

THE CHRONICLE

of

The Parish of All Saints, Petersham

Rector: Rev. T. E. CHAMPION, Th.L.

The Rectory, 325 Stanmore Road, Petersham—LM 4735

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

NOVEMBER, 1956



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.

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, J. CARROLL, E. B. OLOFSSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. L. C. CALVER Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. SOPWITH

Acting Organist: Miss K. O'NEILL, A.L.C.M.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

May I say how thrilled I am with the success of the Annual Fete. Everyone worked very hard and many contributions small and large, flowed in to make the grand total of £433. There was a constant stream of people to and from the Church grounds for twelve hours. We are deeply grateful to Bishop E. N. Wilton, who, with Mrs. Wilton, came and gave us a cheery message of encouragement and officially declared the function open. Again, the visit of the Burwood Police Boys' Band in the afternoon and the Petersham Boy Scouts Band was much appreciated. To all who helped in any way with the success of the function we say a big "Thank You." A financial statement of receipts will appear on another page in this "Chronicle."

On Sunday, 28th October, I presented 21 candidates for Confirmation at the 11 a.m. service. Bishop Hilliard first of all dedicated the new "Clergy Succession" board in the Church Porch. This board contains the names and dates of appointments and resignations of each Rector of All Saints'. The Bishop gave a most interesting and inspiring address to the candidates mentioning that he was that day commemorating the 22nd anniversary of his Consecration as a bishop and that the following Thursday (All Saints' Day) was the anniversary of his own Confirmation in All Saints' Petersham.

The following candidates were confirmed:—Daniel Christian Taylor, Trevor Roydon Lee, Alan Gordon Humphries, Roger Arthur Harborne, Robin Warrar Hamilton, Edwin Robert Granger, Peter John Hodgson, Joan McDonald, Jacqueline Anne Napier, Joy Elaine Ferguson, Lois Robyn Forrest, Janine Terry Sayers, June Margaret Joyce, Judith Ann Pullen, Laurel Alice Kidd, Barbara Alexina MacLeod, Judith Fay Taylor, Carla Hope Green, Janet Joyce Sharpe, June Matheson, Lynette Patricia West.

It has been the custom for Confirmation candidates to make a small thank offering towards some gift to be placed in the Church. The cost of the gold lettering on the "Clergy Succession Board" (£6/15/-) was paid for out of this fund. The Queensland Maple used for the board, was the kind gift of Mr. R. Atkinson.

We are all pleased with the beautiful appearance of the Church Vestry now, the walls have been painted by voluntary labour, the floor sanded and covered with mottled blue rubber. The cost of all this has been borne by the Ladies' Guild. The cost of the rubber flooring was £65/15/- and will enhance the vestry for many years to come. Thank you ladies for your wonderful help.

We are looking forward to the 85th Anniversary Services on Sunday 4th November. We hope that all the Birthday Appeal envelopes will be returned that day.

Yours very sincerely,

ERIC CHAMPION

YOUNG MARRIEDS CLUB

The next meeting of the above club will be held on Tuesday, 13th November at 8 p.m. We wish to thank all those who contributed to our stall at the Fete by donations and cooking. The wonderful success was made possible by our many helpers.

I. BARRETT, Hon. Secretary

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, 1st December—2 p.m., Kindergarten Christmas Tree.

Monday, 3rd December—Last night of Physical Culture for the year.

Saturday, 8th December—Sunday School Christmas Tree.

Wednesday, 12th December—Parish Christmas Party.

Saturday, 15th December—Sunday School Picnic.

Tuesday, 18th December—Fellowship Christmas Party.

Tuesday, 25th December—Christmas Day.

CHURCH SERVICES—Holy Communion 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8.30 a.m.,
10 a.m. Morning Prayer and H.C. 7.15 p.m., Evensong.

N.B.—Private Communions for the sick by arrangement.

Monday, 31st December—11.30 p.m. Watchnight Service, Holy Communion.

OBITUARY

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Mr. H. Thompson while away in England. He was well known in our district and will be sadly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family.

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

We have much pleasure in reporting the results of our girls who competed in the Bjelke-Petersen Competition held recently in the Western Suburbs Zone.

Champion Girl Section 15 years: Noeline Wilson, 2nd prize.

