

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS !

This month All Saints' Anglican Church Petersham is 75 years old. A special Service followed by morning tea will be held on
SUNDAY, 20th AUGUST, 1978

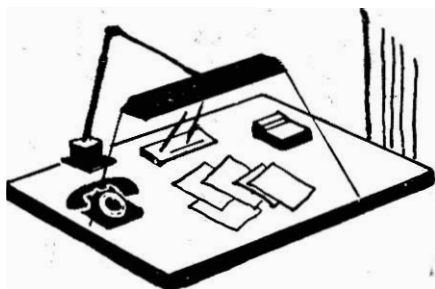
at 10 a.m.

ALL WELCOME!

SERVICE TIMES:—

- 8 a.m. — HOLY COMMUNION.
- 10 a.m. — 1st & 5th Sundays — MORNING PRAYER.
2nd & 4th Sundays — HOLY COMMUNION.
- 5 p.m. — EVENING PRAYER.
(3rd Sundays — Holy Communion).
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- 10 a.m. — 3rd Sunday — FAMILY SERVICE.
(on other Sundays at 9.55 a.m. Sunday School).

From your Minister's Desk



Dear Friends,

I am conscious that each month the Chronicle may be read by people who are not members of our congregation—maybe not known to us. This possibility is going to be greater from now on. We are grateful to one of our men for undertaking to leave in letter boxes copies of this monthly "family newsletter". He will be doing a different small section of the parish each month. Our hope is to introduce our church to new people who may not know us—maybe not even know about us. In this way we hope to extend a warm invitation to our neighbours to come and share with us in our seeking to know God and worship Him, and to fellowship together as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please accept this as a personal invitation to meet us and share with us.

In August there will be a special opportunity. This month marks the 75th Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' Church by the then Bishop of Newcastle on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney. It has been the habit of the parish to observe the anniversary of that occasion by holding a Dinner. This year it has been decided to change this by having a Special Service followed by a Morning Tea on a Sunday morning. This will take place at 10 a.m. on 20th August. Rev. Alan Donohoo of All Souls', Leichhardt who is Chairman of the Church's Inner City Committee, will be our guest preacher. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Donohoo who is Rector of one of the "daughter" churches of All Saints. We will also be welcoming the members of the "Rainbow Choir" from the Wesley Centre who will provide special musical items during the service and at the morning tea.

Do come and share this occasion and give us the chance of "getting to know you".

On behalf of our congregation may I assure you of looking forward to sharing the occasion with you, and any friends you'd care to bring along also.

Your friend in Christ Jesus,

S. W. GISSING, Rector.

Please Note: There will be no 8 a.m. Service on Sunday, August 20.



Meet Alan Donohoo

The Rev. Alan Donohoo, rector of All Souls Leichhardt and Director of the Anglican Church's Inner City Work says that long before he entered Moore College, God had called him to work in Sydney's inner-city.

This call was intensified by the experience of two years as catechist at Waterloo. Since then he has served successively in the parishes of Balmain, Cooks River and Leichhardt.

As Inner-City Director he has many opportunities to exercise what he sees as his special gift—like the Apostle Barnabas he's an encourager.

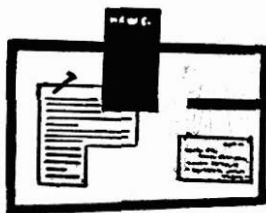
The Anglican Church in Sydney first began to see the need to give special help to inner-city Churches as far back as 1963. In that year the Rev. (now Bishop) David Sheppard who was Warden of London's Mayflower Centre spent some time consulting with Sydney Anglicans at the end of the cricket tour in which he took part.

In 1969 a Commission on the Church's work in the Inner-City delivered its report; and since that time the Church as a whole has put more and more resources and personnel into the task of strengthening the work of the Inner-City Parishes.

Some of the main projects have been the restoration of St. Saviours Church, Redfern with the appointment, and funding of staff in that Parish, work with Turkish migrants, Aborigines and provision of staff assistance in nearly all of the twenty parishes which comprise the Inner-City area.

