

The Chronicle

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

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

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. C. CALVER, W. SOPWITH, Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS, and Messrs. R. F. ATKINSON, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, A. E. CARRUTHERS, D. COOKE, F. P. GUNNER, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. T. SAYERS, N. SCOTT, A. H. THOMAS.

Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.

Treasurer: Colonel C. H. GRANVILLE.

Organist and Choirmaster: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR.

Verger: (Vacant).

Motto for 1953

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy
trust in Him Psalm 37: 5 (H.B.H.)

THE RECTOR'S LETTER

All Saints' Rectory,

20th December, 1952.

Dear People of All Saints',

Owing to the printing trade holidays it is necessary to prepare the January "Chronicle" earlier than usual. This issue, therefore, cannot include some things you are accustomed to find: for example, the District Visitors' lists. However, anything that must be omitted will be included in the February issue.

There is always a feeling of mystery, and perhaps of fear, when we stand at the threshold of new country and new experience. We all face in this New Year a future dim with uncertainty, even dark with menace. We bring to the adventure a fine heritage from the past; but that is not enough. We may fall back on what we have achieved, or our fathers before us. We may have to face trials and temptations far too great for us. We need something more—the light of Christ's teaching and the comfort of God's presence and grace. Through Christ we know the spirit in which to face the future and the principles on which to act. The Christian way—so simple, yet so difficult—is the way to solve our problems. The whole basis of our Christian faith is that by the Power of the Living Spirit we **CAN** move on to a higher plane of living. Men tend to despise themselves because of their failures, and give up trying: but there **is** a Power, above and beyond and greater than ourselves Who can come into our lives and give us the victory over self. If this year is to be in any sense a new one, there must be some change in ourselves. This prompts me to ask you to read and think upon Cannon Elliott's Broadcast Talk published in this issue. St. Paul writing to his friends in Corinth, says: "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature . . ." If we would accept the new life our Lord came to give, trying to make His standard our standard, and His values our values, our New Year resolutions would then become real and permanent, not just fleeting emotions which come to us on January 1st. We have been so recently hearing the well-known words, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill towards men." It is well to remember that the second part of that text is dependent upon the first part, for it is **ONLY** as we give glory to God in the highest that we can look for or expect peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

This year is an important one for us at All Saints', as you will see if you read the letter following, which was distributed at Church. It is included in this issue in the hope that you will give your utmost co-operation to the Jubilee Fund. We shall need the aid of every parishioner, if we are to attain our objective.

We wish you one and all "A Happy New Year."

Yours very sincerely,

C. E. Adams.

The high cost of living is no respecter of persons or institutions: and it has possibly crossed your mind that just as your costs are up, so are the expenses of the Church and its work.

All Saints' is 81 years old, and next August we commemorate the 50th year of its consecration. We want to mark this in some special way; and in view of our urgent needs we are launching on Christmas Day, 1952, a Jubilee Fund for Church renovation.

The first urgent need is a new Church roof which, it is estimated, will cost £1,115. Further patching is ineffective, and is a waste of money. To this expenditure must be added the £200 which we aim to raise annually for our Parish Hall debt. For these and other commitments we shall need £1,500 in 1953.

A Box system is being inaugurated on Christmas Day for this purpose. Boxes will be called in periodically and re-issued through the year. If every Anglican family gave a minimum of one shilling per week (over and above what is subscribed through the offertories and given to the District Visitors) our needs would be fully met. We realise this is a formidable task, but we know it is not impossible; for we rely, with God's help, upon the generosity of our people, which, we record with a deep sense of gratitude, has never failed All Saints' in the past.

We plead for your sympathetic support and utmost co-operation in this special Jubilee effort. In order to facilitate the issue of boxes, will you please sign and return the appended slip as soon as you possibly can?

Yours very sincerely,

Rector, Churchwardens and Parish Council.

TO:—

The Rector and Churchwardens,
All Saints' Petersham.

I/We will willingly assist the JUBILEE FUND by taking a box.

I will collect the box at Church

or

I would like the box delivered to my home.

cross out
according to
requirements.

Name.....

Address.....

ON THE NEW YEAR

Well, here we are, my friends, in the New Year. At least the calendar tells us so, though I don't think myself that the calendar has much to do with it. It is true that times change and that we change with them, but it is the changes that take place within ourselves that cause and determine all those other changes that become evident in the world at large with the passing years. We cannot invert that order, and we shall be wise to take notice of it. There will be nothing much that is new in this year that is before us if we ourselves remain just as we were, playing the same old selfish game, moving in the same little narrow grooves, the same in our prejudices, the same in our habits, the same in our sins. If we want, you and I, to make this a New Year, we must see to it that there is something really new in our own hearts and minds.

