

The Chronicle

of All Saints'

Petersham

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Sunday 13 February 1994 at the 9-30a.m. Service

**All Saints' Church
Petersham.
January, 1994**

Dear Readers,

Greetings. This is my first "Chronicle" message as Rector of All Saints'. I trust that you enjoyed Christmas and the New Year. As I write this my family and I have been at Petersham for one month. We have settled in quite well already - the Rectory is very spacious and comfortable, and we have spent time at Petersham Pool and the parks. It's quite a good area to live.

I have been reading up on the history of Petersham Anglican Church. One hundred & twenty three years is a long time, and many lives have come under the influence of the church's activities over the time. However, having had such a long and illustrious history can have some negatives today. What can develop, and I believe what is evident here at All Saints' to some degree, is a tendency to yearn for the good days of the past - to look back rather than ahead. Churches with a long and grand history can lose sight of their purpose for today and their vision for tomorrow. This is especially true in parishes where there has been tremendous change in the last twenty years. The "ethnic" population far outnumbers the Anglican, church attendances have dwindled, the church members are aging, finances are scarce, It can become depressing. So we look back at the past and sigh.

In the face of this, however, my desire is for our church to capture a vision for what we are to be. Then, to set about working to see that vision come to fruition.

Our vision will come from God. The means to bring it about will come from God. Therefore we need to be praying that God will send his Spirit upon us to enliven us and to work in and through us. We need to pray that the name of Jesus will be honoured and that his Kingdom will grow in Petersham and in all the world.

Next month I plan to outline in some detail a Vision for our church, and some goals and strategies which will move us towards seeing that vision materialise. In the meantime please pray for us, that God would be glorified in all we do, and that he will indeed fill us with the Holy Spirit and so equip us for the exciting challenges ahead.

**Your servant in Christ,
Paul Watson.**

Meet the Watsons

Paul	Age	37
	Grew up	Moss Vale NSW
	Education etc	Moss Vale High, Uni NSW (Commerce) Ten years in Coal Mining Co., Moore College, Asst Minister at St. John's Park 1990 - 93 Became a Christian in 1977 - through marriage preparation Married to Diane for 16 years (in April)
	Favourite Hobby	Boating
	Musical Instrument	Drums, guitar.
	Sports	League (Easts), golf, water skiing.
Diane	Age	36
	Grew up	England (Stratford) & Berkely NSW.
	Education etc	Berkely High, Wollongong TAFE (Adv Secretarial), Secretary, Sales, Raising 4 children.
	Hobby	Folk Art
	Favourite Food	Anything I don't have to cook.
Peter	Age	12
	Grew up (so far)	Albion Park, Figtree, Fairlight, Ermington, St. John's Park
	Education	This year, Trinity Grammar Yr 7
	Hobbies	Electric Guitar, writing songs
	Sports	Cricket, golf, soccer.
Mark	Age	11 (March)
	Grew up	As above.
	Education	To Yr 5 St. John's Park Primary This year Petersham Primary Yr 6.
	Hobbies	Wild things (crocodiles, spiders), Drums, Drama.
	Sports	Judo, cricket, golf, water skiing.
Jessica	Age	8
	Education	Yr 2 at St. John's Park Infants This year Petersham Primary Yr 5
	Hobbies	Playing, Ballet
	Sports	Water Skiing
Matthew	Age	2
	Education	From his brothers and sister.
	Hobbies	Playing
	Music	Guitar, drums
	Favourite words	"Mmmm, Mac Time!"
	Favourite Person	Mum

What's On This Month of Sundays?

February marks the beginning of a sermon series entitled "CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED". As the name implies, we will be going back to basics to look at what our Faith is all about. This is a great series (it goes for 6 weeks) for people checking out who Jesus is and why he came. [Both morning & evening services]

Date	9-30am	6-30pm	Topic
Feb 6	Morning Prayer	Evening Worship	"Jesus - Son of God"
13	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	"His Crucifixion"
20	Family Service	Holy Communion	"His Resurrection"
27	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	"Grace - Not Works"
Mar 6	Morning Prayer	Evening Worship	"Repentance"
13	Holy Communion	Evening Worship	"Faith"

Reclassification as a Provisional Parish.

We have received notification that as from 31 December 1993 our Parish has been made a Provisional Parish. Clause 8 (i) of the Parishes Ordinance 1979 determines that if a Parish cannot meet the cost of the Rector's stipend and statutory provisions for three consecutive years, from local revenues, then it becomes a Provisional Parish. This means that we lose the right of nomination and that we can have only one Synod representative from the laity. On the positive side however, the Diocesan assessments are reduced so that we pay only #356 in 1994 as against \$5460 in 1993.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 13 February 9-30am Service.