Champion Girl Section, 13 years: Sandra Rosenberg, 5th prize. Finalist Jan Locke. Semi-Finalists Jan Sayers, Pam Hunter, Barbara Black.

Champion Girl Section, 11 years: Finalists, Joan McMillan. Semi-Finalist, Margo Jackson, Lyndal Black.

Champion Girl Section, 9 years: Wendy Rosenberg, 3rd prize.

Congratulations girls and sincere thanks to Miss Piercy (Instructor).

Club competitions and Xmas Party are on Saturday, 24th November. Our Annual Concert will be held on Monday, 3rd December. Tickets will be available from Club Members. Thanks to all our girls for their co-operation, also to Mrs. Collis (Pianist).

F. DITCHBURN, Hon. Secretary

FELLOWSHIP

Our programme for November is as follows: 6th, Moonlight Hike. 13th, Olympic Night. 20th, Games Night. 27th, Debate. 4th, Sunday Fellowship Tea.

On 3rd November we are holding a dance, admission 3/-. so roll up and have a good time and help us make a successful evening. The Fellowship was responsible for distributing the pamphlets advertising the Fete this year. At the Fete we had the Hoop-la stall making £42, an improvement of £15 on last year. Thanks one and all for supporting us. We would like to wish the newly confirmed a warm welcome to our meetings and "Teas" and hope to see a big roll up on 13th for their welcome into our ranks. Don't forget 3rd November—Parish Hall—8/- "Fellowship Dance."

JOY OLOFSSON, Hon. Secretary

Y.C.I.

Our Annual Ladies' Night was held in the Club Room on Friday, 5th October, when we had a large attendance of members and visitors. The various games provided great enjoyment to participants and spectators alike, and the function proved a great success. Our meeting set down for the 19th October was cancelled to enable our members to assist in the preparation of the Parish Hall for the Fete, which was held on the following day. The Y.C.I. mustered a good band of workers, and their effort at the Fete contributed materially to its success. The Institute conducted the Fruit and Vegetable Stall, Plant Stall, "White Elephant" Shop as well as the "Darto" Game. The Y.C.I. is appreciative of the co-operation of those who donated goods or cash towards their section of the Parish Fete. November will be a busy and important month for the Y.C.I. We will have two Business Meetings, including Lecturettes on Friday, 16th. At Evensong on Sunday, 18th November we will hold our 46th Commemoration Service in the Parish Church. We hope and believe that there will be a large attendance of Y.C.I. members, their relatives and friends as well as parishioners. We would like to have ex-members too at this service and at our Commemoration Night, which will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening, 30th November. The Y.C.I. is the Men's Club of the Parish, and extends to all men a cordial welcome to join our organisation. Particulars regarding meetings etc., will be gladly supplied by the Rector or any of the Church officers.

L.C.C.

The activities of the Y.C.I. at the Parish Fete produced the nett amount of £97/10/-, make up as follows:—

"Hot Dogs"	8	18	6
Vegetables	34	8	6
Plants	24	5	0
Darto	6	12	0
Donations	3	5	0
Donation per Mrs. Humphries	7	2	6
"White Elephant"	32	7	2
	116	7	2
Less expenditure	19	8	8
	£97	10	0

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Humphries for her splendid assistance once again; to Mr. Petherbridge for a fine donation of Orchids, to our good friend Mr. Alan Lusted for again obtaining supply of vegetables and chocolates; to Mr. S. Montgomery for doing cartage; and we say a big "thank you" to the many Parishioners and friends for the goods for the "White Elephant Stall".

ST. LUKE'S, HOSPITAL CENTRE

The monthly meeting of the Petersham and District Centre of St. Luke's Hospital was held in All Saints' Hall, Petersham. A most pleasant afternoon was spent when all the business had been transacted.

The next meeting will be on 14th November, and will be the last meeting for the year, it will be our Christmas Party when there will be competitions and prizes. We hope to see all members present and any visitors who care to come will be most welcome.

