

The Chronicle Of All Saints' Petersham

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Dear Readers,

Do you sometimes feel that God has deserted you? Do you feel that its just "me against the world"? At these times our faith can flicker like a candle flame in the breeze.

The reality of times like these is seen in the Bible. The writer of Psalm 13 begins with "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me?"

Have you ever said things like that to God? Nina did.

Nina was really discouraged. When she first married Jeff, she had been so young, so eager to please him. That was 9 years ago. Now, two children later, she felt she couldn't bear any longer his perfectionism, his insults, his defensiveness, his tendency to blame her for everything that went wrong. She had run out of hope.

She had tried to tell him about her feelings, but he refused to listen. No matter what she did to try to please him, his cutting remarks and shaming accusations continued. She felt that in spite of her prayers God had forgotten her. She was convinced that He was never going to change Jeff, and that she might as well give up.

A few nights later, crying out in agony and pain to God, she gave it all to Him. She told Him she was going to stop trying to change Jeff. She just simply turned everything over to God and told Him she would trust and obey Him in everything. And out of His great mercy and rich bounty, He gave her the grace she needed.

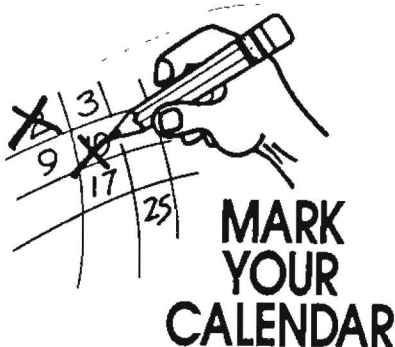
Nina trusted God. That is faith. Letting go, and letting God.

Psalm 13 speaks of faith. It says "But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me."

Jeff did change - but not until long after Nina did. Even so, she was able to "sing to the Lord" (Ps. 13:6) because, like David, she had found in Him the resource she needed to carry on. God can do the same for you.

*O for the peace of perfect trust,
My loving God, in You;
Unwavering faith that never doubts
The good You choose to do.*

**My God build your faith.
Paul Watson.**



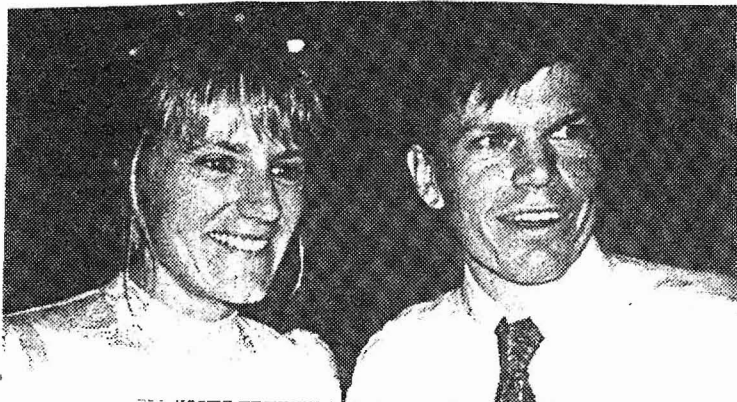
WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH OF SUNDAYS?

During August, a good number of our members have made a commitment to listen to the New Testament, or read it, for 30 minutes each day. Would you like to try it? We can order the Bible on cassette for you.

We continue our series entitled "This Amazingly Radical Life".

August	7	God Listens & Answers	(Prayer)
	14	Be filled	(The Holy Spirit)
	21	Wise Managers	(Stewardship)
	28	Financial Freedom	(A right attitude to money)

MEET THE PEOPLE.



Rob & Alice Jamieson

We have been married and living in Denning Street Petersham, for the last one and a half years. We met at St. Barnabas, Broadway four years ago, and were both members there for a number of years. Recently we have begun to attend All Saints' Petersham. During most of our free time this year we have been looking for a house to buy. We have just exchanged on a two bedroom house at 69 Morgan Street, Petersham. We should be moving in a few weeks time.

Alice has been a primary school teacher in Cabramatta for the last three years. Currently she is teaching a diverse year 2 class which consists of only one white Australian, and twenty-four others from various ethnic backgrounds! She finds work very challenging, but at the same time a lot of fun.

Rob has been working for the last seven years at the Honeywell Software Centre which has recently relocated from Waterloo to new premises at North Ryde. He is currently finding a renewed enthusiasm for work after a period of being in the doldrums.

We're looking forward to working on our new house and establishing a garden. After living in a unit for two years, this is what we look forward to the most.

We enjoy walking, African music, reading, growing native plants, and playing frisbee.

Rob loves cooking and playing touch football.

Alice loves eating but doesn't like playing or watching football!

