

The Chronicle

Of All Saints

Petersham

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"And they departed into Egypt"

TO THE RECTOR, MRS. CHAMPION AND FAMILY

A Message from the Parishioners of All Saints'

We wish to express to you all our sincere appreciation of your unselfish willingness to give heed and help to us at all times, of the way in which you keep "open house" to us, and of the friendly smiles you invariably give us, irrespective of how well you might be keeping yourselves.

We do appreciate the continuous strain that the affairs of the Parish place you under at all times, and sincerely hope that the burden may be lighter in the New Year.

God Bless you all !

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WATCHNIGHT SERVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR



Start the New Year in the best place—in your Parish Church. We shall be holding a Watchnight Service commencing at 11.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st December, and continuing until midnight.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion with a short address by the Rector. All parishioners will be welcome to participate in this special service.

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PERSONAL

We deeply regret recording the passing of Mrs. Eliza Estelle Archer of Bright Street, a regular attendant at All Saints' for many years, including a period whilst she was living at Auburn. At the funeral service in All Saints' Church, the Rector paid tribute to Mrs. Archer as a Christian lady, loved by all who knew her, and as one who had been a fine wife, mother, and church worker. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Archer family in their sad loss.

We also express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Robertson and the other members of their families in the sudden passing of their Mother, Mrs. Mudford, who had been living in our Parish in recent times. Mrs. Mudford had previously lived for 50 years at Tinonee in the Taree area, and had been closely connected with the Church of that district. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector in All Saints' Church.

We are pleased to say that Miss Taylor of Hopetoun Street has returned home after being in hospital because of a broken leg, and also that Mr. Thomas now of Pendle Hill, has recovered sufficiently to leave Page Hospital. Unfortunately, our good friend Mr. Harry Hird is still in Page Hospital, while Mr. David Hunter's brother is in Gloucester House following a major leg operation. We wish them both a speedy recovery and return home.

The Rector would very much like to be advised as quickly as possible of all cases of illness of parishioners, especially where they are entering hospital. So often, information about those in hospital reaches Mr. Champion only indirectly, or long after the patient has been admitted.

WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR FETE

Summary from Visitors' Book

A summary of the places from which visitors came to our November Fete shows that almost every suburb in Sydney was represented, as well as several places further afield. This demonstrates the success of our publicity campaign, both through the local press, and through the word of mouth invitations given to friends and relatives by our parishioners.

Not everyone who attended signed their names, but those who did came from the following places:

Petersham 468 persons, Stanmore 133, Marrickville 129, Dulwich Hill 36, Leichhardt 32, Newtown 31, Summer Hill 26, Croydon 21, Ashfield 20, Lewisham 16, Earlwood 15, Burwood 11, Camperdown 8, Anandale, Canterbury, Enmore, Five Dock, Gladesville and Greenacre 7 each, Belmore, Haberfield, Mortlake and Mt. Druitt, 6 each.

5 persons each from Ashbury, Campsie, Croydon Park, Lakemba and Paddington.

4 persons each from Beverley Hills, Belfield, Homebush, Strathfield, and Sydney.

3 persons each from Bardwell Park, Cronulla, Drummoyne, Glebe, Hornsby, Loftus, North Rocks, Pyrmont and Waterloo.

2 persons each came from 27 different places, ranging from Blaxland to Caringbah, while one person came from each of 37 different places, amongst which were Port Morsby, Karuah (beyond Newcastle) and Warrawong (via Wollongong).

Thank you one and all, for bringing along customers from so many points of the compass.

—oOo— CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Many thanks to all the kind folk who sent along gifts for our Christmas appeal.

Over 300 gifts were distributed on behalf of the parishioners of All Saints' Petersham to recipients who were indeed grateful and happy that we were able to remember them once again at Christmas time.

For gifts of money not previously acknowledged, we thank: Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Bosward, the Misses Nisbet, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon, the Misses Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Robertson, Miss E. West, the Misses Street, Mr. R. Minter, Mrs. Mudford, Mrs. Rhyder, Mr. and Mrs. R. Swankie, two anonymous donors, Mrs. F. Evans, Miss G. Norman, Mrs. Gorman and Geoffrey, Mrs. Ayrton, Mrs. F. Hearn, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Hilleard, Mr. and Mrs. Falk and Miss Sutherland.

—oOo— SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. John Reid and Mr. Alan Granger have left the Sunday School staff and we wish to thank them for all they have done.

This year the Sunday School will remain open throughout the Christmas and School holiday period.

I would like to ask the parishioners for their help. The numbers in the Sunday School have been dropping constantly. If anyone knows of a boy or girl in the Parish who does not go to Sunday School, would you kindly let the Rector, Mr. Jones or myself know and we will invite them to join us.

—NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary

PARISH CLUB NOTES

Activities in January**Indoor Bowls Club:**

The main object of the Club for 1969 will be to enrol new members. We want more men and women players to join our Club, which meets every Wednesday night in the Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to David Sayers on his 21st birthday last month. David, who is our youngest member, is also a selector for the Club.

