

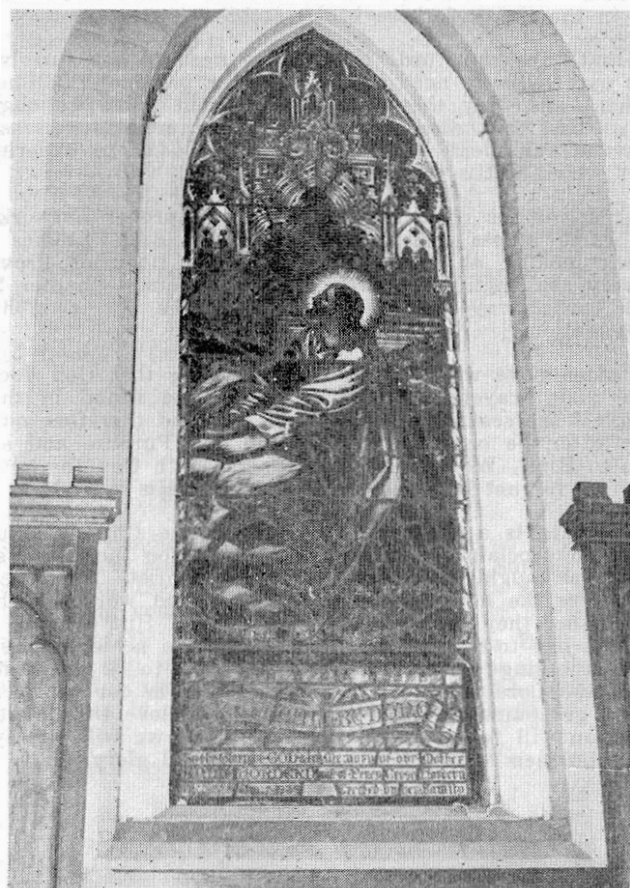
# The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham

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**JUNE, 1975**



## RECTOR'S NOTES

My dear Friends,

June brings us to the beginning of the "Sundays after Trinity" Season in the Christian Year. We've traversed again the festivals of the Church from Advent (the promise of the Saviour's Coming among us) through the story of Jesus to Whitsunday (the coming of our God to dwell within and write His Way on our heart) and finally acknowledged the experience of the Divine One in the Three-fold-Being by which we know Him on Trinity Sunday.

Now, for the remainder of the Year we'll have our attention drawn to the practical implications of all this in the realms of personal character, inter-personal relationships and quality of life in social affairs. During these Sundays after Trinity in the next five months of our Church Year that is the aim of the themes suggested for our worship Sunday by Sunday. I must say that I find the pattern and purpose of the so-called Christian Year (i.e. the calendar that guides our meditations on a yearly cycle) a very sane and practical one. It sets before us first a contemplation of the self-revelation of God and what He has done for man. Then it directs us to consider "What sort of men ought we to be in the light of these basic truths.

And that's the right order! First we need to get ourselves sorted out about our God—we need to clear up our personal relationship with Him! Then—and only then—we can sort out what we ought to be and how we best can order our community (church as well as secular) to realise the fulfilment God created us for—i.e. to experience that "Paradise" which is His ultimate Will for man.

This plan of the church's year is thus a proper outworking of a verse we came across in our Tuesday Night Bible Studies recently. We've been looking at some passages in the Book of Proverbs and found a very challenging and even disturbing verse—Chapter 28, Verse 9. "If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination."

How often have we heard folk complaining that God doesn't hear or answer their prayers. Is the answer to be found in this verse? We do neglect the seeking of the law of God and therefore our prayers must very often be contrary to His Will and Purpose and so be unacceptable to Him. Wherein lies the fault?—with God for not teaching us, or with us for not listening as He speaks in His Word?

Surely there is a great need for us in the Church to use every opportunity to proclaim His Law. That Law for the Christian is the Law of Love as taught in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Too often we put the cart before the horse by trying to do "good works" without ever knowing whether they are "good" in the eyes of Him Who is Lord and Saviour. We like to admire the worth of human achievements, without first setting the stage so that they may be seen to be in harmony with the Will of the Lord. If we will but get clear in our hearts what His Way is and get ourselves right with Him, I believe the outworking of the inspiration will follow in due course. And we will rightly let our good works be seen before men so that they will glory not in man and

his ways, but in God Who is the source and Inspiration of all that is good and really worthwhile.

Are you sure you are praying aright?—Are you sure you are serving the true purpose of God?—Have you obeyed Him by turning to Him in Repentance and faith? Is His Law your delight day and night?

With Warm Christian greetings,  
S. W. GISSING

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### SYDNEY'S "DAY OF PRAYER" ANNOUNCED

The Archbishop of Sydney (Archbishop M. L. Loane) has announced a Diocesan Day of Prayer, as a result of requests from time to time.