I. J. CADE, Hon. Secretary

CRICKET CLUB

With the most successful start we have ever experienced, the All Saints' "C" Grade side has won its first four matches outright and is therefore leading the Western division of the Churches Competition. Highest scores have been recorded by Jim Barrett (87 not out), Don O'Sullivan (77) and Erik Olofsson (61 and 55). Of our bowlers, Les Watkins has taken 32 wickets at a cost of 3.53 runs, Don O'Sullivan 19 for 5.10 and Terry Morris 20 for 6.20. In each match so far, All Saints' has had only one innings, in which it has scored more runs than have their opponents in their two innings.

The "D" Grade boys have a number of new players this year, but have scored four points out of a possible twelve. Batsmen to score over 20 runs include Peter Whalan and Peter Hodgson, whilst Neil Moore and Peter Whalan have been amongst the wickets with their bowling. We are looking forward to a lot of wins as these boys gain more match experience.

A. JONES, Hon. Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

After a busy period we now find that we can relax for a few weeks. Our Sunday School concert was duly held and proved to be most successful both financially as well as in the field of entertainment. Our attendance figures were over 300 and takings amounted to over £40.

The Parish Fete was held on 20th October and owing to the wonderful response of scholars with grocery donations we were pleased to hand in £25. This year we were able to place a lot more stock on the stall which provided our patrons with a wide variety of goods.

We would like to thank all those who worked for or assisted us in any way with these two functions.

The tentative date for our Sunday School picnic has been set for 15th December and this year we are hoping for fine weather and so avoid any further postponements.

K. GRANT, Hon. Secretary

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

Congratulations to Mr. Bruce Livingston on his selection as a member of the New South Wales Cricket Team in the match against Queensland at Brisbane. Bruce has for some years been one of the leading bowlers of the Petersham/Marrickville First Grade team, Premiers for the past two seasons.

FLOWER ROSTER

Oct. 28th—Correction, Donated and arranged by Mrs. Spencer in memory of her Mother.

Nov. 4th—Donated by Mr. and Miss Atkinson in memory of their Mother and Father, and by Miss Turner in memory of Miss Marie Hamilton. Arranged by Miss Turner and Mrs. Bosward

Nov. 11th—Donated by Miss Turner and arranged by Miss Turner.

„ 18th—Donated by Fellowship and arranged by Y.M. Club.

„ 25th—Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Calver in memory of their Son. Arranged by Miss Speight.

Dec. 2nd—Donated and arranged by Mrs. Thomas.

LADIES' GUILD

Our Social Afternoon on 9th October was very successful both socially and financially £8/3/6 going towards expenses of the Pottery and Fancy Goods Stall. We are grateful and say thank you to Mrs. Champion Mrs. Horton and Miss O'Neill for their musical and vocal entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and also thank you to all the ladies who came to support our effort that afternoon and trust they will continue to come and bring others to enjoy the Social Afternoons on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Our Street Stall is still very popular and successful, October result was £8/11/7. We say thanks a lot for the extra cakes etc., which come along on that day and may I be permitted to say a special thank you to Mrs. Binns, who although in ill health and not able to join with us actively, still gives her support with a very generous donation.

The three stalls at the Fete for which the Guild was responsible were attractively and heavily stocked and when the figures are finalised will I am sure show a good result. Our next Street Stall will be on Friday, 16th November and once again we ask the support of our friends and well wishers.

We were pleased to see Mrs. Morris sufficiently recovered from her illness to take her usual place on the work stall and to all our members who have been or still are not enjoying the best of health we wish a speedy recovery.

FETE BALANCE SHEET

Mrs. L. Sharp	10	0	0
Sunday School	24	18	8
Young Marrieds' Club	100	0	0
Y.C.I.—White Elephant	28	6	6
Hot Dogs	8	18	6
Vegetables	20	17	6
Plants	24	5	0
Darto	4	0	0
	86	7	6
Guild	32	19	5
Mrs. Bosward (Pottery)	42	17	6
Mrs. Milleray (Books etc.)	31	9	0
Mrs. Morris (Work Stall)	54	0	0
Fellowship	41	15	7
Miscellaneous—			
Nail Driving	8	4	
Mrs. Clarke	1	5	6
Mrs. Cann	7	0	0
	8	13	10

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THE CHURCH IN ACTION

Among the Aged and the Chronic Sick

The aged and the chronic sick are a challenge to the whole community. "Though men be strong that they come to four score years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow."

