

# The Chronicle

of

## The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

All Saints' Rectory, Petersham.

Tel.: LM 4735.

Rector: Rev. R. A. JOHNSON, Th.L.

Hon. Assistant: Rev. A. E. C. GARDNER, B.A., Th.L.

AUGUST, 1955



IT'S YOUR CHURCH—WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT.

Churchwardens: Messrs. L. G. 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, D. COOKE, D. B. HUNTER, H. F. JONES, B. PULLEN,  
E. HALE, K. GRANT, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.  
Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER.  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH.  
Organist and Master of the Choristers: Mr. W. ROWLAND EAGAR, D.S.C.M., L.R.S.M.,  
L.T.C.L., F.I.G.C.M. Assistant Organist: Mr. Ron Thomas.  
Verge: Vacant.

#### SERVICES

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (every Sunday) 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a.m. Saints' Days as announced.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.  
7.15 p.m.—Evening Prayer.  
Bible Study and Intercessions 7.45 p.m. Wednesdays.  
Teachers' Training Class, First Wednesday in the month at 8.30 p.m.  
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.  
9.45 a.m.—Kindergarten.

## RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

On Sunday, the 7th of August, we celebrate the 52nd Anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints' and I do hope that on that day we shall see large numbers attending the services. On Thursday, 11th August, the Festival Tea will be held and this gathering is always looked upon as one of the highlights of the year. A very good programme has been planned and I do hope that many will come and join in the Fellowship of these meetings.

During the past month we had the pleasure of a visit from our Archbishop who came to dedicate the Adams' Memorial Prayer Desk, the service was inspiring and His Grace's message will long be remembered by all who were present. I am glad to report that the Memorial was fully paid for and thank all who gave so that the expense in connection with it could be met.

Now that winter is almost over I do hope that there will be better attendances at worship, we do our best to see that the services are worthy offerings of Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, but despite all we can do they can never be what they should be unless each parishioner has taken his or her part in the services. Worship is a very necessary activity in our lives, it is the spiritual exercise we need to keep us morally fit. The Word of God and the Sacraments are the spiritual food that we need to keep us spiritually alive. No one would dream of neglecting their food and some exercise for they realise that is the only means by which the body can be kept fit. Yet there are many who neglect the most important part of their make-up, the Soul, the part that gives the body its meaning, that part of us that is character and personality. We frequently starve it, neglect it, and gradually it dies, the conscience becomes dead. We see the result all around us, frustration, living without a pattern, insecurity despite the fact that in many ways the machine age has added to our comforts. Even in the poorest home there is a wireless and in the better paid artisans home there are many labour saving devices. Social services have improved the lot and health of the people. This is the fruit of much devoted work, and sacrifice which we often forget came from those who had consecrated their whole life to God. They started the reforms. Christian standards were incorporated into life. People have not stopped to think of all this, and our new age has forgotten very largely the basis upon which all these achievements were built. Now we are in danger of losing them; in leaving God out of life man has become selfish, he seeks excitement, pleasures. This is found in gambling, highly competitive professional games, attendance at the theatre, radio and soon television. It is continually being drummed into his mind by press and radio that it is a good thing to get something for nothing, and slowly but surely this is reflected in the nation. We need to heed the warning that "where there is no vision, the people perish." It is through their religious faith that men and women in the past have seen the vision, and have given to the world great benefits, but not without great sacrifice. Their deeds, their achievements live because they found the true secret of life, they died unto themselves and in the faith Christ became alive unto God in Christ. The great need of our age is peace, security, confidence, and my friends those things the world cannot give you, only Christ can give you those imperishable gifts, only He can give you Life. Paul was able to say to the conscience stricken Agrippa, "whereupon O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." If you would find the secret of happiness, the joy of life, victorious living, then acknowledge God, surrender your life to Christ and you may find that life in His Church. Come and worship Him, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." God is calling us to Him, you say how do you know? How does He call? My friend as you read this letter,

if you have that uneasy feeling that you have never been to church for years, if you feel hesitant about making the attempt, then be sure God is stirring your heart, He is saying, come. Will you?

May God bless you all in your homes, and may you find rest and peace in Christ.

With prayerful good wishes,  
Yours very sincerely in His Service,  
Ronald A. Johnson,  
Rector.

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### PARISH JOTTINGS

We are glad to know that Mrs. Craigie who has been seriously ill is making a recovery. Her many friends at All Saints' wish her a full recovery to health and strength.