Archbishop Loane said that following consultations, he had decided to arrange for a Day of Prayer, on Friday, June 6.

"I hope this will allow clergy and lay people throughout the diocese to meet and pray as members of a family about the many matters which are of such great concern today", the archbishop said.

Archbishop Loane said:

"We will meet for prayer in two sessions from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 7.45 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

"These sessions will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House, St. John's Cathedral Parramatta, St. Michael's Cathedral Wollongong, St. Andrew's Sans Souci, St. Alban's Lindfield, St. Simon's and St. Jude's Bowral, Christ Church Springwood.

"There is no doubt that we live in times which challenge our Christian beliefs and our standards of behaviour, and the need to call upon God to bless us as a nation and in our Diocesan life is urgent.

"I hope you will make this Diocesan Day of Prayer a priority.

"The Lord Jesus Himself said that—'men ought always to pray, and not to faint'. (Luke 18:1)".

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

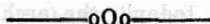
On the last Sunday in April, before the 11.00 a.m. Service, Mr. Wallis of the Home Mission Society spoke to the Sunday School pupils about the work of the mission, and left the girls and boys with the message of helping your neighbour.

On Sunday, 15th June, we will be holding an EGG & POTATOE day. When we will be asking the Sunday School pupils to bring an egg or potatoe for the Home Mission Society. The Parishioners are also asked to join in and help. Further details will be given in the weekly news sheet.

NOEL CRAIG, Superintendent.

**SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER**

- June 1: Donated by Miss N. King and Mrs. Cleary in memory of Parents Mr. and Mrs. E. C. King and by Miss E. Craigie in memory of Brother Don, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 8: Donated by Mrs. Sopworth in memory of Miss Speight, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 15: Donated by Mrs. Willis and an anonymous donation for the "Stone of Remembrance", arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- June 22: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of her Brother, Mr. J. Oliver, arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- June 29: Donated by Stella, Ema and Barb in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- July 6: No donation, arranged by Mrs. Clark.

**NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE**

**A feature of present-day Christian life is the large numbers of English translations of the Bible available.**

**One of the best is the New American Standard Bible.**

The English Revised Version published in the 1880's still remains the most accurate and reliable and its references are incomparable, but its language is somewhat stilted.

The American company which co-operated with this revision and produced the American Standard Version was less conservative so that it incorporated what was generally the better rendering into the text itself, while the English revisers did not go further than put it in the margin.

This new revision of the American Standard Version, while retaining what was best in the old, has up-dated the underlying Greek and Hebrew texts following the latest edition of Nestle and Kittel and at the same time has rendered the grammar and terminology of the older version into contemporary English.

Where the literalness of the old is important for the meaning, this has been retained in the margin.

Most modern translations tend to paraphrase; this imposes the translators' interpretation on the reader.

In the NASB this tendency is minimal, but it has adopted two conventions which have the same effect.

Thou, thee and thine are retained in address to God but not otherwise, and capital letters are used for words which relate to God.

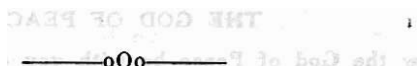
This conservatism though pious, imposes the translators' interpretation on the text and may be misleading, e.g., in translating the word spirit.

It also leads to a strange contradiction.

Thus capitals are used for pronouns referring to Jesus, yet he is addressed as "you".

These are small criticisms which could be easily corrected in a subsequent edition.

D. B. KNOX, Principal,  
Sydney's Moore Theological College.



## CLUB NEWS

### Womens Evening Group:

The last meeting, the Memory Night, proved an interesting change and was very much enjoyed by all present.

The next meeting of this group will be on Tuesday, 10th June, at 8 p.m. It will be a "Photo Night" and those attending are invited to bring a baby or childhood photo of themselves. We hope to have a very entertaining and amusing evening, so please make an effort to join us.

Our Jumble Stall held last month, was a very successful venture and we are holding another similar stall on Friday, 18th July, from 10 a.m. Donations of anything saleable would be greatly appreciated.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Mabel Thornton and Miss Esther Humphries as new members last meeting and hope they will enjoy many years of happy fellowship in our Club.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

### Senior Parishioners Club:

Our Thursday Club continues to spend very happy afternoons each week playing cards and "housie". Do come and join us some Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you come once I'm sure you will come again.

A cup of tea and door prizes are always eagerly looked forward to, all for 20 cents. Come and join us, we will look forward to seeing you.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

### Ladies Guild:

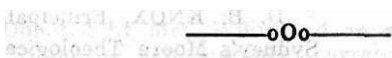
Our June meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th at 1 p.m. in the Guild room.

On Tuesday, 15th July, we have arranged a "Bamboo" demon-

stration with slides, illustrating the growing and processing of Bamboo for making the lovely items which will be on display. Time: 1.30 p.m. Donation of 30c will include afternoon tea.

Visitors will be very welcome.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.