The Church has accepted the challenge of the weak and helpless through the Home Mission Society, and has established homes for them. The Love of God shines in these Homes and eases the burdens of those who live in them. There are 2 such homes at Summer Hill (one is reserved for the bedridden)—a 3rd Home is at Harris Park—a 4th is in preparation to Eastwood, to cost £15,000 and others are in mind at Chatswood, Hurstville and elsewhere. The occupants are mostly over 80 years of age. Some are paralysed, some have weak hearts, some are crippled with rheumatism and arthritis. All need help. The Homes are called—Chesalon—a Bible name, meaning Confidence and Security.

These Homes owe their origin to Matron Mildred Symons, Deaconess and Nursing Sister who worked in the poor parts of Sydney for ten years. She found so many old people, alone and unable to look after themselves, and chronic sick for whom there was no hospital accommodation, and who were not getting proper attention, that she unburdened her soul to her Rector. He brought the matter before the Home Mission Society which rose to the occasion immediately. Under the control of Matron Symons, assisted by a skilled nursing and domestic staff, the Chesalon Homes are being carried on to-day. The Spirit of Christ pervades them, and peace and contentment prevail throughout. They are full with a waiting list of 200.

District nurses go forth every day from each Chesalon to the homes of outpatients, taking with them brightness, freshness, relief and comfort. Nothing is too menial for them in alleviating discomfort or suffering.

In this ministry to the aged and the chronic sick, the Home Mission Society is the Society of the Divine Compassion in which all can have a share through corporate and individual contributions. Gifts large and small for maintenance and extension are needed and should be sent to: The Secretary, Home Mission Society, Diocesan Church House, George Street, Sydney.

 LARGE GROUP OF MISSIONARIES IN PAKISTAN

In a recent report Dr. Kathleen Taylor, C.M.S. missionary at Sukkur, Sindh, tells of a large group of missionaries working in the Sukkur area.

Dr. Taylor reports: "God has called out such a large group of missionaries—15 of us and 17 Baptists—and also has called Archdeacon Chandu Ray as leader.

"It seems that He is planning great things now."

Sister Helen Chambers, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Chambers, who were for some years missionaries at Mooltan, Pakistan, is now enroute to join the mission staff at Sukkur. Miss Chambers, who comes from Victoria, was located to Sukkur at the recent meeting of the Federal Council.

At the same meeting Miss Doreen Nathan of New South Wales was located as a physiotherapist to the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vallore, South India, where she will commence work later this year, and Sister Anne Richards was located to Iran, subject to negotiations with C.M.S. London.

NEW BISHOP TOURS SOUTHERN SUDAN

Despite troubles which had broken out in the South, the new Sudanese Assistant Bishop in the Sudan, the Rt. Rev. Daniel Deng Atong, confirmed more than 1000 new Church members during a recent tour of the Southern Archdeaconry.

In spite of the strong temptation to flee as others had done, many people continued to stay in the parish centres and wait for confirmation.

The Bishop said that wherever he went he found the pastors were cheerful, and they proved themselves pillars of faith.

PERSPECTIVE

And as for men,
They grow not old on earth—
They have not time;
They but begin to live,
They do not even come to ripeness here,
But only yonder in the Great Unseen,
It takes a millior years to make a man!

This earth is but man's cradle;
A man of four score is a babe,
Peering, perhaps, over his cradle's edge,
But the wide world of his existence
Is yet to roam through and to widen in.
Life is before him, greatness is to come!
After awhile he shall vacate his cradle,
And go forth to seek the fortune
God reserves for him.

Man's longest earthly life
Is but a ripple lapping at our base.
We see the generations come and go,
And men say we are old!
Yet we are young beside God
And His angels, which excel in strength.
And Paul is young yet,
And John, and Moses, too.
Walking the hills of everlasting life,
Immortals grow and grow, but ne'er grow old!

What man gets, on earth,
Is just a start in life—
And it is well with him, whate'er his years,
Who is well started—
Has learned the speech of truth,
The trade of righteousness,
The love of God.
The hope of deathless glory.
He lives by heavenly plan,
His hands are clean and kindly,
His heart is gentle and his word is true;
Men honour, angels love him,
And his name is writ on high.
He grows, but grows not old!

—W. V. Kelley.