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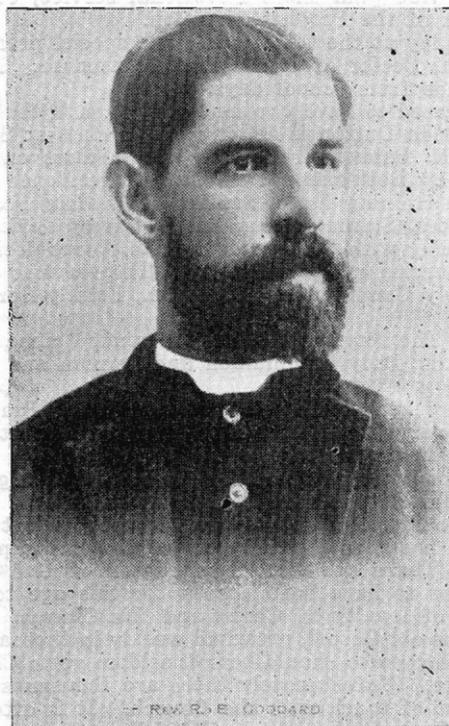
Of All Saints

Petersham

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Canon R. E. GODDARD (Third Rector of All Saints)

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PARISH INFORMATION

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday), 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.
3rd Sunday after Evening Prayer.

Saints' Days as announced.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer. 7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. 9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

Churchwardens: Messrs L. C. CALVER (Rector's), W. SOPWITH, E. QUELCH.

Parish Council: THE CHURCHWARDENS and Messrs A. H. THOMAS, T. H. BOSWARD, J. M. BOYLE, H. G. BRODIE, J. HUMPHREYS, D. B.

HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN, H. J. SHAW, K. GRANT, A. COOK,
R. WRIGHT

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Organist: Miss KATHLEEN O'NEILL.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The work of the Parish has again begun in full strength and the various organisations are functioning satisfactorily. During the Lenten Season we are holding mid-week services each Wednesday at 7 a.m. (Holy Communion) and 7.30 p.m. short Devotional service, our studies being based on the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

On Palm Sunday at the 7.15 service the special preacher will be the Rev. L. F. Newton, Rector of Christ Church, Enmore. Mr. Newton and I have been friends from school days.

I am very pleased to have two new helpers with the school scripture lessons. Miss Marion Dutton is helping with a class at Stanmore Infants and the Rev. E. R. Baldwin is helping with a class on Friday at Fort Street High School. Both these friends are in residence at the House of the Epiphany, the training hostel for the Australian Board of Missions, in Cambridge Street, Stanmore, and intend going to the Mission Field.

After concurring with the Parish Council it was decided not to have the Three Hour Service on Good Friday. The services on Good Friday will be 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Family Service and 2 p.m. Devotional Hour.

Easter Day. The services will be 6.15 a.m., 7 a.m., 8.15 a.m.: Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon and 7.15 p.m. Evensong.

One need scarcely remind Communicants of the Prayer Book rubric "And note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter shall be one."

May I commend to you the Billy Graham Campaign soon to commence at the Sydney Show Ground. All good men have their critics and even the Angel Gabriel could not please everybody, but we must admit that Billy Graham has been used mightily of God in the past and is being used at present. There are some men chosen of God to do a special work and he seems to have been chosen for this age to win thousands back to the path of loyalty to Christ and His Church. We realise his message is the same old Gospel, preached weekly in thousands of Churches in Australia; but those who should hear it seldom go to Church to receive the message of life. Unfortunately there are thousands who are spiritually dead and out of touch with the Church. It is often only through a man like Billy Graham that they will "follow the crowd" and receive the message of life. Then there must be the follow up. We know

eternal life is God's gift to those who confess their sins and believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour. But the Christian life is a "walk" in faith, not only a profession. As we are told "It is not unto him that saith Lord, but unto him that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven." Confession is made with the mouth unto salvation, but we must go on to maturity in the Christian life. May we all pray that Billy Graham's visit to Sydney will give Sydney a spiritual uplift.