Our civilisation, as historians will tell you, is merely the expression of certain ideas that men have had and still have about their common human life. There can be no hope of any change at all in that civilisation—except a succession of seasons when first we sow and then we reap, the sowing and the reaping being of course of the same natural and moral order—unless somebody comes along with an idea that is new. Then, indeed, things may begin to happen. And it is exactly the same on a smaller scale with you and me.

How, then, can you and I try to get some of these new ideas that may make such a difference to us, and therefore to many others, during the next twelve months? May I suggest, to begin with, that we should endeavour to look at life from a new point of view? A change in a point of view, you know, may change everything. When we quarrel sometimes we often end by saying rather obstinately: "That may be all right from your point of view, but it's not from mine." Obviously the point of view matters a lot. As the Eastern proverb has it: "The camel driver has his thoughts, and the camel he has his." Surely I am right in saying that most of the trouble with the modern world lies in the fact that most of us are totally unwilling, perhaps even unable to look at the problems that concern us all from any point of view except our own.

As an individual, you no doubt have your views, as we call them, on this and that, on the world situation, for example, on the economic question, on the moral standard required from a citizen like yourself in the ordering of his own life. Those views may be quite honest, but if you could put yourself in the place of somebody else those views would certainly change. You would find yourself looking at life in quite a different way. To take a simple instance, it is one thing to talk about poverty from an easy chair, but a very different thing indeed to talk about it from one of the benches in a common lodging house.

I admit at once that it is not at all easy to see both of these points of view or to put oneself by imagination in another man's place, as Christ Himself did by more than imagination when He was born amongst us on the first Christmas Day. But we could do something, a great deal in fact, by a little more investigation, a little more thought, and a little more sympathy.

How would it be, do you think, if we all tried this year to move away from our own points of view, to see life, so far as we can, as others see it, to feel life as others feel it, to forget ourselves with our own personal aims and interests, and to merge ourselves in our thinking, in our speaking, in our deciding, in what seems to us to be the common good? It would be a big adventure, I warn you, but almost certainly we should lose in the process most of our worries and our fears and our resentments, which, as you know and I know, are nearly always bound up with ourselves. And we might find peace, true peace, for the lack of which this world of ours is becoming bankrupt not only in money but in ideals.

Get it clear in your mind that so significant a change in your point of view and mine will mean a hard climb upwards, though I know that the views to be seen up there are much clearer and much lovelier than anything of life that we have had as yet. But we simply can't attempt it without a new motive.

The truest and best motive in life, if we will go so far as to admit that Christ was right about it and have a mind to listen in these troubled days to His own clear voice, is so to live day by day that we may make ourselves and others ready for the coming of the kingdom of God, for the acceptance,

that is, amongst men and nations of the rule of God, as being absolute as God is absolute, unchangeable as God is unchangeable, eternal as God is eternal. That rule of God makes for all that is good and pure and lovely in lives, for rightness and justice and goodwill in each and every one of our human affairs. It is only when men have learnt to live for that, not to please themselves or to advantage themselves, not to curry favour with others, but to obey Him, to please Him, and to serve Him, that the old dreadful things shall pass away from our experience and all shall be made new.

At Christmas the angels' song was of "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth to men of goodwill." There is the direction that we want in this bewildered age. There is the motive—"Glory to God in the highest." There is the condition—"men of goodwill." And there is the promise—"peace on earth." It depends upon ourselves whether we have the faith, the courage, and the common sense to accept it.

I am certain of this—that if we accept it, if we try to translate into reality our daily prayer—"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is heaven"—we shall be possessed in mind and heart with a new power. God knows that to face life nowadays we need new power, and only God Himself can give it to us. But even He cannot give it to us if we are not ready, with a new outlook upon life and a new motive, to take it from Him. Think it over, Ponder it well. And in that hope I wish you all from my heart a happy New Year.

—Canon W. H. Elliott in "Midweek Talks."

MATTERS MAINLY PAROCHIAL

Women's Guild.—The only meeting for December was a short business one on 11th which was followed by a social hour and supper. This meeting was well attended and Christmas Greetings were exchanged.

We are commencing the New Year with a combined Card Evening and Dance on Wednesday, February 4th.

As this is in aid of the Jubilee Appeal Fund we have enlisted the help of the Fellowship, who will take charge of dancing arrangements.

We hope all the young people will come along to spend a happy evening dancing. The Y.C.I. has kindly lent the clubroom for the card players, and for non-card players there will be other games.

We ask for the co-operation of all parishioners. The following meeting will be the Gift Evening for the Home of Peace on Thursday, February 12th.