In 1969, we hope to have a good bowling season and to help our Church all we can.

A happy New Year from the All Saints' Indoor Bowls Club!

—J. E. GORMAN

Fellowship:

The Fellowship's thanks must go to all who, in any way at all, helped us with donations towards our Fete efforts. All these gifts were greatly appreciated, and without them, such a splendid effort as was, would not have been possible.

The Fellowship will be in recess over the Christmas holiday period. I would like to thank all members for their help and support throughout the year and to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

—CHRISTINE McPHERSON, Hon. Secretary

Senior Parishioners' Club:

Many thanks to all the kind folk who worked hard to make our Christmas Party so successful. Our thanks also to Mrs. Gill and her daughter June for all the lovely goods made by them for our November Stall. The proceeds of \$21.00 went to Club funds.

On behalf of our members, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mrs. E. Archer, who was a most loved and popular member of our Club for many years. We were also saddened by the sudden passing of Mrs. Mudford, one of our regular members, on 11th December, and express our sympathy to her family in their sad loss.

After a short recess, our Club resumes again on Thursday, 16th January at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be most happy to welcome newcomers, so make a New Year resolution to join the popular Senior Parishioners' Club right away.

—DOT SHAW, Hon. Secretary

Mothers' Union:

In May 1962, a meeting was held in the Parish Hall to form a Mothers' Union Group in the Parish, we had eight people present at that meeting, but since then our numbers have never grown above ten and at present we have only six members.

I am writing this in the hope that someone may be interested enough to join; we meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday in each month at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be 5th February, 1969.

The Mothers' Union is not a money raising society, the yearly subscription is \$1. and if you wish to take the Mia Mia (Mothers' Union Paper) the cost is 55c. a year.

Please think it over.

—E. CHAMPION, Enrolling Member

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND LENT

Your important dates in the 1969 Church Calendar are:

Sunday, 16th February: **Harvest Festival**

Wednesday, 19th February: **Ash Wednesday**

Friday, 4th April: **Good Friday**

Sunday, 6th April: **Easter Day**

For our Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, we will be appealing for gifts of groceries, fruit, and vegetables for the Church of England's "Eversleigh" Home of Peace in Addison Road. After providing appropriate decoration for the Church on the Festival Sunday, the gifts will then be put to good use at the hospital, which provides the very best in care for dying and incurably ill patients.

Further details of the Services for this day, for Lent and for Easter will appear in the February "Chronicle".

oOo SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER

December 29th:	Donated by Mr. V. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Malone.
January 5th	Donated by Mrs. Adams in memory of the Rev. C. E. Adams, by Mrs. Kent in memory of her Son, Charles and Daughter, Elsie, and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hunt by their daughters; arranged by Miss Speight.
January 12th	Donated by Mr. V. Bryce and Mrs. Quine in memory of Mrs. Edna Bryce, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker in memory of their Mother and Mrs. Bryce, and by Mrs. D. Jones in memory of her Sister; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
January 19th	No donation; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
January 26th	Donated by the Quin family in memory of their Mother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
February 2nd	Donated by Judith and John Williams in memory of their Grandfather; arranged by Mrs. Malone.

We wish to acknowledge the donation of flowers for Sunday, 24th November by Mr. and Mrs. Pursehouse and family in memory of Mrs. Mary Hammond and Glenn Kenneth Hammond.

This issue of "The Chronicle" going to press in mid-December, we have decided that all donations of flowers for Christmas Day will be acknowledged in the February "Chronicle".

● The National Trust has classified All Saints' Church as a building of "considerable historic significance" worthy of preservation, and has included it in its Register of Historic Buildings. The Trust advises that it would like to be consulted if we contemplate any alterations, and would supply us with a list of recommended architects in the event of restoration work being undertaken.

The Parish Council has expressed its thanks to the Trust for this interest, and has given the Trust a copy of the November "Chronicle" which clearly shows the interest we have in maintaining the property in good order. This classification by the Trust is a prelude to the centenary celebrations of All Saints' Church, which will fall in December of next year (1970).

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Epistle of Paul to the Galatians

Written to deal with a pressing problem, Galatians sets out very clearly the line of doctrinal thought which we find expanded and developed in the Letter to the Romans. Students of the New Testament differ as to where the Christians addressed as "the Galatians" actually lived and also as to when this particular Letter was written. Some scholars believe it to be the first of our New Testament Letters, while others would put it at a later date of Paul's Ministry.

The message of the Letter itself is clear enough. It was written by Paul as a defence of both the Gospel itself and his own place as an Apostle in the Church of God. The opening verse defends Paul's unique Apostleship, a ministry he claims to be received directly from God, not "from man neither through man". Indeed the bulk of the first two chapters is a detailed defence of how his Gospel was given to him directly from God and not through any human agents, even the other Apostles.