May God bless you all,
Yours sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

PERSONAL

We regret the recent departure from the parish of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ball and their two boys Jim and Robert, they are now living at Kogarah. Mr. Ball gave considerable help with our Promotion Scheme in visiting and has given annual care to the Fire Extinguishers in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Ball was a very active member of the Young Marrieds Club, and the boys were members of the Table Tennis Club, we will miss them all very much but wish them every happiness in their new home.

LADIES' GUILD

We were delighted to have an almost full attendance of members at our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, 10th February. Our activities for the year will begin with our Annual Luncheon in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, 11th March, at 12.30 p.m., when we shall have a most interesting speaker, Mr. N. Sachisthai of the "Charlton" C. of E. Home for Boys. We hope to have a good attendance of our own parishioners as well as visitors from the adjoining parishes.

Our Street Stalls continued during our period of recess and were very successful. The next will be on Friday, 20th March, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and we would be most grateful for any donations of home made cakes, scones, jams or pickles.

Will Guild members please note, we will be responsible for the refreshments after service on Sunday, 22nd March. Also our Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th April, at 2 p.m.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Sec.

FLOWER ROSTER

- Mch. 1st—Donated by Miss Fletcher in memory of her Mother, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 - „ 8th—Donated by Mrs. Colburt, arranged by Mrs. Colburt and Mrs. Bellamy.
 - „ 15th—No Donation. Arranged by Miss Speight.
 - „ 22nd—No Donation. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward.
 - „ 29th—Easter Day. Arranged by Mrs. Bosward and Mrs. Champion.
 - Apl. 5th—Donated by Mrs. Taylor in memory of her Mother, arranged by Mrs. Taylor.
- On 15th February Mrs. Evans also donated flowers in memory of her husband, Mr. D. Evans,

22nd February flowers were donated by Mrs. Gardner in memory of a Grandchild.

We would be most grateful for donation of flowers or money for flowers for Easter Day.

PERSONAL

We tender our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Grant on the birth of a daughter on 24th February, 1959. We understand that mother and child are doing well.

SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

We will welcome any new members to our Social Club held in the Parish Hall every Thursday at 2 p.m. Get to know your fellow parishioners—we invite you to join us in a happy social afternoon—or if you prefer it, just come along for a cup of tea and a chat.

We have pleasure in announcing that Mrs. B. Smith, 22 Bold Street, Burwood was the winner of the Ladies Wristlet-Watch, which was the Prize in the guessing competition held recently. The amount raised in this competition was £37/12/-. Part of this money has already been spent to purchase Christmas Gifts for the Home of Peace and other Nursing Homes in our Parish. We thank all those kind people who helped us by purchasing tickets and a very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cook for their generous donation.

D. SHAW, Hon. Sec.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

Our Christian Endeavour group has commenced and we are very anxious to have more children along each week. We are particularly interested in 9-13 year olds, but any boy or girl shall be extremely welcome to our meetings, which take place each Sunday afternoon in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m.

J. HAWKINS, J. NAPIER

BASEBALL CLUB

The Annual Meeting of the above Club was held on Friday, 20th February. It was decided at this meeting to enter two teams in the Western Suburbs Churches' Baseball Union Competition, one team all ages and one under 15. Anyone interested in playing baseball in the coming season, which will commence on Saturday, 4th April, is asked to contact Mr. Jones or myself any week at Sunday School or attend the next meeting to be held in the Y.C.I. Room on Friday, 20th March commencing at 8 p.m.

Past seasons have always proved enjoyable and we expect this one to be the same.

J. MINITER, Hon. Sec.

BROWNIES

1st Petersham Brownies opened this year with 12 girls with the addition of two new girls.

Any girl between the age of 7 and 11 years will be welcome to come to our meetings which are held every Saturday afternoon in the All Saints' Parish Hall commencing at 2 p.m.

TABLE TENNIS

Two Teams Qualify for Finals

The No. 1 and No. 2 teams have qualified for the quarter finals of the N.S.W. Table Tennis Summer Competition. The first four teams of each division will now play off to decide the competition winners.

Congratulations are extended to the following members who have made this outstanding Club effort possible.

No. 1 Team—C. Hemmings (Capt.), P. Whalan, N. Moore, J. Yard, P. Wise, Mr. Moore (Manager).