A Happy New Year to all members and friends.—V. LUCAS, Secretary.

Pageant.—The following letter has been received from His Grace, The Archbishop:—

"As I leave for India, plans are being finalised for a great Pageant to be held in the Sydney Town Hall on Good Friday, Easter Eve and Easter Monday evenings, April 3, 4 and 6, 1953. Bishop Pilcher has written the Pageant, to provide a means of teaching those who see it the value of the Reformation and its Theology.

I hope that each one of you will do his utmost to make the Pageant a success and give it wide publicity between now and Easter. It may help if this letter can be read to congregations and details published regularly in Parish Papers between now and the time of the Pageant.

With my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

All Saints' Sunday School.—The Kindergarten scholars had a very happy time at their Christmas Party on December 6th; Mrs. Quelch and her keen band of helpers are to be congratulated upon this successful function.

The Annual Prize Giving took place on December 14th, when Miss Daisy Muldoon presented the Prizes to the successful scholars. On this occasion opportunity was taken to present Miss Muldoon and Miss Rex with book tokens in appreciation of their long and valued services to the school; we regret that they have found it necessary to resign; also a wedding gift was presented to Miss Coral Mudford whose marriage took place the following Saturday. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Les Robertson our congratulations and good wishes for their future happiness.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. A. E. Carruthers found it necessary to relinquish the office of Honorary Treasurer. As a small token of our appreciation of his invaluable service over the past 17 years, we presented him with a wallet. Happily he is continuing as a teacher.

Promotions have taken place and the Scholars are in their new classes; we were very pleased to welcome Miss Yvonne Arnfield and Mr. Frank Gunner to the staff, also several of our senior girls have joined the Kindergarten staff, but we still urgently need two more ladies, can YOU help in this important work?

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £2/2/0 from our good friends, the Young Marrieds' Club, towards the prizes, we sincerely thank the Club members for their continued assistance.

In closing, we wish to thank Parents and Friends who have supported the School through another year of its activity and to wish you all a Very Happy 1953.—R. F. Atkinson, Superintendent.

Y.C.I.—A debate was held at our first meeting in December. We had as our guests the members of the Sunday School Extension Group, and a team from that body contested a debate with a Y.C.I. team. The Group's team affirmed "that the youth of today is responding to the Gospel." A very interesting debate ensued, and the adjudicator's marking disclosed that the visitors had won by a narrow margin. The Y.C.I. Bucks' Christmas Party, held on Friday, 19th December, was a great success. It was our pleasure to welcome several visitors including Mr. Robin Facius of Perth. The games and the supper provided plenty of fun and the good fellowship all combined to give great pleasure to members and guests alike. Our next meeting ("Manuscript Journal") will be held on Friday, 9th January, 1953.

Nineteen Fifty-three.—People sometimes ask, "When does Lent commence this year?" "When is Easter Day?" Here are some important days in the Church year which we should remember:—

Ash Wednesday	February 18
First Sunday in Lent	February 22
Palm Sunday	March 29
Good Friday	April 3
Easter Day	April 5
Ascension Day	May 14
Whitsunday	May 24
Trinity Sunday	May 31

Harvest Festival 1953.—Good notice is given of our Harvest Festival services, which will be held on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 15. As usual, all our gifts will be sent to The Home of Peace.

Acknowledgements.—Since our last issue we received, with thanks, £1/1/- from the Y.M. Club for Melanesia, making the total £101/11/0. We also thank Miss M. Rex for a donation of £1 towards the Rectory Repairs Fund.

.. ALL SAINTS' PETERSHAM ..

14th December, 1952.

Dear Parishioner, ...

No doubt you believe the Church means something to the community and to you. We believe that even those who are not regular Church-goers and many who seldom ever attend, would be concerned if the Church and all it stands for should disappear from our corporate life.

The Christmas Party.—Never has the Parish Hall looked more attractive than it did on December 17th for which we are indebted to the decorative skill, ingenuity and originality of Mr. A. E. Carruthers and Miss Elvy Olofsson and their helpers from The Fellowship. The result must have more than repaid them for the time and labour expended in beautifying the hall. We are grateful to ALL who prepared the hall and contributed in various ways to the success of the evening, particularly Mr. B. T. Sayers, our efficient Master of Ceremonies; Mrs. Day at the piano; Mr. Eric Brooks for the games, and by no means least, Mesdames Joyce, Barrett and Sayers and their helpers from the Y.M. Club who arranged the catering, together with some of the Women's Guild, who assisted in the preparation of an enjoyable supper. Another Happy Christmas Party concluded with Auld Lang Syne and the singing of the National Anthem.