Mrs. Sworn and Miss Sibthorpe are in the Home of Peace and wish to be remembered to their many friends at All Saints', likewise Mrs. Handel who is at Armour Private Hospital.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Fogwell is in hospital, Mr. Matthews is also not well and that Miss Oldham has not been well, likewise Mrs. Musgrave. We trust that they will soon be on the mend and pray for a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed with Mr. Bayly of Stanmore Road in the death of his father, also to Mrs. Gibbes in the death of her sister, Miss M. T. Low, and with the Gain family in the passing of their father, Edgar Charles Gain. We pray that God will bless and comfort them.

Mrs. Smith of Audley Street suffered another bereavement in the home call of her mother-in-law who has been seriously ill for some time. We extend to Mrs. Smith our deepest sympathy and pray that God will bless and comfort them in their sorrow.

Mr. George William Bennett died suddenly and our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bennett and their son. May God bless and comfort them.

The Bishop of Rockhampton stayed with us recently and took a celebration at the House of the Epiphany.

It is with regret that we report that Miss T. Hall, the Warden at the House of the Epiphany has had to undergo an operation and will be away for some time. Miss Rachel Davies, a missionary from the Solomon Islands is Acting Warden, and we extend to her a very hearty welcome.

**DID YOU FORGET TO RETURN THE ENVELOPE ISSUED WITH YOUR LAST CRUSADER?—IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RETURN IT NOW.**

Thank you!

We are glad to welcome back Miss Browning who has made an excellent recovery from a recent operation.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation will be held on Sunday, the 30th October this year. Intending candidates should hand their names in to the Rector immediately. Classes will commence at the end of August. All names should be in the hands of the Rector by Sunday, 21st August. Adults wishing to be prepared should let the Rector know so that special classes may be arranged.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

It has been decided to hold a Sunday School Concert on 23rd September. Every class has been asked to prepare an item, and the Kindergarten will be in it too. Parents and friends are asked to book this date.

### EDUCATION SUNDAY

Special services will be held on Sunday, 14th August, when the important work of Education will be remembered. At the 11 a.m. service the Stanmore Home Science Girls' Choir will render two anthems, "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach, and "O God, Thou Faithful God," by Bach. Two of the senior girls will read the lessons. Mr. Ron Thomas will be at

the organ. It is hoped that all parents with their children will attend this service. In the evening it is hoped that members of our Young People's Fellowship will take part in the service.

#### FESTIVAL TEA

The Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 6.15 p.m. Mr. Eagar will give an Organ Recital in the Church at 7.30 p.m. At 8 p.m. a Concert will be held in the Hall. Mrs. Sayers will sing, Jan Sayers will play the piano. Miss Sandra McEwan, a visiting artist, will recite and Mr. Warwick McEwan will play the piano. Mr. McEwan is at the Conservatorium. A surprise visit will be made by a "Magician" and a film will be shown. Do not forget this highlight of the year.

#### AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR

The usual After Church Social Hour will be held on Sunday, 28th August, when the fine film, "The God of Creation" will be filmed. Come and enjoy a cup of tea with us and see a first-class film.

#### THE REVUE

Quite a notable success was this Revue and a big improvement on the previous one, because it was based on things which actually happen around the church, shown up in a different light. By far the best satire was the orchestra which played the "Waltz of the Flowers" in true jazz band style which went right over the head of the leader of the band, who was asleep anyhow.

Following that was the Army Camp Scene and the sufferings of the down-trodden infantry were sworn to be true by many ex-servicemen in the audience. The boys did a good job with this scene and the back-drop was very effective.

The serial joke of Terry and Erik helped to continue interest from first to last throughout the show and was a splendid way of binding the show together.

The stage management was fairly slick and didn't leave awkward intervals between scenes as sometimes happens. Also the spot lighting was most effective in giving a sharp shadow of the actors on the screens at the back of the stage.

Two other short scenes deserve mention; one was the "Suicide of the Miser's Wife," and the other the "Breakfast Conversation of the Newly Weds" and the same several years later—the contrast was appreciated by the husbands in the hall.

#### THE CHOIR

Practices are still on Thursdays at 7.45 p.m. and with the festivals coming on, full attendances are expected.

During the social hour in the hall on the fourth Sunday in July the choir presented Mr. Eagar a gift book in appreciation of his work as organist and choir master for the last nine years. We are assured by him that the "Oxford Companion to Music" will be referred to very often.