No. 2 Team—T. Morris (Player coach), E. Farm (Capt.), A. Humphreys, R. Reid, G. Allen, W. Rowe, P. Smith.

The No. 1 Team played consistently throughout the season and always seemed assured of a place in the finals.

The No. 2 Team started badly with five successive defeats but with the full support of all players the combination improved under coach Terry Morris and seven victories were recorded out of the last nine rounds. This splendid fighting spirit enabled the No. 2 Team to qualify for the finals by the narrowest of margins.

The No. 3 Team played consistently throughout the season to finish in fifth place with five victories.

The No. 4 Team played enthusiastically but could only manage one win and had to be content with eighth position.

The No. 5 Team performed above expectations to record three fine victories, which earned them sixth place in their division.

1st Annual Championships

The first annual club championships are now being conducted and pennants will be presented to the successful players in the following events:

Singles—Winner and runner-up.

Doubles—Winner and Runners-up.

Consolation Singles—Winner.

Church Parade

The 11 a.m. Church Parade held on the 15th February was attended by sixteen members of the Table Tennis Club and the lessons were read in fine style by John Yard and Robert Clubb.

All members are requested to attend the next Table Tennis Church Parade at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 15th March, 1959.

Under 16 Grade

An under 16 years of age grade will be conducted in the coming Winter Season in addition to the open "E" grade series. Any members of the Church desirous of playing in the winter competition are requested to contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

BRUCE LIVINGSTONE, Hon. Sec.

YOUNG MARRIEDS' CLUB

The next meeting of the above Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Room, Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th March, at 8 p.m. This will be our Annual Meeting and all members are asked to attend.

The Club members are organising a "Rag Drive", Sunday School children will be asked to take a bag home for old rags. If anyone could help us in this matter, bags are obtainable from the Rectory, and help will be much appreciated.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

L.H.M.U.

The Petersham Branch of the L.H.M.U. will hold its Annual Meeting in the Guild Room of All Saints' Parish Hall on Tuesday, 10th March, at 2.30 p.m. Members and visitors are welcome, there will be a guest speaker.

J. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

TOYS, ART JEWELLERY, FOREIGN STAMPS, MARBLES, GAMES, CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND COMICS, ADULT BOOKS OF ALL DESCRIPTION.

A very big thank you to all who helped make our Stalls as above the splendid success they were last year, and now once more it is necessary to make an early start to get ready for our next effort towards the end of this year. If you can help in any way it would be very much appreciated.

Toys, Games, Foreign Stamps, Marbles, etc.:

Will you please look around those cupboards and boxes and anything your children no longer need are just what we need. Anything from 1d. upwards. They all delight a child's heart. Don't forget foreign Stamps. We could have sold ever so many more packets if we had had them.

Art Jewellery:

We are finding this section of our Stall is becoming more and more popular, and it is only with your help we can make a success of it. Will you please let me have any beads, ear-rings, brooches, bangles, rings, etc. you no longer need. As there is quite a lot of work here it is necessary to start early.

Children's Books and Comics:

These were very popular, so please help all you can.

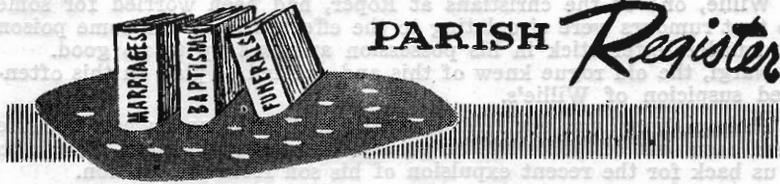
Books for Adults—Who Dun--its, Love Stories, etc.

Last year everyone gave a marvellous support and we were able to give the public practically all the types of books required. I feel sure we will receive the same good help this year.

If there is anything you can give to help our Stalls as above, will you please ring me LM 1643 (Mrs. Millarey) and I shall be only too happy to call and collect when convenient.

Another thought, if you have some nice pieces of material you don't need, these would be extremely useful for making dolls clothes or little handbags, etc.