### THE GOD OF PEACE

"Now the God of Peace be with you all."—Rom. xv. 33.

"Having made peace through the blood of His Cross."

—Col. i. 20.

WE ALL NEED PEACE! There are sources of Peace which are common to all men. The peace of a happy home; of an increasing business and enlarging influence; of the respect and love of our fellows. As a man is conscious of these, he is inclined to say with Job, "I shall die in my nest." We can all understand a peace like that; but there is a "peace that passeth understanding." It is too deep for words. It is like the pillowed depths of the ocean, which are undisturbed by the passing storm. Here is a sufferer, almost always in acute pain, and needing constant attention, and yet so happy. Joy and Peace, like guardian angels, sit by that bedside; and Hope, not blindfolded, touches all the strings of the lyre, and sheds sunshine,—how do you account for it? Let the sceptic and the scoffer answer! Here is a peace that passes understanding which comes from the God of Peace.

For the Christian soul there is a silver lining in every cloud; a blue patch in the darkest sky; a turn in the longest lane; a mountain view which shall compensate the steepest ascent. Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land. The thing impossible shall be; because all things are possible to God.

The peace of God is the peace of the Divine Nature—the very tranquillity which prevails in the heart of the God of Peace. It was of this that Jesus spoke when He said, "My peace I give unto you"; for His own being was filled and blessed with it during His earthly career. "The Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always."

There are three things against which we must ever be on our guard lest they rob us of our peace. First, unconfessed sin; second, worry; third, the permission of an unrebuked selfish principal. The Apostle says, "Let the Peace of God rule in your hearts." The Greek word means arbitrate. Let God's Peace act as umpire.

We shall not escape life's discipline. We may expect to abound here, and to be abased there. But amid all, God's Peace, like a white-winged sentinel angel, shall come down to garrison our heart with its affections, and our mind with its thoughts.

F. B. MEYER.

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## 2nd BIBLE-TEACHING CONVENTION

Queen's Birthday, Monday, 16th June, 1975

## "SHARING ABRAHAM'S FAITH"

3 studies in the Life of Abraham

led by

REV. HOWARD GREEN, B.D., A.L.B.C.

Principal, Sydney Missionary and Bible College

10.00 a.m.: PRAYER

11.15 a.m.: FAITH'S BEGINNING

"THE CALL OF ABRAHAM" —

Genesis 12

12.30 p.m.: Lunch

2.00 p.m.: FAITH'S FOUNDATION

"THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM" —

Genesis 15

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon Tea.

3.45 p.m.: FAITH'S PINNACLE

"THE CHALLENGE TO ABRAHAM" —

Genesis 22

Light Lunch Available

## PARISH INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION—Each Sunday at 8 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m.  
3rd Sundays after Evensong.

MATINS—1st and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. LITANY—5th Sundays at 11 a.m.

EVENSONG—Each Sunday at 7 p.m.

FAMILY SERVICE—3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Kindergarten  
on other Sundays at 9.45 a.m.

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND FUNERALS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH  
THE RECTOR.

CHURCHWARDENS: Messrs. E. Quelch (Rector's), F. G. Hearn, W.  
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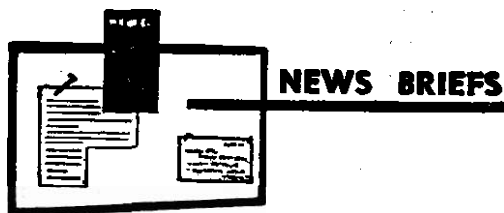
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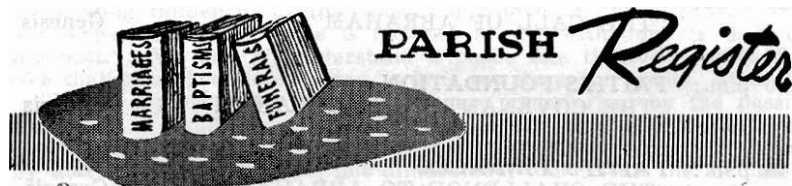
ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:

CHRONICLE EDITOR: Mr. H. E. Quelch.



● Articles for the July "Chronicle" are due no later than 22nd June, 1975.

● **Jewellery:** Miss Hunt would be very grateful to receive any articles of Jewellery you have cast aside. Old Jewellery can be re-conditioned and made attractive for the Jewellery Stall at our Fete. Please leave same at All Saints' bearing her name, or give her a ring (56-2047) after 5.30 p.m. and she will be only too happy to pick up any Jewellery you are kind enough to donate.



#### HOLY BAPTISM

"In token that he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified"

April, 4th—Anthony Charles Bales of 7 Kundibah Road, Elanora Heights.

#### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all be made alive".

May, 4th—Beryl Noreen Short of 39 Temple Street, Stanmore.

May, 20th—Edna May Jane Irwin of 17 Marshall Street, Petersham.

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