCE TANT, Shaw Street, Petersham.
Mrs. TANT, Shaw Street, Petersham.