Mr. Donohoo has had contact with All Saints before. He has stories to tell of cricket battles between All Saints and his home parish, St. Andrews, Summer Hill. He was a guest speaker at a previous All Saints Anniversary.

He is married with five children.



NEWS BRIEFS

GUILD NOTES

While sharing in an "After Service" cup of coffee at the Cathedral a couple of months ago, I met up with an "old" friend who told me of a very interesting trip she had through Russia recently. She said she'd be happy to come to speak to us about her experiences there. So please come and share with us at our next Guild Meeting on Tuesday, 15th August when Miss Ruth Gledhill will be our guest and will take us "To Russia With Love".

Members—or prospective members—(and we would love to have you as a member) are to meet in the Guild Room at 1.15 p.m. for a short Business Meeting and our Guest will speak to us at 2 p.m. so visiting friends would be most welcome then. We all share in a very happy time of fellowship over a "cuppa" before we go home. Looking forward to your company,

BETTY GISSING, Pres.

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WOMENS AFTERNOON GROUP

Quite a large, happy group of ladies, braved the cold winters day for our July meeting, when Mrs. Messenger gave us a very interesting afternoon, describing the values of different products she had on display.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, August 1st at 1.30 p.m. Mrs. Gwen Ostling will be our Guest Speaker.

The September meeting, on Tuesday, September 5th, at 1.30 p.m. will only be a business meeting. But if anyone would care to join us we would be only too pleased to have their company, and there is always a great afternoon tea.

Our Jumble Stall on Friday, 14th July cleared \$114.00, the Jewelry and Knitted Goods combined totaled \$70.00, making the days effort worth \$184.00.

I sincerely thank all those who helped or donated in any way.

Our next combined stall will be held after the Annual Fete.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

SENIOR PARISHIONERS CLUB

The club still continues to be cheery inside the Parish Hall, with all the heaters and lights on, tucked away from the cold winds and rain. We had to dodge a few drips but that was easily done, and won't be for long. So we are still waiting for you to come along, any Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., still only 30c.

You don't need any qualifications what-so-ever and the cup of tea is really good.

I'm sorry to report that Mrs. Swankie is in hospital, not very well at all. We all wish you a very speedy recovery Dulcie.

I am also sorry to have to report that Mrs. Fields, passed away at the age of 103, she was once a regular member of our club, but has been ill for some years and may not have been known to many of our present members.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Preparation classes for those interested in becoming Confirmed members of the Church of England will be commencing in August. Any folk who would like to make enquiry are asked to contact the Rector as soon as possible. The age requirement is 14 years or over.

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CRUSADE 79

What Billy Graham says:

Dr. Billy Graham expects his third Sydney Crusade next year to have two effects—to help re-vitalise the participating churches, and to cause outsiders to hear and discuss the gospel.

Dr. Graham discussed his Sydney expectations in a trans-Pacific interview with the Rev. John Edmonstone, director of religious broadcasting for radio station 2CH, Sydney.

The Crusade will be held at the Randwick Racecourse from April 29—May 20, 1979. Dr. Graham previously held Crusades in Sydney in 1959 and 1968.

"If Christians will unite and pray, I believe God will send a spiritual awakening to certain areas of the city," Dr. Graham said.

When asked his first reaction to the invitation to return to Sydney, Dr. Graham said: "I was very moved and humbled. We've been travelling about the world, preaching the Gospel on every continent, and I never really thought we would come back to Sydney for a Crusade. But when I received the letter of invitation from Archbishop Loane, I gave it a great deal of thought and prayer and discussed with my team members and close associates. We felt that perhaps we should come back. We felt it was God's time and plan."

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ACCENT ON EDUCATION

To date 1978 has been a year marked by an almost unprecedented interest in educational issues. These issues have centered around such matters as finance for education, the role of the school in our present society, the rights of parents, the goals of education, sexism in education and so on. Such ferment has prompted the N.S.W. Government to conduct a series of seminars (two of which have been held so far) under the general theme, "Is it time for an Educational audit?" Important proposals have also been made for the restructuring of the administration of education in the State by the setting up of an eleven member "Education Commission."

