

The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING



HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 1991

The Rectory,
All Saints' Church,
Petersham.
19th January, 1991.

Dear Friends,

This is the first issue of THE CHRONICLE for 1991. It comes close to the beginning of Lent.

We live in a society where everybody must be seen as equals and everything must be the same. This surely must be one of the greatest lies that modern educationalists and their theorists have bucketed on our generation. What a boring world it would be if we were all the same. Yet that is what some would have us believe.

I often wonder of what sort of thing lies behind the attitude that many church-goers have towards the various highlights of the Church Year. Let us forget about Ash Wednesday, let us forget about Lent, let us ignore Good Friday (except perhaps that might not be wise after all we get a Public Holiday for it!).

What hypocrisy the world goes on with; wanting all the major Holy Days as Public Holidays but caring nothing for the God in whose honor they are kept.

I see great value in observing these days and seasons. I do not do it just for the sake of tradition but for the things they have to teach me about the christian gospel.

To begin, Ash Wednesday reminds us of the way in which Jesus our Saviour and Lord experienced the sort of temptations that the Evil One directs against us. Tempted we are, and too often we fall to these temptations. Jesus was likewise tempted but without sin. He was able to be victorious and so can we, if we allow Jesus to control our lives and if our strength is placed in Him and not in ourselves.

Ash Wednesday has a lot to teach us about our walk with God. Lessons we need to be reminded of at least every year.

Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday is an excellent preparation for the Easter celebration. It is so easy for Good Friday and Easter to arrive with the long week-end (first one since Australia Day) and to

catch us unprepared. Without the forty days of Lent how is it possible to have even the slightest understanding of the magnitude of what Christ death on the cross achieved? Lent suggests that for forty days we ought to stop and realise that our sin alone was enough to crucify our Lord.

When we get a sense of our own unworthiness before God then the events of Good Friday and Easter Day shine for the in their colours. Then we well might wonder at God's love.

What a pity to be ignorant of such great love. Make time to remember your Lord during this season of Lent so that you too may enjoy the blessings of Easter.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE WOOLCOTT.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY

10 TH MARCH 1991

7-00 P.M.

BISHOP JOHN REID

MY LENTEN "SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP"

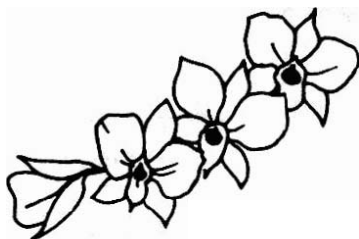
1. Have I had a personal experience of Jesus Christ?
...Or am I just living on the faith of my parents or others?
2. Am I living in the power of the Holy Spirit?... Or
am I living in my own power and failing in my responsibilities?
3. Am I at peace with God?...Or is life just one long
round of tensions and frustrations?
4. Have I found satisfaction in Jesus Christ?...Or am I
still trying to find it in drugs and in questionable
habits?
5. I Sunday "The Lord's Day" to me, and my day of
worship in His Church?...Or do I excuse myself by
calling Sunday "Dull" and using it just for my own
amusement?
6. Is my pocket converted to God?...Or do I just use my
money on myself without giving a definite weekly and
generous portion to God?

Having answered these questions.

How is your Spiritual I.Q.?

If you find it difficult to give an honest and
intelligent answer, why not talk to the Rector.

(St. Andrew's Church News)



FLOWER DONATIONS.

FEBRUARY 3RD - Mrs. Willis in memory of her mother,
Mrs. Sheriff.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Carr & Julie.

FEBRUARY 10TH - J. Merlett in memory of my mother,
Stella Williams & brother, Jack
Williams.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam.

FEBRUARY 17TH - No donations.
Arranged by Mrs. J. Hadley.

FEBRUARY 24TH - A thanksgiving for Reine Brady-Smith
born 22 January 1991 from his Nanna &
Aunty Debbie.
Arranged by Mrs. E. Hearn & Mrs. M. Essam



WHAT'S 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.

4-00pm Fellowship Group Meeting in the Guild Room of the Parish Hall.

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 a Family Service.

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7-30pm Home Bible Study Groups. (For details see the Rector).

COMING EVENTS.

SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY.

We will be holding our first ever **CAR BOOT SALE**.

If you would like participate; sell some your excess valuables give the Rector a ring and book your space. This is intended as a community service project.

WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY is **ASH WEDNESDAY**.

We will be having a Communion Service in All Saints' that evening at 7-30pm. This is a good way to start Lent.

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY is our **HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY**.

This is the time when members of the congregation and especially the Sunday School children bring gifts of foodstuffs which are used to decorate the church on that Sunday and then are given to Eversleigh Hospital. It is a way of giving thanks to God for our daily food.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH at 7-00pm a **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** at All Saints'. Keep this evening free.

WHAT CHRIST DOES WITH OUR SINS WHEN WE BRING THEM TO HIM?

* "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us"...Psalm 103:12

* "For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back"...
Isaiah 38:17

* "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and am a cloud, thy sins; return unto Me, for I have redeemed thee"...Isaiah 44:22

* "And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea"...Micah 7:19

* Christ "gave Himself for (above, beyond, on account of) our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world"...Galatians 1:4

* "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed"...
1 Peter 2:24

* "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"...Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14, Revelations 1:5

* "Whom God hath set forth...propitiation through faith in His blood"...Romans 3:25 and Hebrews 2:17 "And He is the propitiation for our sins and not ours only but for...the whole world"...1 John 2:2 and 4:10

Nowra Parish Paper.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH PETERSHAM.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - DECEMBER, 1990.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Offertones	2,723.64	Rector's Net Stipend	2,068.15
Fete Receipts	20.30	Rector's Trav. Allowance	564.03
Investment Interest		Organist	82.50
May Rühle Endow Fund	2,143.92	Church Cleaning	200.00
All Saints' Fund	1,000.00	Hall Cleaning	200.00
Donation - Anonymous	75.00	Telephone Account	98.75
District Visitor's		Monthly Lease Copy Machine	88.83
Miss Nisbet	35.00	Flowers	90.00
Mrs. Carr	56.00	Morning Tea Expenses	11.98
		Transfer of funds to	
		Restoration A/c	545.00
		General Assessment	961.50
		Cleaning Items	7.22
		Water Board	139.83
		Advent Sunday Offerories	
		to H.M.S.	318.25
		Annual Insurance Premium	
		Voluntary Workers	165.00
		Rector's Supn Contrib.	299.55
		Parish Supn Contrib.	299.55
		Service Copy Machine	357.33
		1000 Hot Drink Cups	44.99
		Petty Cash for Year	200.00

	6,053.86		
Deficit for Month	688.58		

	6,742.44	Surplus for Month	6,742.44

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WALTERS & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Offices and Chapels:

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

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You are invited to enquire about our funeral fund.

People of all ages are accepted without medical examination.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

325 Stanmore Rd., Petersham



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RESTORATION**