Norman Gunner is back with us again briefly, having spent his holidays touring in Europe, then taking a flight to Tokyo and back.

Miss Browning has resumed after her long illness and we wish her a speedy and complete recovery. Good to see you, Miss Browning!

News of Frank and Muriel Gunner filters through from Cooma. They have associated themselves with the choir and church work down there and are pleased with their new life at the school too.

There is an umbrella (lady's) at the rectory. It was in the hall after the Tudor Singers' Concert in June.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the month we held our second film screening in place of the usual children's service. It was pleasing to see some of the parents present and we take this opportunity to extend an invitation to any parent who would like to be present at these gatherings.

On the night of the Festival Tea the kindergarten room will be opened for inspection and it is hoped that those who have not yet seen this splendid building may find an opportunity during the night to view this important section of the church.

Friday, 23rd September, at 8 p.m., is the date for our Sunday School Concert which we know will be well supported by parents and friends of scholars.

Kenneth Grant, Secretary.

#### **Y.C.I.**

We had a Discussion on Books and Authors at our meeting held on Friday, 8th July. The discussion was led by the Hon. Librarian, Mr. Allen Boyle, and all the speeches provided great interest to the large gathering of members. On Friday, 22nd July, the 175th issue of the "Manuscript Journal" was released. The leading article of the editor, Mr. W. Sopwith, was of a topical nature, and it aroused considerable interest. Several speakers contributed to the discussion which followed the reading of the article. The supporting articles for the night's issue were of a high standard, too, although we would have liked more contributions as "journal" nights provide great interest as well as humour. A special committee of the Y.C.I. is organising a Social Evening which will be held in the Parish Hall, on Saturday, 20th August, commencing at 8 p.m. It will be a friendly and enjoyable gathering and proceeds are to aid the Y.C.I. effort for the Parish Fete. All parishioners are invited to come along, admission charge being 2/- each.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

We were very pleased to see such a good roll-up for our Revue. We have not yet a total amount for this yet because all members have not returned their ticket money. It is hoped to better last year's effort. We were very sorry to have to accept Dorothy Locke's resignation as secretary and I hope that I can do as well as she has done. The next meeting will be on the 9th August when we will have a Games Night after discussion of the New Constitution and a Programme for the next three months. New members will be made very welcome.

Yvonne Arnfield, Sec.

#### **L.H.M.U.**

The half-yearly "Direct Giving" Meeting of the Ladies' Home Mission Union will be held in the Guild Room, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, 6th September.

There will be a guest speaker and members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

J. Smith, Hon. Sec.

#### **ST. LUKE'S CENTRE**

At the July meeting the Treasurer announced that during the past twelve months this Centre had raised £41 for St. Luke's, which was a very creditable amount. The Cookery Demonstration was postponed, owing to the Gas Strike, and now will be held at David Jones' George Street Store, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, 24th August. As we have good musical items arranged for it the afternoon should be enjoyable and instructive.

We hope for a good attendance. All those interested are asked to come. Admission is 2/-.

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th August.

B. Cade, Hon. Sec.

#### **C.E.N.E.F. BUTTON DAY**

In connection with the effort which is being made by the C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Centre to reach the target of £28,000, the original objective of their "Thanksgiving appeal to commemorate the Royal Visit," a Button Day is being arranged for Friday, 2nd September.

The Railway Department has given permission for buttons to be sold

on most Railway Stations, and the Council of the City of Sydney has also agreed to the sale of buttons in the City Streets on the day.

In addition to the buttons, which will be priced at 1/- and 2/-, pencils with the name "C.E.N.E.F. Memorial Centre for Youth" printed on them will be sold at 2/- each, the idea being to give people something useful for their money.

The success of the day depends entirely upon the number of sellers who can be recruited, and I do hope that you will be able to encourage your Churchwomen, and the young people of your Parish, to be responsible for the sale of buttons and pencils in your district, and especially at your Railway Station if you have one in your Parish, on the day allotted to us. If they would prefer to sell in the City, they will be very welcome.

It would also be a great help if those of your parishioners who work at offices, etc., will sell buttons or pencils in their places of employment, as this is one way by which the day could be made a great financial success.

### BIBLE SUNDAY

The Bible Society is planning to make an appeal on Sunday, 28th August. Everyone recognises the great value of the work which the Bible Society is carrying out. Will you give this appeal the warmest possible support?