Parish Notes.

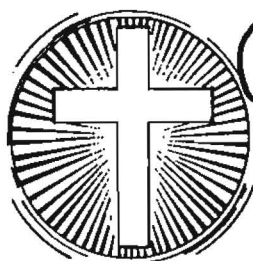
A Message from Ida Barrett: The family of the late Vivian Charles Barrett (Vic) Thank you all for the sympathy and support given to us in the loss of our dear one. Your prayers, floral tributes, cards, letters, phone calls, attendance at the services and in so many other ways was just so comforting.
Love and Thanks to all - Ida.

The Late Mabel Willis: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear sister in the Lord. Mabel recently suffered a severe bout of the flu, recovered somewhat, but succumbed again. She passed away gently in her sleep on Wednesday night, 20 July 1994. While we deeply grieve, we grieve not as those without hope, for we know that Mabel trusted in Jesus for her salvation, and we rejoice in the certainty that she is with Him now. The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on Monday, 25 July 1994.

Church Building News: Work has now commenced on repairing the roof gutters and stonework. Please pray for fine weather here over the next month.

We praise God that the State Government has granted us a total of \$30,000 over the next two years to assist in the preservation of our building.

"Playtime" Commences: We began successfully on 2 August 1994 with nine (9) Children and eight (8) adults in attendance. The sand pit was a hit with the children. It was good to meet some of our neighbours, who wanted to come again each week.



**GOD IS MY LIGHT
AND MY
SALVATION**
PSALM 27:1



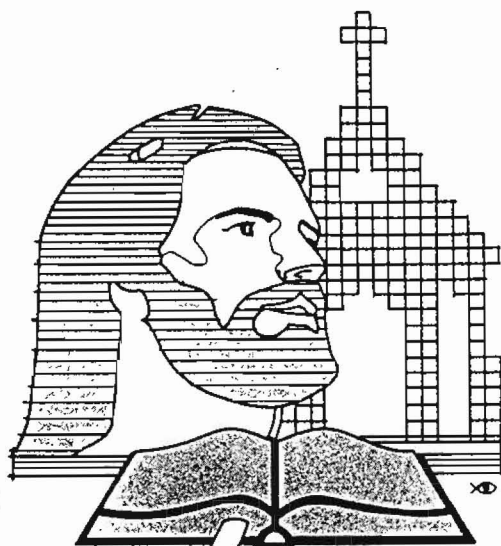
**FLOWER
MEMORIALS**



August 7 - In memory of the Pullen family.

August 14 - In memory of Mrs. Shiels.

If Parishioners would like to place flowers in the Church as a memorial or as a thanksgiving for blessings received, please contact Mrs. Hearn.



**CHRIST / HIS WORD
GOD'S WORD
OUR SURE FOUNDATION**

I AM A NEWCOMER

Won't you please...

...Smile at me as I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church, during the first few moments I am in your building, and this first impression will probably stay with me a long time.

...Help me find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact I will remember your kindness.

...Speak to me during the coffee hour. I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business. But I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that you care for "the stranger in your midst".

...Tell me good things about your church and your priest. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

...Notice me - even if I am not "family". I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a teenager or an older person.

...Talk to me again the second week when I come back, and the third and the fourth, I am still not a part of your parish family.

...Invite me to become part of some church group or organisation. I need more than worship every Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back... the second Sunday, the third and maybe forever. I will worship with you, join your choir, work at your fair, teach in your church school, contribute to your canvass, and become a highly involved member of your church and, in so doing, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched as a result of having become a member of your church.

PUZZLE PAGE

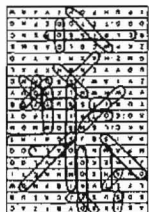
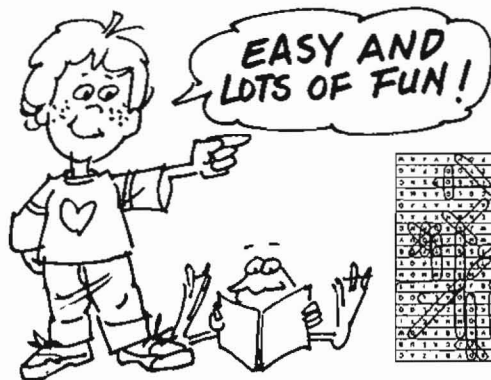
Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks

"It is (sreeia) _____ for a (aelcm) _____
to go through the (yee) _____ of a
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(mdgoink) _____ of (Gdo) _____."

Mark 10:25

Find the words from this
verse in the **WORD FIND**.

Jesus looked at them and said,
"With men it is impossible (to be
saved), but not with GOD; for all
things are possible with GOD."



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