Many thanks for all the help in the past, and hoping for the same wonderful support for the future.



BAPTISMS

Shane Thomas Causery; Kerrie Denise Rowland; Peter Harold Hoey; Fiona Jillian Le Cren; Dean William Gulliksen; Robert Henry Edward Greaves; Peter James Collier; Deborah Jane Wurst; Terry Edward Frankish; Lenone Alice Smith; Adele Louise O'Keefe.

MARRIAGES

Ronald George Goodwin to Beverley Joan Lawrence; Leslie William Long to Helen Marie Smith; Vincent Richard Higgins to Tassie Louisa Galvin; Webster Ford to Patricia Flynn; Robert Alexander Montgomery to Margaret Lindsay Yarrington; Robert Stanley Mortimer to Freda Elaine Germon; Alexander Walter Sharam to Diane Maree Sharp; Ross Alexander Mangan to Olive Shaw; Mervyn Henry Carrett to Joyce Naylor.

FUNERALS

Dec. 29th—Francis Thomas Girdler.
 Jan. 7th—John Frank Biehler
 „ 12th—Charles Elias Smith.
 Feb. 18th—Emma Louisa May Hergenham.
 „ 25th—Joseph Charles Watts.

CONGRATULATIONS

During the past two years three of our friends have been studying for the S.P.T.C. Diploma and they are now rejoicing in the fact that they have each passed. On Friday, 6th March, Messrs Ken Grant, Ken Locke and Bernard Sayers will be awarded their Diplomas at Moore Theological College.

TREE BARK TO POUND NOTES

Nargi is an aboriginal who it is said, can turn a piece of paper bark into a pound note.

As well as that he can will objects half a mile across rivers to appear mysteriously from his mouth.

Actually he is a fake, a rogue, a liar a troublemaker. He lives near the C.M.S. Roper River Mission, Arnhem Land, and has been practising his "magic" since before he was expelled from the Mission many years ago.

This story as told by the Mission Chaplain, the Rev. Barry Butler, is about the latest of Nargi, the "doctor-fellow's" mischief:

Willie, one of the christians at Roper, had been worried for some time that rumours were circulating to the effect that he had some poison or a murder letter stick in his possession and was up to no good.

Nargi, the old rogue knew of this and decided to play on this often-hinted suspicion of Willie's.

Perhaps Nargi was not friendly with the Mission as a whole because he had been sent off years ago or perhaps he wanted to make trouble to pay us back for the recent expulsion of his son from the Mission.

Anyway the first we heard of any trouble was when Willie came to see the Superintendent protesting there was nothing in the stories Nargi was fostering about him.

Nargi, he said, claimed to have seen a .303 cartridge full of poison near Willie's home. The wonderful thing was that Nargi saw this poison from the other side of the river—a distance of about half a mile.

More than that in the presence of a number of men, Nargi drew the poison to him with a flourish of hands and the cartridge, supposedly issued from his mouth and was displayed to a credulous crowd as Willie's "secret weapon".

The implication was that Willie was out to murder Nargi. Naturally enough Willie wanted to clear his name.

Eventually the law was called to investigate, but in the meantime Nargi and Willie had made friends. When Nargi was questioned he claimed that he had destroyed the poison and wanted to forget the whole business.

Nargi guessed the police would come and the story he told was that he and his wife had gone to Willie's house by night and had found the poison under a stone.

Under the circumstances Nargi could not be charged and he denied all this hocus pocus about drawing the cartridge across the river as merely a game. But he certainly wanted the people on the Mission to believe he had magic powers.

Later I spoke to some of the men and tried to show them that Nargi was just a cheap conjuror and a liar and a humbug into the bargain.

These people are easily frightened by this sort of thing. The incident was a minor nature really, but it served to show how credulous and superstitious many of them are. There is a real fear of the unknown and many of the Christians still ascribe any death to evil powers, regardless of the fact that sickness or death by old age.

Much of the trouble can be traced to corroborees where a man was put to death if he made a seemingly trivial mistake in the ceremony. This goes back to olden times but there is no doubt that Satan is the author of much of the fear and it is true that we wrestle against the powers of evil and spiritual wickedness in high places.

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