The Bible Society in Australia has now undertaken special responsibility for the Bible in the Pacific Islands and in South-east Asia, and this is, of course, intimately linked with the work which the A.B.M. and C.M.S. are committed to undertake.

### PARISH REGISTER

#### HOLY BAPTISM

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

July 10—Peter John Wonders.

July 17—Garry Noel Fathers.

July 18—Mark Francis Grayndler (at Renwick Hospital).

July 31—James William Thorn; Gregory George Bain; Dianne Walker.

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

July 19—John Raymond Mahony to Margaret Lucy Dick.

July 30—Barry John Stewart to Joan Elizabeth Maud Thomas.

#### BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

July 2—Helen Graham (taken by the Rev. A. Tipping for the Rector).

July 5—Mrs. Smith (Rookwood Cemetery).

July 11—Harold Paget Frank Bayly (Wononora Crematorium).

July 13—Margaret Smith (Rookwood Crematorium).

July 13—Mary Theresa Low (Wononora Crematorium).

July 19—Edgar Charles Gain (Rookwood Cemetery).

July 21—George William Bennett (Rookwood Crematorium).

#### COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS FOR JUNE

General Fund	Missions	Total	Communicants
£78 17 3	£12 12 0	£91 9 3	251
Donations to General Fund—Mr. A. Carruthers, £3/3/-; Mr. W. Sopwith, £2. Total, £5/3/-.			

#### C. E. ADAMS MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. McLean and family, £1/1/-; Sunday School, £2/2/-; Miss E. Rockwell, £2; Mrs. Slee, £1; Jones Family, 15/-; Miss Darke, £2/2/-; Mrs. Budd, 10/-; Miss Norman, £1/1/-; Mr. Hale, £1; Anonymous, £10; Mrs. Binns, £1; Anonymous, 5/-; Anonymous, 5/-; Miss Darton, £1. Total, £24/1/-.

#### DISTRICT VISITORS, JULY, 1955

Mrs. Olofsson, £2/2/-; Mrs. Milarey, £2/1/-; Mrs. Cook, £2/8/6; Mrs. Humphreys, £8/16/6; Mrs. Barrett per Mrs. Humphreys, £2/13/-; Physical

Culture Class, 13/3; Mrs. Furnell, £3/2/-; Miss Bayley, £2/4/-; Mrs. Pullen, £3/8/-; Mrs. Smith, £2/8/-; Mrs. Mitchell, £1/14/-; Mrs. Oldfield, £3/12/6; Mrs. Taylor, 18/-; Mrs. Grant, £1/1/-; Mrs. Craigie, £4; Mrs. Robertson, £4/11/6. Total, £43/13/3.

#### MOWER FUND

Kindergarten, £1/1/-; Mrs. Binns, 10/-; Mrs. Spiller, 10/-; Mr. L. C. Calver, £1. Total, £3/1/-. Grand total to date, £33/8/-.

**WE NEED ANOTHER £63 TO PAY IT OFF. WILL YOU HELP?**

C.M.S. Medical Appeal, 15/-. Archbishop's Winter Appeal, 12/-. B.C.A. Mrs. Holt, 10/-.

#### ROOF FUND BOXES

Box 51, Mrs. Sharp, £1; Box 14, Mrs. Thomas, 9/-; Box 44, Mrs. P. Jones, £1/3/7; Box 67, L. Rainsford, £1. Total, £3/12/7.

#### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Aug. 7—Donated by Mr. A. W. Carr, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

Aug. 14—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Spencer.

Aug. 21—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Thomas.

Aug. 28—Donated by Mrs. Furnell, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

Sept. 4—Donated by Miss Speight, arranged by Mrs. Morris.

Sept. 11—Donated by Mrs. Jones, arranged by Mrs. Johnson.

Sept. 18—Donated by Miss Belfield, arranged by Mrs. Bosward.

Sept. 25—Donated and arranged by Miss Norman.

#### DONATIONS TO FLOWER FUND

Mrs. Greswell, £1; Mrs. Binns, 12/6; Miss Turner, £1; Miss Speight, 12/6; Kindergarten, £2/10/-; Mrs. Jones, 12/6.

#### GENERAL FUND

Proceeds Tudor Choir Concert, £9/15/6. L.H.M.U. Annual Subs. £2/11/-.  
L.H.M.U. Concert, £8/7/-.