There can be no doubt that we are living in a period of great social change. Changes in the economy and technology and a range of other factors have caused such a degree of unemployment, especially among young people, that some educators are now talking about "Education for unemployment". In this connection, basic questions about the need to "share work" have been raised. In addition, we are facing considerable breakdown in family life and relationships, and a growing recourse to drugs of various kinds as a way of coping with our problems.

Much more could be said about the state of our society but sufficient has been noted to cause the Christian pose some fundamental questions. For example, "how do we relate our understandings of the Christian Faith to some of these issues?" "What specific actions should Christians take in relation to these concerns?" "In what ways should Christians be involved in education at the local level?" None of these questions can be answered simply or with dogmatic certainty but the task facing Christians is urgent.

Rev. Tom Wallace—Director of Education, Diocese of Sydney.

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OPEN DAY AT CHARLTON HOMES

Charlton Memorial Home at 16 Brunswick Parade, (off Arthur Street) Ashfield is having an OPEN DAY on Saturday, 12th August between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

THE OBJECT IS FOR CHURCH PEOPLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING CHARLTON AND TO LEARN SOMETHING OF THE WORK.

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From The Parish Bookstall

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis.

C. S. Lewis was for many years an atheist. An outstanding scholar and popular lecturer, he was converted in 1929. In his own words: "I gave in, and admitted that God was God . . . perhaps the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England".

Screwtape letters is a classic, having sold more than half a million copies since it first appeared in 1942.

Screwtape is a senior devil who writes to his nephew Wormwood. The senior devil coaches his protege on the best way to ensnare the human person to whom he has been assigned.

Lewis' introduction explains the purpose of the book: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight".

This witty and amusing book will help the reader who is interested in overcoming the temptations which cross our daily path.

It needs to be read with care. You can't take what Screwtape says at face value. As Lewis cautions in the introduction: "Readers are advised to remember that the devil is a liar".

Here is an extract from one of the letters:

"I see only one thing to do at the moment. Your patient has become humble, have you drawn his attention to the fact. All virtues are less formidable to us once the man is aware that he has them, but this is specially true of humility. Catch him at the moment when he is really poor in spirit and smuggle into his mind the gratifying reflection, 'By jove! I'm being humble', and almost immediately pride—pride of his humility—will appear. If he awakes to the danger and tries to smother this new type of pride, make him proud of his attempt, and so on . . ."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Our fancy dress party that was held in June was very successful. I would like to congratulate all who won a prize. Also I would like to thank all who helped with the supper and the games.

With the fete not far away I would like to ask parishioners to save their 2oz. coffee bottles, small jam bottles or I.X.L. jam pots. These will be used at our jam making in October. To arrange to have your bottles picked up please phone me on 560-9972.

Noel Cragg
Superintendent.

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FLOWER ROSTER

August

- 6th — Mrs. P. Roberts, Beryl and Gary in memory of Mr. William John Roberts.
Mrs. Willis in memory of Mrs. Shiels.
- 13th — Mrs D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones.
- 20th — Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield.
- 27th — Mrs. Hillary in memory of her husband Bertram Hillary.

September

- 26th Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Garland in memory of Mrs. Sheriff.





KNOW YOUR GOD

The Holiness of God.

'Trans cendent' is not, of course a biblical word. Perhaps the nearest equivalent is 'Holy,' and it is one of the most significant word the old Testament applies to God. Indeed, it is God's special word, so much so that the bare adjective standing on its own can have only one meaning:

"to whom then shall you compare me that I should be likehim? says the Holy" (Is. 40:25).

It sums up the nature of God, that it may be used as name for Him, and no one can misunderstand it.

Not that nothing else is ever called 'holy' — far from it. There are holy places, holy water holy garments, holy ointment and holy food to mention but a few. But they belong to God; that is what the word means. Holiness is essentially not a matter of character, but of status. Ordinary things become holy not by some magical transformation but by being dedicated to God. 'Holy', when applied to anyone or anything other than God, means simply that they are set apart and belong to Him. It is His mark of ownership.

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People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.
