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Petersham**

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for

**PRE-CHRISTMAS
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SATURDAY, 17th NOV., 1984

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The Rectory,
325 Stanmore Road,
PETERSHAM 2049

24th October, 1984

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, I trust I will have the pleasure of meeting you at the Church Fete again this year. It will be held on Saturday, 17th November in the Parish Hall and grounds.

Over the past few weeks two matters have been very much on my mind. They are closely related. In some ways they help us to see more clearly the real purpose of the existence of the Church.

The changing character of the population of this suburb and the increasing age of the congregation at All Saints brings from some the comment: "We don't have the manpower today to do this or that." This is true. However, one should expect that year by year the social and fund-raising activities of an organisation will change. I would go further and suggest that patterns of worship and outreach also need to be carefully and thoughtfully updated.

To return to the primary consideration — All Saints congregation is an ageing one. Praise God there are so many faithful people still.

Another matter exercising my mind is the need each one of us has to have a meaningful daily time of personal Bible reading and prayer. To even go further than that and to spend time reading Christian books.

Remember you are never too old, or too weak to pray or to read God's Word (or listen to it read). As few as two people can become a Christian cell — praying and witnessing to those they meet. Telling what the Lord is doing for them. This can be done in the kitchen, over the fence or even on the telephone. This is the true work of the Church. Jesus has made Himself known to us so that we can tell others of His saving power.

Jesus Christ pointed out that when two or three are gathered together in His name He is in their midst.

Numbers, big buildings, great organisations, professional teachers or preachers — all these things have helped us to lose sight of the truths of the Gospel. Many a frail old lady meeting with her friend has accomplished much for the Kingdom of God.

I am not knocking the organised church; we are reminded not to forsake the gathering of ourselves together in public worship, however I want to encourage you all to discover the

real reason that Christ committed the Gospel to men. The church will only live as we win the ones and the twos to Christ as their Saviour. This may be a very low key exercise; it is not easy, it is hard, but it is the real thing. Think about it; better still, pray about it. I can promise it can fill you with excitement.

Advancing years bring a slowing down of physical activity but they also bring maturity and time to spend on the lasting or eternal things. The things that last come through prayer and meditation upon God's Word. "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Yours in Christ Jesus,

BRUCE WOOLCOTT



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP: Mrs. Woolcott has offered to take the High School Group for the remainder of the third term, and we welcome her to the Sunday School. Classes for this group of pupils have commenced in the Parish Hall from 28th October.

FAMILY PICNIC: Once again the Family Picnic has come and gone. We had a good roll up and luckily it was a fine day. All the pupils who came along to Centennial Park had an enjoyable time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: A Christmas Party will be held for the Kindergarten and Senior Sunday School on Friday, 14th December. The party will commence at 5.30 p.m. We would like parents to help with the catering by bringing along or sending along a plate of food.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: The Sunday School and Kindergarten will finish for the year at the Family Service on Sunday, 16th December, 9.30 a.m. Parents are invited to join their children at the service.

The commencement date for 1985 will be given in the next Chronicle.

NOEL CRAGG, Superintendent.



WOMEN-IN-FRIENDSHIP

Our next meeting on Tuesday, 6th November, will be only one and a half weeks before the big Fete on Saturday, 17th November.

The Women-in-Friendship Club are conducting the Cake and Sweets Stall, although our members are helping on all the

other stalls, too. We would be delighted if the ladies of the Parish could make and donate just one cake for us. Could that include you, please.

The December meeting on Tuesday, 4th at 1 p.m. will be our Christmas Party. A musical program will be arranged to make it a happy Christmas gathering and I hope the ladies of the Parish will be our guests.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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SENIOR PARISHIONERS' CLUB

We still meet every Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. 60 cents is all it costs for a pleasant afternoon playing 'Housie' and chatting over a lovely afternoon tea.

Come and visit us and see for yourself.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Sec.

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FLOWER DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER

November 4—Donation by Miss Perry.

Donation by Iris and Colin in memory of their parents Cissie and Stan Walters.

Arrangement by Mrs. A. Steed.

November 11—By Mrs. Rhodes in memory of her husband. Cecil, father, mother, sister Phyllis and brothers Barney, Jackie and Freddie.

Arrangement by Miss Nisbet.

November 18—No Donation.

November 25—By Mrs. D. Calver in memory of her husband Len and son Robert.

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HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS' IN PETERSHAM

(Continued from previous issue)

Nearly a year elapsed before the eastern end of the building then undertaken was finished. The opening service was held at 5 p.m. on All Saints' Day, Wednesday, 1st November, 1871. The Church was opened by license by the Bishop's Commissary the late Dean Cowper who also preached the occasional sermon. Prayers were read by the Incumbent Reverend A. H. Palmer, and the lessons by the Rev. J. R. Bloomfield and the Rev. C. F. Priddle, who gave the site for the Church, the Rev. E. B. Proctor taking part in the service.