Comrades of St. George.—The Honorary Organiser writes as follows:—

"All the Sydney Companies of the Order of the Comrades of St. George, which is the Youth Organisation of the Australian Board of Missions have combined to raise funds for A.B.M. and the new Anglican youth camp they are building at Balmoral, by means of a big "MERRY FERRY CRUISE."

"The Showboat "North Head," with accommodation for well over 1,000 people has been hired and will leave No. 3 Jetty (the Manly Wharf) at Circular Quay on Friday, 30th January, at 7.45 p.m.

"The evening will be one of the greatest and best social events yet organised in the name of our Church, and will be complete with everything that goes to make such a venture the success we know it will be, including a variety of entertainment, a well-stocked refreshment canteen, music, etc., while on the upper deck, there will be continuous 50/50 dancing.

"I have enclosed a few pamphlets giving details of the event, and would be grateful if you will kindly distribute them amongst your parish organisations, and if possible, mention it in Church and in your parish paper, in order that All Saints' Petersham may be well represented on this great occasion."

Physical Culture Club.—Congratulations to Miss McGeorge, Miss Ditchburn, Mrs. Churchill and their helpers and to the girls themselves upon their excellent concert on December 8th. The Parish Hall was packed: indicating the need for a larger hall for future annual concerts. The classes are now in recess until Monday, February 2nd.

Church Army.—Most Anglicans are keenly interested in the good work being done by our Church Army. We shall have an opportunity of learning more of it and of helping the work when Captain A. W. Bailey visits us again to preach at both morning and evening services on Septuagesima Sunday, February 1st.

Personal.—We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. N. Carpenter (and her family and relatives) in the sudden passing of her husband; to Mr. Cooper (and his family) in the loss of his wife; also to Mrs. Craigie upon the death of her nephew; and pray that they, and all who are bereaved may be sustained and comforted by the power of the Holy Spirit in their sorrow.

The Choir.—We congratulate the Choirmaster and the members of the Choir on the singing of Arthur Somervelle's "Christmas" on December 11th, which was greatly appreciated. Practices resume on January 8th, when it is hoped to commence learning Wood's "Passion according to St. Mark" for Holy Week 1953.—C.E.A.

Dedication of Memorial.—At Morning Prayer on Sunday, December 21, the Rector unveiled and dedicated a handsome Mural Tablet in memory of William Webster and Jessie Ann, his wife. They were married in All Saints' over 50 years ago. As Jessie Joy, the late Mrs. Webster was a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Choir. The belfry, which commemorates the life and work of Stephen Forster, was given in memory of her uncle. "The Chief," as many of his intimate friends called William Webster, served in the Merchant Navy during World War I. He was a valued member of our Parish Council for many years; a most loyal Churchman all his life, and one of our most regular worshippers. We are grateful to their family for this gift, which commemorates the life and service of their parents and our friends.—C.E.A.

CHURCH MUSIC, JANUARY 1st TO FEBRUARY 1st, 1953

Sunday	Morning	Evening
January 11 Epiphany I	Holy Communion Choral (Merbecke) Hymns 80, 178, 316, 555	Hymns 199, 76, 704, 679 Psalm 46 Anthem "An Evening Hymn" (Buck)
January 18 Epiphany II	Hymns 488, 657, 478, 282 28 Psalm 27	Hymns 540, 671, 239, 477 Psalm 36 Anthem: "Comfort O Lord the Soul of thy Servant" (Crotch)
January 25 Conversion of St. Paul Epiphany III	Hymns 7, 315, 168 Psalm 42	Hymn 242, 79, 164, 31 Psalm 54 Anthem: "Holy Art Thou" (Handel)
February 1st Septuagesima	Hymn 218, 285, 373, 658, 267 Psalm 104	Hymns 513, 285, 300, 282 Psalm 148 Anthem: "Lord I flee to Thee" (Mendelssohn)

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

- December 7—Michael John Glohe.
December 7—Philip Ian Gibb.
December 7—Paul Raymond Brown.
December 7—Kay Lesley Ward.
December 7—Patricia Irene Purnell.
December 14—Wayne McMaster.
December 14—Annette Kay Johnston.
December 21—Thomas Scott Hope.

MARRIAGES

"Whom we bless in Thy Name"

- December 6—Kenneth Basil Kennedy and Doreen Riordan.
December 6—Val William Windon and Valda Olive Cockburn.
December 12—Bruce Lennox Fisher and Valda Pamela Henry.
December 13—Ronald Leslie Scott and Laurel Rose Nunn (by the Rev. R. A. O'Brien)
December 20—John Walter Javes and Yvonne Lucy Jervis.
December 20—Leslie Thomas Robertson and Coral Hilda Mudford.