Gifts of food or vegetables are requested as a thank you to for the blessing given to us. The enable the Church to be decorated on Saturday afternoon your gifts may be left at the Church on Saturday morning.

Following the Harvest Festival your gifts will be given to Eversleigh Hospital.



**FLOWER
DONATIONS.**



Our worship services are really enhanced when the place in which we meet is welcoming and attractive and pleasurable to come to. Over many years All Saints' Petersham has had floral decorations which have served to glorify God and to accentuate the beauty of our building.

Thankyou to the many people who serve God and each of us by giving and arranging the flowers week by week. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Edith Hearn who this month marks the tenth year of her ministry of co-ordinating the floral decorations.

A number of people give money for flowers to be placed as a memorial for a loved one or to commemorate a special event. We are happy to continue this practice by making mention of the person in whose memory the flowers are placed, or the occasion being commemorated. Such mention will be made in the "Chronicle" and the weekly bulletin.

Enquiries, please contact Paul Watson. (Rector).

Memorials January & February.

Jan -9 - In memory of Mrs. Shiels.

Jan 23 - In loving memory of Daphne.

Feb 27 - In memory of Mrs. Sheriff.



The Parish Register

FUNERALS

We extend sincere Christian sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved. To all who mourn, we commend the words of our Lord:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live". John 11:25.

10 December, 1993 Eileen Rose Cheetham

Special Notice to the Parishioners of All Saints' Petersham.

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be

held on

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 1994.

Commencing at 11-00a.m.


in the Church.

“TLC Groups”

What is a “TLC Group”? Its our name for what is often referred to as a “Bible Study Group”. But it is more than a group that studies the Bible. A TLC Group seeks to understand God’s word, and then to put it to work in our lives. TLC stands for “Tender Loving Care”, and that describes how we will aim to relate to one another. Small groups such as these are at the heart of the life of the church. It is in these groups where we can pray and study God’s word together, to encourage, challenge, sometimes rebuke, and to love one another at a level of intimacy not possible in the Sunday worship services.

TLC Groups will be starting in the first week in February. Why not consider becoming part of a group this year. Please call Paul Watson on 569-4735 for further information.

*The Bible is a
letter God has
sent to us;
prayer is a
letter we send
to Him. Matthew Henry.*



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - DECEMBER 1993

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offerories	2,701.67	Rev. J. Holmes	470.00
Mrs. Carr - District Visitor's Collection	72.00	Rector's Stipend 15/12/93 to 31/12/93	1,255.28
Insurance Claim Front Fence	40.00	Rector's Petty Cash	30.00
Refund Walters Hire deposit on cups	50.00	Organist	0.00
25% Reimbursement for Ministers		Church Cleaning	250.00
Removal Expenses	227.50	Hall Cleaning	250.00
Transfer of Funds from Endowment A/c	3,661.69	Telephone Account	76.30
		Cleaning Purchases	13.38
		Flowers	60.00
		Morning Tea Expenses	9.56
		Postage & Phone Calls	43.30
		Rector's Supn Parish Contrib 15/-31/12	131.41
		Induction Services Expenses	187.95
		General Assessment Dec Qtr.	1,365.00
		Repairs & Tuning Hall Piano	120.00
		Induction Serv. Offerories to HMS	497.00
		Advent Sunday Offerories to HMS	190.00
		Presentation to Lay Readers	200.00
		Advert Re Christmas Services	78.00
		Advert Re Fete	32.45
		Communion Wine	14.89
	6,752.86	Paper Towelling	54.15
Deficit for month	681.80	1000 Hot Drink Cups	25.42
	7,434.66	Napkins & Doyles	11.82
		Electrical Maintenance	162.25
		Repairs to Front Fence	340.00
		Cleaning Rectory Carpet	85.00
		Provision of two handrail Church	350.00
		Personal Accident Voluntary Workers	
		Insurance Premium	196.50
		Donation to Clempston Park Rover Club	
		for use of tent	25.00
		Rector's Removal Expenses	910.00
			7,434.66
		Surplus for month	0.00
BALANCE 1-12-93	6,723.70		7,434.66
Less deficit for month	681.80		
Plus surplus for month	0.00		
BALANCE 31-12-9	6,041.90		