In his defence of the Gospel, he sets out once and for all the eternal and unchanging nature of the Christian faith. His language in its defence and his words about those who seek to modify the statements of the Gospel are as strong as we shall find in the New Testament. For him there is no modification of the message. Any modification produces something which cannot, in Paul's mind be called a Gospel at all. The principal point on which the controversy occurred, sprang from the question whether a pagan who wished to become a Christian should first have to become a Jew and be subject to the Law of the Old Testament. In refuting this claim Paul refers the Galatians to their own Christian experience and reminds them how their own Christian beginnings and their experience of the Holy Spirit began, in their faith in Jesus Christ and in that alone. His arguments addressed to the religious background of his readers, can seem, if there is no explanation, strange to us today. But careful study makes them as telling for the twentieth century as for the first.

The Letter moves from its doctrinal climax to a warm section of encouragement to the Galatians in the living of their new life in Christ. It is this part of the Letter that brings to us the well known section on the "fruit of the Spirit" and His transforming power in the lives of Christians.

As we read this Letter we are aware that it is written urgently under the pressure of tremendous convictions. The very distress that impelled Paul to write in this way, leaves for the whole Church a testimony both as to the unchangeable nature of the Gospel and the call to faith in Christ on which all Christian life and action must be built.



● We are grateful to all who came to the Annual Parish Christmas Party on 18th December. Our sincere thanks go to those who organised the programme and the supper, provided the music, and arranged the decorations.

The decorations served for all our Club parties, and the organiser, Mr. H. J. Shaw, wishes to express his sincere thanks to Messrs L. Carroll, R. Champion, G. Clark, C. Whiting and W. Williams for their kind help in this regard.

● **Christmas Hamper:** The Rector and Mrs. Champion extend their sincere thanks to the clubs and parishioners who presented them with such a big Christmas Hamper at the Annual Parish Party.

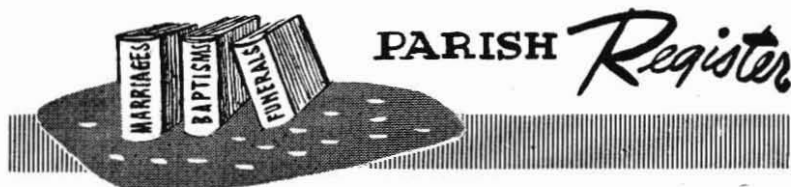
● **Rector's Holidays:** The Rector will take a part only of his annual holidays this January, and will be away for a few days in the latter part of the month. The Rev. A. H. Gallop, who is well known to us at All Saints', has kindly agreed to take the services whilst Mr. Champion is away.

● **Mr. Hunter returns:** Parish Councillor Mr. David Hunter, M.L.A., whose electorate covers part of the Parish, has returned from a round-the-world tour. He represented the N.S.W. Parliament at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting at Nassau in the Bahamas, and also visited New York, London, Rome, Greece, Athens, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. Notwithstanding all the complexities in his itinerary, we were very pleased that Mr. Hunter was able to arrive back in Australia on 16th November,—and so attend our Annual Fete the next day.

● The Rector extends his appreciation to Mr. H. Swankie for making two tables that were needed for the Fete.

● **Christmas Services:** We were honoured again this year by the offer of the Royal Philharmonic Society to present "The Messiah" at All Saints'. The work was greatly appreciated by all present.

● **Bush Fire Appeal:** We thank all who contributed either cash or clothing to our Bush Fire relief appeal. \$80 was donated in cash, \$50 was raised at a street stall by Mrs. I. Clark, and the Parish Council voted a further \$50 towards the re-building of the Anglican Church at Blaxland. The Rector is grateful to all who responded to the appeal.



BAPTISMS

"Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me"

November 3rd	Timothy John Culley
November 9th	Melody Michelle Gorman
November 10th	Gayle Ablett
November 10th	Ian James Ablett
November 10th	Peter Andrew Humphreys
November 10th	Barbara Frances Smith
November 17th	Karla Yalena Clare Donnelly.
November 24th	Matthew James Somerville
November 24th	Danny Allan Young
November 24th	Sharron Lee Rollings
November 24th	Kyle Edward Fiori

MARRIAGES

"Heirs together of the Grace of Life"

November 2nd	George Harold Dudley Austin to Moya Muriel McIlwrath
November 2nd	Richard Lionel Snails to Denise Carolyn Gaut
November 23rd	Garry John Jones to Margaret Ann Everett

FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

October 22nd	Albert Ronald Mills
October 30th	Charles Harold McIntyre
November 5th	Leveina Priscilla McLean
November 8th	Florence Amy Jennings
November 12th	Herbert Oscar Hardcastle
November 13th	John Frederick Cressen
November 14th	Gladys Evelyn Evans
November 16th	Clara Maud Fernley
November 26th	Eliza Estelle Archer
November 26th	Arthur Clinch

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