#### IMPORTANT KENYA POST FOR AUSTRALIAN

The Rev. Neville Langford-Smith, an Australian C.M.S. missionary, has been appointed Archdeacon of Nairobi, in the diocese of Mombasa, East Africa.

Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, is the centre of the Church's work of rehabilitation amongst former Mau Mau adherents.

Closely connected with education in East Africa for the last 20 years, Archdeacon Langford-Smith first worked in the diocese of Central Tanganyika. He was, for 16 years, engaged in teacher-training work in Tanganyika and in 1945 became headmaster of the Arusha School.

He came to Kenya in 1948 and until 1953 worked in the Fort Hall area, in the centre of the Mau Mau affected Kikuyu reserve. The new Archdeacon is a son of the late Canon S. E. Langford-Smith, formerly Rector of St. Andrew's Summer Hill, Sydney.

#### VISIT OF LEADING CHURCHMAN

Sir Kenneth Grubb, President of the Church Missionary Society (London) and Chairman of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, will visit Australia during August and September.

He will be the guest of the Australian C.M.S. in N.S.W., Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, and will in addition be engaged in discussions with Government Officials in Canberra.

Sir Kenneth has made a very large contribution to the influence of the Christian Church in world affairs. Formerly a missionary in South America, he was for most of the second world war controller of overseas publicity in the British Ministry of Information.

He became one of the founders of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, which was set up in 1944 to handle the concerns of the Churches of the world with the issues of international peace, order and freedom. Sir Kenneth holds many other posts in connection with Church and general affairs and is the author of a number of books.

### BAPTISMS IN MALAYAN NEW VILLAGES

The first baptisms ever to be held in two Malayan "New Villages" where Australian missionaries have worked took place recently.

At Guntong, where Miss Ethel Clifford of Melbourne is at work, two Chinese—a young bank clerk and a young housewife—were baptised in the C.M.S. mission clinic hall. The women members of the mission staff spent much time giving the bare hall the atmosphere of a church.

Visitors came from St. Peter's Church Ipoh who lent their font for the occasion. Outside around every window and door were curious crowds of people craning their necks to see what was going on.

At Salak South near Kuala Lumpur, first baptisms also took place recently. Miss Joyce Haire, C.M.S. missionary from S.A., who is engaged in language study has been doing part-time work at Salak South.

### IRANI CHURCH STRONGER THAN EVER

Two years without the presence of foreign missionaries have not hindered the growth of the Church in Iran.

The Bishop in Iran (the Rt. Rev. W. J. Thompson) recently returned to Isfahan and found a warm welcome awaiting him from the Irani Christians.

The changed political situation enabled Bishop Thompson to return and he hopes that a number of other missionaries, including the Rev. and Mrs. D. Gurney of Australia, will also be able to return soon.

"There is no question of the genuineness of the welcome we got from so many," said the Bishop recently. "It was wonderful to sense the change that has taken place, compared with a couple of years ago, when so many were unable, or afraid to express their real feelings.

"We do indeed thank God for the way he protected His Church in the recent difficult times. There are real signs of life and growth and a keener sense of Christian fellowship."

### CHURCH MUSIC, AUGUST 14 to SEPTEMBER 4, 1955

Sunday	Morning	Evening
Aug. 14 Trinity X Education Sunday	Hymns: 391, 704, 438, 542, 98. Psalm: 111. Anthems by Stanmore Home Science Girls' Choir. Conductor: Mrs. Arnold. "Jesu joy of man's desiring" and "O God, Thou Faithful God," by Bach.	Hymns: 675, 202, 540, 379. Psalm: 54. Anthem: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Tschaikowsky). Organist: Ronald Thomas.
Aug. 21 Trinity XI	Hymns: 511, 419, 254, 659, 208. Psalm: 61.	Hymns: 20, 228, 300, 534. Psalm: 63. Anthem: "Comfort oh Lord" (Crotch).
Aug. 28 Trinity XII	Hymns: 36, 723, 419. Psalm: 65.	Hymns: 290, 522, 215, 23. Psalm: 66. Anthem: "Abide with Me" (Bennett).
Sept. 4 Trinity XIII	Hymns: 228, 512, 356, 308, 701. Psalm: 71.	Hymns: 263, 530, 659, 29. Psalm: 72. Anthem: "I will lay me down in peace" (Nichols).