The cost of the first section of the Church, inclusive of Architect's fees, extra fittings, etc., was £1,927 and the debt at the initial opening was about £1,150. In May, 1873, it was decided to install gas lighting in the Church and that the grounds be enclosed with a paling fence. Some of the present generation of parishioners may remember the gas lighting in the Church, although many years ago the lighting was further improved by the installation of electricity and more recently by the use of fluorescent lighting.

Twelve months after the opening of the new Church the congregation had so increased that an enlargement of the building was considered. However, better accommodation for the Rector was necessary. Prior to this he had occupied a small cottage on the south-west corner of Audley Street and New Canterbury Road. The new Rectory was located at the rear of the present building and may be remembered by the older parishioners.

The Rev. H. A. Palmer died on the 5th May, 1879, and the Press reported his passing in the following terms:-

"In the death of the Rev. H. A. Palmer, Incumbent of Petersham, the Anglican Church in this Colony has sustained a severe loss."

He was regarded as one of the Church's most estimable Ministers and made a great contribution to the founding of the

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Anglican Church in Petersham. After officiating at the Sunday services he passed away during the night at the early age of 51 years. In appreciation of his unselfish work a monument was placed on his grave at St. Paul's, Canterbury, the Mother Church of All Saints' Petersham. At the eastern end of the latter church a stained glass window was placed in his memory.

The Rev. Charles Baber was appointed as successor to Mr. Palmer and for sixteen years was Incumbent of All Saints', coming to this Parish from St. Peter's, Cook's River, on 6th July, 1879.

Soon after his arrival there was a renewal of the agitation for the enlargement of the Church building (the first half of which was completed in 1871) and without further delay a tender to complete the western end of the building at a cost of £2,750 was accepted. These extensions were completed in 1880. The tower and spire which had formed part of the original plans were excluded. The re-opening service was held on Saturday, 11th September, 1880, the Bishop of Sydney again officiating.

Under the new Rector's sympathetic and able guidance, with the help of a devoted band of church workers, All Saints' became a centre of active church life, so vigorous that it was gradually responsible for some five or six new parishes being formed in the more remote parts of the then extensive Parish of Petersham, which by 1885 was reduced to its present boundaries. Although 1880 was a good year financially, there were commitments to be met in respect of the roof as well as a debt on the church building. It was in this year that a new Parish was created at Summer Hill.

During 1886 the present vestry was built in memory of the infant son of Mr. A. E. Jaques.

In addition, a new pipe organ, built by A. Hunter & Son of Clapham, England, at a cost of £750, was installed. After it had been in service for 25 years the Churchwardens, at a special meeting on 6th September, 1911, reported that the water motor needed extensive repairs to prevent damage to the organ. It was resolved to abandon the use of water and install an electric motor as power had recently become available from the Balmain Electric Company. Also, during 1886 extensions were made to the Rectory and Holy Trinity Church, Dulwich Hill, was opened.

The Rector's desire to provide the ministrations of the church to the needs of the increasing population led to the opening in 1889 of a branch church in Crystal Street near Petersham Road. Known as the "Mission Church," it served a noble and useful purpose for many years and played an im-

portant part in the history of our Parish. Many of the men, women and children, whose church life was centred around it, are remembered with affection and gratitude. The building was eventually resumed by the Department of Education and is still in use as a school. Activities of the "Mission Church" were transferred to Stanmore where a new church had been erected on the then newly-opened Johnson Estate. The new church called "St. Augustine" served as a branch church for several years, but ultimately became a separate Parish in 1925.

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COMING EVENTS

November 10—Newspaper collection day; help required to straighten and tie up paper. Come if you will for as long as you can.

November 15—Stall erection in Parish Hall.

November 16—Stall decoration and stocking.

November 17—The Big Day — Fete '84.

November 18—General Thanksgiving for the success of the Fete.

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, PETERSHAM STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, 30/9/84

RECEIPTS		\$	PAYMENTS		\$
Offeratories		1152.47	Rector's Net Stipend		1240.00
RECYCLING:			Rector's Trav. Allow.		311.75
Cans	69.60		Organist		60.00
Papers	644.86	714.46	Church Flowers		40.00
Church Flowers		158.00	Chronicles		75.20
District Visitors		58.30	Church Cleaning		150.00
1984 Fete —			Telephone A/c		84.63
White Elephant Stall		100.00	Rector's Super. Cont.		189.00
Donations —			Parish Super. Cont.		189.00
OES—Heaters		4.00	General Assessment		644.00
OES—Chronicles		3.00	Special Assessment		189.75
Rector's 'phone Contri-			MWS & DB		219.00
bution 8/84		14.60			
					3392.33
		2204.83			
Deficit for month		1187.59			
		3392.38			

BALANCE 1/9/84	\$2787.43
LESS DEFICIT FOR MONTH	\$1187.50
BALANCE 30/9/84	\$1599.93

STAGE ONE — RESTORATION APPEAL

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